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Dear Madam/Sir:

Please find enclosed the 1st quarter activity report covering from **1st January – 31st March 2012** for the project entitled:

“ Mainstreaming Agro-Biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural Production Systems of Ethiopia”.

The Institute of Biodiversity Conservation is grateful for your usual support.

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Title of the Project: Mainstreaming Agro-biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural production Systems of Ethiopia

First quarter Report- January-March: 2012

Implementing Partner: IBC and
other sector Ministries and
Woredas
Project Code Number/ID 00069477

Project Financer: UNDP- GEF

Outcome 1. Enabling policy and institutional framework supporting in situ conservation of agrobiodiversity and crop relatives	Planned Activities	Time Frame 2011				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Budget		ACHIEVEMENTS
		1	2	3	4		Budget Description	Amount Total (US\$)	
Output 1.1: Comprehensive agro-biodiversity friendly policies developed and approved to promote Agro-biodiversity friendly production practices:		1	2	3	4				
Indicator:	Five policy documents reviewed and agrobiodiversity friendly principles generated								
Baseline:	Currently agrobiodiversity friendly policies are scattered inadequate								
Target:	At least five policy documents reviewed and three agrobiodiversity friendly principles generated								
Activity 1:	Review the existing policy and institutional framework with the participation of key stakeholders	X				National Consultant, IBC and Woreda	34500	All the necessary documents (policy and institutional frame work) to be reviewed and systematically arranged by the woreda and project policy specialist from four sectors (Agriculture, Trade, Industry and Environment). The consultant will arrive on the 8th of April.	
Activity 2:	Conduct four workshops one at National and three at regional levels to facilitate participatory generation of recommendations to address gaps in policy and overlaps in institutional mandates for agrobiodiversity conservation	X				Consultant, IBC and Woreda	20300	This will be done immediately after activity 1.	



Activity 3.	Organize four workshops for influential community members and government officials at national, regional and Woreda levels for dissemination the results as well as advocating and adoption of the recommendations	X			IBC and Woreda			20400		
Activity 4.	Review the existing local level by-laws on agrobiodiversity conservation in four Woredas with the participation of key stakeholders		X						All the necessary documents to be reviewed are collected and systematically arranged by the project site officers and policy specialist from four sectors (Agriculture, Trade, Industry, Environment and Land Management). The consultant will arrive on the 8th of March and review them.	
Activity 5.	Formulation of four local level by-laws on agrobiodiversity and strengthen the traditional natural resources management strategies on agrobiodiversity friendly practices			X						
Activity 6.	Organize national conference on agrobiodiversity conservation and its sustainable use	X							This activity was organized in collaboration with the Biological Society of Ethiopia. Detailed report is under preparation.	
Activity 7.	Organize forum for public awareness on agrobiodiversity	X							Workshop was conducted at Adama to create awareness to higher officials such as members of Parliament and other decision makers.	
Output 1.2: The National Extension Service providing farmers with knowledge based extension technology to promote farmer varieties (and conservation of agrobiodiversity within the current production systems):										
Indicator:	Extension package for four farmers crop varieties prepared and research on increasing productivity of two farmer varieties conducted									
Baseline:	There are no extension package for farmers varieties									



Output 1.4: An effective M&E for assessing conservation status of agrobiodiversity at community level.											
Indicator:	Participatory monitoring and evaluation system development initiated in the communities of four project sites										
Baseline:	There is no effective and participatory monitoring and evaluation system for assessing conservation status of agro-biodiversity at community level										
Target:	Participatory monitoring and evaluation system development initiated at least in the communities of four project sites										
Activity 1.	Organize task force or prepare TOR to hire a national consultant that develops a participatory monitoring and evaluation system	X					IBC				
Activity 2.	One M&E document developed			X			IBC, National Consultant and Woreda				
Outcome 2. Markets provide incentive for farmer uptake of agrobiodiversity friendly practices											
Output 2.1: Supply of Agrobiodiversity products increased through improved quality, efficiency of production and special marketing channels											
Indicator:	Farmers associations in four pilot areas established										
Baseline:	There are limited farmers associations working on agrobiodiversity products										
Target:	At least four farmers associations established for agrobiodiversity products										



Activity 1.	Conduct four awareness raising meetings and identify volunteer farmers to facilitate formation of farmer associations/ strengthen the existing farmers associations (for each crop/four sites)	X	X		Woreda PCU, Stakeholders & IBC		Four awareness raising meetings were conducted at four weredas and volunteer farmers identified for each crop. At Yayo the existing association was strengthened and 1000 volunteer farmers were identified. In Gimbiichu 216 farmers participated on the awareness raising meeting and selected 14 representative from 14 kebeles for the future formation of the association. In the case of Menjar shenkora 180 farmers participated on the awareness raising meeting and registered as volunteer association members. At Angacha also the awareness creation meeting was conducted at 36 Kebele level DAs, 150 inset producing model farmers and 28 leaders of farmers association. A total of 1610 farmers participated on the awareness raising meetings in four weredas.
Activity 2.	Facilitate formation of four farmer associations/ strengthen the existing farmers associations for production, processing, transportation and marketing (for each crop/four sites)	X	X		Woreda PCU and Stakeholders		one farmer associations was strengthened at Yayo site.
Activity 3.	Prepare by-laws to facilitate formation of farmer associations/ strengthen the existing farmers associations (for each crop/four sites)	X	X		Woreda PCU and Stakeholders		Preparation of new by-laws will be carried out in quarter 2. The existing by-laws were collected.
Activity 4.	Prepare TOR for the assessment of farmers capacity	X			IBC, Woreda PCU and Stakeholders		
Activity 5.	Asses the capacity of farmer associations production, processing, transportation and marketing (for each crop)	X	X		IBC, Woreda PCU and Stakeholders		
Activity 6.	Build the capacity of farmers association on production and processing for each crops based on need assessed	X	X		IBC, Woreda PCU and Stakeholders		



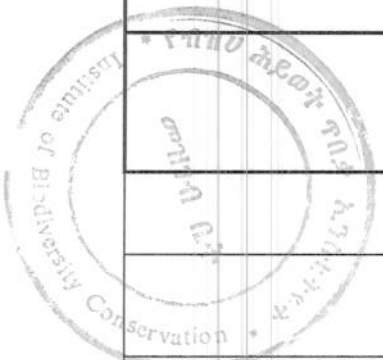
Activity 7.	Built the capacity of farmers association on transportation	X	X	IBC, Woreda PCU and Stakeholders		
Output 2.2: International and national demand for 4 agrobiodiversity friendly products increased (Shade coffee, durum wheat, teff, enset):						
Indicator:	International and national demand for 4 agrobiodiversity friendly products increased					
Baseline:	There is limited international and national demand for agrobiodiversity friendly products					
Target:	At least the demand of 4 agrobiodiversity friendly products increased internationally and nationally					
Activity 1.	Review the existing marketing strategy through the participation of key stakeholders	X		IBC and Consultant		All the necessary documents (Market policies and strategies to be revised are collected and systematically arranged by the project site officers and project market specialist from three sectors (Agriculture, Trade, and Industry). The consultant has arrived on the 27th of March and started work on the same day at federal level by reviewing different documents and collecting data from different offices..
Activity 2.	Organize four workshops one at National and three at regional levels to facilitate participatory generation of recommendations	X		IBC and Consultant		This activity 2 will be done immediately after activity 1. It is tentatively scheduled for May 3-14, 2012.
Activity 3.	Identification of specialized products of four farmers varieties (coffee, durum wheat, teff and enset)	X		IBC and Consultant		
Activity 4.	Participate in two International fair to promote specialized products of four farmers	X	X	IBC and Woreda		
Activity 5.	Dissemination of agro-biodiversity products at international level	X		IBC, through all possible		



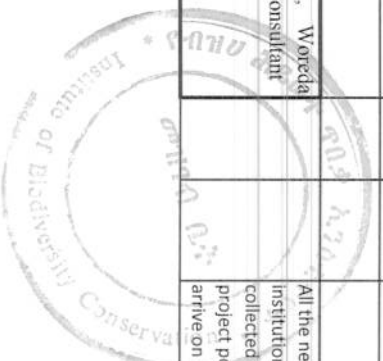
Activity 6.	Execute four national awareness raising campaigns to promote specialized products of four farmers varieties (coffee, durum wheat, teff and enset)	X	X	IBC and Woreda				
Output 2.3: Incomes from trading agrobiodiversity friendly products maintained (secured):								
Indicator:	Farmers income increased from certified forest coffee trading							
Baseline:	The current income generated from forest coffee trading is low							
Target:	Forest coffee certified							
Activity 1.	Acquire coffee certification standard and identify certifying company	X		IBC & UNDP				
Activity 2.	Sign contract agreement with certifying company	X		IBC & UNDP				
Activity 3.	Hire consultant to fulfill the certification standard as per the agreement signed and prepare farmers training manual	X		Consultant, Woreda, IBC & UNDP				
Activity 4.	Train farmers association to build their capacities to full fill coffee certification standard	X	X	IBC and Woreda				
Activity 5.	Facilitate market linkage for farmers association	X	X	IBC and Woreda				
Activity 6.	Conduct discussion between farmers association and credit association to create credit link	X	X	Woreda and IBC				
Outcome 3. Crop wild relatives and framers are conserved in in situ gene banks and on-farm conservation sites.								
Output 3.1: Four <i>In situ</i> and on farm conservation sites established								
Indicator:	Four <i>In situ</i> and on farm conservation sites establishment initiated							
Baseline:	The current <i>In situ</i> and on farm conservation sites and their sizes are limited							



Target:	At least four <i>in situ</i> and on farm conservation site establishment initiated												
Activity 1.	Demarcating, documenting and mapping of the four on farm/ <i>in situ</i> conservation sites	X	X					IBC, Woreda & stakeholders					IBC has signed a MOU with the Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise (OFWE) to conduct the demarcation, documentation and mapping of the Yayo Biosphere. The report of the three sites are compiled. Later on the Yayo four sites documents should be compiled.
Activity 2.	Follow-up gaze ting of the <i>in situ</i> conservation sites (in conjunction with outcome			X	X			IBC, Woreda & stakeholders					
Activity 3.	Follow-up research, completion of the inventory and documentation of the gene pools in the conservation sites	X	X	X	X			IBC, Woreda & stakeholders					
Activity 4.	Acquire nursery site, collection of seeds, raising tree and coffee seedlings and planting on the boundaries of coffee conservation area	X	X	X	X			IBC, Woreda & stakeholders					Two nursery sites are obtained at Yayo. Forest seeds are collected and seedlings are raised. Coffee seeds are purchased and the nursery site is selected and land preparation is under way. Seed sawing will be in line with the experience of the area.
Activity 5.	Establishment of Jimma Botanical Garden	X						IBC					The bid to obtain a designer for the Jimma Botanical Garden archecheral work and later on to follow the construction work is already advertised
Activity 6.	Establish two community gene banks (tef and durum wheat)	X	X	X	X			IBC, Woreda & stakeholders					The bid to obtain a designer for the tef and durum wheat community gene bank at Gimbichu and Menjar Shenkora archecheral work and later on to follow the construction work is already advertised. At Gimbichu 14 representatives selected for the formation of farmers association which are also responsible for the community gene bank site selection. At Menjar shenkora Land use and environmental protection office requestedland for the construction of tef community gene bank.



Activity 7.	Re-introduction of teff and durum wheat local varieties back into agricultural production systems;	X	X	X	IBC, Woreda & stakeholders	This activity will be carried out in collaboration with IBC. It was planned for the 2nd quarter acquiring land and purchase of seed is done in this quarter assuming that shortage of seeds and land may occur.
Activity 8.	Select site and acquire land for establishment of one Enset Field Gene Bank	X	X		IBC, Woreda & stakeholders	The site for enset field gene bank (2.08 ha) was assigned by the wereda administration at Angacha. The field gene bank is mapped
Activity 9.	Conduct collection of enset clones and plant in Enset Field Gene Bank	X	X		IBC, Woreda & stakeholders	During the base line data about 97 clones were identified. Corms of all clones (510 corms of the 97 clones) were collected and buried to multiply enset seedlings at ten Farmers Training Centers.
Activity 10.	Sign MOU with EIAR to facilitate participatory plant breeding to complement on farm conservation of farmer varieties through development of new varieties	X			IBC, Woreda & EIAR	MOU is prepared submitted to the EIAR for signature
Activity 11.	Undertake participatory plant breeding to complement on farm conservation of farmer varieties through development of new varieties and increasing productivity	X	X	X	EIAR, IBC, Universities, Woreda	
Output 3.2 Institutional and operational capacities to manage four <i>in situ</i> and on-farm conservation sites in place:						
Indicator:	Development of four capacity building programs initiated					
Baseline:	The current institutional and operational capacity to manage <i>in situ</i> and on farm conservation sites are weak					
Target:	Development of at least four capacity building programs initiated					
Activity 1.	Conduct an assessment of mandate and capacity gaps for the local and national level management of the <i>in situ</i> conservation sites (in conjunction with outcome 1)	X			IBC, Woreda & Consultant	All the necessary documents (policy and institutional frame work) to be revised are collected and systematically arranged by the project policy specialist. The consultant will arrive on the 8th of April.



Activity 2.	On job training for 12 staff to build the capacity at different levels of government structures on mainstreaming of agro-biodiversity into development and agricultural plans.	X	X		IBC and Woreda				
Activity 3.	South-South experience sharing	X			IBC and Woreda				
Activity 4.	Participate and disseminate issues on rich agrobiodiversity conservation on the international conferences of Rio Conventions		X		IBC				
Activity 5.	Organize experience exchange visits for farmers in different Woreda	X	X		IBC and wereda				
Activity 6	Organize awareness raising trainings at site level for woreda officials, experts, development agents	X	X	X	IBC and wereda			Awareness raising training were conducted at four weredas for wereda development agents, farmers and farmers association leaders at kebele level. A total of 1610 farmers participated on the awareness raising meetings in four weredas.	
Output 3.3 (Co-finance and in conjunction with the developing concept for GEF 5) -- PES for reduced or avoided deforestation & forest degradation, and improved forest restoration developed and implemented:									
Indicator:	Reduced or avoided deforestation and forest degradation and improved forest restoration at Yayo project site initiated								
Baseline:	High rate of deforestation and forest degradation								
Target:	Reduced or avoided deforestation and forest degradation and improved forest restoration at Yayo project site initiated								
Activity 1.	Conduct one meeting to discuss with eight Stakeholders how to handle this issue	X			IBC & Stakeholders				
Outcome 4. Project effectively managed and outcomes impact delivered within time and budget									



Output 4.1. The PCU in place and capacity built									
Indicator:	Five PCU strengthened								
Baseline:	Was not well established								
Target:	At least five PCU strengthened								
Activity 1.	Project staff salary paid	X	X	X	X		IBC & Woreda		Project staff salary paid
Activity 2	Man power recruited	X							Admin assistant for the four project site recruited
Activity 2.	Materials procured, supplied and maintained	X	X	X	X		IBC & Woreda		Materials procured and supplied to the PCU both at federal and at four werreda levels.
Activity 3.	12 staff at federal and site level trained on project management	X		X			IBC & Woreda		
Activity 4.	Project M&E activities conducted and reported	X					IBC & Woreda		
Activity 5.	Four project steering committee meeting conducted in each Woreda	X	X	X	X				Four project steering committee meeting are conducted at each Woreda
Activity 6.	Two project steering committee meeting conducted	X			X				
Activity 7.	Reporting	X							First quarter report prepared
Activity	Audit service								

