

Mangroves for the Future

Template for Country Quarterly Progress Report *Version 16 Feb. 2015*

Period of Reporting	🗌 Q 1	□ Q1+2	🛛 Q1+2+3 (RSC)	Final
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Part 1. National Coordinating Body

1. Internal Agreement << IUCN or Cost-Sharing Agreement (UNDP)>> Details

Project/ Contract number	MFF Maldives
Contract duration	November 2014 – June 2016
Total contract amount	US \$ 341,376
Name of Organization	UNDP Maldives

2. Progress on NCB Workplan

This section is to be reported against the annual workplan activities and deliverables as listed in the IA (or CSA)

a. Deliverables

Results Framework Output Objective Code	w	Scope of ork/Deliverable		Progress
	(a)	Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) document	(a)	A resilience analysis of Huvadhoo atoll was completed in February 2015 and final report has been completed.
	(b)	Project Cycle management course	(b)	A PCM course was conduct in partnership with UNDP Tourism Adaptation Project (TAP) small grants for 15 grantees, 5 shortlisted MFF grantees and 10 ongoing grantees.
	(c)	Development concept and project scoping report on Huraa mangroves for eco-tourism based livelihood activities as per the valuation study of Huraa	(c)	A draft concept has been designed and few meetings were conducted with government partners. Planed during March 2015 but Pending

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(d)	national forum for scientific research in the Maldives	(d)	Call for papers was announced in March 2015, however as per the request of government partners and the scientific committee the event has been delayed to early 2016
(e)	Ukulhas Medium grant	(e)	Inception meeting of Ukulhas medium grant was conducted from 19th to 20th May 2015
(f)	SGF project scoping	(f)	Project scoping for the selected 3 SGP projects and meetings with the stakeholder and due diligence check
(g)	Waste management training workshop	(g)	Three days waste management training on waste management, composting and recycling was completed for 32 participants from 22nd to 24th August 2015. The training was focused to Havadhoo Island communities and
(h)	MFF promotional materials		other ongoing UNDP waste management projects.
(i)	Lesson learnt document on SGF projects and Video on	(h)	A TOR has been drafted and finalised and will be advertising during October 2015
	"adapting to sustainable methods: success and lessons learned"	(i) •	A TOR has been drafted and will be finalised October 2015,
(j)	MFF-LECReD Laamu resilience analysis	(;)	
(k)	MFF-LECReD Project Cycle management	(j)	A resilience analysis of Laamu atoll was completed in August 2015 and the report is in drafting stage.
(I)	course MFF small grant	(k)	A PCM course was for MFF-LECReD 14 shortlisted grantees from 17-18th August 2015
	project monitoring and outreach activities	(I)	An integrated project monitoring with GEF-SGP for ongoing MFF projects in Huvadhoo atoll was conducted with outreach activities

3. Key actions taken by the National Coordinating Body

What were the NCB decisions that support implementation of the NSAP and overall MFF programme implementation?

NCB	Key decision	Reference to Minutes of Meeting
meeting		(please provide a link to the document as stored in the country DMS site)

date			
7 January 2015	•	Selection of a Vice Chair Shortlisting MFF SGF concept notes Assigning new workplan activities to NCB member	https://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldives- dms/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/06963825- 3950-42f6-971e-3b1df539aea3
4 Februar y 2015	•	Selecting a Gender focal point Identifying a university to the need assessment of Integrated Coastal Management training course	https://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldives- dms/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/3cfe8d3f-ca99- 41ae-a6f7-ff92a9f5476f
4 March 2015	•	Selection of a sub- committee for drafting areas for SGF in Huvadhoo Atoll SGF proposal evaluations and	https://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldives- dms/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/81c6f73e-5a94- 4c3d-b7f7-911dbd44f9a1
9 April 2015		 SGF final proposal selection Establishing acceptance criteria for aquaculture and other EIA required project under MFF Priority areas for Huvadhoo Atoll in light of RAP 	https://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldives- dms/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/59b92690- dd89-462e-8d48-dc497e346de5
4 May 2015		 RAP Gender integration strategy Private sector engagement strategy 	<u>https://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldives-</u> <u>dms/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/467a998d-</u> <u>18ba-4bc4-87bc-a7990b3ccde0</u>

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	Decision consider LECReD small grants	
18 May 2015	Decision to support	tps://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldives- ns/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/23b17fef-2179- 9b2-9f06-06e22e2d35c4
	Further agreements regarding LECReD small grants	
14 July 2015	Final decision on MFF- ECReD	tps://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldiv s-dms/document- etails?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/5ba258fa-165c- 553-bbd3-c8c254304fab
	Commitment Regional Workshop on Protecting Turtles	
	 Way forward to a decision on Plastic to oil- MNU proposal 	
	• Finalised MFF Thematic areas 2015/2016	
4 th and 6 th August	MIFF-LECRED small grants concept	tps://dms.mangrovesforthefuture.org/share/page/site/maldiv s-dms/document- etails?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/f6661ce1-b18c- 52e-b9b9-dd67a8326ee0

4. Priority programmes/activities identified for the next quarter

Include collaboration with relevant IUCN (or UNDP) country initiatives

- Revision of KMC strategy for MFF phase 3 and promotional material
- MFF knowledge materials

- Documentation of lessons learnt on SGF projects
- Video documentation on 'adapting to sustainable methods: successes and lessons learned'
- Technical workshop report on Soft Engineering Solutions to coastal problems: for policy makers and technical personnel in all related institutions
- 5. Challenges and constraints in implementing MFF national progamme and actions taken to overcome them. Also identify specific support required. Any actions? Need any support?
 - Delays in signing and finalization of CSA and workplan
 - Delays from other implementing partners such as government
 - Inadequate knowledge on certain activities: a better knowledge sharing mechanism among MFF countries would help
 - Delays to MFF activities due to commitment to LECReD small grants and additional workload

6. Financial reports – please submit the following:

- a. Statement of expenses for the reporting period against the budget (NCB and SGF budgets)
- b. A narrative on any significant departures from the budget vs expenditures; Any deviation greater than 10% requires explanation
- c. Cash co-financing received (amount, duration, funder, how obtained).
- d. In-kind contributions to MFF during the reporting period

Please refer to the attached excel file .I did not find any attached file embedded here or in your email.

Part 2. Grant Facilities

1. Small Grant Facility (SGF)

a. SGF Internal Agreement (IUCN)/Cost-Sharing Agreement (UNDP) Details

Project/Contract number	MFF Maldives	
Contract duration	November 2014 – June 2016	
Total contract amount	US \$ 189,189	
Name of Organization	UNDP Maldives	

b. Progress on Grant Implementation

i. SGF Selection Process. A short narrative on SGF project selection process during the reporting period (if none, state "N/A").

A call for concept note was made during November 2014 focused to the geographical area, Huvadhoo Atoll. Following the call outreach activities were organised and implemented. Received 26 concepts notes and the NCB shortlisted 5 as 3 were to be selected for funding. A PCM training was done during February 2015 and during March 2015 3 proposals was selected for funding. In May 2015 scoping of project and other works were

finalised. In July 2015 two of the SGF projects were awarded. About the 3rd project the NCB is yet to make a decision not award, considering the unsustainability of the project and also because is a more research based project

ii. Progress with implementation. Referring to MFF Phase 3 Results Framework, please provide a summary of SGF Projects as to how as a group of projects, they meet the indicators under each Output Objective.

Currently there are three on-going small grant projects and which is contributing towards the objectives: Resilience of ecosystem-dependent coastal communities strengthened, Knowledge generated, disseminated and applied for sustainable management of coastal ecosystems. The projects contribute towards these objectives by biodiversity assessment & ecological valuation of mangrove resources in Huraa island and strengthening market links for sustainable Hau cultivation and conservation of the marshland in G.Dh. Fiyori. The waste management project through sharing good practices of waste management and stakeholder empowerments contributes resilient community and environment friendly way of life.

Update per project. Please supply a table for each on-going SGF project. Also update <u>Annex 1</u>.

Grantee Mal	dives National University	1	
Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per SGF Logframe	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in SGF logframe)
1	There are no existing valuations of Huraa mangrove or other mangroves in Maldives but the valuation study conducted for B. Atoll under AEC project will be taken as a baseline There is an existing biodiversity assessment report for Huraa by Saleem, A &Nileysha, A. (2003). There are no existing valuations of Huraa mangrove or other mangroves in Maldives but biodiversity conservation of coral reef in B.Atoll will be a baseline.	Text book chapters that explain the current condition of the Huraa mangrove, species diversity, and ecological roles of the species present in the mangroves, identification of major threats to Huraa mangroves. Book chapter on economic and ecological valuation of Huraa Mangrove with explanation of various economic and ecological valuation methods adopted for the research	 Q1.Draft text book 'Environmental Valuation of Huraa mangrove: A case study of ecological, social & economic perspectives. Q2: All the project activities completed except determination and book launching event. Final progress report and financial report was submitted Q3. Final draft of the book "A case study of ecological, social & economic perspectives" was shared for final comments and the progress reports has been send for revision with comments.
	There are no publication for Huraa Mangrove but. One assessment report exists. 'Assessment of Eidhigali Kulhi and Kottey Area' would be used as a baseline reference for developing the text book and other materials	Dissemination (sharing/ giving out) of information on Huraa mangrove through publications (textbook & newspaper article study of Huraa Mangrove	

Grantee: Mal	dives Authentic Crafts Corp	porate Society	
Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per SGF Logframe	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in SGF logframe)
	No previous basic business skills training have been conducted for the Fiyori community.	Number of trained reed farmers selling reed	Q2 The project will commence August 2015, not much progress has been made since then.
	Middlemen do not exist in reed business in the community yet.	Number of trained community members acting as middlemen to supply reed to the mat weavers.	Q3 Initial training assessments for the community was identified and potential resort partners for collaboration were identified and approached
	No previous study tour has been conducted in Fiyori community		
	Middlemen using ferry system between two islands to transport reeds.		
	Previous business contact with resorts not established.	Number of partnerships established between weavers and resorts	
	No previous advanced mat weaving training has been conducted in the island community.	Number of participants trained with advanced mat weaving skills	
	There is no previous documentation of weaving patterns	Number of mat weaving patterns documented	

Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per SGF Logframe	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in SGF logframe)
	In both islands the current practice is dumbing waste to different areas of the island. Due to lack of awareness and facilities. In Faresmathoda there is a waste management centre but the structure and awareness is lacking. In vadhoo there are no facilities and lack of awareness.	Amount of waste collected and the percentage of household participating Recycling of non-organic waste and production of fertilizers from organic waste Existing WMC renovated and functioning Best practices on waste management informed to the council and the community From the transformational change that these two communities of GDh. Faresmathoda and GDh. Vaadhoo, undergo during the process, consultations, clean-up will be video documented to be shared with other communities to bring about the change, and also to document the change from what it was to what it could be	Q3 Most of the awareness component for the community of Vasdhoo and Faresmaathoda has been completed. Various stakeholder empowerment and has been conducted for both the communities to form the waste management organisational arrangement. In line with these activities video documentation for these parts has been completed.

2. Medium Grant Facility (MGF)

a. MGF Agreement Details

Project/Contract number	Development of hydroponics as an alternative source of income to the fisher families in Ukulhas
Contract duration	24 months
Total contract amount	26000

b. Progress on Grant Implementation

i. **MGF Selection Process.** A short narrative on MGF project selection process during the reporting period (if none, state "N/A").

Finalisation of the project proposal and preparation for inception meeting

- **ii. Progress with implementation.** Referring to MFF Phase 3 Results Framework, please provide a summary of MGF Project(s) as to how as a group of projects or individually, they meet the indicators under each Output Objective.
- iii. Update per project. Please supply a table for each MGF project, or "N/A" if no project. Also update <u>Annex 1</u>.

Title of MGF: Development of hydroponics as an alternative source of income to the fisher families in Ukulhas						
Grantee: AA. Ukulhas Women's development committee						
Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per MGF Logframe	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in MGF logframe)			
	Baseline survey of fisher families who will be involved in hydroponics	An analysis of current employment activities and income level a	Q 2 Reporting pending Q3 Baseline assessment survey has been completed, and the reports submitted and proved by MFF-S.			
	Technical capacity development and trainings	Participant knowledge on hydroponics farming				
	Establishment of Greenhouse and hydroponic system (with fertigation technology)	Greenhouse and hydroponic system with fertigation technology is functioning	Q 2 Started the procurement process selected a company and expects to receive the martials during September.			
			Q3 The equipment has been shipped and is expected to be delivered in October 2015			

U	A Functioning nurseries with stock of seedlings	
and planting	and plants	

3. Regional Grant Facility (RGF)

- a. Progress on national component of RGF project implementation. Referring to MFF Phase 3 Results Framework, please provide a summary of RGF Project(s) as to how they meet the indicators under each Output Objective.
- **b. Project Update.** *Provide an update of RGF project implementation using the table below.*

Title of RGF: Mapping and Enhancing Natural Resource Governance in Small Island

Communities - Maldives

Name of implementing organization: Maldivian National University

Location of project site: Vaavu Atoll

List of national agencies or partners involved:

Results Framework Output Objective Code	Baseline	Indicators as per RGF Logframe	Progress update (as per OVI and MOV in RGF logframe)
		 Conducting a training for government officials, staff of NGO's, Women's Development Committee, Police, Information Officers and local community members on strengthening information process relating to natural resource governance Conducting a training for government officials, staff of NGO's, Women's Development Committee, Police, Information Officers and local community on laws and regulations relating to natural resource governance 	 Q1 A training to strengthen information process relating to natural resource governance was held in the target site Vaavu Atoll on 12th April 2015. Training on laws and regulations relating to natural resource governance was also held on 13th April 2015. Q2 The project has been completed and all the final reports have been approved by UNEP.

Part 3. Results towards Outcomes

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Outcomes, progress towards Outcomes, or Impacts), in terms of the MFF programme objectives:

- In answering each section (a-c), focus on the IMPACTS of the activities both from grants (small, medium, large, regional) and NCB-led activities.
- <u>Please refer to the guide questions in Annex 2 for ideas on the kinds of information each</u> <u>section is seeking.</u>
- <u>Also describe how the four cross-cutting themes (climate change, gender equality, conflict</u> sensitivity, property rights and resource tenure) and priority areas (private sector) were <u>addressed.</u>
- a. **Outcome Objective 1:** Knowledge generated, disseminated and applied for sustainable management of coastal ecosystems

Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) document

Through focus group discussions and stakeholder meetings the participants of the workshop gained knowledge on sustainable development planning and forming issue based strategies to address environment issues and challenges

Project Cycle management course

Participants gained knowledge and developed proposal for MFF small grants. And through the partnership with TAP grants, it created a platform for the participants to share experience and lesion learnt.

"Biodiversity Assessment & Ecological Valuation of Huraa Mangrove" project:

Identification of key and an inventory for vegetation and mangrove crabs in Huraa Mangrove were established through 1st phase the project. In 2nd phase, ecological roles of the species present in the mangroves, identification of major threats to Huraa mangroves. And ecological valuation of Huraa Mangrove with explanation of various economic and ecological valuation methods adopted for the research. In addition, university students' practical involvement in project activities has increases their knowledge and awareness on mangrove resources. Initially the students do not get opportunities

MFF-LECReD Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) assessment

Through focus group discussions and stakeholder meetings the participants of the workshop gained knowledge on sustainable development planning and forming issue based strategies to address environment issues and challenges. Through the validation workshop and stakeholder meetings, the participants gained knowledge on develop strategies to tackle environmental issues faced by their community.

MFF-LECReD Project Cycle management course

Participants gained knowledge and developed proposal for MFF small grants. The workshop created a platform for the islander to share similar issue and ideas, then to plan for better constructive solutions through project planning. Increase their capacity to develop problem silvering project activities and visioning.

Waste management training workshop

The workshop improved participant's awareness and knowledge on good practices of waste management by improving their theoretical and practical knowledge. Also gave the opportunity for the participants to share knowledge and experiences. For the workshop, various waste management, recycling and composting champions throughout Maldives and an international experts were brought to share their experiences. As a result it widened the opportunities for further knowledge.

b. **Outcome Objective 2:** Key stakeholders empowered to engage in decision-making in support of sustainable management of coastal ecosystems

Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) document

The participants gained knowledge on how to engage in community based collective decision making towards achieving sustainable management of coastal ecosystem. Through the process the participants also understood the importance of representing all the stakeholder groups and specially disadvantage group such as women.

Ukulhas Medium grant: Inception meeting of Ukulhas medium grant

The inception workshop created a platform for all the project stakeholders to discuss project activities in detail. Helped the stakeholders to get better understanding of project activities and what is required from them. And increased project stakeholders awareness on project formulation and result based reporting. Furthermore, presented with the opportunity to discuss as a group, and then to come up with a realistic timelines achievable targets.

<u>SGF project scoping: Project scoping for the selected 3 SGP projects, and meetings with the stakeholder and due diligence check</u>

For each of the project a scoping mission was conducted with representatives from major stakeholders of the project. The scoping team visited the sites and met with the targeted communities. Community consultations and stakeholder meetings gave the opportunity for the community to be inclusive in decision making. As a result team was guaranteed that the community needs are being address on the particular project. Also assurance the project activities will contribute towards community resilience and sustainable management of coastal resources. Furthermore, the team gained more confidence in the proponent of their capacity to implement the project successfully.

MFF-LECReD Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) assessment

The activity provided the platform for LECReD and the LAAMU community to understand concerns of various stakeholder groups and specially disadvantage group such as women. Increased participants knowledge on how to engage in community based collective decision making towards achieving sustainable management of coastal ecosystem.

c. **Outcome Objective 3:** Coastal governance enhanced to promote integrated and inclusive management

Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) document

Stakeholder meetings on the process created a platform for the stakeholders to share knowledge and experience, opportunities to understand issues and plans from different prospects such as private sector and grassroots community members.

Mapping and Enhancing Natural Resource Governance in Small Island Communities

Community and stakeholder awareness increased on natural resource governance and management. Clear guiding documents prepared for the communities and relevant stakeholders. There are possibility for upscaling of the project with minimum effort by replication the process and using of training materials. Replication would require minimum effort because the process has been developed and successfully implemented and the training materials was developed targeting the local communities. What do you mean by minimum effort? How can you be sure the guiding documents can be implemented easily in another site?

MFF-LECReD Resilience Analysis Protocol (RAP) assessment

Validation and stakeholder meetings helped for the stakeholders to share knowledge and experience, opportunities to understand issues and plans from different prospects such as private sector engagement and how to incorporate grassroots community members concerns in coastal governance and inclusive management

Annex 1 – Project Catalogue

List of SGF, MGF and RGF Projects (include in the list as soon as project is contracted). The icon below is an embedded Excel Sheet. Please update the tab for your country and also for MGF and RGF if relevant.



Catalogue of MFF Grant Facility Projects Muaz, please add in the 3 new SGPs here.

Annex 2 – Guide Questions

Outcome Objective 1

Guide question:

What were the major accomplishments contributing to generating knowledge for coastal management, and to raising awareness on sustainable coastal management?

- Please describe activities that created new information (e.g. studies conducted, coastal habitats restored; technology for ecosystem management, sustainable livelihood activity, climate change adaptation and/or mitigation initiative, links made with technical experts or institutions); developed information products (e.g. publications; video); and built capacity (e.g. organizational/individual capacity development initiatives conducted; cross-country learning visits, knowledge-sharing events).
- Please describe the outcome of communication activities that led to an increased awareness on sustainable coastal management. Please provide a "before and after" account (what was the level before, and what was the change in awareness?)

Guide question:

What were the major accomplishments contributing to disseminating knowledge for coastal management?

- What activities and information products were used for advocacy and policy influence on sustainable coastal management?
- How was knowledge disseminated? E.g. what forms of media were used?
- Were there any learning events held to share and exchange knowledge to stakeholders, such as in community meetings, workshops, academic courses? What were the impacts?

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to applying knowledge for coastal management?

- What best practice was applied or created for coastal management? E.g. new way of rehabilitating ecosystems; new technology for livelihood activity.
- What quantitative changes were seen in using best practices, e.g. progress/increase from baselines, amount of new areas restored and remaining in good health, number of people trained, etc.)
- What behaviours or mindsets were changed as a result of new knowledge from projects?
- Include any concrete stories of how the learning that came out of a project influenced other communities or other sectors government, private sector, etc... and/or was replicated elsewhere.

Outcome Objective 2

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments to include different stakeholders in decision making?

Please provide examples where both state and non-state actors, including private sector, contributed to decision-making, and where men and women had equal access and opportunity to participate in decision-making processes.

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to an improvement in livelihoods and social economic status?

- Please give quantitative accounts (e.g., % increase in livelihood income among targeted coastal resource dependent households, which benefit both men and women, particularly female-headed households)
- What activities demonstrated the strengthening of social and environmental capacity leading to more resilient systems?

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to gender equality?

- How have MFF projects balanced men and women's access to resources, services, funds, and benefits, as well as opportunities for decision making? Please provide some examples from projects.
- Which projects or activities demonstrated leadership by women (as project development or implementing leaders)? Please specify the projects, and identify the roles of women.

Outcome Objective 3

Guide question:

Provide examples that allowed state and non-state actors equal access and opportunity to participate in decision-making processes.

- What results are being used to influence local or national policy for coastal management? Describe programme/project interventions that work towards influencing local or national policy or regulations for improved management of coastal resources.
- How were any cross-cutting themes addressed by improved governance arrangements?

Guide question:

Describe any best-practices adopted or created, leading to improved and more inclusive governance.

Guide question:

What were the main accomplishments contributing to private sector engagement?

- How many members (or what percentage) of the NCB represent private sector interests? Do any of these members represent a broader private sector constituency than their own companies?
- How was the private sector engaged in coastal resource management at the local or national level?
- What were the results and impacts that have emerged from private sector engagements?

Guide question:

How did MFF contribute to relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Ramsar Convention, UNFCCC, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the World Heritage Convention (WHC)? Also list any contribution to attaining Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and MFF activities implemented in proximity to a Ramsar site and contribution to its wise use.