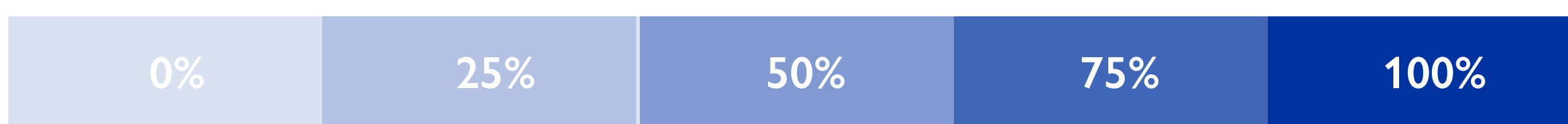


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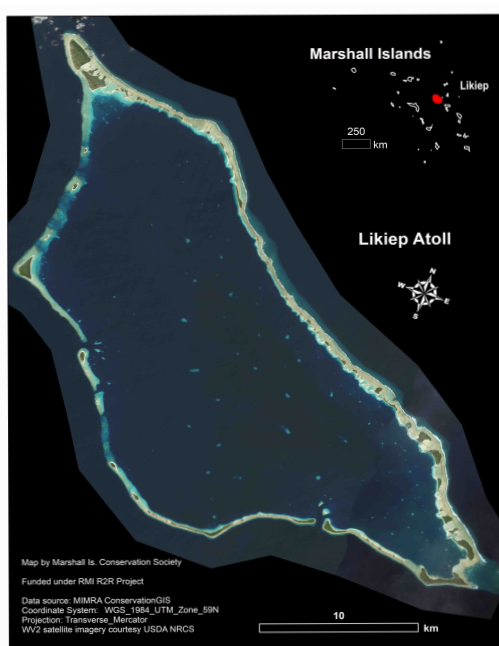
Key highlights from 31 March - 6 August 2019

- IOM project staff attended the SEM Socio-Economic Survey and Gender training from the 20 - 22 March
- First Cultural Survey retreat held at Eneko with traditional, cultural and local gov representatives
- First trip to Likiep completed with over 57 community members actively participating across the two day VA-LEAP workshops

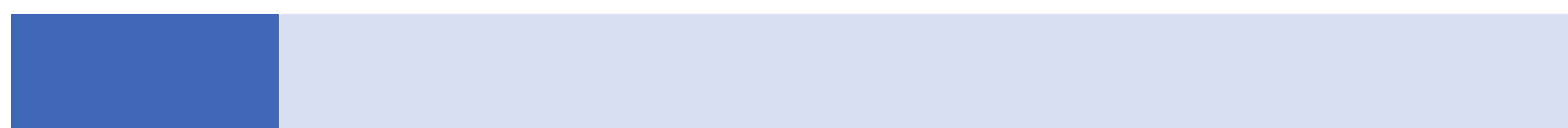
2019 Workplan
 Activities start date: 18 April 2019
 Activities end date: 28 February 2020



Activity Completion Rate
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LIKIEP:



Activity 1.1.5/1.1.3e

Implementation of Socio-Economic Survey and Cultural Survey: part way complete:

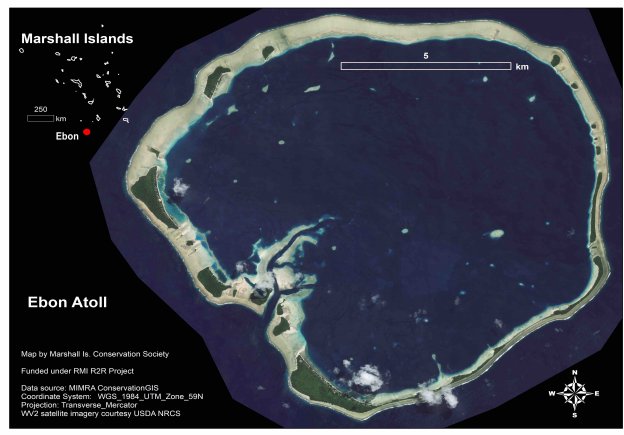
- First trip completed 13 - 20 July 2019 (original workplan date: June)
- Historic Preservation Office (HPO) fieldwork complete - HPO report still to be updated
- Pre-Survey (A1) Questionnaire completed during initial community consultation meeting - one page report to be drafted
- 20 socio-economic household surveys completed, reremaining (approximately 30) surveys to be carried out on 2nd trip (original date: September, new target date: November). Results analysis, GPS mapping and final report to be completed.
- 50% of VA-LEAP process complete. 2 full day community workshops held with 18 female and 17 male participants (35 participants) on Day 1, and Day 2, 9 females and 12 males (22 participants) from three communities of Likiep, Melang and Jebel.
- VA-LEAP report to be drafted prior to 2nd trip and finalized on site during final community workshops.

Likiep VA-LEAP Workshop Female and Male Participants (Day 1)



- Activity** Feasibility Study implementation:
1.2.3./1.3.1c
- On track to be completed on the 2nd trip (original workplan date: September, new target date: November).

- Activity** Production and submission of Feasibility Study reports, including development of business plans:
1.2.4./1.3.1f
- On track to be completed after 2nd trip (original workplan date: December).



EBON:

- Activity** Implementation of the Cultural Survey:
1.1.4./1.1.3d
- Initial protocol and planning meeting has been held with Mayor
 - Tentative date in place for 5 - 12 September, HPO and Marshall Islands Conservation Society (MICS) joint trip
 - At risk (original workplan date: August, new target date: September).

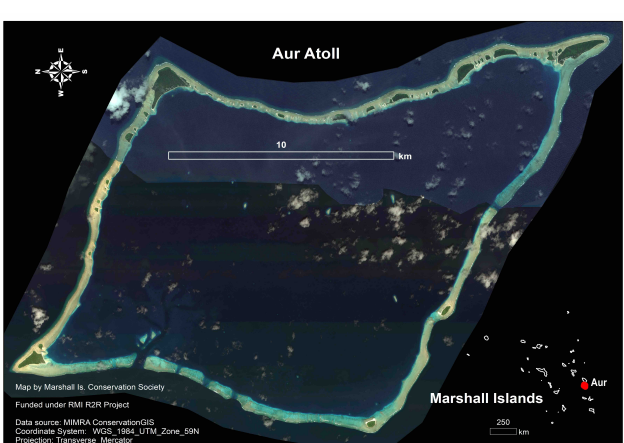
- Activity** Feasibility Study implementation:
1.2.2./1.3.1b
- Tentative date in place for 5 - 12 September
 - At risk (combined trip with activity 1.1.4)

- Activity** Production and submission of Feasibility Study reports, including development of business plans:
1.2.4./1.3.1f
- On track to be completed after 1st trip (original workplan date: December, new target date: November)

- Activity** Community validation of alternative livelihoods from Feasibility Study:
2.1.1./1.3.4a
- On track to be completed (original workplan date: December)

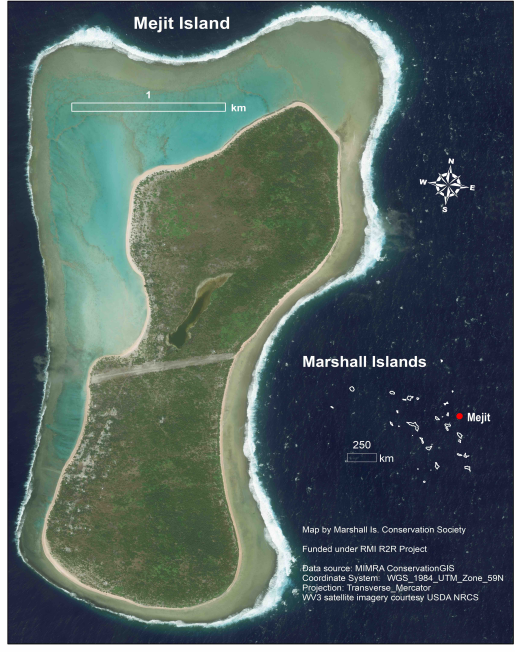
- Activity** Finalization of Livelihoods Implementation plan in coordination with Coastal Management Advisory Council (CMAC):
2.1.2./1.3.4b
- On track to be completed (original workplan date: December)

- Activity** Livelihoods Implementation in Ebon:
2.1.3./1.3.4c
- On track to be completed (original workplan dates: January and February 2020)



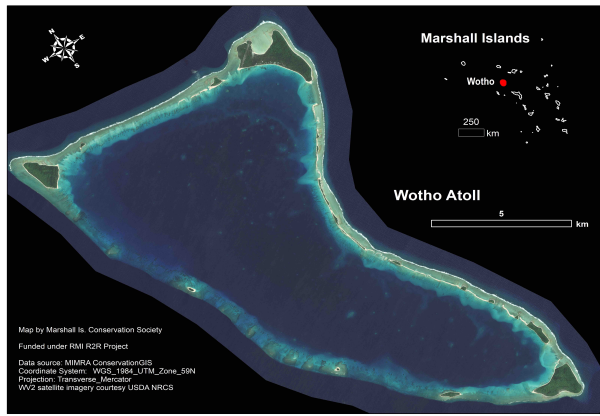
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- Activity** Implementation of the Socio-Economic and Cultural Survey:
1.1.3./1.1.3c
- Tentative date in place for 23 - 30 September.
 - On track to be completed (original workplan date: October)



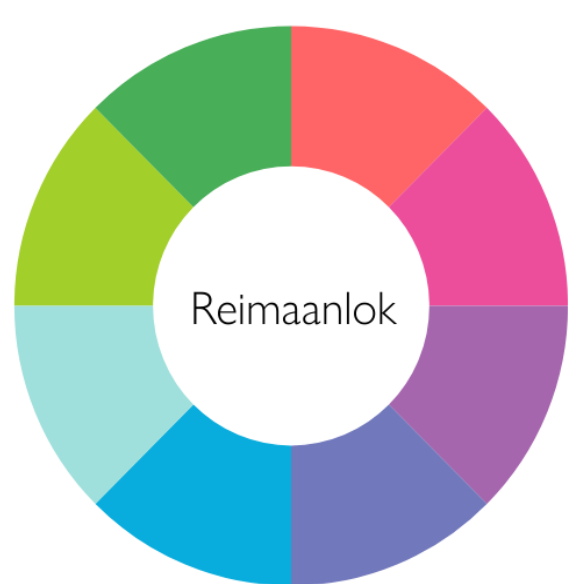
MEJIT:

- Activity** Implementation of the Cultural Survey:
- 1.1.6./1.1.3f**
- On track to be completed (original workplan date: November)



WOTHO:

- Activity** Implementation of the Cultural Survey:
- 1.1.7./1.1.3g**
- On track to be completed (original workplan date: December)



OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Activity** Coordination meetings for the planning and implementation of the Socio-Economic Surveys and Cultural Surveys with project partners from CMAC:
- 1.1.1./1.1.3a**
- R2R project staff attended the SEM training on 20 - 22 March 2019 at CMI
 - R2R project leads continue to attend monthly CMAC meetings - with the most recent being held on 31 July at Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) Conference Room
 - Socio-Economic Survey, SEM working group meeting to be held on 23 August alongside CMAC partners to review and make any updates/changes to the survey
 - Original workplan dates: April - June 2019
 - On track: despite workplan dates, we are proactively addressing this activity across the duration of the entire 2019 workplan

- Activity** Technical review of Cultural Survey protocols as part of Reimaanlok:
- 1.1.2./1.1.3b**
- First Cultural Survey Retreat held on 26 June at Eneko, with a total of 23 participants: 10 females and 13 males including traditional, cultural and local government representatives. Initial findings still to be presented to CMAC partners and relevant stakeholders
 - Original workplan dates: April - August 2019
 - At risk: due to lack of human resource this activity has fallen behind

- Activity** Background research, methodology development in coordination with CMAC for Feasibility Study implementation:
- 1.2.1./1.3.1a**
- Initial planning session held on 11 July with UNDP and MICS
 - Original workplan dates: April - August 2019

PROJECT DELIVERABLES:

Deliverable	Task	To be completed by
Deliverable 1	Attend the training workshop focusing on the Socio-Economic Survey.	31-Mar-19
Deliverable 2	Signing of contract, submission and acceptance of a Workplan, Schedule and Budget.	15-Apr-19
Deliverable 3	Contractor mobilizes resources for the Socio-Economic Survey and Cultural Survey. Desktop research on baseline data available for the two Feasibility Study sites.	1-Aug-19
Deliverable 4	Contractor submits completed socio-economic reports and data from Aur, and cultural survey reports for Aur and Likiep, and updated report for Ebon.	1-Jan-19
Deliverable 5	Contractor submits completed report and data for the Feasibility Study for the site including a draft business plan for Ebon and the Livelihoods Implementation report for Ebon.	28-Feb-20

The project is **DELAYED** due to the following/upcoming items:

- First activities in workplan running approximately one month behind
- Two R2R positions still vacant, 2/5 staff actively working on project since project activation on 23 April 2019
- First trip to Likiep complete but air strip now closed for 3 months (reopening date still tbc.)
- Trip to Ebon tentative dates confirmed with Mayor this week for 5 - 12 September (one month behind schedule)
- National and Local Government elections to take place mid November.

Status Code Legend:

- **COMPLETE**
- **ON TRACK**
- **DELAYED**
- **EXTREMELY DELAYED**
- **OFF TRACK**

PROJECT ABSTRACT:

The Ridge to Reef (R2R) project, funded by the Global Environment Fund (GEF) through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is a five year (2017 - 2022) project aimed at operationalizing the Reimaanlok National Conservation Area Plan. The overall objective of the project is to sustain and strengthen outer island biodiversity and livelihoods in four priority outer atolls of Aur, Ebon, Likiep, Wothe and one outer island, Mejit through improved management of their natural resources.

In 2008 the Reimaanlok National Conservation Area Plan was developed to serve as a clear way forward for natural resource management in the RMI and to support the Micronesia Challenge to effectively conserve at least 30% near shore marine resources and 20% terrestrial resources by 2020. IOM, was identified as a key implementing partner for the GEF-UNDP R2R project due to its experience working with communities in the outer islands of the RMI and, as an active member of the Coastal Management Advisory Council (CMAC).

IOM will work alongside and in consultation with its respective CMAC partners to carry out four key activities of R2R in the 2019 workplan: the Cultural Survey, Socio-Economic Survey, Feasibility Study and Livelihoods Project. Once the priority islands have progressed through the Reimaanlok process, their local governments will be able to delineate and declare conservation areas for sustainable use of their natural resources. Furthermore, upon completion of the feasibility study and implementation of the livelihoods project, residents of Ebon Atoll will be able to protect the natural resources while also improve their livelihoods.

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