

Project Progress Report
Sustainable Land and Forest Management in the Greater Caucasus Landscape Project
Preparation Grant (PPG)

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Section I. Update on Activities

Component 1. Assessment of legal environment concerning and land and forest management

Planned start date	28.03.2011
Actual start date	28.07.2011
Planned end date	30.12.2011
Actual end date	30.12.2011
Purpose of Component	Assessment of legal environment of pasture and forest management in Azerbaijan to identify gaps and reflect potential mitigation measures
Description of Component	- Analysis of legal documents including Forest Code, several Land codes and normative legal acts governing forest and land management issues in the country were completed by the National Consultant - Preparation of recommendations to integrate sustainable land and forest management practices in pilot regions of Ismayilli and Shamakhi was undertaken through field visits and consultations in the project sites.
Progress against Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process included wide consultation at the national and regional levels with the involvement of international and local consultants • All normative legal acts concerning land and forest management were analyzed • Results of the legal analysis and recommendations were included into the final version of the project document

Component 2. Capacity assessment of agencies responsible for land and forest management in AZE

Planned start date	28.03.2011
Actual start date	28.07.2011
Planned end date	30.12.2011

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Purpose of Component	Assessment of the institutional capacity for the application of the sustainable forest and pasture management in Azerbaijan
Description of Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the capacities of different ministries/agencies responsible for land management • Preparation of UNDP/GEF Capacity Assessment Scorecard
Progress against Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity Assessment Scorecard was completed based on interviews and reports on major national and regional stakeholders - Capacity Assessment Scorecard was finalized by Ogtai Jafarov, National Pasture and Forest Management Expert in September 2011 - Comments and recommendations of the UNDP Bratislava RTA were addressed

Component 3. Calculation of baseline carbon figures from forest and pastureland in project target zones

Planned start date	18.05.2011
Actual start date	18.05.2011
Planned end date	30.12.2011
Actual end date	30.12.2011
Purpose of Component	Baseline forest and non-forest carbon figures calculated and project carbon benefits demonstrated
Description of Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation of baseline carbon figures from forest and soil in target pilot areas of the project • Completion of SFM REDD, CC, LD Tracking Tools as per GEF requirements
Progress against Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseline carbon figures were prepared by the international consultant with necessary input provided from local stakeholders - SFM REDD and Climate Change Mitigation and Land Degradation Tracking Tools were completed in September-November 2011 - All relevant tracking tools were completed and carbon figures/benefits reflected in the CEO request and project document

Component 4. Completion of the feasibility study for the project execution

Planned start date	20.01.2011
Actual start date	20.01.2011
Planned end date	30.12.2011
Actual end date	30.12.2011
Purpose of Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of CEO request and UNDP Project Document - Addressing comments from GEF/UNDP Bratislava
Description of Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of full sized UNDP project document and GEF CEO Endorsement by December 2011
Progress against Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CEO request and UNDP project document were prepared and submitted to GEF for final endorsement - Several rounds of comments were addressed by Project Team from UNDP Regional Center in Bratislava and GEF Secretariat - Full sized project document was prepared and submitted to GEF SEC for comments

Section II. Update on Risks Log

Type of Risk	Description	Comment or Management Response
Environmental		
Other	Some concepts such SFM REDD, PES are new to the country and may be misunderstood or not welcomed by the stakeholders	National consultations and regional meetings were organized to present the new concepts to the key stakeholders both at central and local levels. Benefits of these concepts were clearly explained and elaborated

Section III. Update of Issue Log

Issue Type	Description	Issue Management
Other	Absence of project management component and manager position	The role of the project coordinator was fulfilled by respective Programme Officer
Other		

Section IV. Update on output progress

Output	Full-size project document that meets the requirements of GEF, UNDP and is aligned with the needs of the Government of Azerbaijan is prepared
Indicator	1) Comprehensive legal and institutional review on integrated land & forest management carried out (y/n) 2) Action Plan to pilot sustainable approaches to forest and pasture management is designed and agreed with local authorities (y/n)
Targets for 2011	1) Comprehensive review of integrated land and forest management is finalized 2) Action Plan is finalized and detailed demonstration activities with clear implementation measures are agreed with local executive authorities in at least two pilot regions of the Greater Caucasus covering 12,500 ha of pasture, 20,000 ha of forests with 14,000 ha restoration sites
Progress on Targets	1) Comprehensive legal and institutional review of integrated land and forest management in Azerbaijan is finalized 2) Action Plan is finalized and detailed demonstration activities with clear implementation measures are agreed with local executive authorities in at least Ismayilli and Shamakhi regions of the Greater Caucasus covering 12,500 ha of pasture, 20,000 ha of forests with 14,000 ha restoration sites

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