



OFFLINE ISSUES LOG

Project Title: **Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Territorial Planning Policies and Practices** Award ID: #00072384 Date: November 25, 2013

#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Priority	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
1	Tenders for development of National Action Plans, System of biotopes protection and Requirements on species protection	June 2010	<u>Problem</u>	Delay with tenders will lead to delay with the launch of these project activities. Priority = 5	Active preparatory steps on triggering the tender have been taken. It is advisable to organize a special training on tender preparation for the projects which do not have a procurement specialist.	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	June 30, 2010	solved
2	Tender for biodiversity inventory for Korelich and Volozhin districts	May 2010	<u>Problem</u>	Tender delay will lead to possible lack of some species in the inventory lists Priority = 5	In close assistance with UNDP CO International tender procedure has been started. It is advisable to organize a special training on tender preparation for the projects which do not have a procurement specialist.	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	December 30, 2010	solved
3	Biological and landscape diversity inventory of Korelich and Volozhin districts	August 2010	<u>Problem</u>	Delays while implementing this activity might lead to changes in the timeframe for preparing land management plans of Korelich and Volozhin districts Priority = 5	NEX advance model was applied not to jeopardize implementation of this activity which is in line with the Stakeholder Involvement Plan (Annex 6 of the ProDoc).	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	December 30, 2010	solved
4	Time-table of implementation of land management plans of the project regions	December 2010	<u>Problem</u>	Impossibility to conduct biological and landscape inventory of the project regions Priority = 5	Urgent meeting with the head of the State Property Committee has to be organized	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	June 30, 2011	solved
5	Development and implementation of communications strategy between stakeholders and raise of the project visibility	February 2011	<u>Problem</u>	Insufficient visibility of the project results Priority=5	To hire a project PR-specialist to address issues of project visibility and public awareness of the project results	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	June 13, 2011	solved

10	district land-use plan development Lack of a comprehensive legal basis for landscape protection	January 2013	<u>Problem</u>	Landscape inventory data are not included into land management plans comprehensively Priority=5	Development of enumeration and criteria of definition of rare and typical natural landscapes to be included into the national legislation	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 25, 2013	solved
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OFFLINE RISK LOG

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#	Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Probability	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner	Submitted, updated by	Last Update	Status
1	State Land Use Committee and MNREP are not interested in transferring lessons to additional districts	January 2010	Political	10 districts only are involved P=1 I=3	The Government of Belarus adopted in 2008 a Framework Regulation on Territorial Planning, which is a legal annex to the Land Code. According to this regulation, all 118 districts must develop and adopt such plans as the primary guiding framework for agriculture, forestry, and other economic activities. Necessity of including of biodiversity issues into territorial planning is indicated in the National Strategy of Conservation and Rational Use of Biological Diversity of Belarus 2011-2020, beside this. Regular contacts with the authorities of State Land Use Committee and MNREP are organized to be sure that biological and landscape conservation priorities are integrated	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	Dead

2	Rayon and Oblast Executive Councils (local authorities) from other Rayons and Oblasts are not receptive to applying the project approach in their districts	January 2010	Political	10 districts only are involved P=3 I=2	into land management plans of the districts which are not covered by the project. Involving relevant stakeholders from the 45 additional districts in the project's capacity- building workshops and in-field demonstration.	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	Reducing
3	Amendments and methodological recommendations for economic land use activities do not receive political support	January 2010	Political	Local Territorial plans of land use do not fully encounter biodiversity conservation approaches P=2 I=5	Ensuring that a wide consultative process is followed in the development of the amendments and the methodological recommendations to ensure that any concerns can be addressed early on in the process.	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	Reducing
4	Key government actors/institutions are not fully engaged and committed to the project strategy	January 2010	Organizational Political	Impossibility to implement the project P=2 I=5	Active participation will be ensured through the project's capacity building activities, as well as involvement in field-level demonstrations.	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	Reducing
5	Oblast-level approval process of Land Use Plans does not proceed smoothly	January 2010	Operational	Time delay of the activity on approval of the Plans P=3 I=4	Ensuring that key representatives at the Oblast level are involved in early stages of the development of the biodiversity-enhanced Territorial Plans.	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	Dead
6	Increase in threats to biodiversity beyond the background rates over the past decade	January 2010	Environmental	Additional work on inventory of district biological and landscape diversity P=2 I=1	The territorial plans will be subject to rigorous monitoring and update. Essential measures and scientific recommendations to	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	Reducing

				decrease threats to biodiversity are indicated in the passports and species maintenance standards which are integrated into regional territorial plans								
7	Climate change	January 2010	Environmental	Potential change in the number of threatened species of wild fauna and flora P=1 I=1	During the preparation of its National Communication to UNFCCC and implementation of the peatland project, Belarus developed good knowledge on climate change impacts on the vegetation and fauna structure of the country. Scientific recommendations to possibly mitigate climate change impact on biological and landscape diversity are included into passports and species maintenance standards	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	November 2013	No change	
8	Violation of timetable of preparing Local Territorial plans of land use by the State Land Use Committee	December 2010	Political	Impediments/difficulties in the project implementation process P=5 I=5	Constant monitoring of the agreements of the meeting of UNDP Country Office with the Head of the State Land Use Committee with participation of PIU	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	Vladimir Koltunov	November 2013	November 2013	Dead	

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LESSONS LEARNED LOG



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#	Type	Date Identified	Successes	Shortcomings	Recommended Solutions	Submitted, updated by
1	<u>Project results</u>	June 2011	3 action plans for conservation of wild fauna species in the Red Book of Belarus were actualized and 5 new action plans for conservation of wild fauna and flora species in the Red Book of Belarus and Requirements on protection of the wild fauna and flora included in the Red Book of Belarus, their habitats and places of growth, for the further inclusion into species maintenance standards to land and/or water users outside specially protected natural areas, and for inclusion into forest - and land management projects and schemes were developed.	Recommendations of the prepared documents on protection of wild fauna and flora species are not accepted by general public	Developed documents were presented at the Environmental Public Coordinating Council and posted on the web-sites of the Project, Ministry for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus (MNREP), and Environmental non-governmental network for broad public discussion.	Vladimir Koltunov
2	<u>Project results</u>	August 2011	Effective biodiversity conservation requires protective measures to be introduced not just at the level of species, but also at the level of globally endangered landscapes and habitats. Proposals on protection and sustainable use of nationally and internationally important threatened biotopes were developed.	Issues on biotopes conservation don't present in the national nature protection legislation. Lack of information for environmental law-makers on necessity of identification of biotopes as specific protective term/definition in the legislation to include respective legal protective measures	Joint seminar on biotopes protection issues with participation of law-makers, scientific experts and nature protection authorities Collaborative activities with implementing partner (MNREP) on updating of proposal on biotopes conservation to be included into national legislation	Vladimir Koltunov
3	<u>Project results</u>	November 2011	Biodiversity conservation issues were integrated into forest management schemes for the first time for Belarus which was estimated by the Ministry of Forestry as a good practice		It is reasonable to replicate this practice for forestries of the project regions for which territorial plans will be developed in 2012 by integration of biological and landscape diversity issues into respective forest management schemes	Vladimir Koltunov
4	<u>Project results</u>	December 2011	Ecological tourism with elements of animal watching gives priority not only to biodiversity conservation but to sustainable hunting practice also, because hunting units gain regular income from ecotourism activities organized on their territories		To introduce recommendations on developing ecological tourism into hunting management projects of hunting units. To include such recommendations into training module for land-users and leasers of hunting rights	Vladimir Koltunov
5	<u>Project results</u>	March 2012	12 places of concentration of wetland birds during spring migration were closed for spring hunting for the first time for Belarus	40 places were initially proposed by the project experts but appropriate hunting entities have	To introduce restrictions for spring hunting to the rest of identified places taking into account time limits	Vladimir Koltunov

6	<u>Project results</u>	March 2012	Informational signs of habitats and places of growth of the wild fauna and flora included in the Red Data Book of Belarus were developed and tested for unique population of Magpie diver.	already signed contracts for hunting. Introduction of restrictions would lead to financial losses for hunting entities	To formalize the signs in the Technical Code of Common Practice on requirements on protection of rare and threatened wild flora and fauna species included in the Red Data Book of the Republic of Belarus which is to be developed by the project experts to be submitted to the MNREP	Vladimir Koltunov
7	<u>Human factor</u>	September 2012	Raised awareness of general public, Ministry of Environment stakeholders, mass media, Ministry of Forestry, branches of Ministry of Housing and Communal Services on threat of invasive species to biological and landscape diversity – evidence from <i>Solidago canadensis</i> spreading	Poor promotion of threat of invasive species to biological and landscape diversity, agriculture and forestry	Preparation of promotional video materials for central and local authorities, land/water users, general public	Vladimir Koltunov
8	<u>Project results</u>	October 2012	Electronic database on the tracking of indicated and handed under protection to users land sites and (or) water bodies of the wild fauna and flora habitats of the species included in the Red Data Book of the Republic of Belarus was developed and handed over to the MNREP. This makes possible to update and widely use the data at the national level while preparing schemes of land-, forest- and hunting management.		To develop and introduce into capacity building workshops and MNREP collegia of 4 regions Training module on use of database of passports and species maintenance standards in territorial planning practice and other economic activities	Vladimir Koltunov
9	<u>Other</u>	March 2013	Joint activities on the creation of conditions for the formation of new breeding habitats of the Great Snipe and reconstruction ground dam for groundwater level maintenance with planting typical wetland trees on renaturalised peatland aimed at gray crane population strengthening were implemented in cooperation with UNDP/GEF project 'Landscape approach to management of peatlands aiming at multiple ecological benefits'		Cooperation with related UNDP project needs to be practiced to support sustainability and follow up implemented activities and results achieved.	Vladimir Koltunov

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MONITORING LOG

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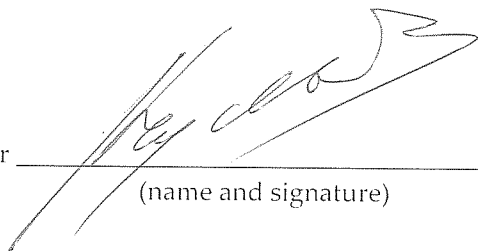
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Monitoring Action	Description	Due Date	Comments	Date of completion
Annual and Final Review Report		December 01, 2013	Contains information on the results achieved and budget implementation	N/A this reporting period
Reports to Implementing Partner (-s)	Semi-annual, annual and final reviews submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus to be submitted to the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus	January 10, 2013 July 10, 2013 November 15, 2013	Contains information on the results achieved and budget implementation	January, 2013
Audit	Financial audit of Project Partner organizations with NEX advancing system	February 2013	To control accuracy of accounting and financial reporting of Project Partner organizations with NEX advancing system	08-11 April 2013
Donor report	Quarterly and Final Operational Reports UNDP-GEF Projects in Belarus	April 10, 2013 July 10, 2013 October 10, 2013	Contains information on the activities implemented for the reporting period	April 08, 2013
Evaluations	Final External Evaluation	August 2013	To determine progress being made toward the achievement of outcomes and to identify course correction if needed	N/A this reporting period
Monitoring visits	Visits to project sites	February 2013	3 monitoring visits	January 24,

	to assess first hand project progress	June 2013 October 2013	are planned	2013 February 26-28, 2013 May 15, 2013
Work group meetings	Steering Committee meeting	February, 2013 October 2013	Project report 2012 Adoption of the AWP 2013. 2010-2013 final report	February 05, 2013

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Audit	Financial audit of Project Partner organizations with NEX advancing system	February 2013	To control accuracy of accounting and financial reporting of Project Partner organizations with NEX advancing system	April 2013. No serious points for criticism. Small corrections only were recommended for book-keeping
Donor report	Quarterly and Final Operational Reports UNDP-GEF Projects in Belarus	April 10, 2013 July 10, 2013 October 10, 2013	Contains information on the activities implemented for the reporting period	April 10, 2013 July 10, 2013 October 10, 2013 Draft PIR 2013/2014
Evaluations	Final External Evaluation	August 2013	To determine progress being made toward the achievement of outcomes and to identify course correction if needed	December 2013. Final project evaluation was carried out. Overall project results rating is Satisfactory. This was pointed out in the