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Expected Country Programme Outcome: 3.2 Sustainable use of the country's natural resources promoted

Imp. Agency: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus

Activity description	Fund	Donor	Implementing agent	Budget Account	Funds planned (USD)	Annual target	Funds utilised (USD)	Annual target achieved, %	Variance, USD	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)
Component 1. Promoting regional environmental instruments and cooperation										
1.1. Analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context					27 867	Project activities related to analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context is successfully implemented. Close cooperation with the UNECE, particularly with the Espoo Convention Secretariat, along with the UNEP and an international NGO "Zoi" is established.	26 064	93,53	1 803	The implementation of project activities related to analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context started. Cooperation with the Espoo Convention Secretariat, UNEP and an international NGO "Zoi" was provided on a regular basis.
1.1.1. Pilot post-project analysis of the activities related to the exploitation of the chalk deposit Hoislavskoye and associated impacts in accordance with the Espoo Convention					6 052	Recommendations on post-project analysis and for improving transboundary EIA based on the pilot case are drafted.	4 948	81,76	1 104	A report presenting the results of the pilot post-project analysis of the exploitation of the chalk deposit "Hoislavskoye" and associated impacts in accordance with the Espoo Convention was developed by bilateral working group on monitoring and evaluation of the actual impact of the chalk deposit "Hoislavskoye" on the environment and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures. Recommendations on post-project analysis in transboundary EIA in Belarus and Ukraine, including arrangements for public participation and access to information and recommendations on improving transboundary EIA procedure to predict better transboundary impacts and mitigation measures as well as recommendations on complementing the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Ukraine on implementation of the Espoo Convention with provisions on post-project analysis were developed.

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1.1.1.1 Initiating the process: Start-up workshop	30000	00555	000995			A start-up workshop is organized in Brest, Belarus (April). The issues concerning the time schedule for the pilot project and on practical arrangements (e.g. composition and work plan of the bilateral working group and task force, monitoring programme, procedure of exchange of information) are agreed. About 40 participants are familiarized with the pilot project and its objectives.				Activity is completed. Within the start-up workshop organized in Brest (Belarus), April 9-10, 2013, 40 participants, representing UNECE, UNEP, UNDP, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus (MoEnv), the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, international consultants, national consultants from Ukraine and Belarus, NGO's and mass-media were informed about the project objectives, activities and expected results. The issues concerning the time schedule for the pilot project and practical arrangements, e.g. composition and work plan of the working Group and Task Force, monitoring programme, effective communication were agreed.
1.1.1.2. Monitoring of the environmental impacts and bilateral working group (funded respectively by the MoEnv of both countries)	30000	00555	000995			Bilateral Working Group for conducting monitoring on the "Hotislavskoe" deposit is established. Exchange of the monitoring data is provided.				A Bilateral Working Group on monitoring and evaluation of the actual impact of the chalk deposit "Hotislavskoye" on the environment and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures (hereinafter - the working group) was established. The working group included international and national consultants from Belarus and Ukraine. The expert team evaluated the results of the post-project monitoring and the effectiveness of applied mitigation measures and drafted a report presenting the findings.
1.1.1.3. Evaluation of the pilot case and development of draft recommendations for the post-project analysis	30000	00555	000995	75700 Training, Workshops and Confer 71600 Travel 71300 Local Consultants	1500 2912 1688	Information related to monitoring of the "Hotislavskoe" chalk deposit is collected. Communication between the Belarusian, Ukrainian and international sides is ensured. Support to the Task Force in evaluating the results of the pilot case is provided.	1688	11,20	1332	The Task Force, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, international consultants, national consultants from Ukraine and Belarus, chairpersons of the Ukraine and Belarusian working groups was established. The Task Force Meeting for evaluating the experience gained during the pilot project in Belarus and Ukraine on post-project analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context and developing relevant recommendations for the post-project analysis was organized in Minsk (Belarus), December 17, 2013. The Task Force members discussed the draft report, containing the results of the post-project monitoring and the effectiveness of applied mitigation measures and provided their comments. Currently documents are being finalized by international and national consultants in accordance with the comments received.

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1.1.1.4. Workshops on public participation and post-project analysis	30000	00555	000995			Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
1.1.1.5. Development of recommendation for national procedures	30000	00555	000995			Recommendations for an addendum of post-project analysis in projects subject to transboundary EIA procedure to the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Ukraine are drafted.				The following recommendations were developed by Task Force with the support of international and national experts: (i) Recommendations on post-project analysis in transboundary EIA in Belarus and Ukraine, including recommendations for public participation and access to information. (ii) Recommendations on improving transboundary EIA procedure to predict better transboundary impacts and mitigation measures developed. (iii) Recommendations on complementing the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Ukraine on implementation of the Espoo Convention with provisions on post-project analysis. Currently documents are being finalized by international and national consultants in accordance with the comments received.
1.1.1.6. Sub-regional conference to disseminate the results of the project	30000	00555	000995			Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
1.1.2. Technical advice and training of Belarusian authorities on SEA	30000	00555	000995		21 815	Technical advice and training of Belarusian authorities on SEA are provided.	21 116	96,80	699	Technical advice on amending the current legislation and training of Belarusian authorities on SEA were provided.
1.1.2.1. Expert review of present legislation and administrative measures with aim to ratify the SEA Protocol	30000	00555	000995	71300 Local Consultants	2 400	Proposals for legislative changes required for ratifying the Protocol on SEA and proposals for required institutional changes are developed.	2412	100,50	-12	Analysis of the current legislation of the Republic of Belarus, including provisions about the application of the SEA Protocol and identification of gaps in the existing national legislation was carried out by expert team comprising of an international and a national consultants. The existing procedures, the governmental institutional framework and responsibilities to be assumed for implementing SEA system in Belarus were also analyzed, and recommendations on the required institutional and procedural improvements were suggested.

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1.1.2.2. Development of a draft report and consultations with the national authorities	30000	00555	000995			A draft report containing recommendations and steps to be taken by Belarus to comply with the provisions of the SEA Protocol, including recommendations for amending current legislation, is prepared by the international consultant. About 20 representatives of relevant Ministries and NGOs analyzed the draft report and provided comments during a round table discussion organized in Minsk (September, 2013).				A report containing the results of the expert review conducted within Act 1.1.2.1. was drafted by the international consultant. 20 representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus, Ministry of Health, National Centre of Legislation and Legal Research of the Republic of Belarus and NGOs discussed the draft report and provided comments during a Round Table organized in Minsk (Belarus), September 12, 2013. The report was finalized based on the comments provided and submitted to the MoEnv.
1.1.2.3. Development of the final proposal for amended legislation	30000	00555	000995			A final report, focused on presenting legislative and institutional amendments required and the concrete steps to be taken by Belarus to comply with the Protocol on SEA, is developed by the international consultant.				A final report "Pre-accession legal assistance to Belarus: Technical assistance in improving legislation in the sphere of implementing the Protocol on SEA and advisory support in the required legislative amendments" was developed by the international and national consultants and submitted to the MoEnv.
1.1.2.4. Three provincial training workshops on SEA	30000	00555	000995	75700 Training, Workshops and Confer	9900	At least 45 officials from provincial authorities in Brest, Gomel and Grodno were trained in SEA process and are aware of the possibilities for utilizing SEA in resolving problems related to plans and programmes typical to the border regions (October, 2013).	11 838	119,58	-1 938	Fifty specialists, representing the MoEnv, Regional Executive Committees, Regional Committees of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Regional Municipal Public Housing Service Organizations and NGOs were trained in SEA approaches and techniques, along with SEA ability and limitations in addressing environmental issues at the planning stage. The training was provided during three provincial workshops titled "Implementing the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in Belarus" in three Belarusian cities – regional centers: the City of Gomel (October 7-9), the City of Brest (October 21-23), and the City of Grodno (October 24-25). The majority of the participants evaluated positively and quality and relevance of the trainings (based on the results of evaluation surveys).
				71300 Local Consultants	5900		3 159	53,54	2 741	
				71600 Travel	3615		3 707	102,54	-92	
1.2. Flood risk assessment and monitoring: the Pripyat basin						The realization of project activities related to further strengthen Belarus capacities in flood monitoring, early warning and risk assessment started.	0	0,00	0	Implementation of project activities related to further strengthen Belarus capacities in flood monitoring, early warning and risk assessment by expanding the complex of activities to the Yaselda sub-basin of the Pripyat River basin started.
1.2.1. Installation of a new monitoring station in the Pripyat River basin	30000	00555	000995			Draft specification for equipment for monitoring the flow and exchanging early flood warnings is developed and discussed with key decision-makers.				The list of equipment for monitoring the flow and exchanging early flood warnings is being developed.

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1.2.2. Flood risk assessment and development of a flood risk map for the Pripyat basin and sub-basins, particularly the Yasselda sub-basin	30000	00555	000995			TOR for national consultant is developed.				TOR for national consultant on hydraulics and engineering hydrology was developed.
1.2.3. Awareness of the issues related to flood risk and flood risk management	30000	00555	000995			Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
1.3. Environmental safety of oil and gas pipelines						Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
1.3.1. Training in oil pipelines accident preparedness and response, the timely notification of hazardous accidents	30000	00555	000995			Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
TOTAL OUTPUT 1:					27 867		26 064	93,53	1 803	
Component 2: Increasing public awareness and participation in decision-making										
2.1. Climate change – an emerging challenge and security problem					4 350	Project activities related to increasing public awareness related to climate change are successfully implemented.	2 669	61,36	1 681	Implementation of project activities related to increasing public awareness related to climate change started.
2.2. Preparation of informational materials	30000	00555	000995			Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
2.3. Nation-wide discussion on climate change as a security problem						National consultants for preparation informational and promotional materials related to climate change are identified. TOR is developed.				National consultants for preparation informational and promotional materials related to climate change are identified.
2.4. Integration of climate change topics into the curricular of environmental specialists' professional training						TOR for national consultant for the development of a course, dedicated to climate change issues, including potential security risks and consequences for Belarus, is developed.				TOR for national consultant for the development of a course, dedicated to climate change issues, including potential security risks and consequences for Belarus, was developed and agreed with UNDP and MoEnv.
2.5. Integration of climate change topics into the university curricula						Negotiations with regional universities (Grodno university, Brest university etc.) on piloting special course on climate change, including potential security risks and consequences for Belarus, are held. Appropriate applications received and examined by project manager. The draft report on feasibility study and recommendations concerning pilot university and scope of work is developed and send to the MoEnv for consideration. TOR for national consultant is developed.	1 229	61,45	771	Consultations with key Belarusian universities regarding piloting special course on climate change, including potential security risks and consequences for Belarus, were held. Thirty representatives of Belarusian universities were informed about project activities and presented their proposals for the integration of climate change issues into the university curricula during Round Table, organized in Minsk, December 6, 2013.
TOTAL OUTPUT 2:					4 350		2 669	61,36	1 681	

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Component 3: Regional coordination										
3.1. Project activities effectively coordinated at the national and regional levels	30000	00555	000995			Scheduled for 2014.				Scheduled for 2014.
TOTAL OUTPUT 3:										
Component 4: Project Management										
4.1. Project personnel	30000	00555	000995	71405 Individuals	SC 6 900	Project manager and Administrative and Finance assistants are hired. Project IT equipment and accessories are procured. Project office is supplied with the stationary. Project office operates effectively in accordance with the approved ADWP and Project Document.	5 787	83,87	1 113	Project Manager and Administrative and Finance Assistant were recruited. IT equipment was procured (2 laptops, 1 multifunction device). Project office operates effectively in accordance with the approved ADWP and Project Document.
4.2. Office furniture, accessories, IT equipment				73405 main. office equip.	of 1 900		1 867	98,26	33	
4.3. Connectivity charges (phones, internet)				72420 connectivity	50		0	0,00	50	
4.4. Utilities				73120 premises maintenance	100		0	0,00	100	
4.4. Consumables, office supplies				72505 stationary and supplies	100		105	105,00	-5	
TOTAL OUTPUT 4:					9 050		7 759	85,73	1 291	
PROJECT SUBTOTAL 2013:					41 267		36 492	88,43	4 775	
			00555	000995	75100 facilities and administration		2 554	88,43	334	
PROJECT TOTAL 2013					44 156		39 046	88,43	5 109	

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