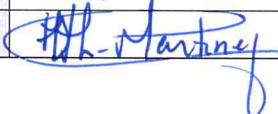


## PROJECT LESSONS-LEARNED REPORT

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| <b>Project Title:</b>                              | <b>National Biodiversity Planning to Support the implementation of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan in Belize</b>   |
| <b>Country:</b>                                    | BELIZE  |
| <b>Related CPAP Outcome</b>                        |   |
| <b>Project Description and Key Lessons-Learned</b> |   |
| <b>Brief description of context</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This project is part of a second generation of Biodiversity Enabling Activities (BD EA) under the GEF. It addressed the country's need to continue to meet its obligations under the CBD and contributes to Belize's efforts towards implementing the CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 at the national level. The project builds on the current status and achievements of Belize with respect to biodiversity planning and reporting.</li> <li>- The main challenges of the BEA project were 1. A late project implementation start date 2. Failed procurement processes and 3. Bottle Necks at the administrative and PEG level in revision of document.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Brief description of project</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This project achieved its objective through the implementation of three outcomes, They are:</li> <li>- A participative stocktaking and target setting exercise on biodiversity planning and management;</li> <li>- A Revised NBSAP which fully integrates new aspects of the CBD strategic plan, such as mainstreaming and anchoring the implementation of the plan into national development frameworks, valuing ecosystem services and promoting ecosystem-based adaptation and resilience; and</li> <li>- National frameworks for resource mobilization, Convention reporting and exchange mechanisms are strengthened.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Key project successes</b>                       | <p>Please describe what has worked well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A very engaged Project Execution Group</li> <li>o Very integrated and engaged NBSAP taskforce</li> <li>o A dynamic and effective Project Management Unit.</li> <li>o Willingness of stakeholders to participate in workshops and focus group sessions</li> <li>o Procurement of qualified and efficient consultants</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Project shortcomings and solutions</b>          | <p><b>Please describe what have been the main challenges of this project?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The unavailability of qualified consultants ( in a timely manner) to carry out consultancies</li> <li>o Slow review of project documents by PEG members and bottlenecks at the administrative level.</li> <li>o Change of positions within relevant ministries and departments</li> <li>o <b>How were they overcome (if they were)</b></li> <li>o Identification of consultants from Government Rosters and directly contracting of suitably qualified consultants</li> <li>o Assessment and review of important documents during quarterly PEG meetings.</li> <li>o Formally approaching CEO's to nominate persons to sit on the Project Executing Group</li> </ul> |



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|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Were the project results attained?</b> Project results were attained with components being implemented at project close.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Lessons learned</b>   | <p>Please think about and describe the key lesson(s) learned from this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Institutionalization of project to garner greater ownership by government agencies</li> <li>○ Improve visibility of Projects</li> <li>○ Review documents and make decision during PEG meetings</li> <li>○ Analyze rosters while carrying out procurement for consultancies in the eventuality that processes fail</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>How easy would it be to replicate the successes in a different context/ country?</b></li> <li>○ It would be very easy to replicate the successes from this project based on lessons learnt from project implementation.</li> </ul> <p>Provide any other relevant information</p> |
| <b>Follow-up Actions</b> | <p>Based on the Final Project Review, include a brief record of decisions and conclusions related to follow-up actions\</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mobilize funding for the implementation of the NBSAP.</li> <li>○ Make operational the Biodiversity Clearing House Mechanism</li> <li>○ Actively pursue institutionalization of the NBSAP across the various sectors and ministries</li> </ul>   |

| Project Information        |   |
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| <b>Award ID:</b>           | 00068583 PIMS4907/BD/EA/National Implementation                                     |
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| <b>Partners:</b>           | GEF/UNDP and GOB  |
| <b>Project resources:</b>  | Annex 1   |
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| <b>Date:</b>               | January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016   |
| <b>Signature:</b>          |  |



**PROGRESS TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

| Description  | Description of Indicator (As provided in Pro. Doc)  | Baseline Level   | Target Level at end of project   | Level at 12/01/2016   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o participative stocktaking exercise on biodiversity planning and national biodiversity targets was developed in response to the global Aichi Targets;</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By end of 2014, a multi-sectoral/multi-stakeholder working group is established and it completes the stock-taking exercise.</li> <li>- By 2014, national targets in response to the global Aichi Targets are developed.</li> </ul> | <p>No existing National Biodiversity targets identified and documented</p>   | <p>Working group established and through multi stakeholder sessions the national Stock taking and target setting exercise was conducted</p>  | <p>Stock taking and Target Setting Exercise completed and report finalized and approved</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Revised NBSAP which fully integrates new aspects of the CBD strategic plan, such as mainstreaming and anchoring the implementation of the plan into national development frameworks, valuing ecosystem services and promoting ecosystem-based adaptation and resilience; and</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The inclusion of measurable biodiversity conservation and sustainable use targets into the following <u>sectoral</u> planning frameworks</li> </ul>  | <p>1998 NBSAP which was never formally endorsed and was not mainstreamed into relevant sectors and ministries.</p> | <p>Draft NBSAP which integrates new aspects of the CBD strategic plan, and Aichi target which highlights the need for mainstreaming the implementation of the plan into national development frameworks, valuing ecosystem services and promoting ecosystem-based adaptation and resilience.</p> | <p>NBSAP to be completed by March, 2016</p>   |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National frameworks for resource mobilization, Convention reporting and exchange mechanisms are strengthened.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5<sup>th</sup> National Report on biodiversity management in Belize developed highlighting Belize's commitments and achievements in achieving its biodiversity management objectives</li> <li>- By 2014, negotiate with local partners a suitable arrangement for hosting of a CHM</li> <li>- By 2014, complete plan for implementing the NBSAP, including capacity, technology and finance needs assessment</li> </ul> | <p>4<sup>th</sup> National Report to the UNCDB</p> <p>No formal framework or institutional arrangement exist for the development and establishment of the CHM</p> <p>1998 NBSAP was developed and served as a framework and baseline for undertaking biodiversity management in Belize.</p> | <p>Belize 5<sup>th</sup> National Report was developed and submitted to the UNCBD in September of 2015</p> <p>No Formal arrangement for the Biodiversity CHM has been agreed upon, but an institutional analysis and assessment of the previous CHM was carried out.</p> <p>A draft implementation and capacity, technology and finance needs assessment has been conducted for the NBSAP</p> |  |
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