

# Sustainable Development of the Protected Area System in Ethiopia [SDPASE]

## Narrative Description of Physical and Financial Performance Report

### 1. Basic Information

- **Component: Food Security and Recovery**
- **Lead Agencies: EWCA, MoCT, EPA**
- **Implementing partners: UNDP/GEF, FZS, GTZ IS, HoAREC, STN, Australian Government**
- **Program Period: 2008 to 2016**
- **Budget in USD: 9,000,000**
- **Reporting Period: 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2010.**

### 2. Executive summary (not more than one page in which you include overall critical assessment of the programme based on the review)

One of the major successes of SDPASE this year is bringing the protected area to the attention of government. The publication and workshop on the economic case study was one of the advocacy tools used to promote the concept of the value of Protected Areas in Ethiopia. There have been continuous liaising efforts with government and non government institutions in the year 2010. The result was so impressive that government has increased its budget, the MoCT has paid visits to scout graduation and parks, MoFED together with UNDP have allowed utilization of complimentary funding amounting to 1,100,000.00 USD.

The second success of the year is enhancing management effectiveness of protected areas. As a result of continuous training conducted by the project, the scouts have gained increased motivation and skills to work with the community, to combat illegal activities better than before and to feel responsible for their duties. Completely stopping sand extraction from the Abijata Shalla Lakes National park can be mentioned as example in this context. Similarly the radio communication facilities and ranger uniforms are giving the scouts more respect from the community and local officials. The project has also procured cars and given maintenance to existing cars, purchased office and field equipment and provided educational opportunities to staff at management level.

The third success story is the promotion of parks and wildlife reserves in target markets. The project has used different kinds advertising means to promote the areas for tourists; local and international. It has used television advertising, sponsoring different TV programs, billboards, city bus adverts, T-shirts, agenda notebooks, brochures, and news papers. Income and tourist flow in this year has increased significantly.

Fourthly, the project has tried to tap funding from different sources like from the EU and attract co-financers to Protected Areas. Several cooperation agreements are in the pipeline and implementation is expected in the coming year.

### 3. Progress against planned results

The second generation PASDEP the GTP [Growth and Transformation Plan] has included protected area components provided by the project. The Ministry of Culture and Tourism has designed its plan in line with the GTP. This plan has included wildlife indicators in its new tourism section.

Protected Areas are being promoted through different means. Advertising and promotional programs through ETV are supporting marketing efforts. The number of tourists and income has increased above the targeted figures (See EWCA's report on tourism flow and income to this effect).

Private and community ecotourism sites have increased by more than the target.

Components of Policy and Regulatory Frameworks are in place.

Hunting and investment strategy is emplaced

Policy strategy components are written into PA management plans and work plans for 2 existing GMPs (Bale and Simien NPs).

Two strategies; hunting strategy is finalized and draft tourism strategy is under implementation. Boundary demarcation guideline is also in use

Training strategy: basic training for scouts implemented

Boarder re-demarcation for Senkele is finalized and for Awash, Abijata Shalla NPs, Nechsar and Babile it is in progress.

Establishment of BR in Bonga Kafa is supported

The Omo-Gambella task force is established. This task force works on the respective landscape and combines NGOs, EWCA and the regional authorities in a framework agreement

National Business Planning guidelines are available and the plan for Bale is enacted.

Two good practice models; scout training from African Parks Omo/Gambella, and business planning from FZS Bale are available and incorporated.

**Major Other Achievements:**

The project has procured 7 vehicles, field equipment and office equipment for parks, has enhanced radio communication, promoted the wildlife through complimentary funding secured from UNDP.

SDPASE has designed and submitted a project concept note to EPA to tap funds from GEF on climate change adaptation.

The project has finalized the Project Implementation Report (PIR) and submitted to GEF on time.

**Table 1: Progress Report**

CP Outputs	Indicators Including Annual Targets/Baselines	Planned Activities	Progress Against Planned Activities	Budget/Expenditure	
				Expenditure to Date	Budget Balance
1.1 Major indicators from this PA plan have been adopted in the second generation PASDEP	PASDEP of 2011-2016 recognizes PAs and wildlife as important elements of sustainable development of the country	Information and Briefing materials to EWCA	Briefing & Information Provided are: 1. The economic case study on Protected Areas 2. The "policy paper" which is part of the economic case study. 3. Protected Area indicators to the II generation of PASDEP (GTP)	32,000.00	0
	The real economic impact of wildlife and PAs satisfactorily described in the PASDEP/PASDEP Uses PA indicator statistics end of stage one	EWCA puts the PA case forward to the councils of minister	EWCA has planned to take this case to the newly formed council of ministers	44,000.00	0

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		Conduct monitoring and evaluation workshops on progress of SDPASE (Project implementation review)	Monitoring Information is gathered and compiled. The workshop is planned	39,000.00	0
		To access best practice in ecotourism developments and opportunities in Ethiopia	Hunting analysis which identified ecotourism potential of the country is finalized; paper is distributed. ESTA has agreed to promote ecotourism in Bale National Park using its past experience in the area.	10,000.00	0
		Start support publication series on Ethiopian Wildlife, PAs, people and poverty, and PAs and tourism	Publication support will continue once EWCA started the publication series.	5,000.00	0
		PES (Payment for Environmental Services) strategy agreed within Ministry and Ministry of Finance	Efforts are under way; discussion with Ministry of Water Resources and Energy and EEPCo.	10,000.00	0
1.2 Increased protected areas in major watersheds of the sustainable land management programme	Two (Four end of stage one) watersheds under formal discussion to PA for watershed and potential PES	List PAs in watersheds (according to definition of national SLM program)	SLM is not working on major watersheds. Its water shade definition is too narrow to capture forests and PAs in the major watersheds. The project is listing potential PAs from MoWR studies.	12,800.00	0
		List existing co-financing for PAs in watersheds	[Nile Basin initiative, SLM, Austrian development in Amhara Region and Biosphere reserve in Kafa are identified		

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	10,000 ha. (20,000 ha. End of stage one) Of PA including forests established, > 5% (>10 End stage one) of watershed	Propose Co-Financing	African Wildlife Foundation has shown an interest in co-financing for Siemen and Gambella National Parks. Michael Succow Foundation checks possible involvement in BR development at Lake Tana and Gambella.		
		Present SDPASE at SLM platform	EWCA has become a member of platform. SLM focus is on small catchment not on PAs. It is now regarded not be the right partner.		
		Promote Donor Assistance Subgroup on PAs, with participation of SLM	No interest by donors due to little emphasis on Environment in PASDEP		
1.3 Linkage with and adoption by tourism sector of protected areas as one of the key marketing strategies	Two (Four end of stage one) national and regional tourism plans designed with detailed links to PA sector	Liaise with Ministry and other stakeholders in tourism	On progress; SDPASE has liaison with MoCT, ESTA, Tour operators on tourism		
	Increase by 15%/40% end of stage one over 2007 in No. and revenue in Nechsar, Bale, Simien Abyata, Awash/Mago, Omo end of stage one	Ensure that wildlife and PAs play their proper role in tourism strategies	GTP tourism plan of MoCT and Oromya and Amahara regional states have included Protected Areas and wildlife as one important component		
	Local community/private sector ecotourism sites increased by 30% (50% End of stage one)	Create greater publicity for PAs in country and targeted markets	Awareness on PAs is created; attention is given to the area by stakeholder, EWCA (PR measures supported by SDPASE) Number of tourists (both local & international) is increasing		

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	Wildlife tourism promotion (film, brochures, web-sites) increased by 50%	Support marketing efforts (Films, Brochures and Websites)	Promotional materials; films, billboards, Agenda, brochure, web page are created. Wildlife is being promoted through distribution of T-shirts with EWCA logo, on TV, Public transport, organizing events etc		
		Carry out pilot activities with major stakeholders	There is continuous communication with stakeholders especially with tour companies and ESTA		
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>152,800.00</b>	<b>0</b>
2.1: Policy, regulatory and governance frameworks are supported, leading to redefinition and implementation of PA categories, with reduced land-use conflict.	Key components of Policy and Regulatory Frameworks in place	Support alternative concepts: Biosphere Reserves (BRs), Community Conservation Areas	Small grant support is secured from GEF for Senkelle community conservation  SDPASE is supporting BR in Bonga/Kafa trough scouts training  Proposal is developed to strengthen community coservation	32,000.00	0
	Strategies for implementation of Wildlife Policy and Proclamation in place	Develop standards for management planning	Business planning guidelines are available	24,000.00	0
	Policy strategy components are written into PA management plans and work plans	Carry out organizational structure study for EWCA.	Contract had to cancelled due to non performance of consultant	25,000.00	0
	The Ministry of Water Resources has amended its policy to include a protected area component for watershed management			24,000.00	0

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2.2 Policy implementation supported through development of key strategies and position papers.	Two strategies (e.g.. Tourism, hunting, sustainable financing) are designed	Support and develop position papers on Role of PAs in SLM, Hunting, Tourism promotion	Carbon study on protected areas is under way First Draft of study on problems of Abijata Shalla Lakes National Park is delivered by the consultant. The economic case study is taken as one of the best practices in the UNDP publication.	3,000.00	0
2.3 Strategy implementation piloted in priority Protected Areas and Landscapes, developing synergies to Outcomes 1, 3, 4 and 5.	At least two strategies in all demonstration sites and at least one strategy started in additional 4 sites (border marking, anti-poaching and illegal grazing and cultivation strategies)	Support PAs border demarcation and gazettement	Support for re-demarcation of Awash, Abijata, Babile , Senkele, Nechsar.  Training on GIS is provided to EWCA staff .	2,000.00	0
	The guidelines for limited harvesting (sport hunting and timber) concessions are agreed, in place and enacted in four concession areas which will act as demonstration sites for replication in the second tranche period	Support PAs Management Planning	Management planning for Alatish and Babile is supported	20,000.00	0
		Support setting up of BR area in Bonga, Kafa zone	SDPASE support the BR in Kafa zone financially and technically including in scouts training		
2.4 Protected area categorization modified to suit Ethiopian situation	Mandates of selected PA reflect real situation on the ground	Support demarcation of PAs /Bale, Simien, Nechsar, Omo ,etc/	Trainings on GIS is provided and demarcation strategy emplaced. The redemarcation is under way		
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>0</b>

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3.1 National-Regional Institutional Linkages in Place (Wildlife, Tourism, Forestry, Agriculture, Research)	EWCA has reviewed internal structure and all sections agreed on a clear mandates and TOR	Establish cooperation with partners in Research, Forestry, Agriculture, Tourism, Regions	Contact is established with various universities and research institutions like with AAU, Wondo Genet etc.	32,000.00	0
	Two landscapes have trial cooperative arrangements with regional authorities			30,000.00	0
3.2 National Protected Area System Plan Developed Using Gap Analysis, Approved and Under Implementation.	Gap analysis report available and integrated in economic study	Carry out Gap analysis	The study is underway. Data necessary for the gap analysis and carbon study is gathered by a consultant.	80,000.00	0
		Inventory of present state of affairs of NPs and Sanctuaries as regards planning and monitoring,	Monitoring of present state of affairs of three PAS is conducted together with UNDP GEF program analyst. METT including threat and pressure analysis is conducted on three PAs.  Research is conducted to study present state of Abijata-Shalla Lakes NP.	10,000.00	0
		Mapping: develop overview map, improve GIS data base EWCA	Trainings on GIS is provided and maps for Gambella, Awash and Nechsar are produced. The overview map has been updated.	4,000.00	0
		To conduct a National ecosystem-Based Adaptation study	On progress	54,000.00	0
3.3 Both Protected Area System and Individual Protected Areas Use Business Planning as a Tool for Management and Monitoring	Business plans and monitoring system adopted in two demonstration sites	Promote business planning: set standards for management and business planning and support individual business plans	Business planning guidelines are developed in collaboration with FZS, workshop has been conducted and guidelines approved	39,400.00	0



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	Staff with business planning skills in place	Support 4 indiv. Business plans (Bale, Senkelle, Awash and 1 other to be determined in consultation with EWCA, to be done after GMP).	SDPASE has supported the business plan preparation for Bale NP	166,740.00	0
3.4 Wildlife Staff at HQ and Field Level with Functional Capacity and Skills	Career development plans available for 30% staffs	Support the development of personnel development plans,	On progress. This work will be done after the finalization of organizational study.		
	Training started according to staff development plan, at least 3 trainings/(6 trainings, +3MScs end of stage one.	Training of senior, junior and field staff	Higher educational opportunity is provided to Four senior staff in and outside of Ethiopia. There is continuous training on GIS (twice for >18 staff), scouts (for >320) and short term training abroad.		
3.5 Institutional Capacity for Training in Wildlife is Built and Functional	Scout training facility established	Establish contact with training institutions. Advice on training needs	Visit has taken place to Tanzania and South Africa for experience sharing on training. Project concept note for EU prepared.		
	Assessment of training institutions complete, contracts issued for warden level training	Support curriculum development	Curriculum for scouts training is developed		
Sub total				<b>416,140.00</b>	<b>0</b>
4.1 Lessons Learned on Management Modalities available from pilot sites	Two good practice models available	Identify good practice models	FZS supported activities in Bale, Guassa Menz, and Simien are taken as good practice models (Management planning, business planning). AP scout training manuals are adapted and used as good practice models	37,000.00	0
		Monitor METT Scores	METT result of three PAs (Abijata, Awash, and Senkele) have been compiled	28,000.00	0

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		Develop standards for management and business planning	Standard for Business Plan is available. Management planning guidelines is planned for 2011	8,000.00	0
4.2 Landscape Level Management in Place, with functional Joint Management Committees at Selected Sites	Two joint management committees are functioning	Support cooperation agreements, community outreach	Committee is created with taskforce for Gambella-Omo National Parks	1,000.00	0
	Two limited harvesting areas using agreed regulations/guidelines	Create committees with partners, support alternative concepts on landscape level; CWM, BRs etc. at selected sites	SDPASE has been involved in developing the concept of a Biosphere Reserve in Kaffa/Bonga	6,000.00	0
4.3 Piloted interventions in priority protected areas and landscapes	At least 2 different interventions in two PAs			25,000.00	0
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>105,000.00</b>	<b>0</b>
5.1 Financial Sustainability Plan is developed for Protected Area System	Sustainable financing options (Including trust fund) modeled and tested	Introduce the concept of Conservation Trust Fund and the principal objectives of the trust fund to key Gov't officials, NGO representatives and other interested Parties	Paper on trust fund is compiled and discussion is planned	32,000.00	0
		Conduct financing option analysis and meet donor agencies to discuss the experience of other conservation Trust funds in Africa to suggest alternative financing options and the different ways that donors can support the Conservation Trust Fund	Paper on trust fund is finalized and presentation is planned.	18,000.00	0
		Support the Development of the project proposals for carbon offsets projects in PAs	Carbon study on PA s is underway by a consultant. This includes preparation of a carbon offset project	30,000.00	0

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		Support the development of the project proposals to support the surrounding communities of PAs to improve their livelihood and conserve the PAs.	Financial support based on project proposal prepared with the help of SDPASE is provided to communities around Senkele The project has solicited fund from EU for community based interventions.	12,000.00	0
		Support the development of business plans for PAs' to create sustainable financial mechanisms	On progress	3,000.00	0
5.2 Tourism contributes significantly to recurrent costs for demonstration sites	Tourism income is retained in the demonstration sites	Explore and test retention schemes as option	On progress	5,000.00	0
5.3 Co-finance secured for a further six sites (Beyond Initial Demonstration Sites)	The sector has forged strong partnerships with donors, NGOs for these sites, based on success stories (see Outcome 4)	Actively pursue cooperation agreements with potential partners	Cooperation is prsued with: African Parks Network, NABU, AFZS, HoA-REC, World Bank, USAID, ESTA, WildCODE, USFS, SLM, STN	24,500.00	0
	Six further sites (including at least two new sites) will be benefiting from co-financing and partnerships and will be being implemented using the produced and disseminated good practice model (Trigger 5)				
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>124,500.00</b>	<b>0</b>
GTZ 9%				83,560.00	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,012,000.00</b>	<b>0</b>

**Constraints** (indicate also strength, weakness, opportunities and challenges)

1. Co-funding from SLM: This is a trigger-indicator. The SLM programme is very much an agricultural programme with a narrow focus. It is concentrating on small scattered watersheds of a size of 4000 to 10000ha, without a real landscape- or basin approach. This is the reason why there is little scope to obtain co-funding from SLM for PAs in watersheds, as it was expected in the Prodoc (trigger indicator). It is suggested to change the indicator.
2. EWCA is presently not allowed to obtain proper weapons and ammunition for scout training and law enforcement in PAs. This hampers greatly law enforcement, and also the scouts training.
3. Opportunities:- Government has given due attention to the sector, EU has shown interest to fund the training center, other donors are also showing more and more interest to fund the sector.

**Recommendation and lessons learned**

**Lessons learned include:**

1. In Senkele allowing the community to sell grass from the sanctuary has helped the PA management to obtain their cooperation
2. Installation of radio communication is improving protection of parks and sanctuaries
3. The training scouts motivating them to work harder and more systematic