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United Nations Development Programme
Country: St. Kitts and Nevis
2015 Annual Workplan

Project Title: Conserving Biodiversity and reducing habitat degradation in Protected Areas and their areas of influence

UNDAF Outcome(s):	Outcome 1 - Improved governance and regulation of environmental and energy issues for more resilient economies by 2016
UNDP Strategic Plan Primary Outcome: (From UNDP Strategic Plan 2014-2017) Primary Outputs: 2.3. Solutions at local level for sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystems and environmental services, for expanded jobs and livelihoods; and 3.5. Transparent and non-discriminatory legal and regulatory frameworks and policies enabled for sustainable management of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems (in line with international conventions and national legislation) [Link] Secondary Output: [From <i>UNDP's Biodiversity and Ecosystems Global Framework 2012-2020</i> :] Signature Programme #2: Unlocking the potential of protected areas (PAs), including indigenous and community conserved areas, to conserve biodiversity while contributing to sustainable development. [Link]	
Expected CPD Outcome(s): Outcome #1: Enhanced capacity of national, sub-regional and regional institutions and stakeholders to: effectively manage natural resources; build resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change and natural and anthropogenic hazards; improved energy efficiency and use of renewable energy; improved policy, legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks for environmental and energy governance.	
Expected CPAP Output(s): Output 4: Knowledge and good practices disseminated and capacity development in the areas of natural resource management, disaster risk reduction, climate change, renewable energy, energy efficiency, low carbon emissions, biosafety and adherence to international standards and norms	
Executing Entity/Implementing Partner: Ministry of Sustainable Development - Department of Physical Planning and Environment	
Implementing Entity/Responsible Partners: Department of Physical Planning, Environment and Natural Resources (Nevis); Department of Marine Resources; Nevis Department of Fisheries	
Brief Description: The existing system of protected areas in St. Kitts and Nevis is limited to 3 terrestrial PA units on the island of St. Kitts; of these, only the Central Forest Reserve National Park was established primarily for ecological conservation greater. There are no terrestrial protected areas on the island of Nevis, nor are there any marine protected areas anywhere in the country. In addition, apart from one historic site, there is no active management of protected areas in the country at either the system or site level. The proposed project will improve ecosystem representation in the PA system; establish / strengthen PA management operations at key sites; and strengthen institutional, policy, legal/regulatory, information, and financing frameworks at the PA system level. At the site level, the GEF investment will enable the legal establishment of five new PAs (two terrestrial and three marine) and the operationalization of these sites as well as the two existing terrestrial PAs that currently have no management. In so doing, the project will expand the PA system from two terrestrial sites totalling 5,260 hectares without any effective management, to four terrestrial sites totalling 8,810 hectares and three marine sites totalling 11,693 hectares, all of which will be actively managed. The project will specifically support: assessments of the current state (biodiversity, ecosystem functions, resource uses, etc.) of the proposed PA units: the gazetting, boundary setting and zoning of the new PA units; the preparation of management plans for each PA Unit, as well as a strategic business plan for the overall PA system; and the establishment and capacity building of PA staff at the system and site levels, as well as capacity building and collaboration with NGO, CSO and private sector partners. At the systemic level, the project will assist the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis in establishing, staffing and equipping a Protected Areas Agency, the first government unit dedicated to protected areas in the country's history, which will oversee and manage the overall PA system as well as the specific PA units. The project also will assist in the revising and updating of key laws and regulations to support PA management; the establishment of inter-institutional and multi-stakeholder coordination and information sharing mechanisms; and the creation and operation of sustainable financing mechanisms and business planning strategies that will ensure sufficient long-term funding support for management of the PA system.	


Programme Period: 2015
Atlas Award ID: 00080909
Atlas Project ID: 00090420
PIMS #: 5088
Start Date: January 2015
End Date: December 2015

Mgmt Arrangements: NIM
PAC Meeting Date: 30 July 2014

2015 AWP budget: \$740,750

Total Allocated Resources (Grant):	20,511,630
-GEF:	3,371,630
-Department of Physical Planning and the Environment	3,240,000
Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources	4,000,000
-Land Management Unit	260,000
-Ministry Health and Environment	1,760,000
-Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs	100,000
- Water Services Department	6,000,000
- Nevis Dept of Physical Planning Environment and Natural Resources	1,100,000
- Nevis Ministry of Agriculture, Land, Housing, Co-operatives and Fisheries	380,000
- UNDP Barbados and the OECS	300,000
In-kind Contributions:	0

Agreed by (Government):

 for UNDP Focal Point August 11, 2015
Date/Month/Year

Agreed by (UNDP):

UNDP Resident Representative


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