



APL on Strengthening Regional Cooperation For Wildlife Protection in Asia (P121210)

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Implementing Agencies: Bangladesh Forest Department, Department of Forests, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Ministry of Environment and Forests

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:07-Apr-2011

Effectiveness Date:29-Jun-2011

Planned Mid Term Review Date:15-May-2014

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:26-May-2014

Original Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Revised Closing Date:31-Dec-2016

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project aims to assist the participating governments to build or enhance shared capacity, institutions, knowledge and incentives to collaborate in tackling illegal wildlife trade and other select regional conservation threats to habitats in border areas.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components

Name

Bangladesh: Component 1: Capacity building for addressing the illegal trans-boundary wildlife trade:(Cost \$12.69 M)

Bangladesh: Component 2: Promoting wildlife conservation in Asia:(Cost \$15.45 M)

Bangladesh: Component 3: Project coordination and communication:(Cost \$6.66 M)

Nepal: Component 1: Capacity building for addressing the illegal trans-boundary wildlife trade:(Cost \$1.00 M)

Nepal: Component 2: Promoting wildlife conservation in Asia:(Cost \$1.80 M)

Nepal: Component 3: Project coordination and communication:(Cost \$0.20 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Moderately Unsatisfactory	● Moderately Unsatisfactory



Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Moderately Unsatisfactory	● Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	● High	● High

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

BANGLADESH: Progress toward the achievement of the PDO remains moderately unsatisfactory because the national ratification of the statute for the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) -- which will be the regional mechanism for collaboration on addressing wildlife crime and protection threats -- by each member country has not been completed (originally expected in November 2014). Further, implementation issues that are critical to meeting the PDO have not been fully resolved. These include: (i) delays in the operationalization of the Wildlife Center; (ii) inadequate staffing of the Wildlife Center, Wildlife Rescue Centers and field activities; (iv) delays in implementation of the Wildlife Conservation Act (as a result of a lack of rules for implementation); (v) lack of formalization of the Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU); (vi) lack of institutionalization of the WCCU and Wildlife Center into the BFD; and (vii) incomplete, poor quality and often late progress reporting as part of the Project's M&E system.

NEPAL: The Project is moderately on track to meeting its PDO as there have been delays in formalizing the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) as the regional coordination mechanism for addressing wildlife conservation threats. All other aspects of project implementation are satisfactory.

OVERALL: Implementation progress for Bangladesh remains moderately unsatisfactory for APL, while for Nepal it is moderately satisfactory. The project restructuring reflects agreed-upon changes in the results framework by the three countries participating in the APL and the modifications to the project in Bangladesh.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
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Political and Governance	--	● Substantial	● Substantial
Macroeconomic	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	● High	● High
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	● High	● High
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	● High	● High
Fiduciary	--	● High	● High
Environment and Social	--	● Low	● Low
Stakeholders	--	● Moderate	● Moderate
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	● High	● High

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

- PDO 1: A regional mechanism is developed and operational for addressing illegal wildlife trade and other conservation threats (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Institutional capacity building support for the SAWEN Secretariat is being provided under the Nepal project. The Second SAWEN Meeting took place in August 2014 in Kathmandu with support from the IDA grant to Nepal for APL 1. The SAWEN statute was approved at the meeting but ratification by the governments of member countries that was expected in November 2014 is delayed.	Institutional capacity building support for the SAWEN Secretariat is being provided under the Nepal project. The Second SAWEN Meeting took place in August 2014 in Kathmandu with support from the IDA grant to Nepal for APL 1. The SAWEN statute was approved at the meeting but ratification by the governments of member countries that was expected in November 2014 is delayed.	SAWEN statute drafted, adopted and one annual meeting held after statute approval.
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016
		With support from the IDA credit to Bangladesh, the first thematic meeting on wildlife crime control mechanisms and measures was held on March 10-11, 2015 in Dhaka.	With support from the IDA credit to Bangladesh, the first thematic meeting on wildlife crime control mechanisms and measures was held on March 10-11, 2015 in Dhaka.	



► PDO 2: Number of agreed knowledge products developed and shared among SAWEN countries on wildlife crime and/or wildlife conservation. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	12-Mar-2015	31-Dec-2016

► PDO 3: Wildlife crime control institutions established in the three participating countries. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	12-Mar-2015	31-Dec-2016

► PDO 4: Number of implemented pilot initiatives that address trans-boundary wildlife issues. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	3.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	12-Mar-2015	31-Dec-2016

► PDO 5: Number of activities contributing to tiger conservation. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	--	5.00
Date	--	--	--	--



Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

- Regional 1: Number of agreed research programs for regional wildlife management developed among participating countries. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	--	--	3
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	12-Mar-2015	31-Dec-2016

- Regional 2: Number of thematic meetings on wildlife crime and trans-boundary conservation issues among participating and other relevant countries (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	The first thematic meeting in March 2015 was attended by the project directors/ coordinators/managers from Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. At that meeting, it was agreed that two more events will be convened during the project period.	The first thematic meeting in March 2015 was attended by the project directors/ coordinators/managers from Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. At that meeting, it was agreed that two more events will be convened during the project period.	3
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	12-Mar-2015	31-Dec-2016

- Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator I: New draft Wildlife Conservation Act giving more powers to the Wildlife Circle approved by Parliament (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Completed. Approved by Parliament on July10, 2012.	Completed. Approved by Parliament on July10, 2012.	Yr 2 - 100%. The target has been achieved.
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2013



► Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 2: Number of staff added to the Wildlife Circle and who have been trained on enforcement and wildlife crime control. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Inadequate capacity to respond to wildlife crimes	To date, 43 Wildlife Circle staff members benefited from foreign training in wildlife crime control, CITES and PA surveillance. All 105 staff members supported under the project received local training.	To date, 43 Wildlife Circle staff members benefited from foreign training in wildlife crime control, CITES and PA surveillance. All 105 staff members supported under the project received local training.	105
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 3: Establishment and Operationalizing of Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU) with at least forensic section, legal support arm and wildlife crime bank (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No wildlife crime control agency at present	The construction of the two floors in the BFD headquarters building which will house the WCCU and the forensics laboratory will be completed in July 2015. A workshop on the draft WCCU rules to operationalize the Wildlife Act took place in February 2015. BFD has a legal unit with lawyers on retainer.	The construction of the two floors in the BFD headquarters building which will house the WCCU and the forensics laboratory will be completed in July 2015. A workshop on the draft WCCU rules to operationalize the Wildlife Act took place in February 2015. BFD has a legal unit with lawyers on retainer.	WCCU fully operational. Operation of forensic and legal units started. Wild-life crime bank fully operational.
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 4: Number of training modules developed and delivered by the Wildlife Center (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Actual: 10 modules developed and delivered with three more to be completed	Actual: 10 modules developed and delivered with three more to be completed	10
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016



► Bangladesh Component 1: Indicator 5: Number of BFD staff trained in wildlife crime and/or conservation. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	907.00	907.00	1000.00
Date	--	--	16-Mar-2016	--

► Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 1: Number of flagship species for which breeding habitats have been identified in targeted areas. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Bangldsh Comp 2: Indicator 2: Number of species conservation pilot plans developed for more effective wildlife management. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Bangladesh Component 2: Indicator 3: Number of national parks with an ecotourism plan. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Sub-projects focused on eco-tourism development are underway. It is doubtful whether baseline revenue at the household or tourism entity level was assessed, which could make it difficult to measure the increase in revenues. An international eco-tourism adviser has begun to assist in developing ecotourism	Sub-projects focused on eco-tourism development are underway. It is doubtful whether baseline revenue at the household or tourism entity level was assessed, which could make it difficult to measure the increase in revenues. An international eco-tourism adviser has begun to assist in developing ecotourism plans for	10



		plans for selected protected areas but it is not clear that the revenue target can be measured or achieved by the end of the project.	selected protected areas but it is not clear that the revenue target can be measured or achieved by the end of the project.	
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha) (Hectare(Ha), Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	27582.00	27582.00	25000.00
Date	07-Dec-2012	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Bangladesh Component 3: Indicator 1: Effective project coordination among participating countries at each regional thematic meeting. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	--	--	3
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Bangladesh Component 3: Indicator 2: Development and implementation of project communication plan (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	A project website was developed. A communications strategy, developed and will be implemented through a consultancy assignment by a media firm.	A project website was developed. A communications strategy, developed and will be implemented through a consultancy assignment by a media firm.	20 communication outputs produced. Plan developed.
Date	07-Mar-2011	12-Mar-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2013



► Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 1: Implementation challenges of key policy and legislation identified. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	Nepal currently has - National Parks and Wildlife conservation Act, Forest Act and Forest rules	Completed. These policies were reviewed. The key constraint identified was weak implementation rather than policy shortcomings.	Completed. These policies were reviewed. The key constraint identified was weak implementation rather than policy shortcomings.	Updated policies and regulations fully operational.
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 2: Wildlife crime control mechanisms institutionalized and operationalized with capacity for forensic, legal support, and wildlife crime data access and collection. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Central-level WCCB was created and sixteen field level WCCBs were established in 18 districts. Capacity building for NAFOL(National Forensic Laboratory) and training for law enforcement agencies are ongoing.	Central-level WCCB was created and sixteen field level WCCBs were established in 18 districts. Capacity building for NAFOL(National Forensic Laboratory) and training for law enforcement agencies are ongoing.	WCCB fully operational.
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 3: Legislation for effective compliance of CITES established. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Nepal is signatory to CITES but needs to revise local laws and regulations to ensure more effective compliance of its obligations under CITES. Legislation to address these shortcomings has been drafted but has not yet received parliamentary approval.	Nepal is signatory to CITES but needs to revise local laws and regulations to ensure more effective compliance of its obligations under CITES. Legislation to address these shortcomings has been drafted but has not yet received parliamentary approval.	Legislation completed.
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016



► Nepal Comp 1: Indicator 4: Number of staff trained in state of the art tools on wildlife conservation. (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	--	--
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Nepal Comp 2: Indicator 1: Number of pilot projects designed and implemented to improve protection and conservation of key flagship species. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Nepal Comp 2: Ind 2: Number of models developed for more effective wildlife management. (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	--	2.00
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Nepal Comp 2: Ind 3: A ranging model developed based on research information for elephant conservation to reduce conflict with humans. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	The Window 2 sub-projects include: (i) community based human-elephant conflict management in Jhapa District; (ii) improving management of Bardia National Park through habitat and human wildlife conflict management. Models will be developed based on the experiences of these sub-projects prior to	The Window 2 sub-projects include: (i) community based human-elephant conflict management in Jhapa District; (ii) improving management of Bardia National Park through habitat and human wildlife conflict management. Models will be developed based on the experiences of these sub-projects prior to the end of the project.	Yr 2 - 5 testing of models.



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Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016
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► Nepal Comp 2: Ind. 4: A replication strategy developed with action plan for mitigating human elephant conflict. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Based on the outcomes from the Window 2 sub- projects mentioned above, a regional replication strategy and action plan will be put in place.	Based on the outcomes from the Window 2 sub- projects mentioned above, a regional replication strategy and action plan will be put in place.	Strategy and master plan developed.
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Nepal Comp 2. Indicator 5: An ecotourism plan for Banke National Park developed. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	Procurement of consultant for assessment of ecotourism potential is on the way	Procurement of consultant for assessment of ecotourism potential is on the way	Yes
Date	07-Mar-2011	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

► Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha) (Hectare(Ha), Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	325400.00
Date	07-Dec-2012	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016





► Nepal Comp 3 Ind 1: Effective project coordination among participating countries at each regional thematic meeting. (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0	--	--	3
Date	--	15-May-2015	16-Mar-2016	31-Dec-2016

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

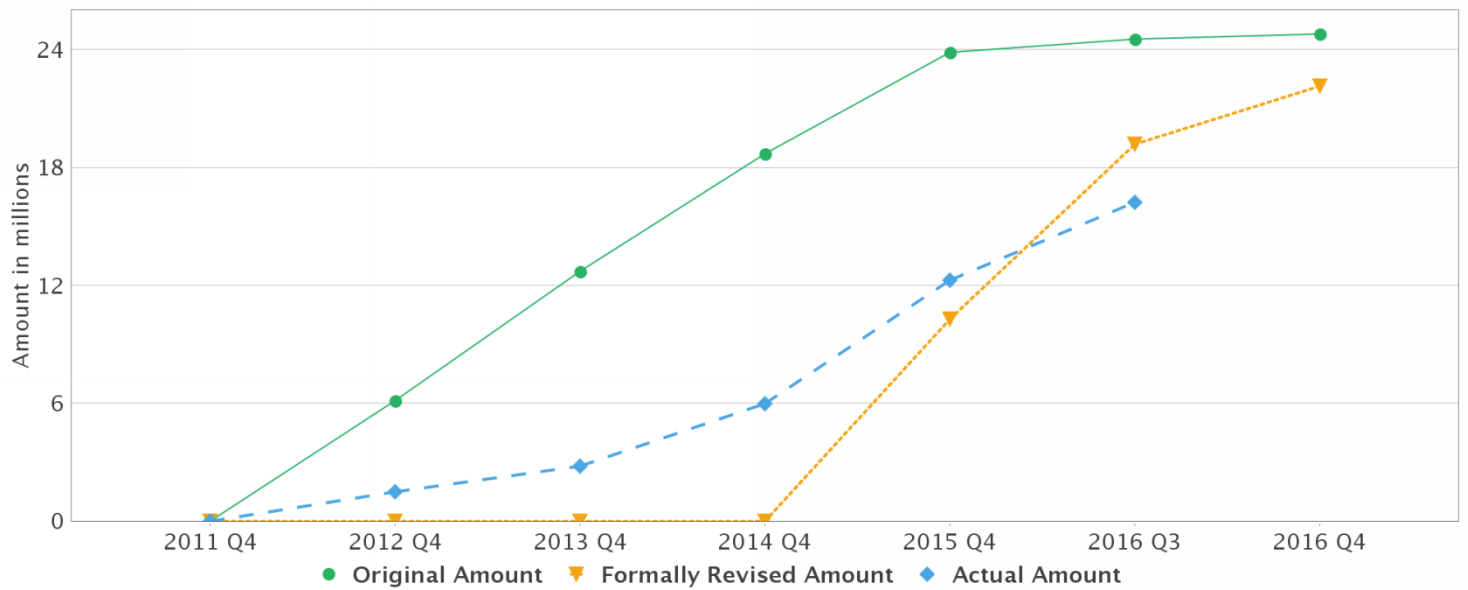
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	XDR	22.90	22.89	0.01	14.50	8.38	 63%
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	XDR	2.00	2.00	0.00	1.71	0.29	 86%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P121210	IDA-49090	Effective	07-Apr-2011	02-Jun-2011	29-Jun-2011	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2016
P121210	IDA-H6660	Effective	07-Apr-2011	27-Jun-2011	20-Jul-2011	31-May-2016	31-Dec-2016

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 27-Feb-2014 , Level 2 Approved on 17-Dec-2015

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.