



Sri Lanka: Conservation of Biodiversity Through Integrated Collaborative Management in the Rekawa Ussangoda and Kalametiya Coastal Ecosystems, Sri Lanka. (UNDP)

Operational Program: 2,8 (Biodiversity,International Waters)

GEF Secretariat Review: Endorsement

Financing (millions): \$0.75 *Total (millions):* \$1.91 1200

Summary

To ensure the conservation and sustainable use of the biodiversity of this globally significant site through the development of a collaborative management system, actively involving local communities, NGOs and government agencies.

- Expected Project Outputs:*
1. A Coastal Environment Profile and Replicable Special Area Management Plan for Rekawa, Ussangoda Kalametiya prepared.
 2. Participatory Mechanism for participatory development and livelihoods of the local community improved through the introduction of nature tourism initiatives and other sustainable sources of income.
 3. Conservation Programs for the globally significant biodiversity established at the project site and local biodiversity units established to enhance community awareness.
 4. Efficient policy level coordination and law enforcement established to improve biodiversity conservation.
 5. An effective monitoring system in place to assess development activities and their impact to biodiversity.

Project Duration (months): 0

Basic Project Data

Project GEF ID:

<i>Staff</i>		<i>Processing Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
Program Manager	Lusigi	Processing Stage	
Implementing Agency	UNDP	Concept Pipeline Discussion	12/27/99
Regional Coordinator	Tim Boyle	PDF A - Agency Approval	
Executing Agency	International NGO	PDF B - CEO Approval	
		Bilateral Project Review Meeting	
		Work Program Submission and Approv	
		CEO Endorsement	
		Agency Approval	
		Project Completion	

Cost Summary

Cost Item	Years	Amount (USD'000)
<u>Preparation</u>		
- PDF A		
- PDF B		
- PDF C		
<u>Project Allocation</u>		
- Executing Agency Fees and Costs		\$0.00
- Project Management Costs		\$0.00
- Other Incremental Costs		\$0.00

Completeness of Documentation

- Focal Point..... Budget..... Logical Framework.....
- STAP Review..... Increment Cost..... Length.....
- Disclosure of Administration Cost..... Complete Cover Sheet....

1. Country Ownership

Country Eligibility

The government of Sri Lanka ratified the convention on biological diversity in March 1994.

Evidence of Country Ownership/Country-Drivenness

The project which is supposed to assist the government of Sri Lanka in implementing its National Environmental Action Plan will be implemented in collaboration with the Government Coastal Conservation Department (CCD).

2. Program and Policy Conformity

Portfolio Balance

The project will address an identified gap within the biodiversity portfolio.

Program Conformity

The project objectives are consistent with the objectives and priority activities identified under OP#2

Replicability

The project will be using the experience gained by GEF in other similar areas and the experience gained here will definitely be important in other GEF initiatives elsewhere.

Potential Global Environmental Benefits of Project

The project seeks to conserve globally important biodiversity identified in the Sri Lanka National Environmental Action Plan.

Sustainability

The approaches being adopted by the project which involve the communities are sustainable.

Baseline Course of Action

Sri Lanka has made considerable commitments to coastal zone management through its development of several planning frameworks for coastal management which include "Coastal 2000". The government is in the process of developing a larger project with assistance from ADB.

Alternative Action Supported by project

The project will introduce the integrated coastal management approach which includes the involvement of communities on the ground.

Conformity with GEF Public Involvement Policy

The project is designed to involve the local communities at all stages of its implementation.

Private Sector Involvement

There will be minimal involvement of the private sector in this MSP.

3. Appropriateness of GEF Financing

Incremental Cost

The project will be implemented in support of a much bigger project implemented in collaboration with ADB.

Appropriateness of Financial Modality Proposed

The financing is at a reasonable level considering the state of development and size of Sri Lanka.

Financial Sustainability of the GEF-Funded Activity

The GEF activities will be financially sustainable in the long run since they are intended to assist in generating some income generating activities at the local level.

Absorptive Capability

Sri-Lanka is in a position to execute this size of project and they will be assisted in the short term by IUCN.

Cost Effectiveness

The cost of damage to biodiversity which would occur in this area without this project far exceed the proposed project investment.

4. Coordination with Other Institutions

Collaboration

The project is being well coordinated with ongoing activities and initiatives by other donors.

Complementarity with Ongoing Activities

The project has been developed in close collaboration with other activities being implemented in the coastal zone management in Sri-Lanka.

5. Responsiveness to Comments and Evaluations

Core Commitments

This project seems to be well conceived and the list of organizations who have been involved in its development is pretty impressive. A well coordinated implementation unit will have to be established to oversee the implementation of this project.

Linkages

They have been well identified in the project document.

Consultation and Coordination

The mechanism for coordination of the activities of this project seems to have been established through the consultative process adopted during the development of the project.

Consistency w/previous upstream consultations, project preparation work, and processing conditions

These appear to have been adequate.

Monitoring & evaluation: Minimum GEF Standards, ME plan, proposed indicators, lessons from PIRs and Project Lessons Study

The monitoring and evaluation plan set forth in the project document seems adequate.

Indicators

Verification indicators which are both at project level and impact level are well articulated in the project document.

Implementing Agencies' Comments

Not yet received.

STAP Review

Not yet received.

Council members' Comments

Not applicable at this stage.

Technical Assurances

This will be provided through IUCN and UNDP.

Convention Secretariat

Not yet received.

Other Technical Comments

This project should be implemented in close coordination with the planned CCD/ADB integrated coastal zone management project to ensure that the bigger project uses the experience being gained from this project.

Further Processing

Unless adverse comments are received from the Implementing Agencies and STAP within the prescribed response period, this project is recommended for CEO approval.