

Implementation Plan of Recommendations

Project Title and Reference No.: Connect: Mainstreaming biodiversity into the heart of government decision making” (GEF ID 5730)

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UNEP and UNEP-WCMC need to boost the project's communication strategy by reactivating the ITAUG and the project's webpage, uploading the project's publications and resources. Moreover, both agencies should promote them during their participation in workshops, meetings, and events.	Partially	UNEP and UNEP-WCMC will promote the project’s publications and resources in workshops, meetings and events as is appropriate. UNEP GEF unit will incorporate the contents of the publications and resources into its overall communications and advocacy work	ongoing	UNEP
UNEP should secure resources from different sources for follow-up projects. The projects	Yes	UNEP will write to UNEP-WCMC to encourage them to develop follow-up projects.	31/06/2024	GEF BD unit

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should consolidate the mainstreaming results in the three pilot countries by further strengthening the capacities of the national implementing partners to ensure effective inclusion of the BIPs into decision-making projects in the subsequent planning cycles and at the sub-national level and consolidate the data exchange and update mechanisms. Following the path set by GBIF's EU-funded BID, the Connect approach could also be expanded to other countries, benefiting from the lessons learned from the pilot phase implementation.				
The next biodiversity data project should involve the national statistical services more strongly, to help them coordinate data	Yes	If any follow-up projects are designed, this recommendation will be incorporated.	N/A	N/A

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The following is a summary of lessons learned from some of the project's experiences and based upon explicit findings of the review. They briefly describe the context from which the lessons are derived, and the potential for wider application:

Lesson Learned #1:	Targeting specific sectors and establishing links between concrete information needs and data providers, with the support of well-established non-government organizations (this project's implementing partners) and think-tanks has been effective in mainstreaming biodiversity into operational policy, beyond the environmental sector or general statements in overarching planning documents.
Context/comment:	Fully agree

Lesson Learned #2:	Sequential implementation of project components, where the next component depends on conclusion of the prior risks delays and can hamper project outcomes and impact. Thus, a more dynamic incorporation of results from studies funded by the project must be considered at project design.
Context/comment:	In project design and implementation, sequential activities are unavoidable. Incorporation of studies conducted during project implementation is not possible at project design, as the one follows the other. Project design can only incorporate information available at the time, not information to be available in the future.

Lesson Learned #3:	
Context/comment:	