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through Marine Spatial Planning” GEF ID 9545

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Agenda item 2: Progress and Financial Report

Draft Interim Project Implementation Report (PIR) – 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019

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Introduction to the Project Implementation Report (PIR)

The PIR of the GEF Adriatic Project provides detailed information about the progresses made by the Project in three sections:

- 1) Narrative report to inform and provide an overview of the results achieved and the challenges tackled during the reporting period;
- 2) Progress towards achieving the project objective(s);
- 3) Implementation progress.

The interim PIR reporting on the period 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019 is hereby submitted for the consideration and approval of the members of the Project Steering Committee (as approved by the first PSC meeting on 30 May 2018 - UNEP/MAP WG.449/7).

UNEP GEF PIR INTERIM REPORT

(1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019)

1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Title:	Implementation of Ecosystem Approach in the Adriatic Sea through Marine Spatial Planning.
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Executing Agency:	UN Environment MAP.
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Project partners:	UN Environment MAP Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC). UN Environment MAP Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC).
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Geographical Scope:	Adriatic Sea (Sub-region of the Mediterranean LME)
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Participating Countries:	Albania and Montenegro
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GEF project ID:	9545	UMOJA number*¹:	SB-007448
Focal Area(s):	International Water and Biodiversity	GEF OP #:	
GEF Strategic Priority/Objective:	BD-4 Program 9 IW-1 Program 1 IW-3 Program 6	GEF approval date*:	14 October 2016
UNEP approval date:	22 May 2017	Date of first disbursement*:	01 October 2017
Actual start date²:		Planned duration:	24 months
Intended completion date*:	30 September 2019	Actual or Expected completion date:	30 September 2020
Project Type:	MSP	GEF Allocation*:	1,817,900
PPG GEF cost*:	N/A	PPG co-financing*:	N/A
Expected MSP/FSP Co-financing*:	12,017,790	Total Cost*:	13,835,690
Mid-term review/eval. (planned date):		Terminal Evaluation (actual date):	
Mid-term review/eval. (actual date):		No. of revisions*:	1
Date of last Steering Committee meeting:	30 May 2018	Date of last Revision*:	30 May 2018
Disbursement as of 30 June 2018*:	674,470	Date of financial closure*:	

¹ Fields with an * sign (in yellow) should be filled by the Fund Management Officer

² Only if different from first disbursement date, e.g., in cases were a long time elapsed between first disbursement and recruitment of project manager.

Date of Completion^{3*}:		Actual expenditures reported as of 31 March 2019⁴:	335,132
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Project summary⁵	<p>The GEF Adriatic Project is a sub-regional project (Albania-Montenegro) that seeks to build on the existing legal framework provided by the UN Environment/MAP and Regional Activity Centers' governance framework and related tools developed, such as the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity (hereinafter SAP BIO), the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-Based Activities in the Mediterranean Region (hereinafter SAP MED) and the related National Action Plan (hereinafter NAPs). This project will concentrate on developing appropriate tools, such as MSP, to implement these legal regional frameworks.</p> <p>The Project will first develop a methodological framework for a coastal and marine monitoring programme, and second, utilize, through MSP, the results of the SAP-MED and SAP-BIO implementation achieved to date. While the Project will implement ecosystem-based management activities, including the MSP, in two GEF-eligible countries of the Adriatic sub-region (Montenegro and Albania), it will also provide information and support to include other countries of the region, in particular through dissemination of knowledge and experience in developing marine spatial plans.</p> <p>The GEF Adriatic Project also aims to accelerate the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (hereinafter ICZM) Protocol and the mainstreaming of monitoring obligations of other Protocols of the Barcelona Convention into the ecosystem-based UN Environment/MAP Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (hereinafter IMA). Moreover, considering that Albania and Montenegro are drawing closer to achieving membership in the EU (albeit at varying speeds), consideration will also be given to the European Union (hereinafter EU) Directives relevant for this area, in particular the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), the Maritime Spatial Planning Framework Directive (MSPFD), as well as, where relevant, the Water Framework Directive (WFD). This legal framework can be a basis for a successful sub-regional Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) initiatives.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the Project and associated outcomes are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the level of knowledge in participating countries to achieve joint assessment, protection and sustainable use of marine areas (Outcome 1: Science-based consensus among sub-regional countries on Good Environmental Status of the Adriatic Sea; and Outcome 2: Programme on integrated observation and monitoring is agreed among Adriatic countries, including a set of regionally agreed common indicators). 2. To strengthen participating countries' capacity for sub-regional marine management through targeted demonstration of successful tools and practices (Outcome 3: Marine Spatial Planning demonstrates how environmental status of all Adriatic countries could be improved)
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³ If there was a "Completion Revision" please use the date of the revision.

⁴ Information to be provided by Executing Agency/Project Manager

⁵ As in project document

	3. To share knowledge and experiences to secure successful participation of stakeholders (Outcome 4: Increased national and regional awareness of the usefulness of the ecosystem approach and marine spatial planning).
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<p>Project status FY-2018 (30 June 2018)⁶</p>	<p>The GEF project “Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the Adriatic Sea through Marine Spatial Planning” (hereinafter the GEF Adriatic Project) was developed in 2016 and endorsed by the Global Environment Facility – Chief Executive Office and Chairperson (hereinafter GEF CEO) on 14 October of the same year.</p> <p>The Inception Phase started in May 2017 with the establishment of the legal framework and agreements, the mobilization of the GEF grants and the engagement of the executing partners and experts to assist in the Inception Phase by supporting the preparation of the Inception Report and first Project Steering Committee.</p> <p>The second semester of 2017 was dedicated to the establishment of working partnerships with the relevant authorities in Albania and Montenegro, and to the definition of a mapping structure of the relevant stakeholders in the two countries. This phase also aimed to secure the nomination of the Focal Points of Albania and Montenegro who would represent the two countries in the PSC. Moreover, the Inception Phase served to establish the national coordination bodies as well as to select the National Coordinators nominated by the countries as leaders of the national implementation teams. In full respect and coherence with the political priorities, calendars and agendas of Albania and Montenegro, this phase was concluded in March 2018 with the nomination of one national coordinator in each country.</p> <p>In terms of preparatory meetings and work, after completing the first formal steps of the Inception Phase, UN Environment/MAP, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC organized a technical meeting in Split on 29-30 May 2017, to trigger initial discussions on methodological aspects of the project’s execution. Among them, special focus was given to the linkages between the two components of the project, i.e. the Ecosystem Approach and MSP, more specifically on how the inputs of the first component (Ecosystem Approach) will be integrated into the second one (MSP).</p> <p>A second meeting to support the Inception Phase was organized on the 2017 Coast Day in Tivat, Montenegro on 27 September 2017. A technical consultation was held with the delegations of Albania and Montenegro aiming to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update the countries on the GEF Adriatic Project’s structure and outcomes; - Provide a first overview of the Project’s activities; - Discuss the alignment of the national monitoring programs of Albania and Montenegro with respect to the UN environment/MAP IMAP requirements; and - Present a preliminary draft of the Inception Report and setting the stage for various future activities, especially to support the organization of the Inception and Project Steering Committee Meetings. <p>The meeting was attended by 15 participants, including representatives of the Coordinating Unit for UN Environment/MAP, the UN Environment/MAP Mediterranean Pollution Assessment and Control Programme (MED POL), PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC, Montenegrin institutions (Ministry of Sustainable</p>
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⁶ Please add additional lines to keep prior year implementation status (if any)

	<p>Development and Tourism, Environmental Agency, Public Enterprise for Coastal Zone Management “Morsko Dobro”), the Albanian National Environmental Agency; and the several experts/consultants of PAP/RAC. The participating countries were asked to contribute to the preparation of the Inception Report, with attention to the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - information on the availability of marine data and monitoring programmes in the countries; - list and mandates of the national institutions responsible for project components; - list of other projects, relevant and complementary with the GEF Adriatic project. <p>Several consultations with national authorities and stakeholders of Albania and Montenegro were organized during the Inception Phase. These virtual or physical meetings enabled the project partners to reach agreements on the definition of the activities that will be executed through the GEF Adriatic Project to achieve the goals defined and endorsed during the PPP.</p> <p>In terms of progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The national governance teams are set, including National Coordinators and National Focal Points, based on official nominations from the GEF Operational Focal Points and the Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism in Montenegro; - Regular, highly cooperative and productive communication with national project coordinators and project partners has been established; - Inception report has been finalized, including a slight modification of several project documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The project Logical framework; ✓ The project Implementation Arrangement ✓ The project Procurement Plan ✓ The project Budget - The report has been disseminated to all the Inception and Steering Committee meeting participants; - Inception meeting was organized (back to back with the first Steering Committee meeting) in Tirana (Albania) on May 29, 2018. The meeting was attended by 53 participants from the eligible countries (22 from Albania and 31 from Montenegro), five international experts and representatives from UNEP, UNEP/MAP, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC; - Meeting report was prepared and submitted to PCU for comments; - Steering Committee meeting was organized on 30 May 2018; it was attended by five representatives from the eligible countries (three from Albania and two Montenegro), representatives from the Secretariat to the Barcelona Convention and components of the Mediterranean Action Plan (SPA/RAC, PAP/RAC and MEDPOL) and a representative from UN Environment; - Steering Committee meeting report was prepared and submitted to PCU for comments; - Together with SPA/RAC, Albanian and Montenegrin national coordinators, TORs for international and national experts for monitoring programme were drafted. These are the subject to verification and comments from UNEP/MAP; - Preparation for the TORs for the field survey is under progress; Series of consultation meetings with SPA/RAC, Montenegrin representatives and international marine survey experts took place. Having in mind the National regulations for SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC, procurement procedure will be lengthy process.
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<p>Project status FY (31 March 2019)⁷</p>	<p>New contracts with confirmed national coordinators in Albania and Montenegro were established.</p> <p>Albania and Montenegro set up their National team of experts for each “cluster” of ecological objectives (biodiversity, NIS, fisheries; coast and hydrography; eutrophication and contaminants; marine litter) in coordination with UN Environment/MAP, SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC.</p> <p>In parallel, SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC contracted international marine sectoral experts related to the different Ecological objectives to assist the national teams of experts to prepare the national knowledge GAP assessment and draft the national monitoring programmes aligned with IMAP. In addition, PAP/RAC contracted an international lead marine monitoring expert to ensure integration of the thematic monitoring programmes into national IMAPs. Contracted experts were also engaged in providing training to the national experts for each ecological cluster.</p> <p>In coordination with the National GEF Adriatic Project Coordinators, three EcAp training workshops were organized for national teams of experts: EO5 Eutrophication and EO9 Contamination (02-03 October 2018, organized by PAP/RAC), EO10 Marine litter (22 November 2018, organized by PAP/RAC), EO1 Biodiversity, EO2 NIS and EO7 Hydrography (26-27 November 2018, organized by SPA/RAC and PAP/RAC). In total, 56 national experts were trained. Two additional hands-on training courses were organized for Montenegrin (28 November) and Albanian (17-18 December) experts on eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter. A meeting in Albania was organized in coordination with MED POL.</p> <p>Common outlines for gap assessments for all EOs were prepared, shared and communicated with national experts. Continuous support towards preparing national gap assessment was provided.</p> <p>Based on those outlines, the national knowledge gaps related to the different Ecological objectives have been prepared by the national Albanian and Montenegrin experts.</p> <p>GFCM provided support related to the fisheries component. An additional gap assessment outline related to EO3 “fisheries” was prepared and shared with the national experts. The gap assessment is ongoing and will provide complementary data to the IMAP knowledge GAP assessment process. SPA/RAC, in close coordination with GFCM, is providing support on this issue.</p> <p>Common outline for IMAP, with thematic monitoring programmes was prepared by the lead international monitoring expert, shared and further elaborated by the international sectoral experts. Outline was shared and communicated with national experts. The national experts are drafting a monitoring programme closely assisted by the international experts.</p> <p>Tender documentation for undertaking marine survey in Montenegro was prepared. Tender will be opened by beginning of April</p> <p>Tender document for undertaking marine field survey in Albania is under preparation. The procedure for the call of the tender will be initiated by the end of April. The field survey in Albania will also benefit from budget support by the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS) and MED POL to implement additional activities related to the IMAP and MSP</p> <p>The Project supported the organization of regional Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on Pollution Monitoring (CORMON;</p>
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⁷ Progress made during current reporting period (one paragraph stating key changes since previous reporting period)

	<p>Podgorica, 2-3 April 2019), led by MED POL. Participants from Albania and Montenegro are participating in this meeting which is an opportunity to work towards joint/agreed monitoring programmes among the Adriatic and the Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>TORs for initiating MSP activities were prepared. Discussion and consultations on the future activities with national authorities in Montenegro is on-going.</p> <p>Training to raise sub-regional capacities for MSP is being organized (to take place in April), in coordination with other UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC initiatives.</p> <p>Activities towards a join approach for MSP in the Adriatic sub-region are initiated, in coordination with other UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC initiatives.</p> <p>TORs for the stakeholder involvement plan was prepared and contractor selected.</p> <p>During the Coast Day celebration in Split (22-26.09.2018) the project was presented and promoted as part of the different awareness raising activities organized.</p> <p>The project was promoted in the region (Mediterranean) and internationally: during regional Coast Day event in Split (September 2018), LME 20 meeting in Marrakech (November 2018), PANACeA workshop (Brussels, December 2018), as part of an exchange meeting with the representatives of Benguela Current Commission (February 2019) and the GFCM WGMPA (February 2019).</p> <p>Project logo was designed.</p>
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Planned contribution to strategic priorities/targets⁸	
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2. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

State the global environmental objective(s) of the project⁹

To restore the ecological balance of the Adriatic Sea through implementation of the Ecosystem Approach and improve sub-regional management capacity through Marine Spatial Planning

*Please provide a narrative of progress made towards meeting the project objective(s). **Describe any significant environmental or other changes (results) attributable to project implementation.** Also, please discuss any major challenges to meet the **objectives** or specific project **outcomes** (not more than 300 words)*

During the first year of the project the following achievements were accomplished:
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⁸ For Full Size Projects this information is found in the front page of the project Executive Summary; for Medium-Sized Projects the information appears in the MSP brief cover page.

⁹ Or immediate project objective

- Policy support for the implementation of the project activities was reconfirmed. In particular, the willingness and readiness for the preparation of the key documents necessary for achieving protection and sustainable use of marine areas was expressed.
 - Mobilization of key stakeholders for joint implementation of project activities was initiated.
 - The need to increase the level and share the knowledge among stakeholders in participating countries was expressed.
- The inception phase of the project was taking longer than expected. The main reason for the delay was the administrative difficulties in establishing the national coordination bodies. This resulted in organization of the Inception meeting only by the end of May 2018. This resulted in delayed implementation of all the project activities.

Please provide a narrative of progress towards the stated GEF Strategic Priorities and Targets if identified in project document ¹⁰(not more than 200 words)

¹⁰ Projects that did not include these in original design are encouraged to the extent possible to retrofit specific targets.

3. RATING PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Based on inputs by the Project Manager, the **UNEP Task Manager**¹¹ will make an overall assessment and provide ratings of:

- (i) Progress towards achieving the project objective(s)- see section 3.1
- (ii) Implementation progress – see section 3.2

Section 3.3 on Risk should be first completed by the Project Manager. The UNEP Task Manager will subsequently enter his/her own ratings in the appropriate column.

3.1 Progress towards achieving the project objective (s)

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicator ¹²	Baseline level ¹³	Mid-term target ¹⁴	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2018	Level at 31 March 2019	Progress rating ¹⁵
Objective ¹⁶ To contribute to the restoration of the ecological balance of the Adriatic Sea through implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp as applied by UNEP/MAP) and improve sub-regional management capacity through	1. Countries agree on targets to reach GES in the Adriatic Sea sub-region and on the monitoring programme as part of UNEP/MAP Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme's (IMAP).	There is no consistent monitoring system based on common indicators.		IMAP monitoring programme agreed among 2 participating countries; results used to produce basis for decision-making tools and their implementation in Marine Spatial Planning in selected area.	The establishment of a joint approach towards preparing the IMAP in Albania and Montenegro took longer than expected due to issues at national level. Nevertheless, the joint approach towards preparing the IMAP is agreed and initiated as one of the main outcomes of the inception meeting and 1 st Project Steering Committee held in May 2018 in Tirana, Albania.	Outline for the common IMAP for two countries prepared and national experts trained and supported for the preparation of national IMAPs. Based on the outline, thematic monitoring programmes are being prepared. Project supported organization of the regional meeting relevant for the IMAP (Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Pollution Monitoring - CORMON, Podgorica, 2-3 April 2019) with the participation of national experts from Albania and Montenegro.	S

¹¹ For joint projects and where applicable ratings should also be discussed with the Task Manager of co-implementing agency.

¹² Add rows if your project has more than 3 key indicators per objective or outcome.

¹³ Depending on selected indicator, quantitative or qualitative baseline levels and targets could be used (see Glossary included as Annex 1).

¹⁴ Many projects did not identify Mid-term targets at the design stage therefore this column should only be filled if relevant.

¹⁵ Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Marginally Satisfactory (MS), Marginally Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU). See Annex 2 which contains GEF definitions.

¹⁶ Add rows if your project has more than 4 objective-level indicators. Same applies for the number of outcome-level indicators.

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicator ¹²	Baseline level ¹³	Mid-term target ¹⁴	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2018	Level at 31 March 2019	Progress rating ¹⁵
Marine Spatial Planning.	2. Contribution to the consistent (sub-regional) monitoring programme on common indicators submitted for endorsement by countries.	Countries are not managing their marine areas sustainably.			The execution of this component will be initiated in the following reporting periods	The execution of this component will be initiated in the following reporting periods, following the finalization of national IMAPs	N/A
	3. Capacities for Marine Spatial Planning raised.	Capacities for Marine Spatial Planning are not adequate. No Marine Spatial Plans are drafted and/or adopted.		Marine Spatial Planning introduced as a tool in the implementation of spatial planning process in sub-regional countries. Marine Spatial Plan for selected marine area drafted	MSP component will be initiated in the following reporting period	<p>In coordination with the other UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC initiatives, MSP training for the Mediterranean countries is being organized for 9/10 April. In addition to the other Mediterranean representatives, 2 experts from Albania, 1 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 4 from Montenegro will participate. These are the important stakeholders and representatives of relevant national institutions that are/will be involved in the project. This activity is an important supporting activity for the project, in line with outcome 3, and can be considered as co-financing.</p> <p>In coordination with the other UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC initiatives, initial draft of the document towards common approach for MSP in the Adriatic sub-region has been prepared. It will be presented on the first sub-regional (Adriatic) meeting on common approach towards MSP, taking place in Zagreb on 10 April. Representatives of all Adriatic and Ionian countries will participate. This activity is an important activity for the project, in line with outcome 3, and can be considered as co-financing.</p> <p>National activities for MSP will start full implementation in the following reporting periods.</p>	S

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicator ¹²	Baseline level ¹³	Mid-term target ¹⁴	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2018	Level at 31 March 2019	Progress rating ¹⁵
Outcome 1: <i>Science-based consensus among sub-regional countries on good environmental status of the Adriatic Sea).</i>	No of countries endorsing identified targets and priorities for action in the Adriatic	Targets for reaching good environmental status of the Adriatic Sea not agreed B=0		Proposed targets for good environmental status and priorities for selected ecological objectives.	The activities will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activities will be implemented in the following reporting periods, following the finalization of IMAPs	N/A
				Sub-regional workshop for good environmental status of the Adriatic Sea T=1	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activities will be implemented in the following reporting periods, following the finalization of IMAPs	

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicator ¹²	Baseline level ¹³	Mid-term target ¹⁴	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2018	Level at 31 March 2019	Progress rating ¹⁵
<p>Outcome 2: <i>Programme on integrated observation and monitoring is agreed among Adriatic countries, including a set of regionally agreed common indicators.</i></p>	<p>At least 1 country endorses monitoring and assessment programme.</p>	<p>There is no harmonized marine monitoring among Adriatic countries.</p>		<p>Improvement of the existing baseline data; new data collected in 2 participating countries.</p>	<p>The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period</p>	<p>Project started implementing the activities towards harmonized marine monitoring among Adriatic countries, through the support of the regional Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on Pollution Monitoring, organized by MED POL. In addition to Albanian and Montenegrin representatives, members of other Adriatic countries participated. It represents an opportunity to work towards joint/agreed mon. programmes among the Adriatic and the Mediterranean countries. Detailed documentations for the marine surveys in Montenegro and Albania are prepared. Extensive consultations with national representatives regarding survey needs were taking place.</p> <p>Full implementation of the activity will take place in the following reporting period and based on the inconsistencies identified within the knowledge gap assessment.</p>	<p>S</p>
				<p>Monitoring and assessment programme provides countries of the sub-region, in particular Albania and Montenegro, a solid basis for more integrated decision-making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TORs for international and national experts to be involved drafted - First proposals of sites for field survey sent by the countries and TORs for scientific team undertaking the field survey is under preparation (to be finalized upon setting up the full team of national experts and undertaking the workshops Full implementation of the activity will be undertaken in the next reporting period 	<p>Monitoring programmes in both countries are being prepared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International team of experts established. Contracts with 9 international experts made (4 PAP/RAC and 5 SPA/RAC). Support from MED POL staff involved to support implementation of activities for EO 5,9 and 10. - National team of sectoral experts (in addition to national coordinators) established. Contracts with 10 national experts in Albania as well as 3 national experts and 2 national Institutions in MNE made. - 14 national (7 Alb. and 7 Montenegro) gap assessments prepared. - 14 (7 Albania. and 7 Montenegro) thematic monitoring programmes being prepared. 	<p>S</p>

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				Training workshop organized T=1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TORs for international experts conducting the training prepared - Trainings will be organized in Q4 2018 	<p>International experts to conduct the training and assist the national experts hired.</p> <p>Three trainings organized in Podgorica:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EO 5 and 9, on 2-3 October 2018; 3 Albanian and 8 Montenegrin national experts were trained; - EO10, on 22 November 2018. 3 Albanian and 7 Montenegrin experts were trained; - EO1, 2 and 7, on 26-27 November (in collaboration with SPA/RAC); 7 Albanian and 28 Montenegrin experts were trained. <p>Additional 2 hand-on trainings organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28 November in Podgorica for Montenegrin experts responsible for EO5 and EO9 - 17 and 18 December in Tirana, for Albanian experts responsible for EO5, EO9 and EO10 (organized in collaboration with MEDPOL). <p>National experts were provided with extensive selection of training materials.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing between SPA/RAC, GFCM and national coordinators regarding GFCM possible support to the GEF Adriatic project regarding the fishery cluster. A common knowledge gap assessment outline related to EO3 had been elaborated and shared with the national team of experts.</p>	HS

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<p>Outcome 3: <i>Marine Spatial Planning demonstrates how environmental status of all Adriatic countries could be improved.</i></p>	<p>Adriatic countries agree on joint approach for utilization of MSP for achieving GES.</p>	<p>Countries have no Marine Spatial Plans prepared and/or adopted.</p>		<p>Key elements for a common approach in utilization of MSP for GES defined /articulated.</p>	<p>The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period</p>	<p>With the contribution of other sources and in coordination with the other UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC initiatives, the document towards common approach for MSP in the Adriatic sub-region has been drafted. It will be the basis for the sub-regional, as well as the national MSP activities within the project. The document will be presented on the first sub-regional (Adriatic) meeting on common approach towards MSP, taking place in Zagreb on 10 April. Representatives of all Adriatic and Ionian countries will participate. This activity is an important activity for the project, in line with outcome 3, and can be considered as co-financing.</p>	<p>S</p>
	<p>Capacity raised to prepare marine spatial plans.</p>	<p>Institutional and technical capacities for effective planning process integrating MSP and EcAp are insufficient.</p>		<p>Sub-regional workshop organized.</p>	<p>The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period</p>	<p>With the contribution of other PAP/RAC sources, MSP training for the Mediterranean countries is being organized on 9/10 April. In addition to the other Mediterranean representatives, 2 experts from Albania, 1 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 4 from Montenegro will participate. These are the important stakeholders and representatives of relevant national institutions that are/will be involved in the project. This activity is an important supporting activity for the project, in line with outcome 3, and can be considered as co-financing.</p>	<p>S</p>

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicator ¹²	Baseline level ¹³	Mid-term target ¹⁴	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2018	Level at 31 March 2019	Progress rating ¹⁵
				Integration and synergies with the existing UNEP/MAP process on GES	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	<p>The project is fully embraced and building upon existing UNEP/MAP processes on GES. In addition to the previously mentioned support to the organization of the MED POL meeting, the Project is contributing to the other UNEP/MAP GES-related projects (such as EcAp Med II) by implementing GES activities in Adriatic countries not being eligible as part of those projects.</p> <p>Letter of intent for cooperation between the Adriatic and Portodimare projects in the activities related to the testing tools in support of the development of ICZM-MSP analysis in Montenegro, by capitalizing on previous activities in the area, particularly on the results of EcAp/GES -based work on indicators related to cumulative impact assessments.</p>	HS
Outcome 4: <i>Increased national and regional awareness of the usefulness of ecosystem approach and marine spatial planning.</i>	Project's lessons-learned compiled and distributed nationally and regionally	Established system of exchange of information and lessons learned in the Adriatic sub-region does not exist		Experts actively exchange lessons learned and good experiences in MSP.	MSP activities will be implemented in the following reporting period	<p>It has been agreed with the EU MSP platform representatives to include information about the project on the MSP platform. Information note is being prepared.</p> <p>Project logo has been created.</p>	S

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicator ¹²	Baseline level ¹³	Mid-term target ¹⁴	End-of-project target	Level at 30 June 2018	Level at 31 March 2019	Progress rating ¹⁵
	<p>Knowledge shared within and between region and updated on UNEP/MAP knowledge platform</p>			<p>UNEP/MAP promotes MSP as a tool in the Mediterranean region.</p>	<p>PAP/RAC promotes the project, as the important MSP project for the Adriatic, in the international fora</p>	<p>During the Coast Day celebration in Split (22-26.09.2018) the project was presented and promoted as part of the different awareness raising activities organized.</p> <p>The project was promoted on the international arena: during LME 20 meeting in Marrakech (3-4 November 2018) and as part of an exchange meeting with the representatives of Benguela Current Commission (18-22 February 2018).</p> <p>SPA/RAC participated in the workshop organized by PlanBleu/RAC in Brussels the 4th December 2018 within the framework of the PANACeA project. During the event, a special session was dedicated to the IMAP implementation approach. The ongoing sub-regional initiative in the Adriatic Sea within the GEF Adriatic project i.e. in Albania and Montenegro was highlighted.</p> <p>The project activities were also highlighted by SPA/RAC during the GFCM Working Group on Marine Protected Areas (WGMPA) held at FAO HQ in Rome (18-21 February 2019). Possible synergies between the GEF Adriatic project and other ongoing projects related to fisheries in the Adriatic were proposed. A Montenegrin NGO requested to be able to translate to Montenegrin the SPA/RAC document "Fishery activities assessment in Montenegro" to disseminate it to local fishermen within an ongoing project "Empowering legal fisheries in future Montenegrin MPAs". SPA/RAC agreed on this request after consultation with Montenegrin SPA/RAC focal point and the GEF Adriatic project National coordinator.</p>	<p>S</p>

Overall rating of project progress towards meeting project objective(s) (*To be provided by UNEP GEF Task Manager. Please add columns to reflect all prior year ratings*)

FY2017 rating	FY2018 rating	Comments/narrative justifying the current FY rating and explaining reasons for change (positive or negative) since previous reporting periods
S		The Project managed to overcome several issues at national level which delayed the inception phase. This phase was concluded with a successful meeting with Albania and Montenegro which endorsed the Programme of Work and confirmed their engagement in the effective execution of the activities at national Level. In this sense, all the activities that were planned to begin upon the conclusion of the inception phase, are progressing well and according to the schedule. It is important to note that most of the Project's activities will take place in the 3 rd and 4 th quarter of 2018, therefore their progress will be visible in the following PIR cycle.

Action plan to address MS, MU, U and HU rating (*To be completed by UNEP GEF Task Manager in consultation with Project Manager*)

Action(s) to be taken	By whom?	By when?

This section should be completed if project progress towards meeting **objectives** was rated MS, MU, U or HU during the previous Project Implementation Review (PIR) or by the Mid-term Review/Evaluation (*To be completed by Project Manager*).

Problem(s) identified in previous PIR	Action(s) taken	By whom	When
EcAp workshops were postponed as the teams of national experts were nominated by the end of the previous reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National and international experts hired - EcAp Workshops were implemented, and trainings provided by the international experts - Drafting the monitoring programme process started 	PCU, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC	Q3 and Q4 2018
The establishment of a joint approach towards preparing the IMAP in Albania and Montenegro took longer than expected due to issues at national level	Joint approach towards preparing the national IMAPs, in line with the regional IMAP activities, fully established. Joint outline prepared and agreed; national teams working on the same approach established and progressing.	PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC	Q4 2018
IMAP workshops were postponed as the teams of national experts were nominated by the end of the previous reporting period	<p>A team of international and national experts was set-up. Three trainings organized, together with second round of in-dept training for EO5, 9 and 10.</p> <p>The fishery cluster is benefiting from in-house support from GFCM with SPA/RAC coordination complementing the processes started within the trainings for the knowledge gap assessment and monitoring programmes</p>	PCU, PAP/RAC and SPA/RAC	Q4 2018

3.2 Project implementation progress

Outputs ¹⁷	Expected completion date ¹⁸	Implementation status as of 30 June 2018 (%)	Implementation status as of 31 March 2019 (%)	Comments if variance ¹⁹ . Describe any problems in delivering outputs	Progress rating ²⁰
Output 1.1: Updated assessment of the characteristics of good environmental status (GES) in the Adriatic Sea.					
Activity 1.1.1: Organize GES trainings	30/09/2020	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting periods, following completion of national IMAPs		N/A
Output 1.2: Proposal of measures to achieve good environmental status.					
Activity 1.1.2: Prepare national GES reports with measures to achieve GES	30/09/2020	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period, following completion of national IMAPs		N/A
Output 2.1: Methodological framework for the establishment of national marine and coastal monitoring programme towards GES.					
Activity 2.1.1. Setting up a national team of experts and organization of training workshops on monitoring based on IMAP indicators' factsheets.	31/08/2018	30%	100%		HS
Activity 2.1.2. Prepare initial monitoring programmes for Albania and Montenegro.	30/05/2019	0%	60%	Thematic monitoring programmes are initially drafted. They need to be finalized and integrated.	S
Output 2.2: Updated data base on marine and coastal biologically important marine areas in two countries					
Activity 2.2.1. Field survey.	31/01/2019	20%	60%	ToRs had been prepared but there was a need to check consistencies with	S

¹⁷ Outputs and activities as described in the project logframe or in any updated project revision.

¹⁸ As per latest workplan (latest project revision)

¹⁹ Variance refers to the difference between the expected and actual progress at the time of reporting.

²⁰ To be provided by the UNEP Task Manager

Outputs ¹⁷	Expected completion date ¹⁸	Implementation status as of 30 June 2018 (%)	Implementation status as of 31 March 2019 (%)	Comments if variance ¹⁹ . Describe any problems in delivering outputs	Progress rating ²⁰
				the national knowledge gap assessments which were achieved by the national experts in March 2019. Tendering procedure for selection of contractor to undertake the task initiated.	
Activity 2.2.2. Update of the Database.	31/08/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting periods, following completion of the field survey	N/A
Output 3.1: Marine Spatial Plan in selected sub-regional area.					
Activity 3.1.1. Mobilize national MSP team and preparation of the Scoping Report.	31/01/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		The activity will start with the full implementation in the next reporting periods. Mobilization of national team initiated. TORs are prepared, and preparation of the scoping report will follow.	N/A
Activity 3.1.2. Define and analyze the existing conditions.	30/04/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		Full implementation of the activity will take place in the following reporting period, following preparation of the scoping report. Cooperation with Portodimare project	N/A

Outputs ¹⁷	Expected completion date ¹⁸	Implementation status as of 30 June 2018 (%)	Implementation status as of 31 March 2019 (%)	Comments if variance ¹⁹ . Describe any problems in delivering outputs	Progress rating ²⁰
				established in order to upgrade and test tools that could be used for cumulative impacts, relevant for analyzing the existing marine conditions, as part of the MSP process.	
Activity 3.1.3. Prepare the draft Marine Spatial Plan.	30/09/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period			N/A
Output 3.2: Guidance for the implementation of MSP at sub-national level.					
Activity 3.2.1. Prepare of the MSP guidelines.	30/09/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		The activity is envisaged for the following reporting period. However, in synergy with other UNEP MAP initiatives and funds allocated, preparation of the guidance for the harmonized implementation of MSP in the Adriatic sub-region was initiated. Guidelines prepared within the Adriatic project will be based on and in line with the sub-regional guidance.	N/A
Activity 3.2.2. Organize workshops and training on MSP	30/06/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		The full implementation of the activity will be done in the following reporting periods. However, in synergy with other PAP/RAC projects, regional training on MSP has been	N/A

Outputs ¹⁷	Expected completion date ¹⁸	Implementation status as of 30 June 2018 (%)	Implementation status as of 31 March 2019 (%)	Comments if variance ¹⁹ . Describe any problems in delivering outputs	Progress rating ²⁰
				organized; participation of Adriatic participants was enabled	
Output 4.1: Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy.					
Activity 4.1.1. Prepare the Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy.	30/09/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period, following the preparation of stakeholder involvement plan	N/A
Activity 4.1.2. Develop and maintain the web site.	30/09/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period			N/A
Output 4.2: Stakeholder involvement and Public Participation Strategy and Stakeholders' training programmes					
4.2.1. Preparation of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan.	30/07/2018	10%	30%	The activity is initiated – TORs prepared, and expert selected.	MU
4.2.2. Awareness events.	30/09/2019	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		The full implementation of the activity will be done in the following reporting periods. However, the project has been promoted during other initiatives as well, such as 2018 Coast Day celebration. Also, discussions with Albanian experts are taking place to organize one people-science campaign related to one of the ecological	

Outputs ¹⁷	Expected completion date ¹⁸	Implementation status as of 30 June 2018 (%)	Implementation status as of 31 March 2019 (%)	Comments if variance ¹⁹ . Describe any problems in delivering outputs	Progress rating ²⁰
				objectives (invasive species).	
4.2.3. Final conference	30/09/2020	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period	The activity will be implemented in the following reporting period		

Overall project implementation progress²¹ (*To be completed by UNEP GEF Task Manager. Please add columns to reflect prior years' ratings*):

FY2017 rating	FY2018 rating	Comments/narrative justifying the rating for this FY and any changes (positive or negative) in the rating since the previous reporting period
MS-MU		The delay accumulated in the inception phase resulted in postponing the activities foreseen in Q1 and Q2 of 2018 to the second half of the year. For this reason, the project implementation progress is not fully satisfactory in this phase. However, thanks to the clear and well structure programme of work agreed by Albania and Montenegro during the inception and 1 st Steering Committee Meetings in May 2018, it is expected that the implantation of the progress activities will progress smoothly over the following PIR cycle.

Action plan to address MS, MU, U and HU rating. (*To be completed by UNEP Task Manager in consultation with Project Manager²²*)

Action(s) to be taken	By whom?	By when?
Activity 2.1.1: Contracting all the national experts and international experts (marine litter; contaminants; eutrophication; hydrography; biodiversity; international lead marine monitoring expert); organizing the trainings	PAP/RAC (marine litter; contaminants; eutrophication; hydrography; biodiversity – national experts; international lead marine monitoring expert) SPA/RAC (biodiversity – international experts) PCU (overall coordination)	By Q4 2018
Activity 2.1.2: Initiating procurement procedure for survey in Montenegro and Albania; contracting the company(es) for undertaking the survey; completing the survey	PAP/RAC (Montenegro) SPA/RAC (Albania)	Completion of all the activities expected by Q2 2019
Activity 4.2.1: Contracting the expert(s); preparing the Plan	PAP/RAC PCU (overall coordination)	Completion of all the activities expected by Q1 2019

²¹ Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: Highly Satisfactory (HS), Satisfactory (S), Marginally Satisfactory (MS), Marginally Unsatisfactory (MU), Unsatisfactory (U), and Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)

²² UNEP Fund Management Officer should also be consulted as appropriate.

This section should be completed if project **progress** was rated MS, MU, U or HU during the previous Project Implementation Review (PIR) or by the Mid-term Review/Evaluation (*To be completed by Project Manager*).

Problem(s) identified in previous PIR	Action(s) taken	By whom	When
2.1.1 - Postponed setting of national teams and organizing training workshops for monitoring	All national and international experts for monitoring contracted. Five trainings organized.	CU, PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC	September - December
2.1.2 - Marine survey activities needed to be postponed, as inputs from gap assessments were necessary for launching the activity	Detailed documentation for initiating field survey prepared. Procurement procedure initiated. Inputs from gap assessments ensured. The survey itself will be undertaken either by the end of Q3 2019, depending on weather conditions, and if no administrative obstacles occur.	PAP/RAC (Montenegro) SPA/RAC (Albania)	On-going
4.2.1 Preparation of the Stakeholder Involvement Plan	Prepared the TORs and selected the experts. The Plan has not yet been finalized by the experts.		On-going

3.3. Risk

There are two tables to assess and address risk: the first “risk factor table” to describe and rate risk factors; the second “top risk mitigation plan” should indicate what measures/action will be taken with respect to risks rated **Substantial** or **High** and who is responsible for it.

RISK FACTOR TABLE										
<p><i>Project Managers</i> will use this table to summarize risks identified in the Project Document and reflect also any new risks identified in the course of project implementation. The <i>Notes</i> column should be used to provide additional details concerning manifestation of the risk in your specific project, as relevant. The “Notes” column has one section for the Project Manager (PM) and one for the UNEP Task Manager (TM). If the generic risk factors and indicators in the table are not relevant to the project rows should be added. The UNEP Task Manager should provide ratings in the right-hand column reflecting his/her own assessment of project risks.</p>										

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating							
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		
INTERNAL RISK																		
Project management																		
Management structure	Stable with roles and responsibilities clearly defined and understood	Individuals understand their own role but are unsure of responsibilities of others	Unclear responsibilities or overlapping functions which lead to management problems	X						PM : The PMU is in place, the team of the executing partners as well as the National Coordinators in Albania and Montenegro are engaged and fully operative. TM:								
Governance structure	Steering Committee and/or other project bodies meet periodically and provide effective direction/inputs	Body(ies) meets periodically but guidance/input provided to project is inadequate. TORs unclear	Members lack commitment Committee/body does not fulfil its TORs	X						PM : The 1 st Project Steering Committee held in May 2018 in Tirana, Albania was successful. Countries showed ownership and full engagement for the execution of the project over 2018 and 2019. TM:								
Internal communications	Fluid and cordial	Communication process deficient although relationships	Lack of adequate communication between team members leading	X						PM:								

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating					
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined
INTERNAL RISK																
Project management																
		between team members are good	to deterioration of relationships and resentment							TM:						
Work flow	Project progressing according to work plan	Some changes in project work plan but without major effect on overall timetable	Major delays or changes in work plan or method of implementation	X						PM:						
										TM:						
Co-financing	Co-financing is secured, and payments are received on time	Is secured but payments are slow and bureaucratic	A substantial part of pledged co-financing may not materialize						X	PM:						
										TM:						
Budget	Activities are progressing within planned budget	Minor budget reallocation needed	Reallocation between budget lines exceeding 30% of original budget		X					PM: The budget relocation proposed to the 1 st Project Steering Committee were dealing with the relocation of funds to secure the engagement primarily of national and international experts rather than companies to provide support to Albania and Montenegro in executing the activities.						
										TM:						
Financial management	Funds are correctly managed	Financial reporting slow or deficient	Serious financial reporting problems or indication of	X						PM:						

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating					
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined
INTERNAL RISK																
Project management																
	and transparently accounted for		mismanagement of funds							TM:						
Reporting	Substantive reports are presented in a timely manner and are complete and accurate with a good analysis of project progress and implementation issues	Reports are complete and accurate but often delayed or lack critical analysis of progress and implementation issues	Serious concerns about quality and timeliness of project reporting	X						PM:						
										TM:						
Stakeholder involvement	Stakeholder analysis done and positive feedback from critical stakeholders and partners	Consultation and participation process seem strong but misses some groups or relevant partners	Symptoms of conflict with critical stakeholders or evidence of apathy and lack of interest from partners or other stakeholders	X						PM: The level of participation of stakeholder from Albania and Montenegro to the Inception Meeting held in May 2018 in Tirana, Albania, confirmed the full engagement of relevant Stakeholders and their proactiveness in support the Project execution in both countries.						
										TM:						
External communications	Evidence that stakeholders, practitioners and/or the general public understand	Communication efforts are taking place but there is evidence that the message is not yet	Project existence is not known beyond implementation partners or						X	PM:						

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating					
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined
INTERNAL RISK																
Project management																
	the project and are regularly updated on progress	successfully transmitted	misunderstandings concerning objectives and activities evident							TM:						
Short term/long term balance	Project is addressing short term needs and achieving results with a long-term perspective, particularly sustainability and replicability	Project is interested in the short term with little understanding of or interest in the long term	Longer term issues are deliberately ignored or neglected	X						PM:						
										TM:						
Science and technological issues	Project based on sound science and well-established technologies	Project testing approaches, methods or technologies but based on sound analysis of options and risks	Many scientific and /or technological uncertainties	X						PM:						
										TM:						
Political influences	Project decisions and choices are not particularly politically driven	Signs that some project decisions are politically motivated	Project is subject to a variety of political influences that may jeopardize project objectives	X						PM:						
										TM:						
Other, please specify. Add				X						PM:						

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating					
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined
INTERNAL RISK																
Project management																
rows as necessary										TM:						

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating					
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined
EXTERNAL RISK																
Project context																
Political stability	Political context is stable and safe	Political context is unstable but predictable and not a threat to project implementation	Very disruptive and volatile		X					PM: Albania and Montenegro recently had national elections which resulted in a major reorganization of the internal structure of the Ministries relevant to the Project. These new structures, as well as the nominated National Coordinator should ensure stability and support to the project.						
										TM:						
Environmental conditions	Project area is not affected by severe weather events or major environmental stress factors	Project area is subject to more or less predictable disasters or changes	Project area has very harsh environmental conditions		X					PM: The Adriatic Sea is under several pressures which are fully highlighted in the GEF Adriatic Project Document These are not projected to increase drastically over the lifespan of the project.						
										TM:						
Social, cultural and economic factors	There are no evident social, cultural and/or economic issues that may affect project performance and results	Social or economic issues or changes pose challenges to project implementation, but mitigation strategies have been developed	Project is highly sensitive to economic fluctuations, to social issues or cultural barriers	X						PM:						
										TM:						

Risk Factor	Indicator of Low Risk	Indicator of Medium Risk	Indicator of High Risk	Project Manager Rating						Notes	Task Manager Rating						
				Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined		Low	Medium	Substantial	High	Not Applicable	To be determined	
EXTERNAL RISK																	
Project context																	
Capacity issues	Sound technical and managerial capacity of institutions and other project partners	Weaknesses exist but have been identified and actions is taken to build the necessary capacity	Capacity is very low at all levels and partners require constant support and technical assistance		X						PM: The implement of the Integrate Monitoring and Assessment Programme require specific technical trainings which will be provided to the national staff of Albania and Montenegro over Q3-Q4 2018 and Q1 2019. This should increase the technical and managerial capacity of the relevant stakeholders to support the execution of the Project's activities.						
Others, please specify											TM:						

*If there is a significant (over 50% of risk factors) discrepancy between Project Manager and Task Manager rating, an explanation by the **Task Manager** should be provided below*

TOP RISK MITIGATION PLAN

Rank – importance of risk
 Risk Statement – potential problem (condition and consequence)
 Action to take – action planned/taken to handle the risk
 Who – person(s) responsible for the action
 Date – date by which action needs to be or was completed

Rank	Risk Statement ²³		Action to Take	Who	Date
	Condition	Consequence			
Substantial	Difficult mobilization of national resources (experts)	Significant delay of execution of project activities. Impact on the quality of outputs	Official nominations of national experts and expert institutions by the responsible national authorities	Ministry of sustainable development and tourism (through project focal point and project coordinator in Montenegro) and Ministry of tourism and environment (through project focal point and project coordinator in Albania)	Throughout the project

Project overall risk rating (Low, Medium, Substantial or High) *(Please include PIR risk ratings for all prior periods, add columns as necessary):*

FY2017 rating	FY2018 rating	Comments/narrative justifying the current FY rating and any changes (positive or negative) in the rating since the previous reporting period
<p>If a risk mitigation plan had been presented for a previous period or as a result of the Mid-Term Review/Evaluation, please report on progress or results of its implementation</p>		

²³ Only for Substantial to High risk.

4. Stories & Contributions to UN Environment's GEF Communications Work

4.1 Are there any especially interesting and impactful project results that you would like to bring to the attention of our GEF Corporate Communications efforts? Please provide a very brief summary.