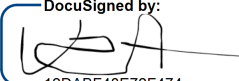**United Nations Development Programme**

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Subject: Note to File Project Evaluation Postponement - Strengthening the conservation of globally threatened species in Mozambique through improving biodiversity enforcement and expanding community conservancies around protected areas- IWT-GEF6

This note to the file is to provide justification for the postponement of the project mid-term review of the above-mentioned project, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Background

The project "Strengthening the conservation of globally threatened species in Mozambique" was approved for the period 2017-2024 and it was designed to strengthen conservation of globally threatened species in Mozambique through implementation of the Conservation Areas Act, improving biodiversity enforcement & expanding protected areas (PA) - community conservancies and rural development action.

Justification for postponement of the "Project Evaluation"

As per UNDP Evaluation Guidelines and GEF requirements, it is mandatory to carry out the Mid Term Review of the project. The evaluation is also an opportunity to assess the relevance of UNDP intervention and will inform decision making of whether any required adjustment is needed to ensure achievement of the planned objectives. The Mid-term review of the project was planned to be finalized in March 2022, as also documented in the Costed Evaluation Plan enclosed to the Country Programme Document (CPD 2022-2026).

Unfortunately, serious delays were experienced in the selection and following recruitment process of the two consultants. The process is now being finalised and the mid-term review is expected to be completed by 31st October 2022.

With this note to file we also confirm that clearance is received from the Country Office's GEF Regional Technical Advisor focal point, Mr Goetz Schroth.