

Management Response

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Capacity Building for SLM in Mauritius and Rodrigues Date: April 2013

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Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1. Reinforce SLM project strategy and results to date through advocating the institutional arrangement for a knowledge management approach across sector within the context of the NAP-IFS programme implementation framework. Essential next steps include instituting a multi-stakeholder monitoring and evaluation committee. Develop a short policy advocacy paper outlining the interlinkages and the role an SLM committee can have for creating synergy and supporting monitoring activities outlined in section 3.2. Distribute this paper through appropriate policy forums and to the public if appropriate.

Management Response: Agreed, a short policy paper will be developed in line with the recommendation

Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
1.1 Meetings with Ministers of implementing partners	December 2013	Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security, Government Stakeholders, UNDP Environment Unit		Initiated
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: (i) Learning from the project suggests that project-related activities in Rodrigues can be reinforced and scaled up. More regional planning work for SLM planning and capacity strengthening and synergies with work on national protected areas, demonstration of alternative livelihoods, i.e. eco-villages and specific work on overgrazing and invasive species control should be explored. (ii) Develop a strategy to continue the project activity and its focus on a multi-stakeholder institutional mechanism piloted under the project as a planning platform, (iii) Follow up the GM, IOC and GOM partnership for regional cooperation, possibly linked to a new project conceptualization process.				
Management Response: We agree with the comment and will implement in the next round of GEF project submissions. However past experience with IOC has shown that the cooperation mechanisms for pooled funding are difficult. Parallel activities so as to avoid duplication are however possible				
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2.1. Set up working groups for development of new GEF project	October 2013	Ministry of Agro Industry and Food		Ongoing

		Security and UNDP Environment Unit		
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: (i) The activities that touched on direct farmer, forest or fisher field schools through trainings were successful, especially in Rodrigues. The recommendation is to augment alternative SLM livelihood activities for resource users in the environmentally sensitive and highly vulnerable areas and find ways to expand the development of incentive schemes for deer ranchers and national and regional planning, including SLM. (ii) Undertake project concept design activity for GEF 5 or GEF 6 (iii) Hold a dialogue about integrating the training courses as a package for national and regional consumption. They might be integrated into the University of Mauritius formal programmes. The training work will need to be followed up and activities reinforced for integration into national learning programmes				
Management Response: We agree with the comment and will implement in the next round of GEF project submissions.				
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3.1 Set up working groups for development of new GEF project	April 2013	MOAF, MOU, NGOs and private sector actors Environment Unit	Comments	Status
				Ongoing
3.2 Advise the Ministry of Agro Industry on the need to further the trainings provided and incorporate activities in the new project submission	October 2013	UNDP Environment Unit		Initiated
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: Undertake SLM 2 project conceptualization work on SLM linked to planning. Follow up project work on SLM planning regarding institutional development. This needs immediate follow-up to deal with the institutional gaps exposed during project implementation. In consideration of the institutional arrangements demonstrated by the project and in relation to the key stakeholders and partners identified along the Ministerial lines and in the public domain within the private sector and NGO, all parties must continue to mobilize the SLM network around the MID action planning process				
Management Response: We agree with the comment and will implement in the next round of GEF project submissions. We however await finalization of MID Action plan due for May 2013.				
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4.1: Agree on specific activities in the GEF preparation working group	April 2013	UNDP MOAF MOE MOT MOHL MOLG, Water Utilities:	Comments	Status
				Ongoing
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 5: Finalize the NAP and endorse IFS as an NAP action plan. Update IFS as two years have passed				
Management Response: We agree with the recommendation and will advocate for the endorsement through the Ministry of Agro Industry to obtain Cabinet level endorsement				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
5.1 Support the Conservator of Forests to submit the IFS to cabinet	December 2013	MOAF	Comments	Status
				On-going

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 6: (i) Develop KM and focus on formalizing institutional monitoring mechanism piloted under the project as a multi-sectoral and stakeholder platform. Involve private sector and NGOs. (ii) Develop an SLM webpage and knowledge portal. All of these materials need an institutional home base and knowledge management strategy. (iii) Continue to develop protocol for harmonizing the data sharing and the work on synergies with National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) for implementation of data sharing, standards and a user groups protocol to minimize duplication.					
Management Response: We agree with the comment but can only advocate the formalization of the current monitoring mechanism as the project is now completed. However, this will be included in the next round of GEF project submissions.					
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Comments	Status	
6.1 Advocacy with the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security	Ongoing	Environment Unit/MoAF		ongoing	
6.2 Add the KM platform as an item in the next GEF project submission	October 2013	MoESD / Environment Unit		initiated	
6.3 Advocate the development of the protocol for harmonizing data sharing	Ongoing	UNDP Environment Unit		Ongoing	
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 7: UNDP should share terminal evaluation with government officials in appropriate forums to advocate for continuing the SLM project, taking into consideration the learning based on SLM project					
Management Response: Agreed. This is UNDP policy and shared as standard practice					
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Comments	Status	
7.1 TE document shared with stakeholders	March 2013	Environment unit		Completed	

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Signature 

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