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Sir,

**UPDATES FOR THE SABAH MULTIPLE-USE FOREST LANDSCAPE
PROJECT'S TERMINAL EVALUATION MANAGEMENT RESPONSE**

We refer to the above matter through Ms. Ka Han of UNDP based at the Department.

Enclosed herewith, please find attached the updates for the Terminal Evaluation's management response for GOM-UNDP-GEF Project on Biodiversity Conservation in Multiple-use Forest Landscapes in Sabah (Sabah MFL), as per your request.

Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Madam Rosila Anthony, Head of Sustainability Unit at tel. No. 089-242563 or e-mail Rosila.Anthony@sabah.gov.my.

Thank you.

'BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA'

Saya yang menjalankan amanah,

(FADZIL HJ. YAHYA)
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"SABAH MAJU JAYA"

**KAMI MENYASARKAN MENJADI YANG TERBAIK
WE AIM TO BE THE BEST**

UNDP/GEF Terminal Evaluation
Management Response and Tracking Template



Project Title: Biodiversity Conservation in Multiple-use Forest Landscapes in Sabah, Malaysia

Project PIMS #: UNDP PIMS ID: No. 80468 PIMS 4186

Evaluation Completion Date: 15th November 2019

Key Issues and Recommendations	Management Response*				Tracking**	
	Response	Key Actions	Due Date (month/year)	Responsible Unit(s)	Status***	Comments
1) Undertake measures to replicate better ecological connectivity, as demonstrated in the project area (collaborating with various partners, identify replication sites for re-establishing stronger ecological connectivity).	Yes, measures will be taken to replicate ecological connectivity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions and collaboration with relevant partners are to be pursued to identify promising areas to replicate ecological connectivity. 	Jul 2022	SFD	Initiated	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-wide forest management plan (FMP) is currently under preparation; and sites for ecological connectivity will be explicitly prescribed in the FMP and to be implemented under the 12th Malaysia Plan (RMK-12). 	July 2022	SFD	Initiated	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainforest Trust to identify remaining areas for protection to meet the Sabah's target of 30% Totally Protected Area. 	Dec 2025	SFD	Initiated	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and improve connectivity in Heart of Borneo. 	Dec 2025	SFD	Initiated	
2) Take steps to ensure that research data is given relevance through continuing application and dissemination (promote closer engagement between international experts/researchers and local counterparts, with appropriate training provided).	<p>Steps will be taken to ensure that research data is given relevance.</p> <p>Meanwhile, on-going activities in Sabah are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnegie Airborne Observatory (CAO) – continuous working with Malaysia Remote Sensing Agency (MRSA) on forest cover, forest aerial survey, remote sensing, carbon stock, etc. CAO base map has been used by researchers in pursuing specific researches in the state. National Forest Inventory (NFI) – on-going under RMK-11 and to be extended to RMK-12. iForSabah – a web Geographic Information System (GIS) application that comprises of Geospatial information of Sabah’s forest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance capacity of remote sensing/GIS unit – provide trainings. NFI – need to upgrade system to keep large data. Forest Research Centre of the Sabah Forestry Department will incorporate lessons learned from the research under MFL Project, including to simplify the research methodology to be practical and replicate in other areas such as in the Forest Management Unit (FMU) 25. Key actions are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure in research planning and design, local counterpart researchers and managers should work closely with experts such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion and meeting Letter of acceptance Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) (if applicable) 	Dec 2025 Dec 2025 Dec 2025	SFD	Initiated Initiated Initiated	

		<p>2. To conduct capacity building and ensure technological transfer for all involve in the research, the following actions are to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field training - Courses - Workshop <p>3. To ensure dissemination research findings to relevant stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seminar - Publication - Conferences - Multimedia <p>4. To ensure the relevant output of the research is applied in forest policy and management planning, stakeholder consultation to be carried out.</p>				
3) Uphold the ban on oil palm plantations in permanent forest reserves; confine plantations to previous agricultural or degraded lands (provide advocacy).	Action to ban on oil palm plantations in permanent forest reserves was done in accordance with State Government policy and Sabah Forest Policy 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new permit for oil palm within forest reserves are issued. • Jurisdictional Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (JCSPPO) initiative – to achieve no loss of high conservation value and high carbon stock forests, to enable zero- 	Dec 2020 Dec 2025	SFD JCSC	Completed Initiated	No new permit for oil palm within forest reserves, as accordance with State Governme

		<p>conflict and to strengthen smallholder sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Project – to promote responsible value chains for palm oil and smallholder support. 	Dec 2027	MPIC	Initiated	nt policy and Sabah Forest Policy 2018.
4) Strengthen the role of the private sector in biodiversity conservation, within multiple-use forest landscapes (Foster networking among the plantation community; Conduct relevant training and capacity building; promote Information sharing).	Steps are be taken to promote greater engagement with the private sector in biodiversity conservation efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More training will be given/conducted to private sector on awareness, capacity building, good practices and roles on biodiversity conservation. • Encourage the private sectors to get their respective Sustainable Forest Management Licence Agreement (SFMLA) Area certified. • Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Auditing and Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) by external auditors to be continued. • Compliance Reporting and issuance of Annual Compliance Certificate for 	<p>Dec 2020</p> <p>Dec 2021</p> <p>Dec 2020</p> <p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Initiated</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Initiated</p>	<p>A series of webinars on research findings, best practices and initiatives on biodiversity conservation were held by SFD in 2020.</p> <p>The SFM Auditing and voluntary TLAS audits for 2020</p>

		<p>contractors who performed to be continued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking and information sharing to promote mutual benefits are to be promoted and explored (e.g. JCSP0 and FOLUR). 	Dec 2025	SFD	Initiated	were completed.
5) Take action to promote the institutionalization of sustainable financing mechanisms for biodiversity conservation in Sabah State (formalize Conservation Finance Committee; integrate collection of ecosystem conservation fee; clarify management of the Ecosystem Conservation Fee Trust Fund; clarify definition of sustainable finance mechanisms, and explore a range of sustainable finance mechanisms; build capacity for sustainable financing).	Actions will be aggressively taken to ensure the continuity of progress made on sustainable financing mechanisms for biodiversity conservation in Sabah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Ecosystem Conservation Fee/Board enactment and table to State Cabinet for approval. • Formalize and strengthen the Interim Committee on Conservation Finance. • Explore ways to integrate the collection of the ecosystem conservation fee within the existing system for collection of departure tax. • To clarify further on the issue of Ecosystem Conservation Fee Trust Fund management. 	<p>Dec 2021</p> <p>Dec 2021</p> <p>Dec 2021</p> <p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p>	<p>Initiated</p> <p>Not Initiated</p> <p>Not Initiated</p> <p>Not Initiated</p>	

<p>6) Adopt measures to improve the efficiency of project design, implementation, and management functions (employ lessons learned from TERs; provide socialization period at project start-up; use project performance canvas; allocate sufficient time for consultant procurement; give adequate attention to communications strategies, knowledge management and capacity building).</p>	<p>Best practices are adopted in order to improve performance in project design, project management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct workshop to come up with specific requirement for review of relevant Terminal Evaluations that can be included in the Terms of References for specialists tasked to prepare GEF project documents, e.g. FOLUR Project. • Prepare a “Standard Operating Procedure” (SOP) guidance document for “socialization period” for FOLUR Project. • Prepare “Guideline” for procurement of consultants for new projects (e.g. FOLUR Project) so that average time involved in the engagement of a consultant will be four months. • To conduct at least three programs /year for communications, knowledge management, and capacity building (e.g. FOLUR Project). 	<p>Dec 2022</p> <p>Dec 2021</p> <p>Dec 2021</p> <p>Dec 2027</p>	<p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p> <p>SFD</p>	<p>Not Initiated</p> <p>Not Initiated</p> <p>Not Initiated</p> <p>Not Initiated</p>	
<p>7) Link lessons learned from the Sabah MFL project with other related initiatives (e.g., implementation of the Sabah Biodiversity Strategy 2012-2022, proposed GEF-7 FOLUR project;</p>	<p>Lessons learned from the MFL Project are to be linked with on-going or new initiatives e.g. FOLUR Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned from the MFL Project will be shared to Sabah Biodiversity Council; the proposed GEF-7 FOLUR 	<p>Dec 2021</p>	<p>SFD</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>The Terminal Evaluation findings, recommen</p>

<p>proposed listing of the DaMal area as UNESCO World Heritage Site).</p>		<p>Project; and the proposed listing of the DaMal.</p>				<p>dations, as well as lessons learned from the project were presented to the stakeholders in 2019. The final TE report is available for sharing.</p> <p>The proposed GEF-7 FOLUR project preparation phase has incorporated lesson learned from the MFL project, in particular a period of socialization.</p>
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** Unit(s) assigned to be responsible for the preparation of a management response will be updating the implementation status. Unit assigned with an oversight function monitors and verifies the implementation status.

*** Status of Implementation: Not Initiated, Initiated, Completed, No Longer Applicable