

Annex. Management Response

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Key recommendations and management response

Evaluation recommendation 1: The results obtained by the project as well as the challenges and opportunities ahead, open the overall expectation for a second phase, to scale up and replicate, it is recommended to map donors and projects in the design phase. Thus, a second phase can be assumed by a new donor, or outcomes or activities of the current project can be included in other projects being designed. (UNDP; MONRE)

Management response:

Fully accepted. A second phase for an ABS project, if any, will help Vietnam not only identify the existing shortcomings of the ABS regulatory system, but also help Vietnam improve the legal framework, capacity as well as replicate the results of the ABS project nationwide.

Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Communicate with different donors for possible funding of the second phase	30 June 2022	UNDP CO		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 2: The design of the new biodiversity projects for the GEF as well as for the UNDP portfolio should consider including outcomes or components aiming to increase the number and variety of private-public-community partnerships on access and benefit-sharing. (UNDP, GEF, MONRE)

Management response:

Fully accepted. Increasing number and variety of private-public-community partnership on ABS, if applicable, when design a new project will replicate the results of this project.

Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Integrate the ideas of private-public-community partnership on ABS to new project such as Nature Based Tourism	30 June 2022	UNDP, MONRE		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 3: The project offers methodological, legal and institutional tools which could be capitalized to support other countries in the region to implement Nagoya Protocol on ABS. To the extent possible, it is recommended that the most relevant information be systematized and synthesized in a format that is easy to read and aimed at the general public. (UNDP; MONRE)

Management response:

Partially accepted. The methodological, legal, and institutional tools developed in the Project could be shared as lessons learnt. However, in order to utilize these tools to support other countries in the region to implement Nagoya Protocol on ABS, this should be capitalized under regional projects,

which Vietnam and other countries are co-implementers. That the formulation and existence of such regional projects depends largely on time, resources and other matters.				
Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Formulate regional projects to utilize methodological, legal, and institutional tools	30 June 2022	UNDP		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 4: Several things need to happen before the project can be formally closed. In this sense, the TE considers it important for the project to draft an exit strategy involving all major stakeholders, to generate the engagement needed to fill the existing gaps, as well as to replicate and scale up the results achieved. (MONRE).				
Management response: Fully accepted. In order to strengthening biodiversity conservation in general and ABS in particular for the next decade, at the moment, MONRE is developing the new National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAP) till 2030 which also involve all major stakeholders on ABS and scale up the results achieved. This also contribute to implementation of Global Biodiversity Framework post 2020				
Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Develop the new NBSAP till 2030, in which ABS is one of key contents of the Strategy.	December 2021	MONRE		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 5: The ABS CHM platform would be a good way to continue sharing the information/knowledge on ABS. The tools and cases might be included in a post-project dissemination strategy with all the knowledge products and tools. Therefore, special attention should be placed in terms of dissemination, knowledge management, and learning opportunities derived from the project's intervention model. (UNDP; GEF)				
Management response: Fully accepted: The ABS CHM platform, the tools and cases will be shared as lessons learnt and knowledge products at biodiversity workshop, forums in Vietnam and other countries whenever possible.				
Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Disseminate project knowledge products and lessons learnt at the Inception Workshop of Nature Based Tourism Project PPG.	30 October 2021	UNDP		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 6: While the project produced a series of training materials, case studies and tools, it is fundamental that these get officially approved by respective institutions to ensure that these could be widely shared and used by targeted audiences. (MONRE).				
Management response: Partially accepted. The training materials and tools will be approved by VEA then transfer to Center for Environment Information and Database who has responsibility to widely publish and transfer result of projects under VEA.				
Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Transfer materials, results to CEID which is an information Hub of VEA. The project results will be also shared at the biodiversity events such as inception workshop for new projects on nature base tourism.	31 October, 2021	VEA		Not Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 7: The project has strengthened capacities in the management of access to genetic resources, which plays an important role for the ABS system to be sustained so that new ABS agreements are implemented or continue with some that were initiated by the project such as the Clearing House Mechanism. However, these efforts should be further institutionalized since there is no evidence suggesting there is a clear course of action on project activities committing key stakeholders after the end of the project (MONRE)				
Management response: Partially accepted. MONRE continue to engage the relevant stakeholder through continuing implement the Government's Decision 1141/QD-TTg dated 27 June 2016 on Approving the Project on capacity building on management of access to genetic resources and fair and reasonable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources in the 2016-2025 period that have a clear plan for involvement of key stakeholder till 2025. Furthermore, MONRE is now developing the NBSAP till 2030 with ABS is one of key contents. This Strategy will further strengthen the capacity on ABS in Vietnam through capacity building, raising awareness and scaling up model on ABS and stakeholder engagement model.				
Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Develop the new NBSAP till 2030. The National Strategy on Biodiversity is now under development by MONRE in which ABS is one of key contents of the Strategy including the aim to promote stakeholder engagement.	December 2021	MONRE		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 8: It is important to envision the project's objectives over the mid and long term, ensuring continued support to fill existing ABS gaps, as well as to develop new initiatives that facilitate synergies with other projects or sources of funding to enhance the sustainability of achieved results and long-term development goals (MONRE)

Management response:

Partially accepted. The long-term development goals for ABS will be incorporated in the new NBSAP till 2030 for Vietnam. The National Strategy on Biodiversity is now under development by MONRE in which ABS is one of key contents of the Strategy.

Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Develop the new NBSAP till 2030. The ABS content will cover capacity building, raising awareness, revising and completing legal framework, scale-up model for benefit sharing, thus enhance sustainability of achieved results and long-term development goals.	December 2021	MONRE		Initiated

Evaluation recommendation 9: The project has identified opportunities for diversification of livelihood incomes through ABS product development. A roadmap should be drafted to adequately integrate ABS into Vietnam's COVID-19 recovery plan, as it could offer potential for project's sustainability, replication and scale up (MONRE)

Management response:

Partially accepted. The long-term development goals for ABS will be incorporated in the new NBSAP till 2030 for Vietnam. The National Strategy on Biodiversity is now under development by MONRE in which ABS is one of key contents of the Strategy, which is actually the roadmap to integrate ABS for replication and scale up.

Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status
Develop the new NBSAP till 2030 with consideration to the context of COVID-19 pandemic.	December 2021	MONRE		Initiated

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