





**MANAGEMENT RESPONSE**

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**[BIODIVERSITY PROJECT (ESTABLISHING INTEGRATED MODELS FOR PROTECTED AREAS AND THEIR CO-MANAGEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN)]**

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**Final Review recommendation 1.** UNDP to communicate advice to national and local stakeholders to conduct the following recommendations

**Management response:** UNDP acknowledges the need to finalize below recommendations. However, UNDP doesn't control any implementation of following recommendations. UNDP will, however, communicate to the responsible parties for implementation of below recommendations.

Key action(s)	Time frame	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking <sup>1</sup>	
			Comments	Status <sup>2</sup>
1.1. UNDP will communicate this regularly to the government (NAAL) for implementation and to adopt pending legislation and protected areas management plans.	March 2020	UNDP in partnership with WCS		
1.2. UNDP will communicate this regularly to the government (NAAL) for declaring the Baryan Plateau as a protected area.	March 2020	UNDP in partnership with WCS		
1.3. UNDP will communicate this regularly to the government (NAAL) for fully implementing outstanding WCS recommendations for BANP management after 2018	March 2020	UNDP in partnership with WCS		
1.4 UNDP will communicate this regularly to the government (NAAL) for addressing status of women rangers and female business opportunities in BANP	March 2020	UNDP in partnership with WCS		

<sup>1</sup> If the MTR is uploaded to the ERC, the status of implementation is tracked electronically in the Evaluation Resource Centre database (ERC).

<sup>2</sup> Status of Implementation: Completed, Partially Completed, Pending.

**Final Review recommendation 2.** UNDP to communicate advice to national and local stakeholders and WCS to facilitate action within the limits of available resources within continuing projects in target regions

**Management response:** UNDP agrees with the recommendations. WCS can only contribute to the implementation of the recommendation in areas that they have funding. The government will be working on implementing the recommendations in all areas where possible. UNDP will regularly communicate the recommendations to government and stakeholders.

Key action(s)	Time frame	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking <sup>3</sup>		Status <sup>4</sup>
			Comments		
2.1. UNDP will communicate with the government (ALML) to continue minimal monitoring of the sustainability of the project's community interventions and follow-up on the ground in EIADPA target regions.	March 2020	UNDP			
2.2. UNDP will communicate with the government (ALML) to establish a functional PAC in Wakhan National Park (pending 1.1).	March 2020	UNDP and WCS			
2.3. UNDP will communicate with the government (ALML) to revisit procedures and practices at PACs and improve the quality of community participation.	March 2020	UNDP and WCS			
2.4. UNDP will advise the government to further improve gender balance at PACs.	March 2020	UNDP and WCS			
2.5. UNDP will communicate with the government (ALML) to extend systematic environmental training to teachers and younger-grades' students.	March 2020	UNDP and WCS			
2.6. UNDP will advise the ALML on the extension of the 'junior ranger' programme from Wakhan to Bamyan.	March 2020	UNDP and WCS			
2.7. UNDP will advise ALML to focus on the awareness of environmental costs vs. benefits among local communities.	March 2020	UNDP and WCS			

<sup>3</sup> If the MTR is updated to the ERG, the status of implementation is tracked electronically in the Evaluation Resource Centre database (ERC).

<sup>4</sup> Status of Implementation: Completed, Partially Completed, Pending.

**Final Review recommendation 3.** UNDP to communicate advice to national and local stakeholders and UNDP and WCS to facilitate action within the limits of available resources within continuing projects in target regions

**Management response:** UNDP agrees with the recommendations. WCS can only contribute to the implementation of the recommendation in areas that they have funding. The government will be working on implementing the recommendations in all areas where possible. UNDP will regularly communicate the recommendations to government and stakeholders.

Key action(s)	Time frame	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking <sup>5</sup>	
			Comments	Status <sup>6</sup>
3.1. UNDP will communicate with the government to fund-raise for follow-up implementation in BANN and for the establishment and management of the new protected area in the Bamryan Plateau. UNDP and WCS can only follow in Wakhan as part of existing funding. WCS could support out of existing funds some landscape management in part of the new protected area in the Bamryan Plateau (pending 1.2)	March 2020	UNDP and WCS		
3.2. UNDP will communicate with the government (MAII) to professionalise MAII ranger system (put rangers and professional ranger supervisors on the raskid) and consider continued international support to it	March 2020	UNDP and WCS		
3.3. UNDP will communicate with the government (MAII) to strengthen engagement with police for nature conservation.	March 2020	UNDP and WCS		
3.4. UNDP will communicate with the government (MAII) to ensure financial transparency and compliance of community councils and their leadership.	March 2020	UNDP		
3.5. UNDP will communicate with the government (MAII) to ensure full archiving of EIMPA project documentation with NEPA as GEF FP in Afghanistan	March 2020	UNDP		

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