

ENRTP STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
ANNUAL STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW REPORT (SPOR)
ANNEX A - SUMMARY PROJECT STATUS

Reporting Period	October – December 2012		
ENRTP Priority	Indicate relevant ENRTP SCAs Priority	EC Directorate General	DEVCO
Programme of Work	2012-2013, Ecosystem Management, #3		
Project's Title	TEEB National Implementation: Reflecting the Value of Ecosystems and Biodiversity in Policymaking		
Location	Global initiative with a particular focus on national implementation in up to five countries, including Least Developed Countries (LDCs), in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa.		
Total duration	36 months		
Responsible Entity	UNEP/DTIE/ETB/TEEB		
UNEP/MEA Project Manager	Mr. Nicolas Bertrand		
EC Project Manager	Ms. Laure Ledoux, Mr. Strahil Christov		
Date of EC Approval:	30.05.2012		
EC Allocation (EUR):	3,000,000		
Date of Allocation/Transfer:	30.05.2012		
Amount (USD)	4,000,000	Exchange Rate:	1.333
Total Expenditures (USD)	35 258	Total Expenditures (EUR)	26 444
Project Objective	Enhanced capacity of countries and regions to integrate an ecosystem management approach into development planning processes, #1		

• Summary Project Status

Brief description of the status of implementation of the project at the time of reporting; ii) progress towards achieving the project's objective; iii) brief reference to main outcome/results and outputs achieved in this reporting period; iv) budget performance.

- Please note that reporting includes the first 3 months only of a 36 month project.
- Before the official start of the project, UNEP TEEB Office together with DG Environment and DG DEVCO worked on a long and then short list of potential partner countries (based on selection criteria as listed in the Project Document) which was presented to the TEEB Advisory Board in September 2012.
- The TEEB Advisory Board recommended the inclusion of Liberia and Tanzania for Africa, Bhutan and the Philippines for Asia and Ecuador for Latin America in the country portfolio.
- Subsequent to the Board's deliberations, countries were approached through UNEP Regional Offices and informally expressed an interest in participating in the project; official invitation letters were sent.
- The project was launched at a side event at CBD COP-11 on "How to factor Natural Capital into Decision-making and leverage Biodiversity Finance?" on 17 October 2012 with the participation of Bhutan, Ecuador and Liberia as well as the European Commission, the World Bank (Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services project) and UNDP (Building Transformative Policy and Financing Frameworks to Increase Investment in Biodiversity Management project). The 17 October event also served to launch the (ENRTP financed) UNDP project.
- So as to ensure methodological coherence of the project, a Guidance Manual for TEEB Country Studies is being developed. A first writers' workshop was organized ahead of the public launch of the project.
- An outline of the Guidance Manual may be found online¹ and the full working draft is to be handed to pilot countries and made available publicly by Q2 2013.
- Furthermore, training material has been developed and has been circulated for peer review and is to be made available online by Q2 2013. Training will be organized on the margins of the first national workshops.

¹ http://www.teebweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/TEEB_Guidance-Manual-Outline_130122-F.pdf.

- **Challenges, Management Actions, Risk Mitigation Plan**

Brief description of implementing challenges, strategy/actions which have been adopted to address this challenges and planned actions to mitigate any identified risks

As regards the first component of the project, the development of the Guidance Manual and Training, a significant challenge was to avoid overlaps with existing products and to identify and actively promote synergies. UNEP TEEB Office actively sought inputs from relevant partners (e.g. World Bank/WAVES, UNDP, Conservation International, GIZ), developed and encouraged participation in and review of the manual and training material to mitigate this risk. In addition, a needs assessment had been conducted on training and shared with partners prior to the development of the training package per se.

When selecting potential partner countries (component 2.1), both the EC and TEEB Advisory Board agreed on a portfolio of countries with varying levels of risk as measured, for instance, by in-country technical capacity and political will/political opposition. The inclusion in the portfolio, for instance, of Ecuador as an ALBA country may provide particular challenges on political grounds. Concepts such as “Green economy” have been criticized by this group of countries and fears have been expressed that TEEB could participate in the so-called “commodification of nature”. With this in mind, UNEP has actively engaged with Ecuador in order to avoid misunderstandings and further clarify the objectives of TEEB and the project. It was significant in this regard that Ecuador took part in the launch of the project in October 2012. A joint mission of the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and UNEP TEEB Office to Ecuador is planned to agree on the terms of the project. The translation of the Guidance Manual for TEEB Country Studies into Spanish would also prove important in this regard.