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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ANR	Assisted Natural Regeneration
CSIA	Continuous Social Impact Assessment
DS	Divisional Secretariat
DWC	Department of Wildlife Conservation
ECAs	Elephant Conservation Areas
ESCOMP	Eco-Systems Conservation and Management Project
FD	Forestry Department
GOSL	Government of Sri Lanka
GRC	Grant Review Committee
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
HEC	Human Elephant Conflict
HECOEX	Human Elephant Co-existence
HQ	Headquarters
IDA	International Development Association
IP	Indigenous People
IPP	Indigenous People Plan
IPPF	Indigenous People Planning Framework
MOE	Ministry of Environment
NPCMWE	National Policy on the Conservation and Management of Wild Elephants
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NIRP	National Involuntary resettlement Policy
PA	Protected Areas
PAPs	Projects Affected Persons
PMU	Project Management Unit
RAP	Resettlement of Affected Parties
SIA	Social Impact Assessment
SLFI	Sri Lanka Forestry Institute
SLTDA	Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
STDP	Sustainable Tourism Development Project
STDs	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
TA	Technical Assistance
TRC	Technical Review Committee
NWRTC	National Wildlife Research and Training Center

1.0 Project Background

1.1 Objective

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the management of ecosystems in selected locations in Sri Lanka for conservation and community benefits. The project is designed to achieve few specific objectives such as, enhanced biodiversity protection, livelihood improvement of communities living adjacent to the Protected Areas (PAs), developed strategies for human-elephant co-existence, developed pilot level landscape management plans and institutional capacity development of implementing agencies, Forest Department (FD) and Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC).

1.2 Project Description

The Project will be financed through a US\$ 45.0 million International Development Association (IDA) Credit. Following table illustrates the project costs by major components of the project.

Component	Project Components	Project cost (US\$ Mn.)
1	Pilot Landscape Planning and Management	2.8
2	Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Human-Elephant Co-existence	17.0
3	Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	24.2
4	Project Management	1.0
Total		45.0

Component 1 (Pilot landscape planning and management) will facilitate planning and implementation of activities in two selected biodiversity rich landscapes (a wet zone and a dry zone as a model exercise) with unique ecological, cultural and socio-economic characteristics. Component 2 (Sustainable use of natural resources and human-elephant co-existence) will promote productive biodiversity compatible livelihood activities to reduce forest destruction. Planning the use of natural resources and aiming to transform Human Elephant Conflict into Human Elephant Co-existence by addressing the needs of the communities living in close association with the wildlife in the adjacent areas of PAs. Component 3 (Protected area management and institutional capacity) will support demand-driven interventions in PAs in

accordance with the Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance, and Forest Ordinance; strengthen institutional capacity and investment capability for conservation and management; and provide assistance to develop the long-term financial sustainability for managing PAs. Component 4 will finance the Project Management Unit (PMU) and Implementing Agencies (FD & DWC) in project implementation, project management, technical assistance and monitoring & evaluation.

The project has designed to implement from 2017-2021. Executing agencies of the project are Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife. Forest Department and Department of Wildlife Conservation are responsible to implement activities. Wildlife living in and around the PAs, communities living adjacent to the PAs, families facing human-elephant conflict adjoining the PAs, institutes responsible for natural resources management and stakeholders in eco-tourism industry are the main beneficiaries of the project.

Action plan for 2017 was developed by key officials of DWC and FD with project responsible key informants in the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment. PMU has established after 6 months as original scheduled date and appointing of some key officers was delayed. Initially, the total budget for 2017 of ESCAMP was Rs. Mn. 818. However the original budget was revised by PMU and the amended budget was Rs. Mn. 145. Implementation of project activities was planned based on the proportion of budget amount available for each sub-component. The planned and achieved financial information are described in section 3.

2.0 Physical progress

2.1 Component I

Component I is aimed at preparing Pilot Landscape Management Plans for two (2) selected sites in Dry Zone (DZ) and Wet Zone (WZ). The process of pilot landscape management planning includes several steps such as preparatory work, site selection, planning, consultants' recruitment, primary data collection, field testing, preparing data collecting formats, data collection, framing, drafting, draft review, completion, presenting to stakeholders, District development Committees and approving. Step 01, preparatory work, literature review, stakeholder discussions, site selection, finalizing of boundaries etc. were completed during 3rd quarter 2017. Two project sites were selected based on criteria developed such as rich of biodiversity, heterogeneity of ecosystem, land use pattern, development activities, population

pressure, national & international recognition etc. Hurulu-Anawulundawa-Kawdulla complex (Mahaweli Basin) in DZ and Singhaja Forest Complex (Rakwana Range) in WZ selected.

Step 02, Site selection was done with the concurrence of Expert committee appointed for the component and they were approved by the Technical Review committee. Stakeholder workshop was held and Scope and management planning process was discussed. Regional planning committees was appointed and awareness meeting for planning committee members will be held in end of this month. Recruitment of consultants, Sociologist and Land Use Specialist is in-progress. Data collection will be done in 14 DS divisions with the assistance of CBOs established by FD & DWLC in buffer zone of Protected Areas through PRA, RRA, Direct contacts, Discussions and meetings.

2.2 Component 2(a)

2.2.1 Overall

Component 2(a) will establish livelihood enhancement interventions as secondary income generating sources among communities living adjacent to PAs. It has planned to enhance livelihoods of 10,000 households by closing phase of the project. FD has developed sub-project proposals for 09 PAs¹ based on Community Action Plans (CAPs) where activities of this sub-component will be implemented. All sub-project proposals have been cleared and approved. The developing of sub-project proposals by DWC for Uva region² and Southern region³ in in-progress. FD have done Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRAs) in selected 30 villages to assess the livelihood needs of communities. Proposals have been developed based on the findings of these assessments. PRA activities will be doing in other villages and baseline information will be collected to develop Community Action Plans (CAPs) with the technical guidance of PMU. PMU organized 01-day workshop on developing of PRA finding reports and developing of CAPs for FD officials (DFOs-District Forest Offices, RFOs – Regional Forest Offices) of above mentioned 09 project sites. All community action plans will be reviewed by Technical Review Committee (TRC).

First meeting of TRC conducted on 8th September 2017. Following decisions were taken at the first TRC meeting.

- PMU agreed to develop training plan regarding sub-component 2(a) for field officers of both implementing agencies. TRC requested PMU to provide a systematic awareness session for field officers on identification of innovative livelihood opportunities.
- PMU agreed to develop common reporting format to report PRA findings and to develop baseline data collection instruments.
- TRC provided their views on the sustainability of project interventions. It is necessary to access the capacity of CBOs to undertake proposed livelihood development activities while connecting all relevant public & private institutions to build-up the marketing opportunities.

¹ Galle - KDN (Kanneliya, Dediyaigala and Nakiyadeniya), Kurunegala - Galgamuwa, Rathnapura - Sinharaja, Matale - Knuckles, Matara - Sinharaja, Polonnaruwa - Hurulu, Puttlam - Galwila, Hurulu - Anuradhapura Kandy-Knuckles

² DWC Uva region includes Galoya National Park

³ DWC Southern region includes Yala-Lunugamwehera (national parks) complex

- TRC members volunteered to share their knowledge and experience to develop improved livelihood opportunities for selected beneficiaries in future.

PMU has drafted monitoring indicators for this sub-component and it has been sent for the revision of implementing agencies. The developing of instruments to collect baseline data has started and the PMU has planned to conduct baseline assessment before end of this year.

2.2.2 Progress of FD activities

FD planned following activities to complete in 2017 under this sub-component.

- I. Conduct awareness and training for field level officials and communities benefitted
- II. Initiate and plan the livelihood development activities

PRA trainings were conducted at each PA to improve the capacities on PRA activities of field level officials. PRA activities were completed only in selected villages adjacent PAs. CAPs for all PAs have been completed based on the findings of PRA activities. However, FD did not have common format to report PRA findings and the format for developing of CAPs. PMU agreed to share standard formats for PRA reporting and CAPs. PMU has developed draft formats for both reporting purposes and has been shared with TRC members to review & for further development.

2.2.3 Progress of DWC activities

DWC expects to develop micro plans targeting the livelihood development as secondary income source of beneficiaries. The existing 3 micro plans have been updated. However, reports of those micro plans are pending. Micro plan for Udawalawa, Puttalam and Bundala regions are in-progress. Three days training program is planned for field officers of these regions to build capacities on the developing of micro plans.

2.3 Component 2(b)

Component 2(b) is financing the scaling up successful human-elephant coexistence pilot projects within high Human Elephant Co-existence (HEC) areas. Activities of this component will be implemented by DWC and community organizations. First, they had planned to collect relevant baseline data and the updating existing data on HEC. Developing of data collection instruments/questionnaire was started on country wide elephant survey and it will be implemented as a census. Initially, one stakeholder workshop was conducted to finalize the methodology of the survey.

Issuing bidding documents on purchasing of radio collars which are needed to collect roaming data for international competitive bidders is in-progress. Sub-project proposal developed by DWC for 'Elephant Holding Ground' at Lunugamwehera National Park (NP) was approved by World Bank (WB). Hiring of a technical consultant to provide technical assistant to develop elephant holding ground was approved by the WB and hiring process is in-progress.

2.4 Component 3(a)

The sub-component will support to habitat improvement for protected areas manage by both FD and DWC. Accordingly, funds will be made available for preparation of Protected Area Management Plans (PAMP) where needed and implementation of existing PAMPs for priority PAs. Priority PAs in the DWC and FD PA network are eligible for support under this sub-component, covering terrestrial, marine and wetland PAs.

2.4.1 Progress of FD activities

Nine sub-project proposals submitted by the FD for this sub-component has been cleared by the WB for implementation. According to the Action Plan 2017, FD was expected to implement activities such as survey and demarcation of forest boundaries, seedling production and adopt the restoration programs such as Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) under this sub-component. FD targeted to demarcate 350km of forest boundaries up to 30th September 2017. However, the achievement was 172km (49%) due to implementation issues in the field. Sub-project proposals development process was the fundamental issue for delay and there were few secondary reasons such as adverse effect of weather conditions etc. Seedling production was started in Ranthnapura-Sinharaja PAs and Polonnaruwa-Hurulu PA. They have achieved expected targets. These seedlings will be used for forest restoration and habitat management of PAs.

Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) was actively done in Ranthnapura-Sinharaja PA. FD have planned to do ANR activities in 50ha by end of September 2017. However, the physical achievement of this activity up to end September was 30% (15ha/50ha). The balance will be completed by end of October.

2.4.2 Progress of DWC activities

Two sub-project proposals of the DWC on this sub-component were cleared and under implementation. Sub-project proposal for Yala NP was cleared and approved by WB. It has included the development and improvement of road system and the rehabilitation of old cascade tank system in the PA. The preparing of technical estimates for both activities is in-progress. Invasive Aliens Plant Species (IAS) management plan for Udawalawa NP was completed. One-day workshop was conducted with an expert group to discuss on Forest Die Back issues. Forest dieback refers to the phenomena of a stand of trees losing health and dying without an obvious cause. Procurement of required equipment to implement the SMART

patrolling proposal is in bid evaluation stage. In line with the approved sub-project proposal five days training exercise for introducing of SMART patrolling was successfully completed. The training was conducted by Dr. Antony John Lynam, Regional Advisor (Asia Programs), Center for Global Conservation. The prime objective of introducing SMART patrolling tracking tool is to strengthen the capacities of field staff of DWC to minimize the adverse effect of illegal activities on the wildlife resources in Wildlife PAs.

DWC has identified number of rehabilitations and improvements for existing PA infrastructures. Preparation of the cost estimation for Bundala and Yala NPs have been completed with the assistance of the Technical Officer hired by the PMU. The procurement process will be planned to start end October 2017.

2.5 Component 3(b)

This sub-component will support to improve the nature based tourism infrastructure and services of priority PAs of DWC and FD.

2.5.1 Overall

Project Steering Committee (PSC) has endorsed in hiring an individual consultant to develop Systematic Nature Based Tourism Plans for 4 priority PAs of DWC and FD. Accordingly, international EOIs were called and evaluation is in progress. PMU planned to hire this consultant from mid-November 2017.

2.5.2 Progress of FD activities

Nine sub-project proposals of the FD has cleared to implement the rehabilitation and improvement of tourism related infrastructure. Preparation of suitable designs for Sinharaja, Knuckles, Galwilla and Kanneliya are in progress. PMU has hired two Architects as individual consultants to support Sinharaja and Galwila PAs.

2.5.3 Progress of DWC activities

Preparation of two comprehensive proposals for Yala and Bundala are in progress. The Yala proposal will be based on the already developed 'Reawakening Yala'. Conversion of Bundala Park Warden Bungalow to a Circuit Bungalow also will be commenced by October 2017.

2.6 Component 3(c)

The sub-component is supporting to strengthen the institutional capacity of two key implementing agencies; Forest Department and Department of Wildlife Conservation. It finances activities to improve skills and capacity for adaptive and effective management of PAs.

2.6.1 Progress of FD activities

PMU has organized 7 workshops and training sessions for PMU staff and two implementing agencies on initial training requirement. They were conducted on Financial Management, Procurement, Safeguard Practices and Proposal Writing. These trainings were conducted with the assistance of World Bank.

In the first quarter 2017, two workshop were organized by PMU for District Forest Officers and Protected Area Managers on 'Proposal Writing' Sixty officials were participated. The basic objective of that was to make awareness for project components, its objectives, interventions, impacts etc. and to build the capacities on writing comprehensive sub-project proposals for each PA.

As identified in the PAD, improvement of Sri Lanka Forestry Institute (SLFI) is a priority project intervention. Accordingly, PMU has called 'Requested for Proposals' to offer design and Construction supervision consultancy. However, at the evaluation stage Ministry Procurement Committee' decided to retender this procurement by reducing the scope and key experts' inputs. The EOIs were called on first week of October.

2.6.2 Progress of DWC activities

With the ESCAMP assistance, the DWC has recommended nine-month Diploma Course in Wildlife Management for Wildlife Rangers to enhance their capacity through the National Wildlife Research and Training Center (NWRTC). This course offers with the collaboration of University of Colombo. The academic part of the diploma includes lectures, practical component, field training and assignments are coordinated by the University of Colombo. Practical sessions were held at several PAs of DWC such as Girithale NP, Maduruoya NP, Yagirala Forest, Bundala NP and Sinharaja NP. The diploma course was commenced on 24th July 2017, for which 27 Rangers are enrolled.

The 'WILDLANKA' annual symposium was successfully completed at Colombo on 15th and 16th August 2017 where part funding support was provided by the project. Total number of participants were around 250 including foreign participants from USA, Check, Czech Republic, Pakistan & India etc. representing Wildlife institutes and research organizations.

2.7 Component 4

The project management is now in full operation. Out of the approved carder, about 90% has already been recruited. PMU has requested Management Services Department to suppressed the already approved Financial Management Specialist position in order to create a Senior Financial Officer post and an additional Management Assistant position. This is approved by the Management Services Department. The paper advertisement to call for applications will be published at end October.

Procurement of office equipment and furniture has been completed. Procurement of the Management Information System is in progress. The contract was awarded to consultancy firm and scheduled to be completed by mid-January 2018.

3.0 Financial progress

3.1 Quarterly progress (3rd quarter 2017)

Component/sub-component	Implementing Agency	Planned Expenditure (LKR)	Actual Expenditure (LKR)
Component 1	PMU	-	433,952
Sub-component 2(a)	PMU	-	12,395
	FD	1,266,000	573,890
	DWC	-	320,961
Sub-component 2(b)	DWC	-	1,929
Sub-component 3(a)	PMU	-	14,691
	FD	38,681,160	1,629,500
	DWC	750,000	1,506,373
Sub-component 3(b)	PMU	-	604,600
	FD	4,315,000	337,535
	DWC	-	-
Sub-component 3(c)	PMU	-	891,952
	FD	-	346,884
	DWC	8,300,000	5,127,470
Component 4	PMU	50,000	12,404,816
Total		53,362,160	24,206,857

3.2 Cumulative Progress

Component/sub-component	Implementing Agency	Planned Expenditure (LKR)	Actual Expenditure (LKR)
Component 1	PMU		695,807
Component 2(a)	PMU		112,700
	FD	1,266,000	573,940
	DWC	-	320,961
Component 2(b)	PMU		161,460

	FD	-	-
	DWC	2,440,000	235,182
Component 3(a)	PMU		14,691
	FD	41,441,160	1,629,500
	DWC	2,250,000	1,506,373
Component 3(b)	PMU		604,600
	FD	6,115,000	337,535
	DWC	-	-
Component 3(c)	PMU		1,856,255
	FD	50,000	346,884
	DWC	8,300,000	5,127,470
Component 4	PMU	-	30,844,573
Total		61,862,160	44,367,929

4.0 Procurement

4.1 List approved procurement activities

Category	Activity Reference No. / Description	Component	Estimated Amount (US\$)	Process Status
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-16428-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Binding Machine for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	300	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-16567-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Colour Laser Printer for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	5,000	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-16437-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Multimedia Projector with Screen for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	3,733	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-20847-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Computers, Software and Accessories for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	12,000	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10877-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Computers/ Software and Accessories	Component 4: Project Management	12,000	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10878-GO-RFQ / Supply, Installation of MS Office Software and Virus Guards for Computers - PMU	Component 4: Project Management	450	Completed

RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6565-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Uninterruptible Power Supply - 08 Nos - for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	500	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6566-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	5,650	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6564-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Office Equipment - 4 Drawer Steel Filing Cupboards, Steel Almyra and Wooden Racks for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	2,000	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6569-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Conference Chairs and Conference Table for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	1,370	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6427-GO-RFQ / Installation of MS Office Software and Virus Guards for Computers - PMU	Component 4: Project Management	450	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6430-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Paper Shredder for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	350	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6568-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of Mono Printers & Colour Printers for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	2,890	Completed
CQS	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-20515-CS-CQS / Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Financial Management Package for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	45,000	Completed
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6435-GO-RFQ / Installation, Licence of MS Project Package for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	1,500	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-I6459-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of External Hard Drives for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	500	Pending Implementation

RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-28184-GO-RFQ / Supply & Delivery of Audio Visual Equipment for PMU	Component 4: Project Management	2,000	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-20839-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of GPS devices for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	10,000	Under Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-20836-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Computers and Accessories for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	10,750	Under Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-26575-GO-RFB / Supply & Delivery of Rugged Handheld Android SMART devices for Patrolling - Department of Wildlife Conservation	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	12,000	Under Implementation
RFB	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-20822-GO-RFB / Supply and Delivery of Radio Collars for DWC of Sri Lanka	Component 2: Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Human-Elephant Co-existence		Under Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-25230-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Office Furniture for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area	1,654	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-20840-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Wi-Fi Routers for SMART patrolling Units -DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	350	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-25222-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Computer, Software and Accessories for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	17,200	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-25226-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Audio-Visual Equipment for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	2,000	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-25223-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Printers for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	2,500	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-25224-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Fax Machine and Photocopiers for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area	4,066	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-25228-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Steel Almira and Cupboards for DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	1,582	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-20582-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Printers for FD and DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	30,133	Under Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20585-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of GPS Devices for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	45,000	Under Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20518-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Computers, Computer Accessories for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	47,850	Under Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-21333-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Mountain Bicycles for FD	Component 3: Protected Area	8,000	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20586-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Kitchen Equipment/ Appliance for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	900	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20594-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Binoculars for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	8,000	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-21345-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Voltage Regulators for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	470	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20583-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Duplo Machines for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	2,700	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20584-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Furniture for FD	Component 3: Protected Area	23,000	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-16454-GO-RFQ / Supply & Delivery of Audio Visual Equipment for Forest Department	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	21,500	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-21347-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Walky Talky for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	2,400	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20610-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of LED Televisions for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	8,000	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20609-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of GIS software for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	3,500	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20613-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Torch for FD	Component 3: Protected Area	450	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20592-GO-RFQ / Supply and Delivery of Office Equipment for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	340	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20603-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Autocad 2016 (Software with licence for 3 years) for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	10,000	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-21143-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Pump, Generators and Loudspeakers for the FD Office	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	3,750	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20593-GO-RFQ / Supply , Delivery and Installation of Photocopiers and Scanners for FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	10,500	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20601-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of AC Machines for FD	Component 3: Protected Area	2,666	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
RFB	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20591-GO-RFB / Supply and Delivery of Motorcycles for staff of FD	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	N	Pending Implementation
RFB	LK-ESCAMP-FD-21120-GO-RFB / Supply and Delivery of Concrete Boundary Posts for Boundary Demarcation of State Forests - Forest Department	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	N	Pending Implementation
RFQ	LK-ESCAMP-FD-20517-GO-RFQ / Supply, Delivery and Installation of Desktop Computers for Forest Department	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	40,000	Pending Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10195-CS-INDV / Coordinator for Component I	Component I: Pilot Landscape Planning and Management	20,000	Completed
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-19080-CS-INDV / Consultant for Design and Supervision of Construction - Sinharaja (FD)	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	29,734	Completed

INDV	LK-ESCAMP-FD-23380-CS-INDV / Consultant for Design and Construction Supervision - Galwila & Galgamuwa Project Sites	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	30,000	Completed
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-26203-CS-INDV / Developing and Maintaining Website - ESCAMP	Component 4: Project Management	6,667	Completed
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-18483-CS-INDV / Civil Engineer for FD/DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	12,000	Completed
QCBS	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-28177-CS-QCBS / Preparation of Conceptual and Detailed Designs, Construction Supervision and Contract Administration Services for Renovation and Upgrading of the National Wildlife Research and Training Center (NWRTC) - Giritala	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	270,000	Under Implementation
QCBS	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-28178-CS-QCBS / Preparation of Conceptual and Detailed Designs, Construction Supervision and Contract Administration Services for Renovation and Upgrading of the Sri Lanka Forestry Institute (SLFI) - Nuwara Eliya	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	270,000	Under Implementation
CDS	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-22996-CS-CDS / Diploma Course in Wildlife Management of Sri Lanka	Component 3: Protected Area	407,000	Under Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-18477-CS-INDV / One Mechanical Engineer for FD & DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	12,000	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-18013-CS-INDV / Consultancy on Community Based Human Elephant Coexistence Organizer - Component 2 (b)	Component 2: Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Human-Elephant Co-existence	6,000	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10200-CS-INDV / Coordinator - Component 2(b)	Component 2: Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Human-Elephant Co-existence	20,000	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10205-CS-INDV / Ten Technical Officers for FD & DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	64,000	Under Implementation

INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10881-CS-INDV / One International Consultant for Develop Nature Based Tourism Activities (DWC & FD)	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	130,000	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-10204-CS-INDV / Quantity Surveyor for FD & DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	12,000	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-29022-CS-INDV / Component I - Short-Term Consultant - Land Use Specialist	Component I: Pilot Landscape Planning and Management	6,300	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-29024-CS-INDV / Component I - Short Term Consultant - Sociologist/ Socioeconomic Development Specialist	Component I: Pilot Landscape Planning and Management	6,300	Under Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-18489-CS-INDV / Civil Engineer for FD/DWC	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	12,000	Pending Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-18490-CS-INDV / Civil Engineer for FD/DWC	Component 3: Protected Area	12,000	Pending Implementation

		Management and Institutional Capacity		
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-FD-25104-CS-INDV / Consultant for Design and Construction Supervision - Knuckles (Kandy Division)	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	35,000	Pending Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-28117-CS-INDV / SMART Mobile Data Collection Training Programme - Department of Wildlife Conservation	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	7,765	Pending Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-11299-CS-INDV / Local Consultant for develop the Nature Based Tourism Activities (DWC & FD)	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	20,000	Pending Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-24225-CS-INDV / Hiring Consultant for Establishing of SMART patrolling Base Station and Staff Training	Component 3: Protected Area Management and Institutional Capacity	16,105	Pending Implementation
INDV	LK-ESCAMP-PMU-18494-CS-INDV / Short Term Specialist - Component I - Pilot Landscape Planning	Component I: Pilot Landscape Planning and Management	6,500	Pending Implementation

INDV	LK-ESCAMP-DWC-28118-CS-INDV / Technical Consultant for proposed Elephant Holding Ground in Lunugamwehera National Park	Component 2: Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Human-Elephant Co-existence	16,000	Pending Implementation
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4.2 Training

Training on Bank procurement process was conducted for PMU staff and two implementing agencies. Two procurement officers in the PMU has completed STEP training. The Project Manager attended for a procurement training program conducted by Sri Lanka Institute for Development Administration (SLIDA).

4.3 Procurement challenges

Some of the very specific procurement related services proposed by the DWC and FD which involves the Government/ Public Institutes such as Irrigation Department and State Engineering Cooperation was not approved by the World Bank despite strong justifications. Therefore, procurements such as fabrication of concrete posts and preparation of cost estimates and designs of micro/small irrigation structures with in the Nature Parks were delayed.

5.0 Financial Management

5.1 Progress of FM actions such as submission of IUFRs, WAs, internal and external audits, fund transfers, field reviews and findings, etc.

Submission of IUFRS and stipulated Withdrawal Applications were completed as per the stipulated time frame given by the World Bank.

5.2 Training

Financial Management Training on World Bank Financing has been done for PMU staff and related staff of implementing agencies. Project Account and two Financial Management Officer were attended for 2 days training on handling the government account reporting software (SIGAR).

5.3 FM challenges

In order to overcome the present limitations in Financial Management a Financial Information Management System will in place from the beginning of 2018.

6.0 Safeguards

6.1 Progress of safeguard compliance actions

No	Name of proposal	Environmental safeguard actions	Social safeguard actions	Progress of implementation of safeguard instruments
1	ESCAMP/FD/Galle/KDN/2a-01	1.Environmental Screening	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB.
2	ESCAMP/FD/Kurunegala/Galgamuwa/2a-02	1.Environmental Screening 2.EMPs for certain activities	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. EMP not yet completed
3	ESCAMP/FD/Rathnapura/Sinharaja/2a-03	1.Environmental Screening 2. EMPs or ECOPs based on design propose.	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. EMPs or ECOPs not yet completed
4	ESCAMP/FD/Matale/Knuckles/2a-04	1.Environmental Screening 2.EMPs & ECOPs based on the activities	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. EMPs & ECOPs not yet completed
5	ESCAMP/FD/Matara/Sinharaja/2a-05	1.Environmental Screening 2. ECOPs for certain activities	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. ECOPs not yet completed
6	ESCAMP/FD/Polonnaruwa/Hurulu/2a-06	1.Environmental Screening	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. EMPs & ECOPs not yet completed

		2. EMPs & ECOPs based on the activities		
7	ESCAMP/FD/Puttlam/Galwila/2a-07	1.Environmental Screening 2. ECOPs for certain activities	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. ECOPs not yet completed
8	ESCAMP/FD/Anuradhapura/Hurulu/2a-08	1.Environmental Screening	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.
9	ESCAMP/FD/Kandy/Knuckles/2a-09	1.Environmental Screening	1.Social Screening	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2
10	ESCAMP/FD/Rathnapura/Sinharaja/3a-01	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP and SMPs were prepared and submitted to the FD to include in the Bid documents where necessary and hard copies were submitted to the respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins.
11	ESCAMP/FD/Polonnaruwa/Hurulu/3a-02	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP & SMP have to be completed
12	ESCAMP/FD/Kandy/Knuckles/3a-03	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1. Social Screening 2. SIA	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP was prepared and submitted to the FD to include in the Bid documents where

				<p>necessary and respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins.</p> <p>3.TOR for SIA is prepared and to be submitted to the Consultant/WB for reviewing.</p>
13	ESCAMP/FD/Anuradhapura/Hurulu/3a-04	<p>1.Environmental Screening</p> <p>2.IEE</p>	<p>1. Social Screening</p> <p>2. SIA</p>	<p>1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB.</p> <p>2.IEE is completed by the PMU, if it is essential to outsourced, need to attend for the procurement process.</p> <p>3.TOR for SIA is completed and has to be submitted to the Consultant/WB for reviewing.</p>
14	ESCAMP/FD/Kurunegala/Galgamuwa/3a-05	<p>1.Environmental Screening</p> <p>2.IEE</p>	<p>1.Social Screening</p> <p>2.Preparing of SMP</p>	<p>1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB.</p> <p>2.IEE is completed by the PMU, if it is essential to outsourced, need to attend for the procurement process.</p> <p>3. SMPs was prepared and submitted to the FD to respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins.</p>

15	ESCAMP/FD/Puttlam/Galwila/3a-06	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. SMP and EMPs completed.
16	ESCAMP/FD/Galle/KDN/3a-07	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP and SMPs were prepared and submitted to the FD to include in the Bid documents where necessary and respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins.
17	ESCAMP/FD/Matara/Sinharaja/3a-08	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2. SIA	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP was prepared and submitted to the FD and respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins. 3.TOR for SIA is prepared and has to be submitted to the Consultant/WB for reviewing.
18	ESCAMP/FD/Matale/Knuckles/3a-09	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP and SMPs have to be completed yet.
19	ESCAMP/FD/Puttlam/Galwila/3b-02	1.Environmental Screening	1.Social Screening	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB.

		2.Preparing of EMP	2.Preparing of SMP	2.EMP and SMPs were prepared and submitted to the FD to include in the Bid documents where necessary and respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins.
20	ESCAMP/FD/Matara/SInharaja/3b-03	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2. SIA	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP was prepared and submitted to the FD to include in the Bid documents where necessary and respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins. 3. TOR for SIA is prepared and will be submitted to the Consultant/WB for reviewing.
21	ESCAMP/FD/Galle/KDN/3b-04	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP and SMPs were prepared and submitted to the FD to include in the Bid documents where necessary and respective DFO office and RFO Offices for monitoring and supervision when implementation begins.

22	ESCAMP/FD/Polonnaruwa/Hurulu-Galoya/3b-05	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.Preparing of SMP	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. EMP and SMP yet to be prepared.
23	ESCAMP/FD/Kandy/Knuckles/3b-06	1.Environmental Screening 2.EMP	1.Social Screening 2. SIA	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. TOR for SIA is prepared and submitted to the Consultant/WB for reviewing.
24	ESCAMP/FD/Matale/Knuckles/3b-07	1.Environmental Screening 2. EMP	1.Social Screening 2.SMP	1. Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. EMP and SMP yet to be prepared.
25	ESCAMP/FD/Kurunegala/Galgamuwa/3b-08	1.Environmental Screening 2.EMP	1.Social Screening 2.SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. Sub project proposal won't be implemented till the NBTP is prepared.
26	ESCAMP/FD/Anuradhapura/Hurulu/3b-09	1.Environmental Screening 2.EMP	1.Social Screening 2.SIA	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. Sub project proposal won't be implemented till the NBTP is prepared.
27	ESCAMP/DWC/Galoya/3a - 04	1.Environmental Screening 2. EMP	1.Social Screening 2. SIA/SMP ?	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. Yet to be attend
28	ESCAMP/DWC/Yala Complex HM/3a-05	1.Environmental Screening 2. EMP	1.Social Screening 2.SMP	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2. Yet to be attend
29	ESCAMP/DWC/Radio Collars/2b-01	-	-	-
30	ESCAMP/DWC/EHG-Lunugamwehera/2b-02	1.Environmental Screening 2. EMP	1. Social Screening 2. SIA	1.Screening formats were cleared by the WB. 2.EMP + report completed

				3. TOR for the SIA prepared and submitted to the Consultant/WB for reviewing
31	ESCAMP/DWC- SMART PATROLLING/3a-01	-	-	-
32	ESCAMP/DWC/YALA-WATER/3a-02	1.Environmental Screening 2.EIA (after completing the proposed study on water resources of Yala by DWC)	1.Social Screening 2.SMP	1. Screening formats were cleared 2. TOR for the EIA is submitted to the Consultant-Env. Safeguard/WB. 3. Requested DWC to complete the study on water resources improvement plan Study as soon as possible.
33	ESCAMP/DWC/UDAWALAWE HM/3a-03	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.SMP	1. Screening formats were cleared 2. EMP/SMP not yet completed
34	ESCAMP/DWC/YALA COMPLEX HM/3a-05	1.Environmental Screening 2.Preparing of EMP	1.Social Screening 2.SMP	1. Screening formats were cleared 2. EMP/SMP not yet completed

6.2 Summary of findings of field reviews

Most of the activities proposed within the protected areas of both Departments will not result in irreversible/considerable environment damage/concerns, and most of the activities can be managed in a comprehensive manner by implementing EMPs. However, in a few locations it is essential to manage possible social safeguard concerns arising from the above activities.

6.3 Status of consultations (mandatory for Component 1, 2(a) and 2(b))

Not initiated any consultations at this stage.

6.4 Challenges

- I. Late recruiting of safeguard team of the PMU, hence the delays for field visits and attending for relevant safeguard actions. Further, one more Social Development Officer needs to be recruited.
- II. Lack of knowledge on safeguard aspects of the field based staff of both implementing agencies. Awareness programs and training will be conducted for the respective staff of both the departments during the 1st quarter of 2018.
- III. Considerable distance between multiple sites.

7.0 Monitoring and Evaluation

Project monitoring and evaluation (M&E) will serve to monitor and report on implementation progress, identify gaps that require corrective actions, and assess and report on project results. The results of the project should monitor through a result framework. Results framework in the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) can be used to evaluate the impact level results of the project. Therefore, after having a discussion with WB, PMU started to develop M&E framework for each component. Draft copy of frameworks for all components have been completed and shared with specialists in PMU to review and further improvement. However, PMU has defined new indicators to monitor the progress at output level where some outcome level indicators have been defined except the indicators in the PAD. Other than that PMU suggested to implementing agencies to develop monitoring indicators for their own uses. After reviewing drafted M&E frameworks by specialists in PMU, those will be sent to key informants of implementing agencies to review and further improvement.

PMU has completed monthly reported including cumulative progress of physical and financial targets up to 30th September 2017. Common format to evaluate the output of trainings was completed and it is attached as annex 01. Common reporting format to report the PRA findings is drafted and sent to a technical committee member of component 2(a) to review and further development.

The proposed Financial Information Management System will facilitate the monitoring of physical targets and tracking the results of indicators as well.

7.1 Status of baseline establishment (need to report only until the baseline is established)

PMU expected to start baseline targeting component 2(a) immediately. The TOR and data collection instruments will be completed within third week of October 2017 and suppose to start the field data collection at the beginning of November 2017. Data collection for component I will be initiated in line with the first model planning exercise.

7.2 Achievement of results indicators

Not applicable at this stage.

8.0 Communications

8.1 Status of communications strategy

The communication strategy has not finalized and PMU supposed to complete that by end of 2017.

8.2 Status of communication actions as identified in the strategy

The following points describes the status update of communication actions taken by ESCAMP and it is not followed actions as identified in the strategy since the communication strategy has not finalized.

- An interview was held with Dr. Sumith Pilapitaya at the Project Management Unit on the 7th of June, 2017. An article was prepared based on the interview. "Human-Elephant Coexistence is yet this side of the fence" was published in the Daily Mirror on 22, September, 2017.
- Applications were called upon to create a suitable logo and a theme text for the project by advertising in the Daily News, Dinamina and Thinakaran Papers. A committee was appointed to select a logo for ESCAMP, and a price of money was awarded to the winning logo. Themes suggestions were received from external and internal sources, and the same committee decided "Investing in Ecosystems – Investing in Future" to be used as the project theme.
- Three Field Trips were undertaken to Sinharaja, Knuckles, and Hurulu in Polonnaruwa in view of identifying the perceptions, views and understandings of the communities; and to create awareness on the communication component of ESCAMP. Opinions and suggestions of some stakeholders and communities were noted. Reports on the field trips were prepared and communication involvement plans were created for the visited sites based on their suggestions.
- Prepared the project brochure in English for distribution purpose. Handed over 1000 copies each to the Forest Department, and the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Work on the Sinhala and Tamil brochures are in progress.
- Creation of dedicated email accounts for all project staff members is completed. A consultant has been recruited to create a dedicated Website for ESCAMP, the interface is yet to be finalized and the work on the Website is continuing.

- The stakeholder workshop on Pilot Landscape Planning and Management was conducted on the 29th of September, 2017. A report shall be prepared by compiling the papers presented at the Workshop. Work on preparing the papers based on selected presentations is underway.
- Preparation of Brochures for component (I) Pilot Landscape Planning and Management is in progress.

9.0 Project Management

9.1 Update on PMU (staffing in place and any changes to staffing, training provided, etc.)

From the key staff positions Project Director, Project Manager, Project Accountant, Environmental and Social Safeguard Specialist, Communication Specialist, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Two Financial Management Officers, Two Environmental Officers, Social Development Officer, Two Procurement Officers and Project Secretary were recruited. The Senior Financial Manager position was suppressed and create new Senior Account Officer position and an additional Management Assistant position. They will be recruited early next quarter.

9.2 PSC (if meetings were held during the reporting quarter and key decisions taken)

Two PSC meetings were held in 1st and 2nd quarter. Third PSC meeting will be held on 12th October 2017.

9.3 Status of agreed actions during the last implementation support missions

Following are the status of agreed actions – 2nd implementation support missions

Action	Responsibilities	Date of Delivery	Present Status
ESCAMP parent project			
1. Draft ToR for a community development consultant for clearance	PMU	June 3, 2017	Instead of hiring a consultant Project Management Unit has agreed to create a permanent specialist position on Community Management and Livelihood Development. Job description has already completed. Formal request will be submitted to the Department of Management Services for approval.
2. Creation of user profiles in the World Bank Client Connection system	PMU	June 3, 2017	Completed the task.

3. Hiring of consultants for curriculum development (sub-component 3(c))	PMU	June 30, 2017	Department of Wildlife Conservation has decided to hire this Consultant during second quarter 2018. Forest Department is still negotiating with the Indian Forestry Institute to obtain 03 CVs.
4. Completion of the PMU staff recruitment	PMU	June 30, 2017	Despite the efforts made by the Ministry, it is not materialized to recruit a civil engineer and procurement specialist. Project Management Unit is partly using the Consulting Engineer hired for the Forest Department. Project Management Unit is trying to recruit a Procurement Specialist on consultancy basis.
5. Identification of an international and local consultants for the NBTP (sub-component 3(b))	PMU	July 15, 2017	Now Project Management Unit and World Bank has agreed not to hire a local consultant. In case of International consultant EOIs were received from 13 candidates and evaluation process is in progress by the Project Consultant Procurement Committee.
6. Updated POM	PMU	July 31, 2017	Revision is in progress
7. The DWC and the FD training plans (sub-component 3(c)) endorsed by the PSC	PMU	July 31, 2017	Forest Department has submitted its training plan. Department of Wildlife Conservation has submitted a plan but need some improvement. Project Management Unit is communicating with Department of Wildlife Conservation.

ESCAMP additional financing			
8. Submission of updated NPD proposal	FD/PMU through MoMDE	May 31, 2017	The revised additional financing draft proposal based on the DEFRA's new requirements has prepared by the Forest Department and has submitted to the World Bank for the Comments.
9. ERD additional financing request to the Bank	ERD facilitated by PMU/FD	June 30, 2017	NBD approval has not yet received.
10. Approval of cabinet paper	MoMDE facilitated by PMU/FD	August 30, 2017	Draft Cabinet paper has been prepared by the Forest Department.
11. Appraisal of additional financing	World Bank	November 15, 2017	Not initiated.