

# 2023-2024 Project Monitoring Plan

BE-CLME+ Regional Inception Workshop and First Steering Committee  
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Monitoring Activity	Purpose	Monitoring Metrics	M&E Mechanism or Tool	Frequency	Responsibility
<b>Project Launch</b>	Formalize project initiation and engage project actors in committed project delivery.	Annual Work Plan and Budget approved for implementation. ToRs for Project governing and decision-making arrangements adopted and under implementation, including Project Operations Manual.	Inception Workshop	Once within 4 weeks of project start-up.	CRFM, CAF, FAO
<b>Project governance and oversight</b>	Provide general guidance regarding the progress and direction of the project; exertion of proactive influence; ensure that the project meets goals announced in the Project Results Framework and conflicting priorities and resources are balanced.	Annual Work Plan reflects recommendations and decisions of the Regional Steering Committee.  Project is effective in addressing grievance raised by stakeholders.	Meetings of the RSC	At least 2 meetings per year.	CRFM, CAF, FAO
<b>Compliance with delivery timelines in approved work plan</b>	Ensure efficient and effective delivery of project implementation on a day-to-day basis.	Activities in support of project outputs executed on time and within budget.	Project Progress Reports	Quarterly and Half-Yearly	PMU

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Technical and fiduciary compliance	Validate in the field the destination of project investments to ensure project interventions are fit for purpose.	Coherence and consistency between project disbursements and activities implemented.	Technical Supervision Missions	At least twice per year	CRFM and PMU
Gender and Safeguards Compliance	Ensure the GEF, CAF and FAO gender and safeguards policies are complied with.	Gender, indigenous peoples, and stakeholder engagement Indicators in GEF CEO Endorsement Request.	Gender Action Plan Indigenous Peoples Plan Stakeholder Engagement Plan	At least twice per year	PMU

- In all instances, the standards and guidelines of the CAF and GEF Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards shall apply. **Hire a gender and safeguard specialist** to review all documents to ensure compliance
  - **Gender Action Plan:** Preventative, Mitigating or Corrective Measures
    1. Implementing cross-sectoral Marine Spatial Planning: a gender-sensitive MSP process has been implemented
    2. Inclusive value chains have been promoted and the distribution of benefits between men and women improved
  - **Indigenous People Participation and Engagement Plan** – prior and informed consultation
  - **Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM)** – fairness, responsiveness, efficiency, participatory and socially inclusive
  - **Stakeholder Engagement Plan and monitoring plan** – a process involving stakeholder identification and analysis, planning of Stakeholder Engagement, disclosure of information, consultation and participation, monitoring, evaluation and learning throughout the project cycle, addressing grievances, and on-going reporting to stakeholders.
  - **Environmental safeguard** – biodiversity, climate change

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Technical quality of project outputs	Ensure the project is benefitting from the best technical knowledge available in support of high-quality project outputs.	Extent to which technical products of the project can inform and influence change at levels relevant for BE development.	Technical Advisory Committee meetings Project Progress Reports	At least twice per year	CRFM and PMU
Financial and fiduciary compliance	Guarantee transparency and integrity in the use of project funds.	Timeliness of statement of expenses submission and subsequent disbursements and replenishments.	Financial Reports and Statement of Expenses	Yearly and/or on a replenishment basis.	CRFM and PMU
Financial Audits	Ensure compliance with the Project Operations Manual and financial management standards of the GEF Implementing Agencies.	Material findings in Independent Financial Auditor Reports.	Auditors' Reports.	At least annual.	CRFM and PMU

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<b>Monitoring by GEF Implementing Agencies</b>	Ensure the Executing Agency is in full compliance with all required policies, standards and procedures associated with the use of GEF funds.	Discrepancies or irregularities in how policies and standards are applied and resulting consequences on project results and planned outcomes.  Perception of reputational risk for GEF Implementing Agencies.	Project Progress Reports Gender and safeguards reports Auditors' Reports	As often as progress reports are available.	CRFM, CAF, FAO
<b>Monitoring by the GEF</b>	Ensure compliance with GEF policies and use of GEF Trust Funds resources and assessment of project contributions to GEF Core Indicators and Global Environmental Benefits.	Contributions to GEF Core Indicators.  Compliance with indicators in Gender Action Plan, Indigenous Peoples Plan, and Stakeholder Engagement Plan.	Project Implementation Reports (PIR).	Annual	CRFM, CAF, FAO

# Project Results Framework



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Outcomes	Indicators	Baseline	Mid-term Targets	End of Project Targets	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Project Objective: To promote blue economy development in the CLME+ through marine spatial planning and marine protected areas (MPAs), ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF), and sustainable seafood value chains.						
Objective Level Indicators						
<u>Core Indicator 2:</u>	Marine Protected Areas Newly created or Marine Protected Areas Under improved management effectiveness  Unit: (ha)	7,799,158	Baseline + 96,746	Baseline + 540,774	MPA declaration instruments and METT results as presented in completed and updated GEF BD Tracking Tool.	Governments carry through on their commitment to contribute to the global target for marine space under protective status.  Support to MPAs is delivered early in project, and METT is applied at least twice during project cycle.
<u>Core Indicator 5:</u>	Area of marine habitat under improved practices (excluding protected areas)  Unit: (ha)	TBD at Mid-Term	TBD at Mid-Term	TBD at Mid-Term	National and Regional Marine Spatial Plans and MPA declaration instruments to calculate non-protected areas that are under improved management under MSP regimes	Government and industry embrace the mutli-sector approach to MSP and the project is able to engage inMSP processes in all 6 countries early in project implementation.
<u>Core Indicator 5.2:</u>	Number of Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) with reduced pollutions and hypoxia	0	0	1	Regional MSP documents that clearly illustrate policy approaches to reduce pollution and eutrophication due to nutrient overloading.	Governments embrace the transboundary nature required for a Regional MSP approach, and the process is not hampered by sovereignty issues.



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<b><u>Core Indicator 7:</u></b>	Number of shared water ecosystems (fresh or marine) under new or improved cooperative management*  <b>Unit: #</b>	0	2	4	Regional MSP documents that clearly illustrate transboundary management approaches that encompass multiple ecosystems, including Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management	Governments embrace the transboundary nature required for a Regional MSP approach, and the process is not hampered by sovereignty issues.
<b><u>Core Indicator 8:</u></b>	Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels <b>Unit: metric tons</b>	0	20,000	45,000	Species catch data validated against official reports and audited statements.	Catch Data is reliable and auditable.
<b><u>Core Indicator 11:</u></b>	Number direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	0	Males: 68,000 Females: 28,000	Males: 68,000 Females: 20,000	Project Progress Reports, Mid-Term Evaluation Report, Terminal Evaluation Report	The baseline indicator assumes that persons in the project intervention are not yet benefitting from project investments. Because of the integrated approach to be used by the project in MSP, MPA and fisheries value chain processes to be implemented simultaneously in



The **Meeting** is invited to:

- **Note** the 2023-2024 Work Plan, Budget and Procurement plan for the CAF/FAO/CRFM/GEF – BE-CLME+ Project
- **Review** the 2023-2024 Project Monitoring Plan section and propose changes where necessary

The **Regional Steering Committee** is invited to:

- **Approve** the 2023-2024 Project Monitoring Plan with any amendments agreed by the meeting



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