

Strengthening institutions, information management and monitoring to reduce the rate of illegal wildlife trade in South Africa

Environmental, Social and Economic Review Note (ESERN)



United Nations
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I. Project Overview

Ide ntif ica tion	9437
Pr oje ct Title	Strengthening institutions, information management and monitoring to reduce the rate of illegal wildlife trade in South Africa
Ma na gin g Div isi on	Ecosystems Division
Ty pe /Lo cat ion	National
Re gion	Africa
Lis t Co unt ries	South Africa

Project Description	<p>This Project aims to strengthen institutions and targeted communities to improve decision-making and reduce the rate of illegal wildlife trade in South Africa. It will specifically carry out activities to improve monitoring and management of iconic CITES-listed species threatened by illegal and unsustainable levels of international trade, and develop appropriate community governance mechanisms and management tools that will ultimately lead to improved wildlife monitoring and a reduction in illegal wildlife trade from South Africa.</p> <p>Project activities have been designed to address three inter-related Components:</p> <p>Component 1: Strengthening capacity and information systems for effective management of wildlife trade monitoring. The entity responsible for biodiversity monitoring in South Africa is the South African National Biodiversity Institute. Component 1 aims to develop a centralised system for improved wildlife trade monitoring through development of training modules and providing skills training to Scientific Authority of South Africa on effective wildlife trade monitoring and assessment, as well as through the creation of a national wildlife monitoring system.</p> <p>Component 2: Development of a ready-to-use electronic permitting system for CITES-listed species. The centralised national system developed under Component 1 will integrate with the national e-permitting system to be developed under Component 2, which will provide an electronic system for CITES permitting that will ultimately communicate with other CITES e-permitting systems, including that already created by UNEP-WCMC. The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is the designated CITES Management Authority in South Africa. It is responsible for implementation of CITES in South Africa and adherence to its obligations under the Convention. In this regard, ensuring that international wildlife trade is legal, sustainable and verifiable is a fundamental consideration for the DEA.</p> <p>Component 3: Strengthening community capacity to reduce the rate of illegal wildlife trade. This Component will bring communities living adjacent to the western boundary of Kruger National Park into the integrated process in South Africa to address illegal wildlife trade. Efforts under the Project will focus on community-level social development through implementation of novel community governance guidelines specifically targeting community-based natural resource management. A community-led Environmental Monitors Programme will be designed and put into action to increase security of rural communities and target species (rhino, elephant, big cats), thereby reducing the rate of illegal activities in the adjoining KNP.</p>
Estimated duration of project:	60 months
Estimated cost of the project:	4,886,009 USD
Funding Source:	GEF

II. Environmental Social and Economic Screening Determination

Summary of the Safeguard Risks Triggered

Safeguard Standard Triggered by the Project	Impact of Risk (1-5)	Probability of Risk (1-5)	Significance of Risk (L, M, H)*
SS 1: Biodiversity, natural habitat and Sustainable Management of Living Resources	1	1	L
SS 2: Resource Efficiency, Pollution Prevention and Management of Chemicals and Wastes	1	1	L
SS 3: Safety of Dams	1	1	L
SS 4: Involuntary resettlement	1	1	L
SS 5: Indigenous peoples	1	1	L
SS 6: Labor and working conditions	1	1	L
SS 7: Cultural Heritage	1	1	L
SS 8: Gender equity	1	1	L

SS 9: Economic Sustainability	1	1	L
Additional Safeguard questions for projects seeking GCF-funding (Section IV)	NA	NA	NA

*Refer to the UNEP ESES Framework (Chapter 2) and the UNEP's ESES Guidelines

ESE Screening Decision

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate risk	<input type="checkbox"/> High risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional information required
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Development of ESE Review Note and Screening Decision

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Accepted by Project Manager:	Name:	Date:
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Recommended further action from the Safeguard Advisor

I agree that it is a low safeguard risk project.