

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY05
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Country: South Africa

Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY05 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on and beyond June 30, 2005. Thus it bridges the gap in information available to the public between the Project Appraisal Document, disclosed after the Bank approves a project, and the Implementation Completion Report, disclosed after the project closes.

The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. Now, in accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, the SOPE Report is also available to the public. By publishing this improved report, we have addressed one of the main concerns we heard from the public during disclosure consultations – that the public has very little access to information on projects while they are being implemented. Readers familiar with past reports will note that projects that closed during the fiscal year are no longer included in the SOPE, since their Implementation Completion Reports are now also disclosed.

The FY05 SOPE introduces a new element: in order to disclose project-by-project comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, the SOPE report contains a line chart¹ showing the original estimated disbursement schedule, the latest approved revised schedule (if any) and actual disbursements for investment operations and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

¹ Notes:

- Amounts for Projects in currencies other than U.S. dollars may not match exactly due to exchange rate fluctuations over the life of the project.
- Disbursement graphs are not included for Development Policy Loans, which provide quick-disbursing external financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these loans, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed conditions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus may not include a graph.

Country: South Africa

Project Name (ID): Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development (P052368)

Country: South Africa

Board Approval Date: 09/13/2001

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-21804, MULT-23724

Sector(s): Forestry (40%), Other social services (20%), General public administration (20%), Other industry (10%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Land administration and management (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

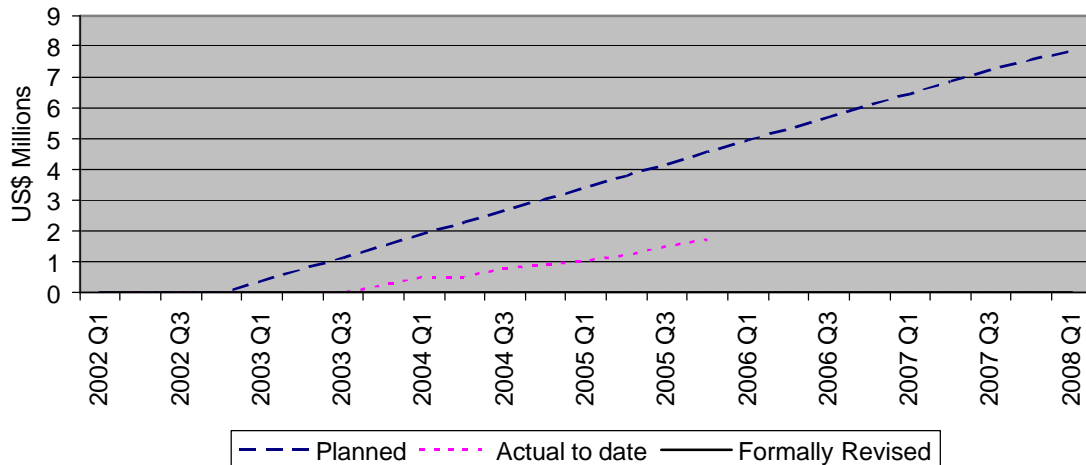
The objectives are to conserve globally significant biodiversity in the Maloti Drakensberg Mountains and to support community development through nature-based tourism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is making progress towards achieving its development objectives. Trans-frontier cooperation and development is taking place with Lesotho to identify threats to biodiversity and to support planning for the area. In South Africa, protected area planning is advancing well and community based natural resource management is taking place. On the ground, investment is taking place in rehabilitation of degraded areas. A Geographical Information System capability has been established to support the project and good linkages have been forged with all implementing agencies concerned.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-21804	Closed	0.35	0.34	0.00	0.01
MULT-23724	Effective	7.89	1.72	6.16	0.00



Project Name (ID): Greater Addo Elephant National Park (P064438)

Country: South Africa

Board Approval Date: 02/24/2004

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-24117, MULT-53110

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (60%), Central government administration (25%), Agricultural extension and research (6%), Other social services (5%), General education (4%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Social risk mitigation (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

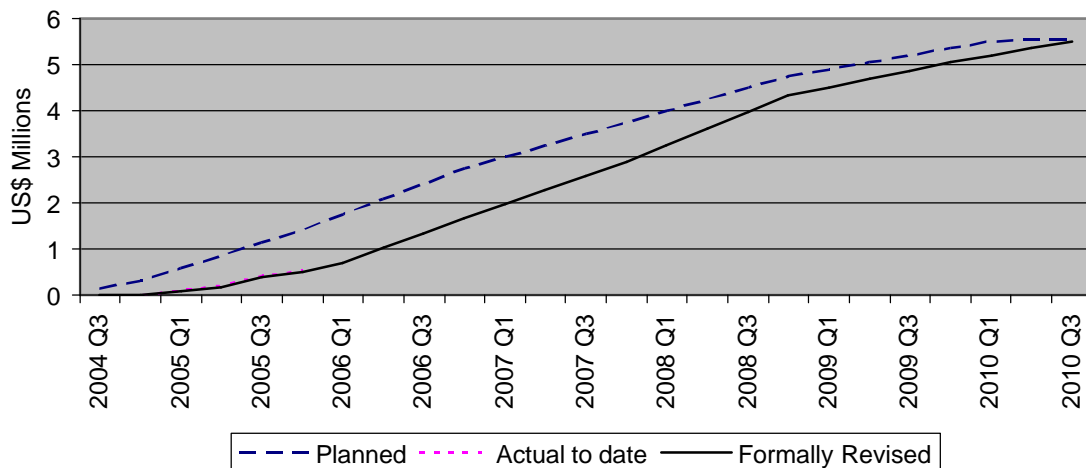
To establish a megabiodiversity conservation area around the existing Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) to avert further ecosystem degradation. The project also aims to contribute to poverty reduction by creating direct employment in nature conservation and by catalyzing the development of eco-tourism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Even though it is too soon to report on outcomes, early achievements indicate satisfactory progress (out of the 46 000 ha of private land to be incorporated under contractual agreements, 18 500 ha have been incorporated). Furthermore, planning for the overall marine protected area has been initiated with two islands and an adjacent marine area already having been contractually incorporated. The first socio-economic survey reports a 35% increase in local employment due to the park existence since 2002. The resettlement action plan of 81 families of farm workers from farms acquired since 1997 is being implemented, and park management has stimulated the creation and reinforcement of Small and Medium Enterprises and contracted them for rehabilitation work of road and fences using project-leveraged poverty relief funds.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-24117	Closed	0.34	0.32	0.00	0.01
MULT-53110	Effective	5.50	0.53	4.97	0.00



Project Name (ID): Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development (P075997)
Country: South Africa
Board Approval Date: 05/18/2004
Closing Date: 10/31/2009
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-51243, MULT-53225
Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (60%), Central government administration (21%), General education (8%), Agricultural extension and research (7%), Sub-national government administration (4%)
Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

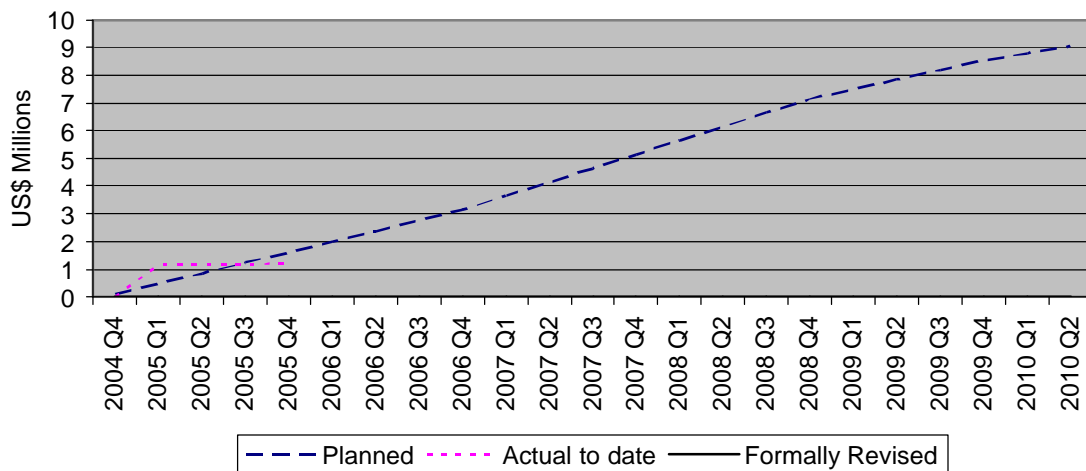
The objective is to support the conservation of the Cape Floristic Region (CFR) and adjacent marine environment by laying a sound foundation for scaling up and replicating successful Project outcomes.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is off to a good start towards achieving the development objectives. Four signatory Institutions (South Africa National Botanical Institute, South African National Parks, Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, and the Wilderness Foundation) directly support the implementation of the project, and the main focus so far was on hiring staff and putting in place sub-project teams. Some of the achievements include: Cape Action Plan for the Environment (C.A.P.E.) coordination unit staffed; working groups in the project management unit are established and are assisting the implementation of the activities. Work plans were prepared: 39 Critical Ecosystems Partnership Funds (CEPF) and 45 Tropical Moist Forest (TMF) project have been or are being implemented by civil society. Jobs of nature-based tourism have increased (preliminary data only), and 97,300 ha of indigenous forests were already transferred to SANParks.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51243	Closed	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00
MULT-53225	Effective	9.00	1.24	7.76	0.00



Project Name (ID): Municipal Financial Management Technical Assistance (P076901)
Country: South Africa
Board Approval Date: 09/12/2002
Closing Date: 06/30/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-71460
Sector(s): Central government administration (67%), Sub-national government administration (33%)
Theme(s): Municipal finance (P), Other public sector governance (S)

Project Development Objectives:

In the context of the Government’s overall public finance reform and local government transformation program, the project’s objectives are to support selected municipalities in implementing new budgeting and financial management systems and to support the national government to complete selected analytical work on policy reforms.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Progress in all aspects of the development objectives is well on track:

- (a) a total of 35 advisors have been procured through two international firms. Three advisors have been seconded to National Treasury to assist in monitoring the performance of the advisors that are deployed in various municipalities;
- (b) significant work has been done in designing municipal finance monitoring systems; and
- (c) consultants have been contracted to work on the financial framework for local governments.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2005)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-71460	Effective	15.00	5.90	9.10	0.00

