

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

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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.

Regional Projects:

Project Name (ID): Mekong Water Utilization (P045864)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

Board Approval Date: 02/03/2000

Midterm Review Date: 02/25/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: WBTF-23406

Sector(s): Central government administration (90%), Law and justice (10%)

Theme(s): Water resources management (P), Biodiversity (P), Other rule of law (P)

Project Development Objectives:

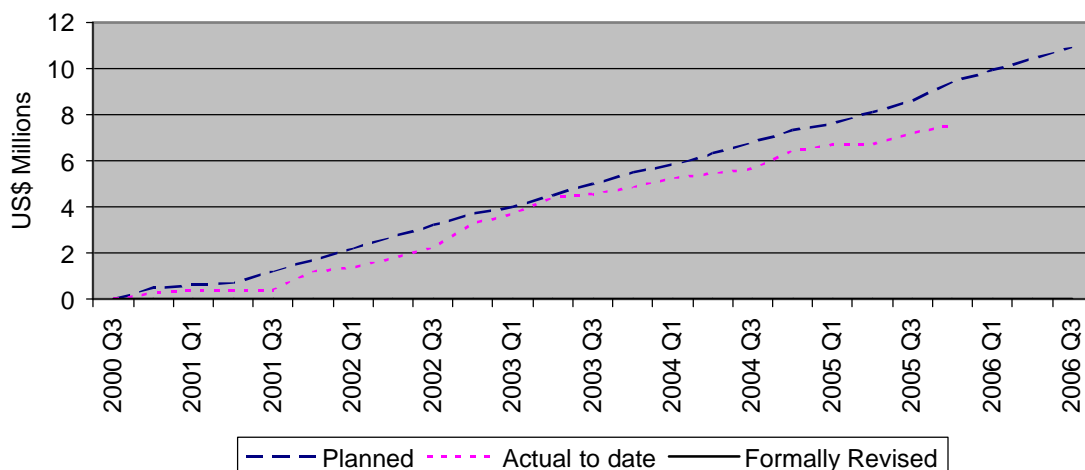
The objective is to assist MRC to promote and improve coordinated and sustainable water resources management in the Mekong Basin, including reasonable and equitable water utilization by the MRC countries and protection of the environment, aquatic life and the ecological balance of the basin.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing steadily toward achieving its development objective. It has supported the development and establishment of an effective planning tool for basin modeling and Decision Support Framework (DSF) and associated knowledge base to facilitate mutual understanding and negotiations among the Mekong riparians in basin water resources planning and water utilization monitoring to ensure sustainable water management in the Mekong basin. The DSF is being institutionalized by the MRC. To date, all except one agreed project milestones have been met, especially the signing of the four Mekong River Commission (MRC) countries' (Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos) three key implementing rules and procedures regarding data exchange and sharing, notification, and water monitoring for implementing the Mekong treaty. The four countries are working towards completing the formulation of procedures on maintenance of flows this year. Implementation of the integrated basin flow management program is progressing and is supporting better trans-boundary impact analysis that is needed for ensuring sustainable basin-wide water resources utilization.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-23406	Effective	11.00	7.53	3.47	0.00



Project Name (ID): Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building for Management (P078034)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

Board Approval Date: 09/23/2004

Closing Date: 05/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-51023, WBTF-53909

Sector(s): Tertiary education (95%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (5%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Other environment and natural resources management (P)

Project Development Objectives:

To fill critical gaps in strategic knowledge about coral reef ecosystems and their ability to produce continuous goods and services in the face of increasing development pressures--from local human stressors to climate change--and to bring this information to bear on management and policy decisions locally and globally.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Major progress achieved in FY05 (since signing of the Grant Agreement in December 2004) include: (i) project effectiveness and the establishment of the administrative and financial unit within the Project Executing Agency (University of Queensland) to oversee project implementation in collaboration with 6 scientific working groups and four centers of excellence, in various regions of the world; (ii) convening of the oversight Synthesis Panel in April 2005, in Zanzibar, to review the first year's work program; (iii) approval by the Executive Committee of Year 1 budgets for all but 2 of the sub grant agreements, paving the way for disbursement of the bulk of year 1 funds (the other sub grant proposals are currently under review); (iv) initiation of research activities by Working Groups and outreach to local communities and government officials about the research and its intended outputs down the line; (v) hiring of a communications specialist to develop a communications strategy for the Project to reinforce linking of scientific findings to management and policy decisions; and (vi) publication of scientific results from preparation phase in peer reviewed journals, as well as production of the first Policy Advisory Brief on Rehabilitation of Coral Reefs following the Tsunami, by the Reef Restoration Working Group.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51023	Closed	0.61	0.58	0.00	0.03
WBTF-53909	Effective	11.00	1.00	10.00	0.00

