

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): Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System (P053349)

Region: Central America

Board Approval Date: 05/22/2001

Midterm Review Date: 03/09/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-27739

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (50%), Central government administration (21%), General education (13%), Animal production (8%), Other industry (8%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Water resources management (P), Export development and competitiveness (P)

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to: (a) enhance protection of the ecologically unique and vulnerable marine ecosystems of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System; and (b) establish management systems for their sustainable use.

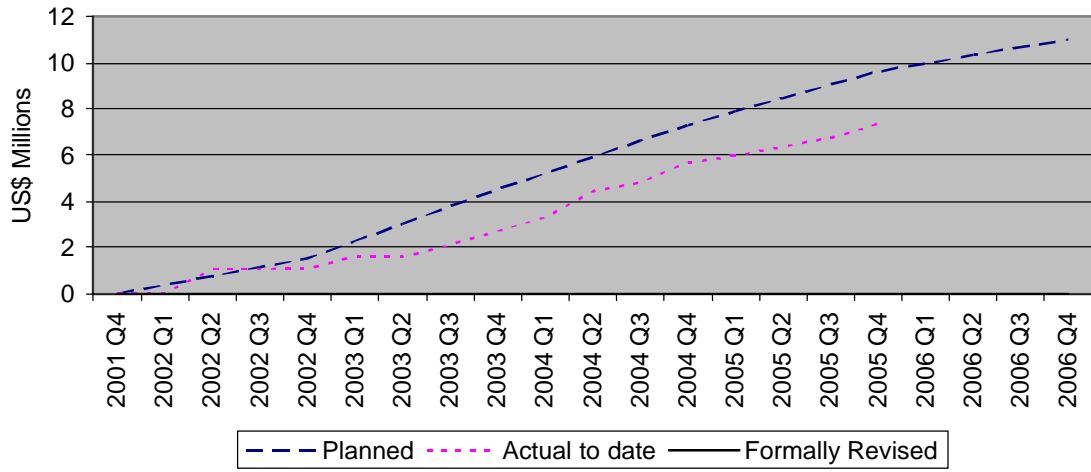
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

During fiscal year 2005, the project made considerable progress toward achieving its objectives, particularly in terms of: (a) institutional capacity building to enhance the management effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs); (b) human resource development through skills training of staff and empowerment of fishermen and alternative livelihoods training in eco-tourism and other environmentally friendly income generating activities for communities; and (c) policy harmonization in the four Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System countries regarding policies and regulatory frameworks governing protection and use of common or shared resources. The project also supported the following actions: (a) construction of Visitors Centers at transboundary sites; (b) initiation of a regional dialogue on fisheries issues for and by fishermen in the region; (c) adoption of common policy frameworks governing closed seasons and fishing gear, recreational diving, protected species and MPAs by Guatemala, Honduras and Belize (with a commitment from Mexico to sign shortly); and (d) launch of a multi-media environmental awareness campaign on key issues that affect the barrier reef.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-27739	Effective	11.00	7.33	3.67	0.00

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Project Name (ID): Integrated Ecosystem Management in Indigenous Communities (P075219)
Region: Central America
Board Approval Date: 12/16/2004
Closing Date: 01/01/2010
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-54186
Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (40%), Other social services (40%), Agricultural marketing and trade (20%)
Theme(s): Indigenous peoples (P), Biodiversity (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Land administration and management (S), Participation and civic engagement (S)

Project Development Objectives:

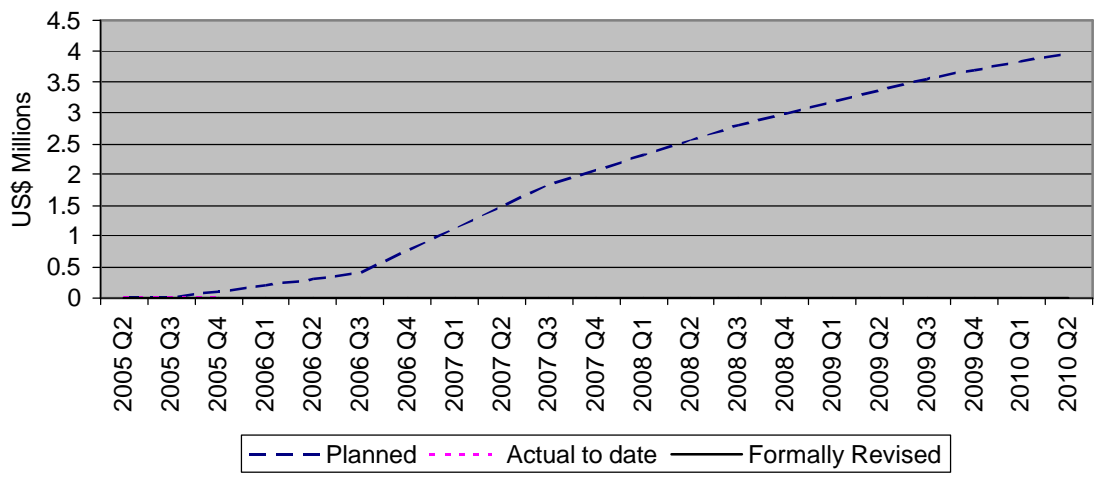
The objective is to achieve more effective biodiversity conservation in Central America with strengthening the capacity of indigenous communities to protect and manage their natural and cultural resources.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54186	Effective	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Central America HIV/AIDS (P082243)

Region: Central America

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2005

Closing Date: 11/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H1540

Sector(s): Health (75%), Central government administration (25%)

Theme(s): Other communicable diseases (P), HIV/AIDS (P), Health system performance (S), Personal and property rights (S)

Project Development Objectives:

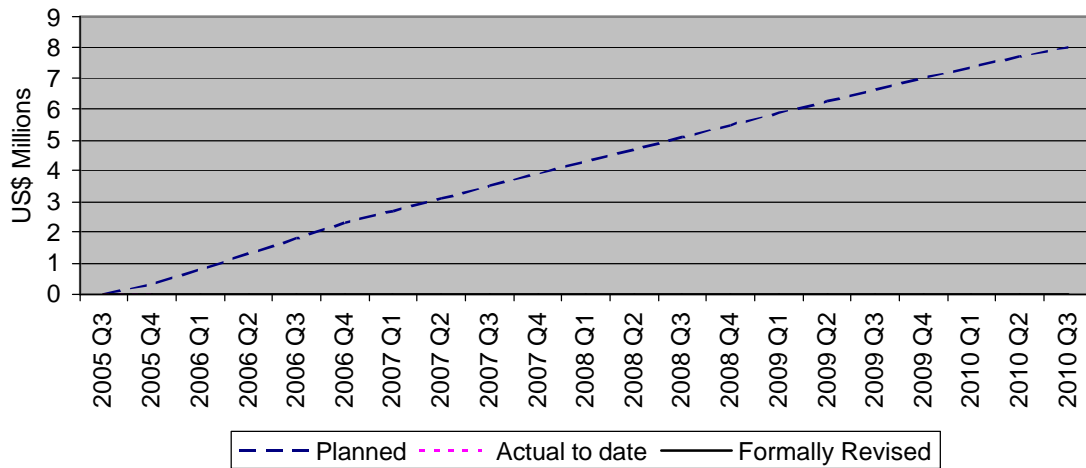
The objective is to provide knowledge and tools to decision makers in all countries in the region to manage and control HIV/AIDS and other opportunistic infections.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1540	Effective	7.68	0.00	7.68	0.00



Project Name (ID): Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of the Guarani Aquifer System (P068121)

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date: 06/13/2002

Closing Date: 03/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-23823, MULT-50950, NETH-51223

Sector(s): Central government administration (92%), Other social services (3%), General education (3%), Renewable energy (2%)

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions (P), Water resources management (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Climate change (S)

Project Development Objectives:

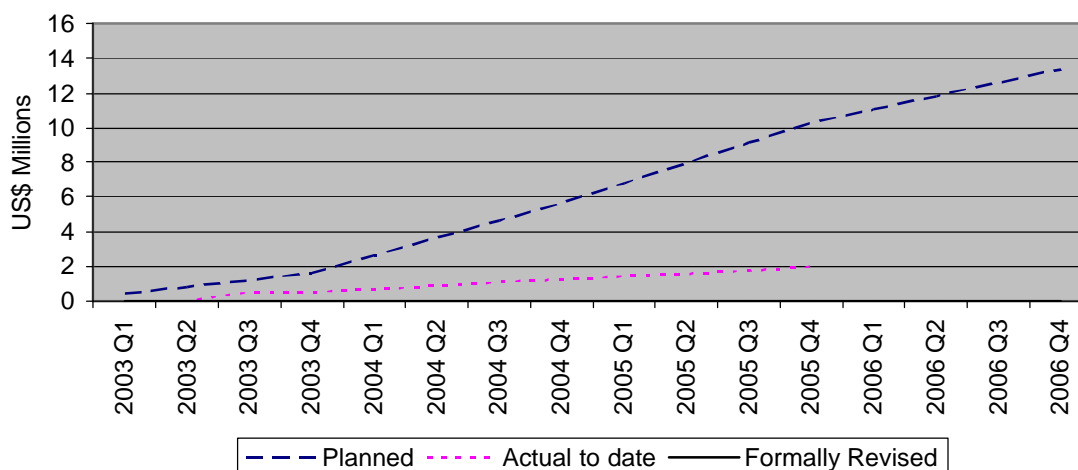
The objective is the sustainable use and management of the Guarani Aquifer System in Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay for current and future generations.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project has shown strong progress towards achieving its development objective. The need for a sustainable use and management of this strategic resource is now widely recognized. The institutional basis necessary for the future sustainable management of the resource has started showing signs of maturity as evidenced through the initiation of specific activities by each country. These initiatives include: (i) in Paraguay, pilot region deforestation in the aquifer region has been banned; (ii) in Brazil in the Riberao Preto pilot region, areas for protected status have been identified; (iii) in Uruguay in the Santana pilot region, reforestation of the river basin is planned; and (iv) in Argentina in Tres Rios, the boring of deep thermal wells is prohibited until new guidelines are prepared. Knowledge on the aquifer is progressively improving through studies conducted by universities in the region. Contracts under implementation will further contribute to expanding the knowledge base. Public awareness about the resource and the need for its sustainable management is at an all time high.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-23823	Closed	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00
MULT-50950	Effective	13.40	1.95	11.45	0.00
NETH-51223	Effective	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Integrated Silvopastoral Approaches to Ecosystem Management (P072979)

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date: 05/02/2002

Closing Date: 01/31/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-28423, MULT-50612

Sector(s): Agricultural extension and research (50%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (50%)

Theme(s): Other rural development (P), Biodiversity (P), Climate change (P), Land administration and management (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

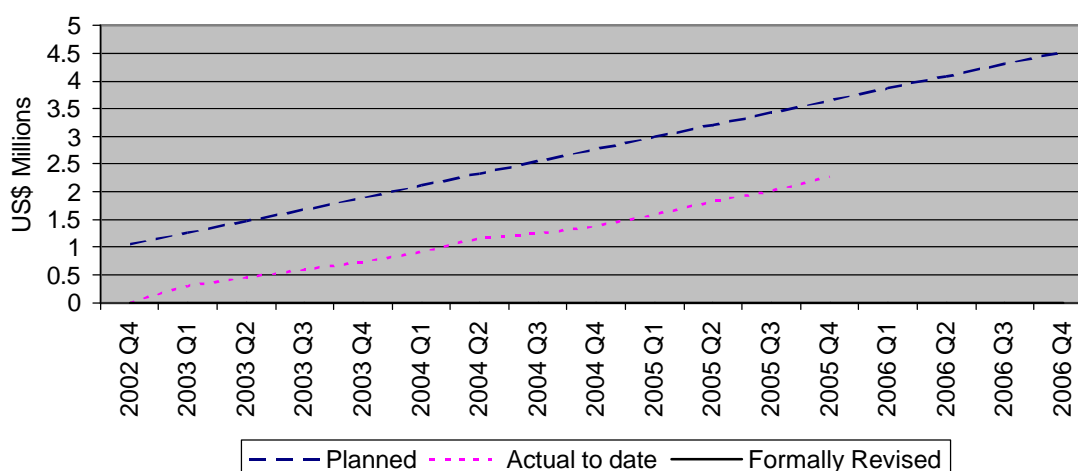
The objective is to demonstrate and measure the effects of the introduction of payment incentives for environmental services to farmers on their adoption of integrated silvopastoral farming systems.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project provided a baseline payment to agricultural producers based on existing land uses in their farms and one annual incremental payment for biodiversity-friendly land use changes. Preliminary data show that payments led to land use improvements. As of December 2004, 1,375 hectares in the three countries had been converted from degraded and natural pastures to other uses, including: pastures with trees, intensive silvopastoral systems, fodder banks and forests. The project supported monitoring and evaluation systems related to biodiversity, carbon sequestration, water quality and socio-economic variables in the project farms. Preliminary biodiversity findings indicate that some productive land uses (such as pastures with trees in high densities and live fences) possess higher abundance and diversity of selected species, than those present in primary and secondary forests. Data on carbon sequestration and water quality also denote improvements during the project, with 15,592 tons of carbon sequestered and water quality improved in four watersheds.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-28423	Closed	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00
MULT-50612	Effective	4.50	2.25	2.25	0.00



Project Name (ID): Building the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (P077187)

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date: 06/29/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-51150, MULT-53526

Sector(s): Information technology (100%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

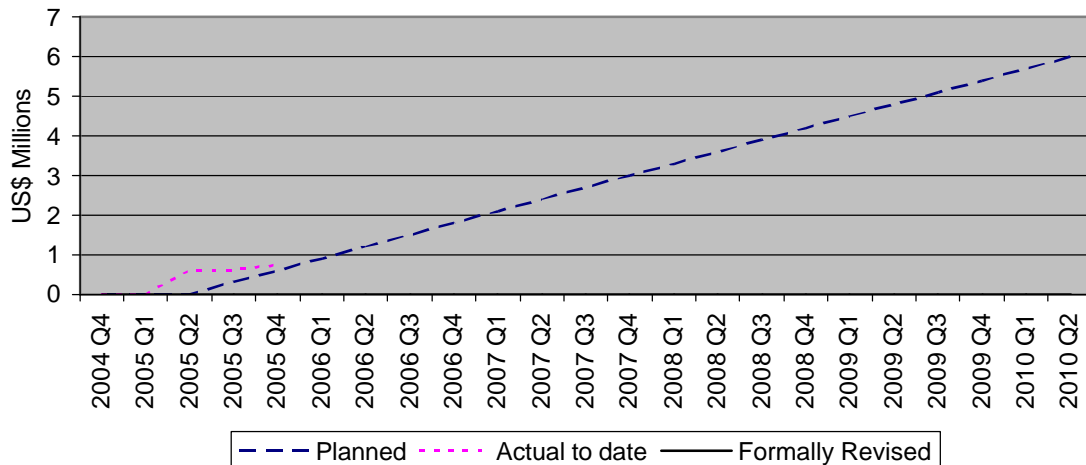
The objectives are to: (a) support the development of and consolidation of the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN), an internet-based, decentralized network, to provide wider access to scientifically credible biodiversity information currently existing in individual institutions and agencies in the Americas; and (b) provide the tools to draw knowledge from that wealth of resources to support sound decision-making concerning the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In general, the project is underway successfully, which is a testimonial to the good work of the grant recipient (Organization of American States, OAS) and the new staff of the Secretariat in Panama City. All six of the thematic network contracts have either been awarded or are in the process of being awarded, and the project hosted a successful IABIN Council meeting in April 2005 attended by 25 countries in the Hemisphere. As the project has only been underway for a very short time, it is too early to measure specific progress on the development objective indicators, but all elements are in place for a rapid take-off and launch of this hemispheric initiative.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51150	Closed	0.65	0.63	0.02	0.00
MULT-53526	Effective	6.00	0.74	5.26	0.00



Project Name (ID): Protected Areas and Associated Livelihoods (P073267)

Region: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date: 05/20/2004

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-53299, WBTF-27935

Sector(s): Central government administration (55%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (27%), Other social services (10%), General industry and trade (8%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Participation and civic engagement (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S), Regional integration (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

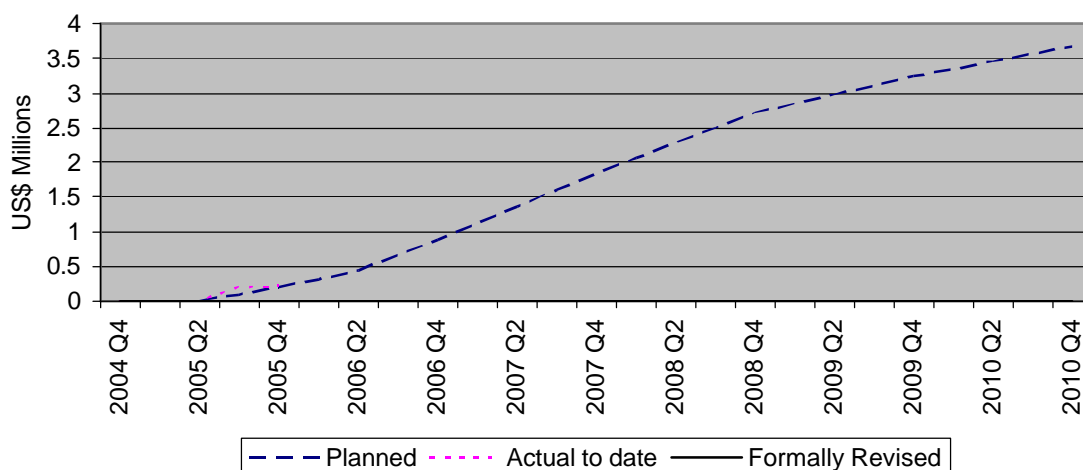
The objective is to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity of global importance in the participating countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project became effective in the latter part of the reporting period and was still in too early a stage for meaningful progress.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53299	Effective	3.70	0.21	3.49	0.00
WBTF-27935	Closed	0.22	0.17	0.00	0.05



Project Name (ID): Telecommunications and Information Communications Technology Development (P088448)

Region: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date: 05/12/2005

Closing Date: 12/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-47750, IBRD-47760, IBRD-47770, IBRD-47780, IDA-40560, IDA-40570, IDA-40580, IDA-40590

Sector(s): Telecommunications (80%), Central government administration (15%), Law and justice (5%)

Theme(s): Infrastructure services for private sector development (P), Judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms (S), Regulation and competition policy (S), Regional integration (S), Legal institutions for a market economy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

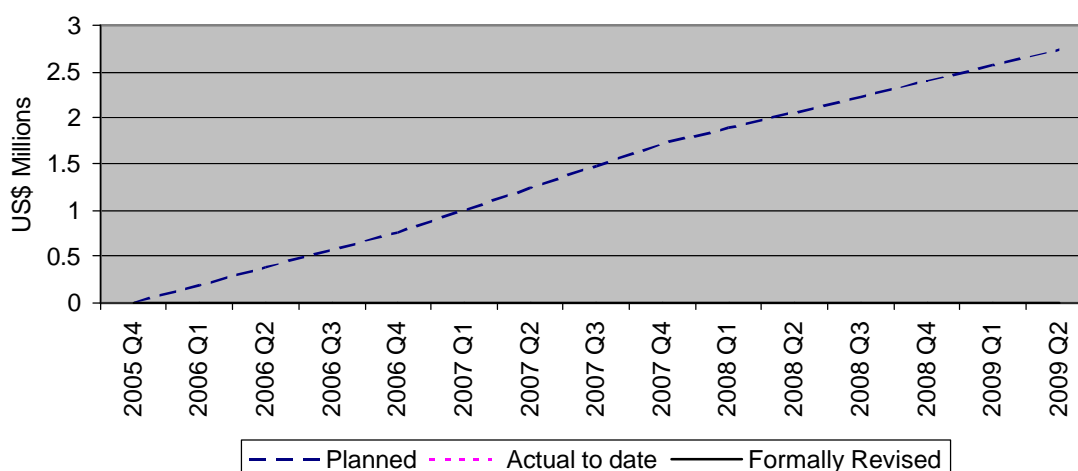
The objective is to improve the access, quality, and use of telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology services to achieve socio-economic development in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47750	Not Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47760	Not Effective	0.54	0.00	0.54	0.00
IBRD-47770	Not Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47780	Not Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IDA-40560	Not Effective	0.29	0.00	0.29	0.00
IDA-40570	Not Effective	0.29	0.00	0.29	0.00
IDA-40580	Not Effective	0.29	0.00	0.29	0.00
IDA-40590	Not Effective	0.58	0.00	0.58	0.00



Project Name (ID): Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change (P073389)

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date: 04/17/2003

Closing Date: 09/30/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-50138, MULT-51853

Sector(s): General public administration (30%), General water, sanitation and flood protection (20%), Other industry (20%), General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (15%), Housing construction (15%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Natural disaster management (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (S), Regional integration (S)

Project Development Objectives:

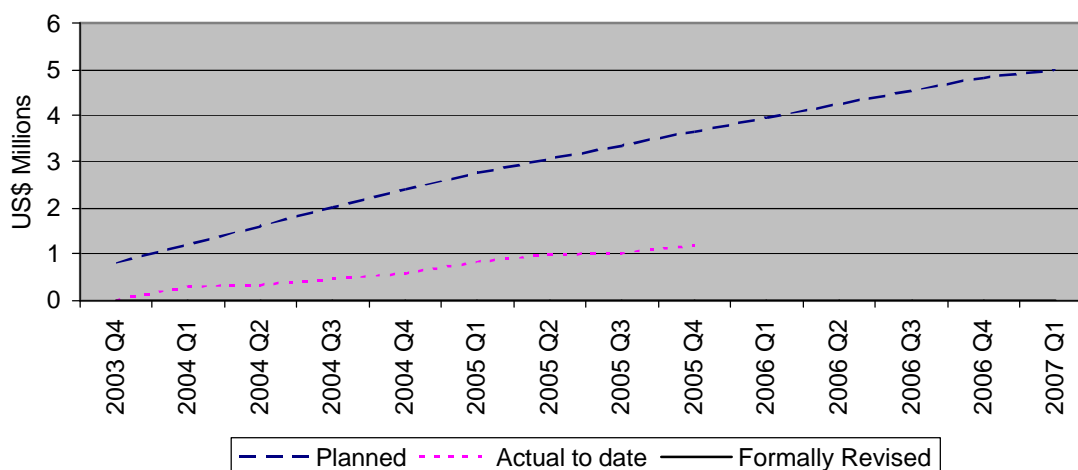
The objective is to facilitate the creation of an enabling environment in the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) small islands and coastal developing states for climate change adaptation.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The implementation of the following activities indicates progress towards achievement of the objective: (a) nodal sea level monitoring agency staff trained on climate change aspects, and upgraded stations expected to generate accurate information on climate change in October 2005; (b) regional capacity on statistical and dynamic downscaling of global climate models developed, and statistically downscaled climate projections for four countries prepared; (c) vulnerability/risk assessment and climate change adaptation approaches tailored to the Caribbean countries developed; (d) Risk Management Guide and Environmental Impact Assessment Sourcebook addressing climate change issues prepared and being field-tested; (e) initial climate change adaptation options prepared for water, agriculture/food security, and health sectors for some countries; (f) for the first time, an integrated regional agenda on climate change was developed and presented at Conference of the Parties in December 2004; and (g) launch of the region-level and national Public Education and Outreach Strategies to generate awareness about climate change.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50138	Closed	0.35	0.34	0.00	0.00
MULT-51853	Effective	5.00	1.20	3.80	0.00



Project Name (ID): Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (P080721)

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date: 03/25/2004

Closing Date: 12/31/2007

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IDA-H0770

Sector(s): Other social services (59%), Health (26%), Central government administration (15%)

Theme(s): HIV/AIDS (P), Other communicable diseases (S), Personal and property rights (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to expand, consolidate and effectively coordinate regional support within the Member Countries in an effort to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on the human and economic development of the Caribbean region.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project launched in October 2004 and implementation of project activities is underway. It is too early to report on project impacts. The project management team is in place and based at the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) in Georgetown, Guyana, and is now conducting periodic project supervision missions to Trinidad and Tobago to meet with other implementing agencies.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0770	Effective	8.90	0.40	8.52	0.00

