

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY05
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COUNTRY: COSTA RICA

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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.

Country: Costa Rica

Project Name (ID): Ecomarkets (P052009)

Country: Costa Rica

Board Approval Date: 06/06/2000

Midterm Review Date: 08/30/2004

Closing Date: 06/30/2006

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-45570, JPN-50508

Sector(s): Forestry (100%)

Theme(s): Legal institutions for a market economy (P), Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Climate change (S)

Project Development Objectives:

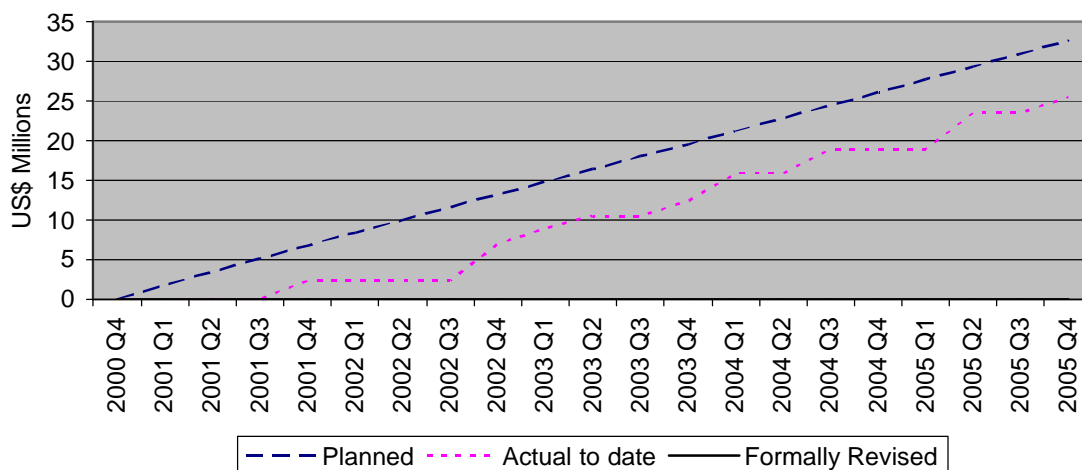
The objective is to increase forest conservation with development of markets and private sector providers for environmental services supplied by privately owned forests.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to be fully on target and it has already reached, if not surpassed its objective with the following achievements to date: (a) forest conservation with a 100,000 hectares target has reached 114 percent of its intended coverage; (b) the participation of women in forest conservation has increased from 22 at beginning of project to 368 by March 2005, a 1672 percent increase; (c) the land area covered with women participation increased from 1,232 ha (4 percent) to 26,945 ha (14 percent)(a 2187 percent increase); (d) the increase of area with Payment for Environmental Services under indigenous control increased from 2,850 ha to 22,451 ha (a 790 percent increase).

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-45570	Effective	32.63	25.50	7.13	0.00
JPN-50508	Closed	0.30	0.29	0.02	0.00



Project Name (ID): Equity and Efficiency of Education (P057857)

Country: Costa Rica

Board Approval Date: 03/29/2005

Midterm Review Date: 06/30/2009

Closing Date: 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-72840

Sector(s): Primary education (50%), Secondary education (30%), Central government administration (20%)

Theme(s): Education for all (P), Education for the knowledge economy (S)

Project Development Objectives:

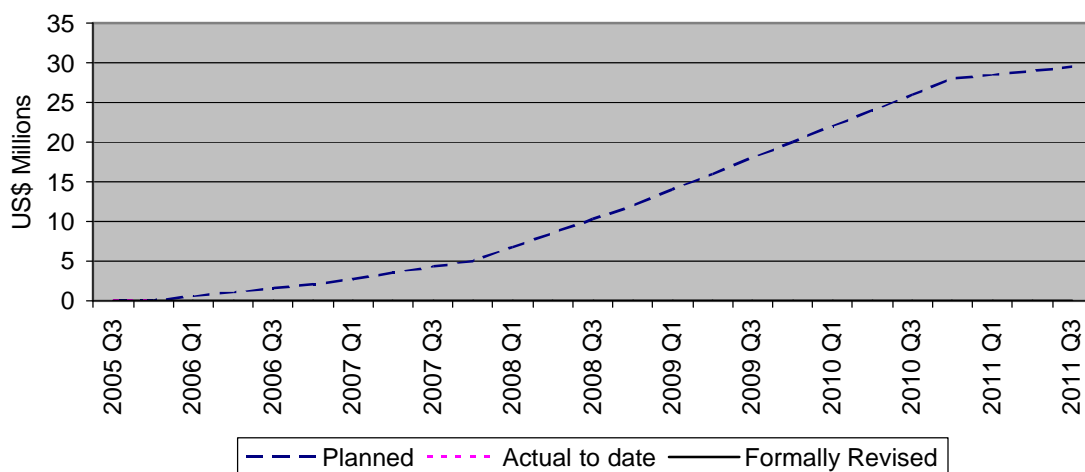
The objectives are to: (a) close existing rural education gaps in access, quality and internal efficiency; (b) improve the impact of equity programs for low-income students; and (c) enhance the capacity of education institutional actors at the central, regional and local levels.

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-72840	Not Effective	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00



Project Name (ID): Biodiversity Resource Development (P039876)
Country: Costa Rica
Board Approval Date: 03/03/1998
Midterm Review Date: 06/24/2002
Closing Date: 12/31/2005
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: MULT-28324, WBTF-28453
Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing, and forestry (87%), Central government administration (13%)
Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Rural non-farm income generation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

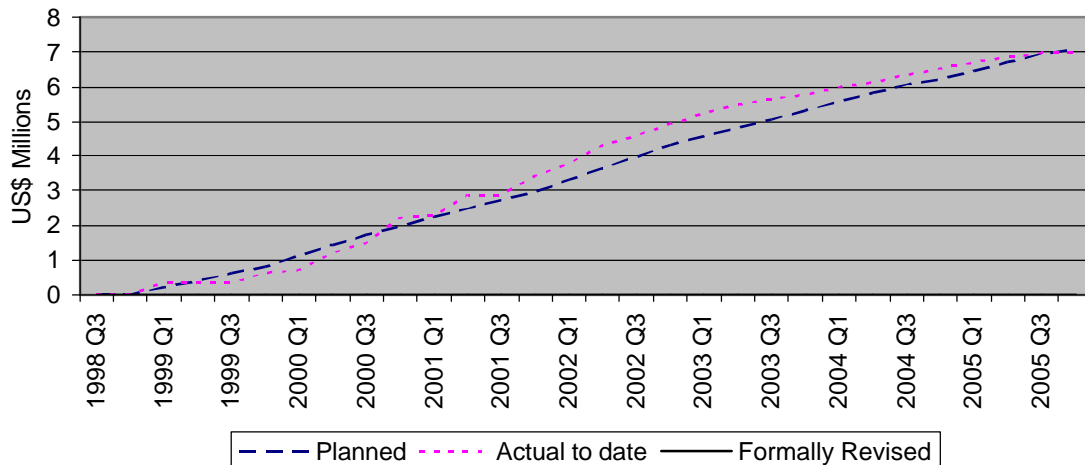
The objective is to test the use of biodiversity information in the creation of incentives for conservation and sustainable use for globally important biodiversity.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The executing agency (INBio) continues to be highly successful in disseminating project-generated information and analysis to policymakers, protected areas administrators, and the public to both raise environmental awareness and help define and inform conservation policies and strategies. More than 30 project-inspired conservation measures within protected areas have been adopted, exceeding the planned indicator. It is also meeting or exceeding expectations for developing pilot agreements with private companies, NGOs, and research centers for activities that incorporate information generated by the project in activities aimed at sustainable use of biodiversity; 51 such agreements have been finalized. The taxonomic collections and other activities financed by the project not only generate greater knowledge and understanding of biodiversity, but are an important part of the foundation that underlies INBio's scientific authority, public credibility, and strong reputation among conservation professionals and policymakers. More than 250 international taxonomists have contributed their time under project-financed programs and about half a million specimens have been identified and included in data bases. The project is thus expected to fully achieve its objective although it has been challenging to define and determine values for indicators that reflect the attainment of these objectives.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-28324	Effective	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.00
WBTF-28453	Closed	0.28	0.24	0.00	0.04



Project Name (ID): Second Health Sector Strengthening and Modernization (P073892)
Country: Costa Rica
Board Approval Date: 07/12/2001
Closing Date: 12/31/2006
Loan/Credit/Grant Number: IBRD-70680
Sector(s): Health (95%), Central government administration (5%)
Theme(s): Health system performance (P), Decentralization (S), Administrative and civil service reform (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve health system performance and financial sustainability.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is slowly recovering from the difficult and minimal execution of 2004 due to the political upheavals experienced by the Government of Costa Rica and particularly the Social Security Institute. Two rounds of subprojects aimed at increasing share of services provided on an outpatient basis of health care processes and improving quality of services have been completed and investments are now being implemented. The State Social Welfare Institute component aimed at updating the Poverty Information System was recently cancelled as a result of the lack of willingness of the Institute's Governing Board to carry out this objective. In June 2005, the Controller General approved the Institutional Agreement between the Ministry of Health and the Social Security Institute, which was retaining the execution of the Ministry of Health activities.

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

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-70680	Effective	17.00	1.49	15.51	0.00

