

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY06
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Report on the Status of Projects in Execution - FY06
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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY06 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active on June 30, 2006.

The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. In accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, since FY02, the SOPE Report is available to the public.

The report is intended to bridge 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.

In addition to the project progress description, the FY06 SOPE report¹ contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date for all active projects.

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: Latin America and the Caribbean Region**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 :** 06/30/2007**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 (MBRS), (b) build capacity and awareness for sustainable use of MBRS goods and services, and (c) harmonize to the extent possible, information collection and dissemination, policy frameworks and management plans, and strategic interventions among key stakeholders in the region.

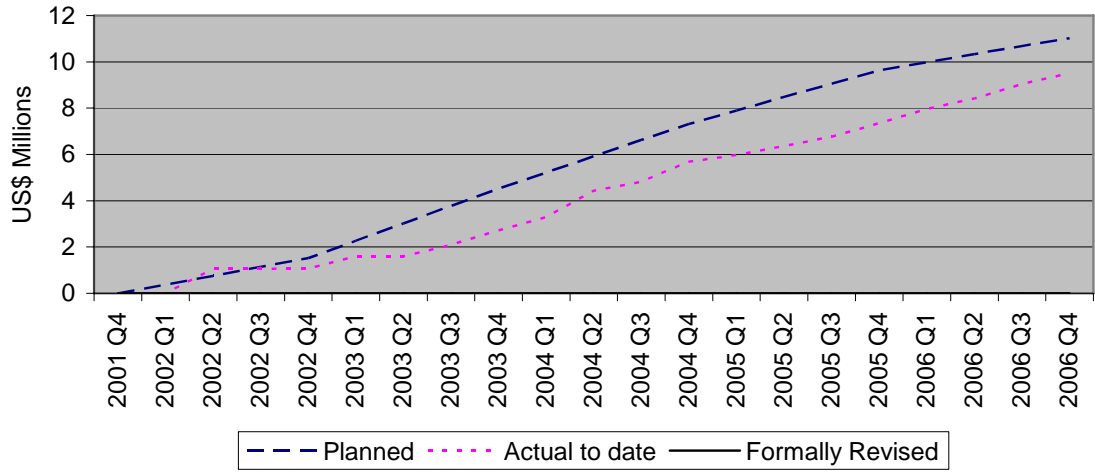
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

In FY2006 some important milestones were achieved. Stakeholder consultations involving a broad spectrum of economic and social sectors resulted in an updated draft of the regional Action Plan for the MBRS to be endorsed by all four countries by mid-September. On July 11, 2006, the four heads of state of the MBRS countries signed a Declaration renewing their commitment to conserving the integrity and productivity of the MBRS. Over a year's worth of regional data collected for establishment of an ecological baseline to assess the health of the MBRS were analyzed. These are now available to the regional network of monitoring institutions and will soon be published for preparation of a State of the Reef Report. Establishment of a regional Center of Excellence in Belize for management of the MBRS was also authorized by the four heads of state, along with a regional ministerial level steering committee to oversee implementation of the revised action plan.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-27739	Effective	11.00	9.51	1.49	0.00





Project Name (ID): Integrated Ecosystem Management in Indigenous Communities (P075219)

Region: Central America

Board Approval Date : 12/16/2004

Midterm Review Date : 09/10/2007

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, Belize and Panama by strengthening the capacity of indigenous communities to protect and manage their natural and cultural resources, and by promoting their cultural values and sustainable traditional land use practices, thereby helping to (a) prevent further land degradation that threatens environmental services, livelihoods, and economic well-being, and (b) conserve the region's high, though increasingly threatened, biodiversity resources.

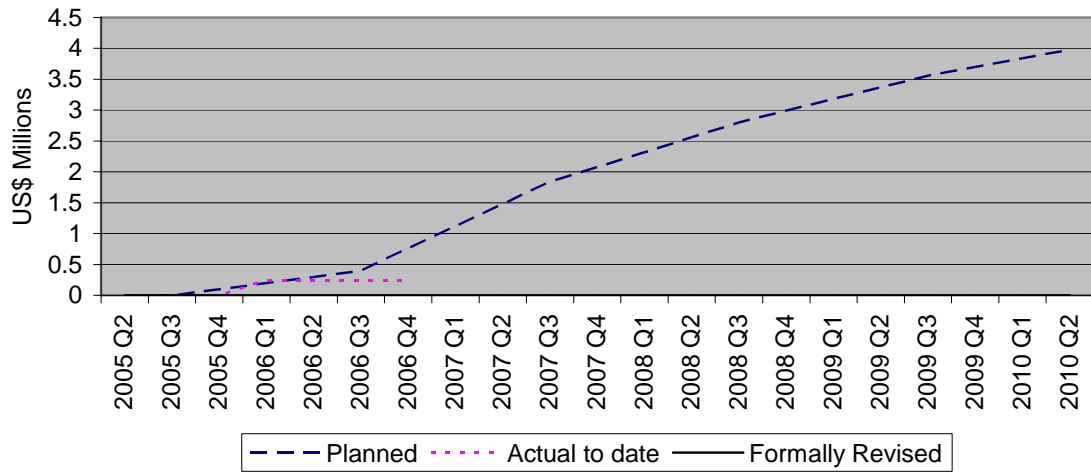
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation has continued to accelerate, particularly in relation to: (a) the installation and induction of the Project Coordination Unit and the Liaison Offices; (b) the hiring of the Regional Coordinator; (c) the feasibility analyses of the productive studies of Component III; (d) the decision to bring forward the implementation of a sub-project as a way to accelerate project execution and project expenditure; (f) the definition of strategic lines of work and the methodological framework for the Monitoring & Evaluation System, and; (g) the capacity strengthening of the Liaison Offices on technical, administrative, and procurement matters.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54186	Effective	4.00	0.25	3.75	0.00





Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS (P082243)
Region: Central America
Board Approval Date : 03/29/2005
Midterm Review Date : 04/07/2008
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:

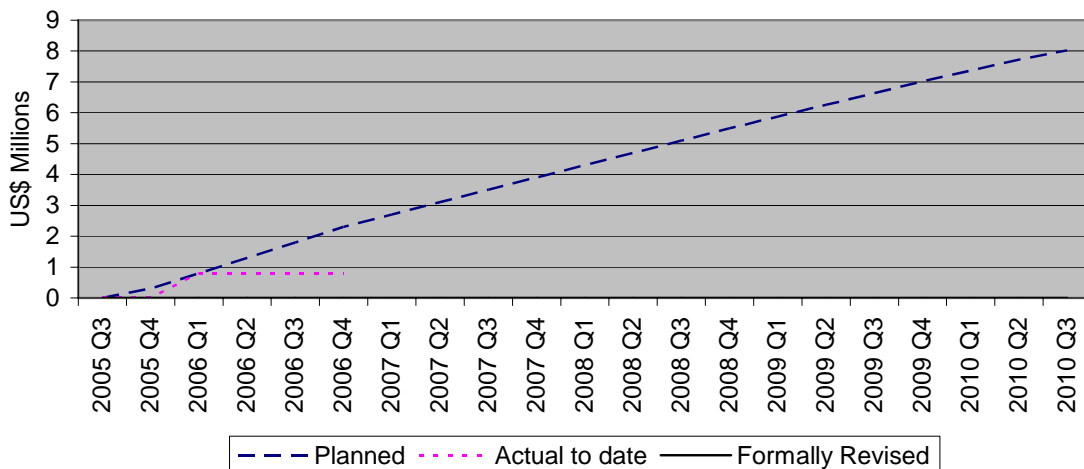
The objective is to provide knowledge and tools to decision makers in all countries in the region to manage and control HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project is starting its second year. Several activities were implemented in the last months, most of them related to different training in the four components. A first call for sub-project ended at the beginning of February and 11 sub-projects were selected and started their execution. The civil works for the implementation of the regional laboratory has not started yet. However, project implementation is accelerating with the appointment of a new coordinator.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1540	Effective	7.73	0.80	6.93	0.00



Project Name (ID): Corazon Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (P085488)

Region: Central America

Board Approval Date : 06/13/2006

Closing Date : 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-53261

Sector(s): Central government administration (37%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry (23%), Forestry (22%), Sub-national government administration (12%), Other social services (6%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Indigenous peoples (P), Other rural development (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to improve the national and binational management of the area of the proposed Corazon Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (CTBR), respecting the rights of traditional populations.

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 2006)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
WBTF-53261	Closed	0.40	0.40	0.00	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
Midterm Review Date : 02/24/2006
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.

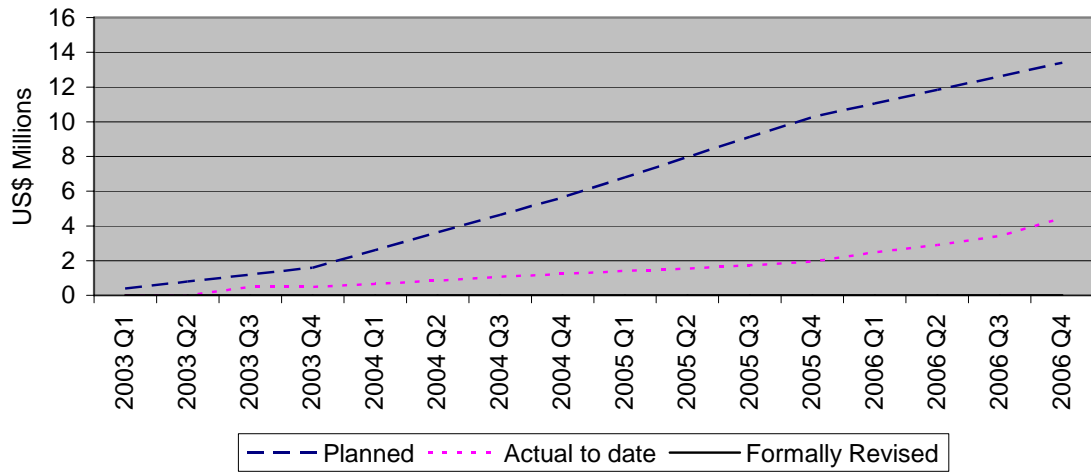
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make progress toward achieving its development objective. Almost all major contracts are in implementation. Institutional frameworks for the future joint management of the Guarani Aquifer are now established and functioning at all levels. At the four pilot levels, in collaboration with the local governments and other stakeholders, the project has established its physical presence and formed the institutional basis where all relevant key players in the aquifer are participating. At each participating country national level, the project is supporting the strengthening and capacity improvement of national executing units and other professionals in the field through several mechanisms. At the regional level, the Steering Group formed to provide a forum for policy-level decision-making is functioning to the satisfaction of all the parties involved. The observed maturity of the Steering Group, which is composed of high-level government officials from the four countries, bodes well for the future achievement of project objectives. Capacity improvement and research activities that were supported through the project have improved the knowledge-base on the aquifer and will inform decision-making and policy formulation.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-23823	Closed	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00
MULT-50950	Effective	13.40	4.47	8.93	0.00
NETH-51223	Closed	0.37	0.36	0.00	0.01





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

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date : 05/02/2002

Midterm Review Date : 04/17/2006

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.

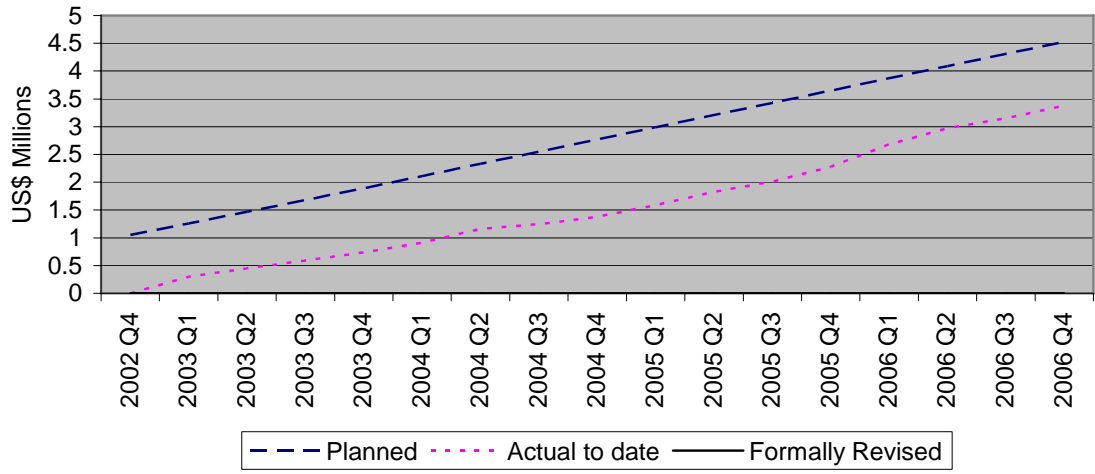
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is showing satisfactory results in demonstrating the positive relationship between payments for environmental services (PES) and biodiversity-friendly land use changes in productive landscapes, as shown by the following indicators: (a) 2,700 hectares were improved (of a total of 4,000) and over 600 km of live fences installed; (b) there is solid research on biodiversity, carbon and water quality, while socio economic information needs to be improved; (c) the external evaluation showed satisfactory project progress, and (d) initiatives are underway to link to established PES providers like the National Fund for Forest Financing (FONAFIFO) in Costa Rica or design new projects similar to the one with support from the Colombian Livestock Federation.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-28423	Closed	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00
MULT-50612	Effective	4.50	3.35	1.15	0.00





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

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date : 06/29/2004

Midterm Review Date : 07/09/2007

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 and consolidation of the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN), an internet-based, decentralized network that will provide wider access to scientifically credible biodiversity information currently existing in individual institutions and agencies in the Americas; and (b) provide the tools to apply this wealth of information to sound decision-making in the area of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

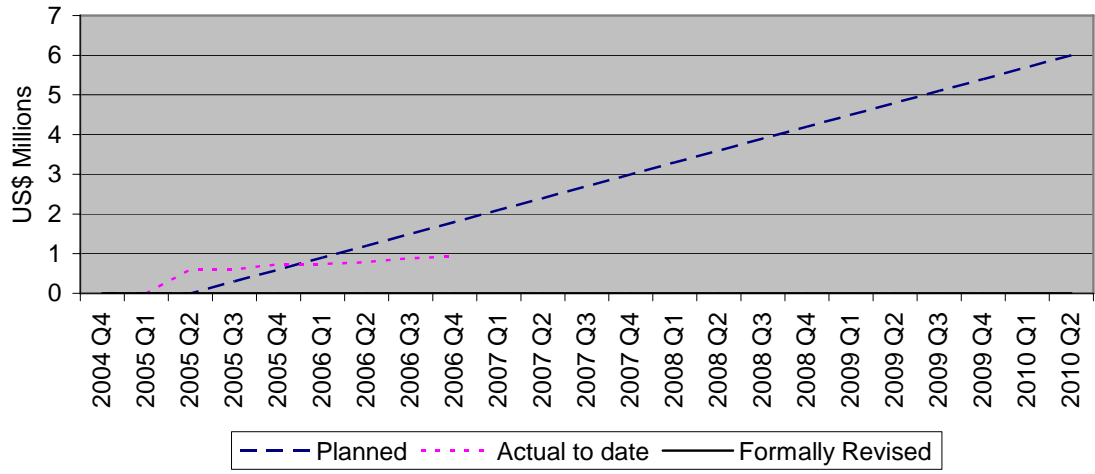
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is progressing well thanks to the good work of the Organization of American States and the staff of the Secretariat in Panama City. The Coordinating Institutions (CIs) for all six of the Thematic Networks (TNs) have been selected and two CIs have already started to establish their respective TNs. Five recipients of data creation grants are beginning to execute subprojects. The Secretariat has received input and support from the IABIN Executive Committee, representing 34 participating countries, to move forward with all aspects of the project.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51150	Closed	0.65	0.63	0.00	0.02
MULT-53526	Effective	6.00	0.93	5.07	0.00





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

Region: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date : 05/20/2004

Midterm Review Date : 05/15/2007

Closing Date : 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-53299, NETH-55386, 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).

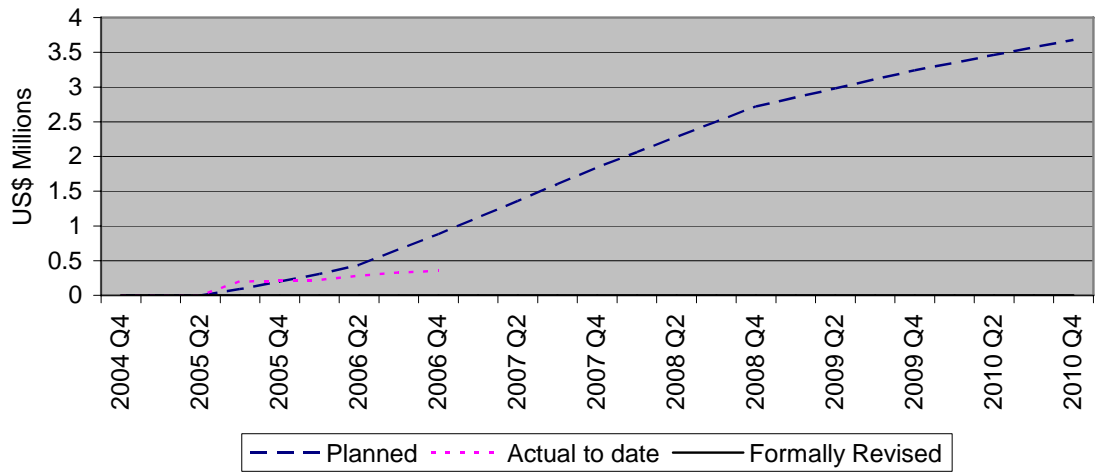
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Initial project implementation focused on establishing the institutional set-up for project implementation, reviewing each country's institutional, policy and legal framework, and initiating a review of national Protected Areas (PAs) system plans. While there were a few lags in completing studies and activities planned for FY06, it has achieved other important targets. Four of the six beneficiary countries have legally declared project-supported PAs: North East Marine Management Area (Antigua and Barbuda), Cabrits National Park (Dominica), Annadale Forest Reserve (Grenada), and the Tobago Cays Marine Park (St. Vincent and Grenadines). For the remaining two countries, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia, the legal declarations are drafted and nearing completion. In all six countries, the project supported National Implementation Coordination Entities. Livelihood assessments in the areas in proximity to PAs have been completed and results presented to stakeholders. Initial efforts have begun in awareness building about the project's objectives and the importance and value of protected areas. In achieving the above, there has been strong collaboration among the participating countries.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53299	Effective	3.70	0.34	3.36	0.00
NETH-55386	Effective	0.33	0.00	0.33	0.00
WBTF-27935	Closed	0.22	0.17	0.00	0.05





Project Name (ID): Telecommunications and ICT Development (P088448)

Region: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date : 05/12/2005

Midterm Review Date : 09/01/2007

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).

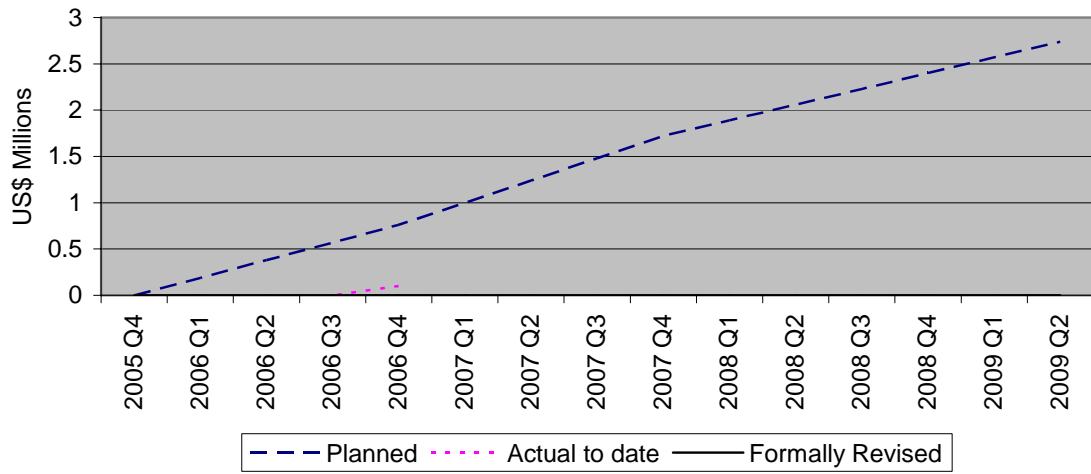
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Significant implementation progress has been made since project effectiveness in terms of procurement of essential technical assistance to update the Telecommunications Acts and Regulations, establish a Regional Forum for Consensus Building and Alternative Dispute Resolution, develop a Cost Methodology to determine Interconnection Prices and Retail Tariffs, and develop Guidelines for Universal Service; and the project is performing satisfactorily in financial management. The net impact on employment thus far is slightly positive. Annual sector revenues increased 25% over the last 3 years. Generally, prices have fallen dramatically but are still high compared with other countries. Internet penetration remains low because of low computer ownership and high prices.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47750	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47760	Effective	0.54	0.02	0.52	0.00
IBRD-47770	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47780	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IDA-40560	Effective	0.29	0.02	0.27	0.00
IDA-40570	Effective	0.29	0.02	0.27	0.00
IDA-40580	Effective	0.29	0.02	0.27	0.00
IDA-40590	Effective	0.59	0.02	0.57	0.00





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

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date : 04/17/2003

Midterm Review Date : 07/24/2006

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.

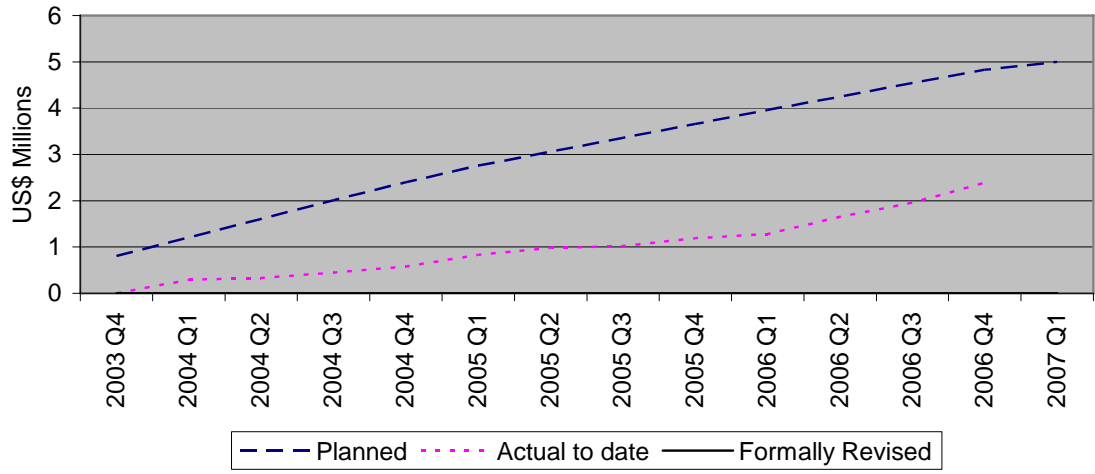
Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

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 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50138	Closed	0.35	0.34	0.00	0.00
MULT-51853	Effective	5.00	2.41	2.59	0.00





Project Name (ID): PARTNERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS (P080721)

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date : 03/25/2004

Midterm Review Date : 06/26/2006

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 has made modest progress towards the achievement of its objectives. Four of the five implementing agencies, (CAREC, UWI, CRN+, PANCAP/CARICOM) have been implementing their respective work plans. The fifth implementing agency (UNAIDS), has initiated implementation of its work plan. In CAREC, the tuberculosis laboratory which was refurbished using project funds is operational, most of the laboratory equipment that was ordered has been delivered, and training of regional laboratory staff is ongoing. CRN+ and UWI are implementing their respective training activities. UWI is additionally carrying out HIV/AIDS studies funded by the project. The capacity of PANCAP to coordinate the project has been strengthened with the hiring and training of key fiduciary staff.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2006)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H0770	Effective	8.97	1.59	7.38	0.00



