

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
SOPE
EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION
REGIONAL PROJECTS

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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY07 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2007. 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 or Program 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 FY07 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.

¹ Notes:

- Amounts and Graphs for loans/credits/grants 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 Operations, which provide quick-disbursing financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these operations, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed prior actions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus will not include a graph.



Region: EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

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 : 06/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : WBTF-23406

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

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objectives are to promote and improve the coordinated and sustainable management of water resources in the Mekong Basin, including reasonable and equitable water utilization by the Mekong River Commission (MRC) countries, and to protect the environment, aquatic life and the ecological balance of the Basin.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

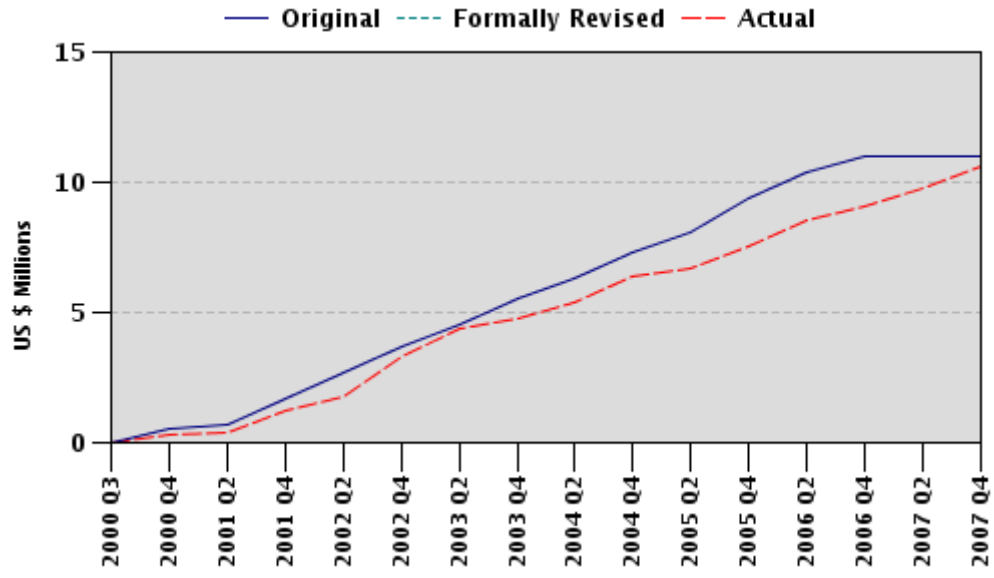
Strong progress is being made towards achievement of the objectives. All the covenants have been met and the four countries involved (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam) continue to collaborate closely towards the completion of technical guidelines to implement the procedures, and in the elaboration of the transboundary hydrological models.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

| Loan/Credit/ Grant | Status | Amount | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Cancellation |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| WBTF-23406 | Effective | 11.00 | 10.60 | 0.40 | 0.00 |



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Project Name (ID): GEF Marine Electronic Highway (P068133)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

Board Approval Date : 06/13/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-56722, MULT-24894, MULT-56723

Sector(s): Ports, waterways and shipping(80%), Central government administration(20%)

Theme(s): Regional integration(P), Pollution management and environmental health(P)

Project Development Objectives:

To assist the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of Singapore and representatives of some of the large commercial ship owners that use the Strait of Malacca and the Strait of Singapore, to collectively decide whether to establish a marine electronic highway for the entire length of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

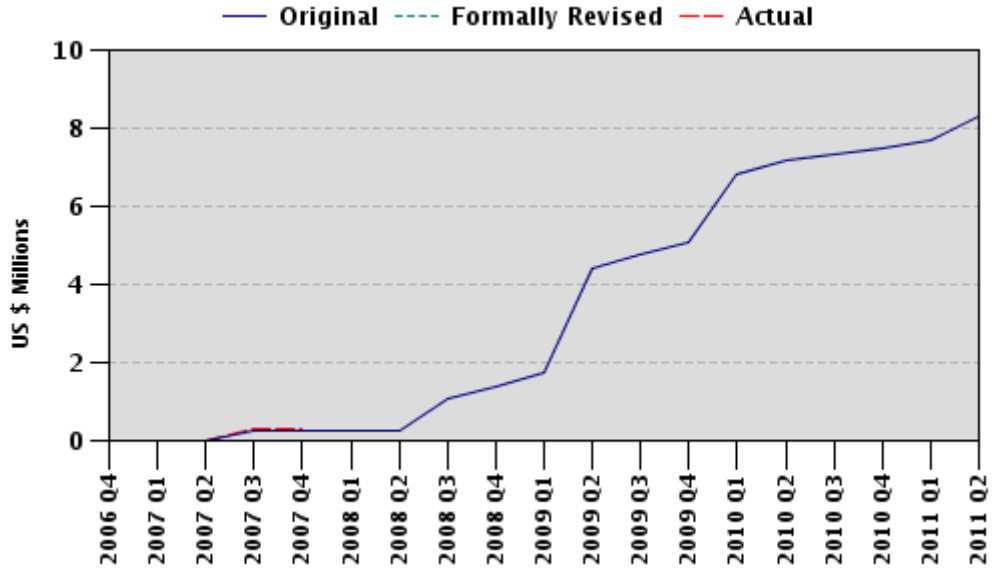
Implementation is in its early stages and is somewhat behind schedule. The Project Launching Consultant and Procurement Consultant have come on board. However, progress to-date in completing bidding documents and specifications has been slow. Nevertheless, a number of donors have expressed interest in supporting improved navigation infrastructure in the Straits in harmony with the Project's objectives. Timely coordination of donor initiatives to maximize benefits will be very important.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30 2007)

| Loan/Credit/ Grant | Status | Amount | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Cancellation |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| MULT-56722 | Effective | 6.86 | 0.25 | 6.61 | 0.00 |
| MULT-24894 | Closed | 0.57 | 0.56 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| MULT-56723 | Effective | 1.44 | 0.00 | 1.44 | 0.00 |



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Project Name (ID): Targeted Research for Coral Reefs (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 sector(5%)

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

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to align the expertise and resources of the global coral reef community around key research questions related to the resilience and vulnerability of coral reef ecosystems, to integrate the results and to disseminate them in accessible form to managers and decision-makers and thereby, build capacity for science-based management of coral reefs in developing countries.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

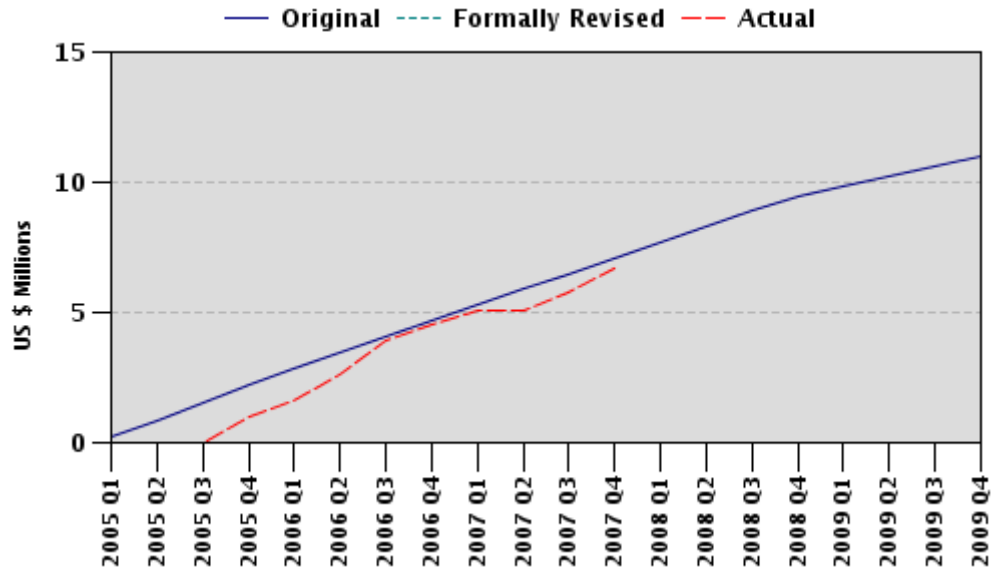
Progress toward achieving the PDO has been good. This year's highlights include: (a) the preparation and dissemination of the Coral Reef Restoration Guidelines for Managers; (b) an increase in the total number of scholarship PhD, MA and post-doctoral students supported to 55, with a Future Leaders forum planned for December 2007 in Brisbane; (c) a review paper on dual climate change impacts of increasing sea surface temperatures and acidification as major threats to the future of reefs and urgent interventions to address these was submitted to Science magazine; (d) progress on Local Government Initiatives to educate elected officials on coral reef sustainability issues in all four Centers of Excellence; (e) a change in the policy debate about climate change is evident at the national level in countries with coral reefs (e.g., Australia), related in part to information generated under the project. Increased demand for this information is evident from web stats, with 5 of the 6 scientific Working Groups' home pages in the Top 10 pages visited on the topic in the first half of 2007. Disbursements from the Grant are on target and plans for a Mid-Term Review in early 2008 are under way.

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|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| MULT-51023 | Closed | 0.61 | 0.58 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| WBTF-53909 | Effective | 11.00 | 6.67 | 4.33 | 0.00 |



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Project Name (ID): Livestock Waste Management (P079610)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

Board Approval Date : 03/21/2006

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : JPN-55397, JPN-55952, MULT-56522, WBTF-56519, JPN-55953, MULT-52775, WBTF-56520, MULT-56521

Sector(s): Animal production(69%), Central government administration(20%), Sub-national government administration(10%), Agricultural extension and research(1%)

Theme(s): Pollution management and environmental health(P), Rural policies and institutions(P), Rural services and infrastructure(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objective is to reduce the major negative environmental and health impacts of rapidly increasing concentrated livestock production on the open waters and thus on the people of East Asia. Its global environmental objective is to reduce livestock-induced, land-based pollution and the environmental degradation of the South China Sea.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

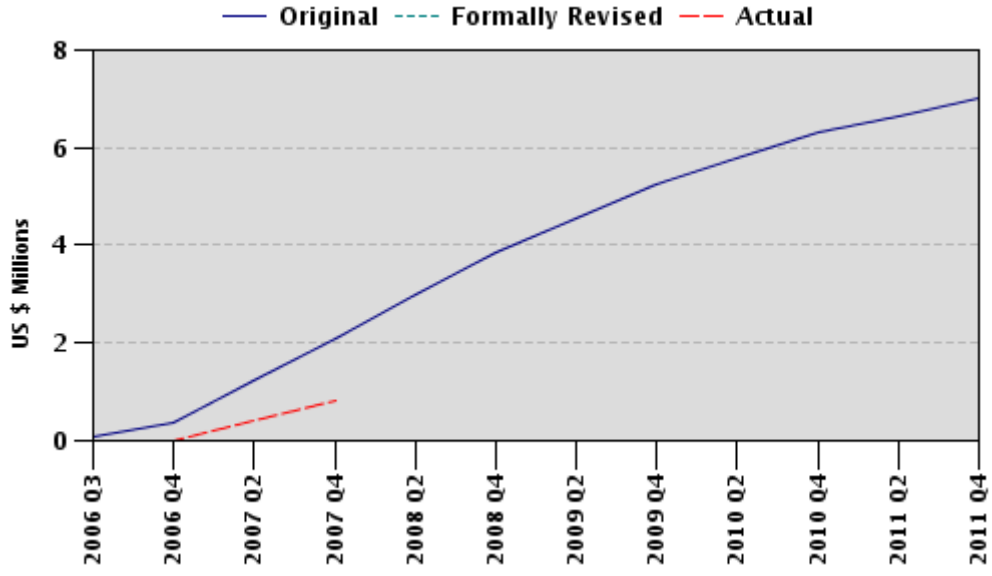
Overall, project implementation is on track. However, the physical construction of technical demonstration facilities has not yet been started and implementation progress as a whole is slower than expected (about 5% completed vs. 14% planned in PAD) mainly because of the lack of experience of the project implementing agencies in the three participating countries (China, Thailand and Vietnam). The rate of progress in implementation varies between countries. Next steps have been agreed and an accelerated project implementation progress is expected.

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|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| JPN-55397 | Effective | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.20 | 0.00 |
| JPN-55952 | Effective | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.20 | 0.00 |
| MULT-56522 | Effective | 1.00 | 0.17 | 0.83 | 0.00 |
| WBTF-56519 | Effective | 2.00 | 0.20 | 1.80 | 0.00 |
| JPN-55953 | Effective | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.20 | 0.00 |
| MULT-52775 | Closed | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| WBTF-56520 | Effective | 2.00 | 0.24 | 1.76 | 0.00 |
| MULT-56521 | Effective | 2.00 | 0.20 | 1.80 | 0.00 |



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Project Name (ID): GEF Sustainable Energy Finance (P098423)

Region: Pacific Islands

Board Approval Date : 06/12/2007

Closing Date : not yet effective

Loan/Credit/Grant Number :

Sector(s): Renewable energy(86%), Central government administration(9%), Micro- and SME finance(5%)

Theme(s): Climate change(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project aims to significantly increase the adoption and use of renewable energy technologies in participating Pacific Island states through a package of incentives to encourage local financial institutions to participate in sustainable energy finance in support of equipment purchase. The global environment objectives is to contribute to mitigating climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in line with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project was just approved by the Board in June 2007.

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