

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07
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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: LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Regional Projects

Project Name (ID): GEF Integrated Management 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 sector(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):

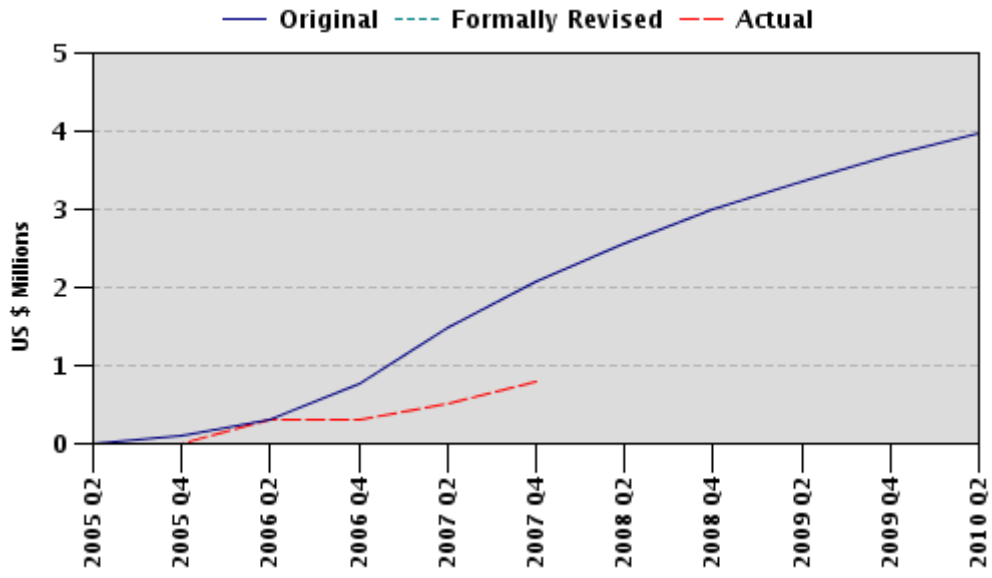
Progress is being made towards the project development objective, albeit slowly. Given low disbursements, intensive supervision has been carried out by the Bank and a project implementation action plan was agreed with the Implementing Agency in early 2007, aimed at accelerating implementation. Twenty eight community-based subprojects were recently approved and an additional ten subproject proposals are pending approval. A new ninety-day action plan was finalized in June, 2007 and will be implemented prior to the upcoming mid-term review. It includes a revised procurement plan and will focus on strategic activities for (a) subproject promotion; (b) monitoring results; (c) consolidation of baselines and carrying out impact evaluation activities; (d) continued community training and capacity building to strengthen conservation and sustainable use activities in the project priority areas; and (e) agreed studies required for an effective midterm review.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-54186	Effective	4.00	0.82	3.18	0.00



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Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Project (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:

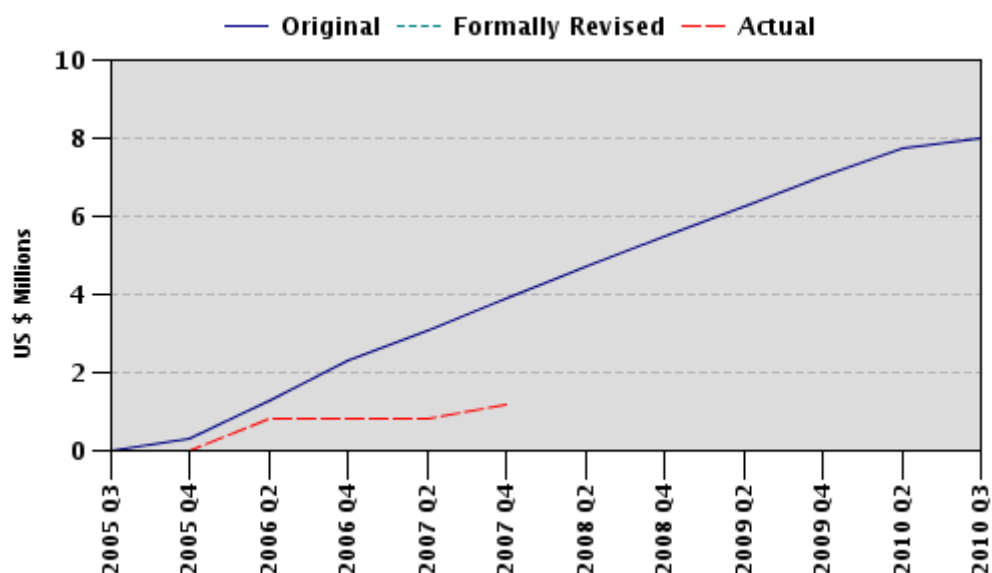
The project development objective is to provide knowledge and tools to decision makers in all countries in the region to manage and control HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

This project is starting its third year. Several activities were implemented in the last months and 11 sub-projects are now under execution. Project implementation is accelerating. The Sistema de la Integracion Centroamericana (SICA)'s internal procedures were a little slow with regard to procurement. Delays have been addressed through revisions to SICA's internal Operational Manual. During the last Procurement ex-post review, some recommendations to increase flexibility and expeditiousness on SICA's procurement processes were made. Civil works in the Regional Laboratory will be finished by September 2007.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-H1540	Effective	7.97	1.25	6.70	0.00



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

Region: Central America

Board Approval Date : 06/13/2006

Closing Date : 08/01/2012

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-56599, WBTF-53261

Sector(s): Central government administration(37%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(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):

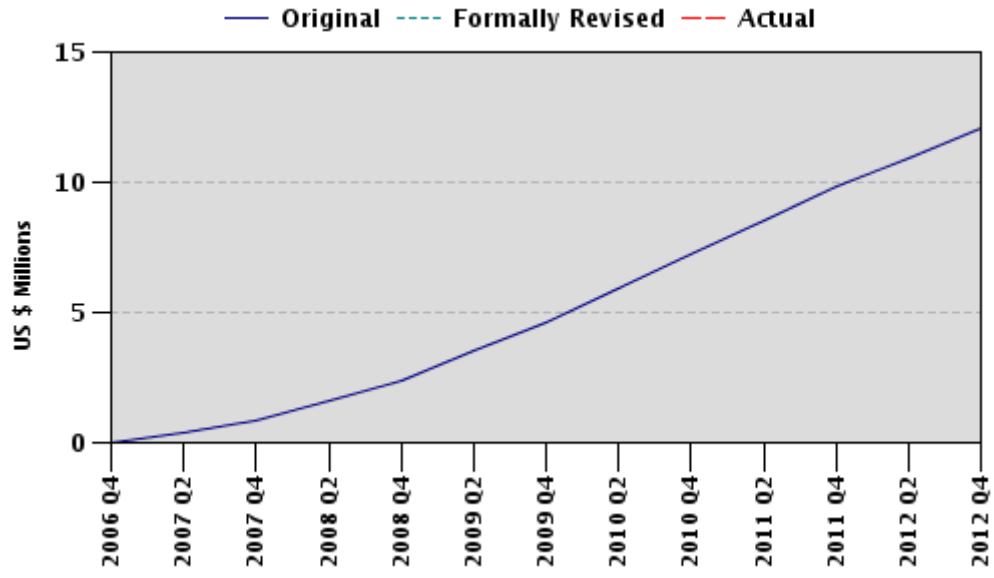
The project has become effective and activities are underway in Honduras and Nicaragua and binationally, under the management of the Central American Commission for Environment (CCAD). Critical agreements between project actors have been negotiated and signed and operational plans have been developed in close coordination with local indigenous stakeholders. Start-up has been somewhat slower than expected because of initial difficulties in contracting key staff and finalizing disbursement mechanisms.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-56599	Effective	12.00	0.00	12.00	0.00
WBTF-53261	Closed	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): GEF Guarani Aquifer Project (P068121)

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date : 06/13/2002

Midterm Review Date : 02/24/2006

Closing Date : 01/31/2009

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

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

Theme(s): Environmental policies and institutions(P), Water resource 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):

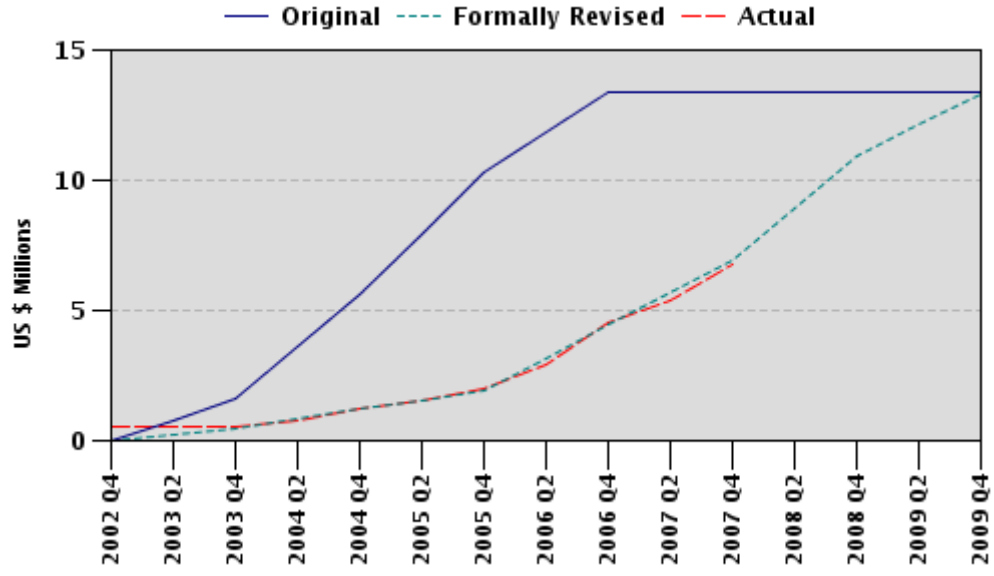
The project has made significant progress toward achieving the development objective and it should be fully achieved. The four countries have collaborated in adapting some common procedures and manuals that will be instrumental in the future for coordination on the management of the Guarani Aquifer. Knowledge enhancing activities have contributed to improving the information base for the system. Activities carried out to date include development of digital maps, assessment of geo-thermal potential, deployment of a Guarani database, and inventory of wells. More than a million people have been reached through a public awareness campaign on the need to sustainably manage the aquifer. Professionals have been trained in groundwater technical analysis and research. The four countries continue to work together under the Steering Group that is laying the foundation for the future collaborative management of the groundwater resource. For the four pilot projects (two transboundary), local management committees have consolidated available information in their locality and have included the relevant stakeholders.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-23823	Closed	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00
MULT-50950	Effective	13.40	6.88	6.52	0.00
NETH-51223	Closed	0.37	0.36	0.00	0.01



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Project Name (ID): GEF Silvopastoral Integr Ecosystem Management (P072979)

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date : 05/02/2002

Midterm Review Date : 04/27/2006

Closing Date : 01/31/2008

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

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

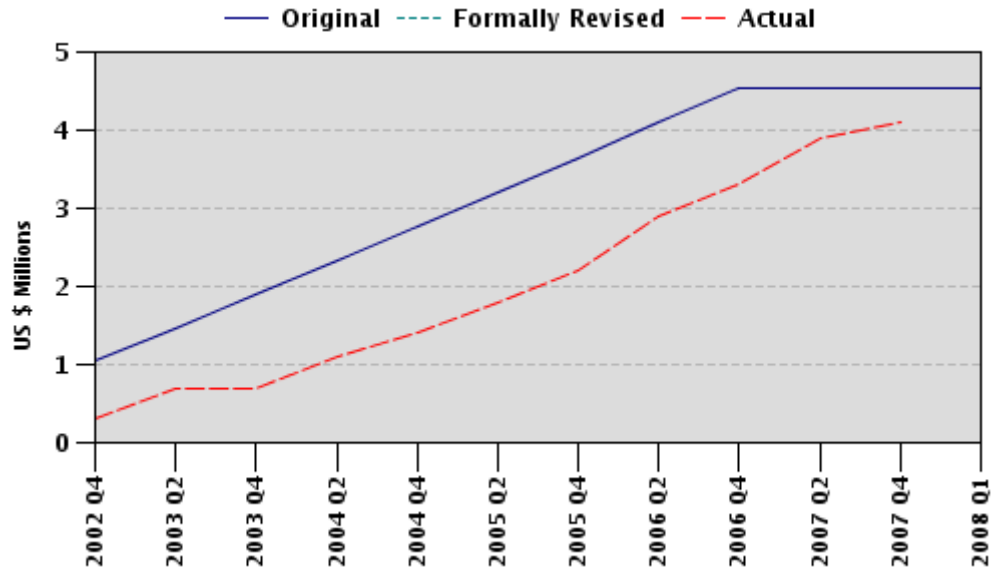
The project is advancing well towards achieving its objectives. The positive relationship between payments for environmental services (PES) and biodiversity-friendly land use changes in productive landscapes is shown by the following indicators: (a) 2,894 hectares improved through silvopastoral systems in the three project countries and over 1,200 km of live fences installed; (b) increased number of bird, butterfly and mollusk species in project areas; (c) over 44,000 tons of incremental carbon sequestered in areas receiving PES; (d) marked improvement in water quality; and (e) improved productivity in project farms as evidenced by higher incomes per hectare (from \$162 to \$304 for Costa Rica, \$111 to \$147 for Nicaragua and \$441 to \$608, under review, for Colombia), increased stocking rates (from 1.8 animals per hectare to 2.3), higher milk and meat production outputs (from a daily average of 5 liters of milk per cow to 5.6), among others. Perception studies indicate that farmers in the three countries positively assess biodiversity-friendly land use changes as increasing farm productivity and value, and expressed interest in continuing these changes after project end. Project sustainability and scaling up are being sought through partnerships with established PES providers.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-50612	Effective	4.50	4.12	0.38	0.00
MULT-28423	Closed	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): GEF Building IABIN (Inter-Am Biodiversity) (P077187)

Region: Latin America

Board Approval Date : 06/29/2004

Closing Date : 06/30/2010

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

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):

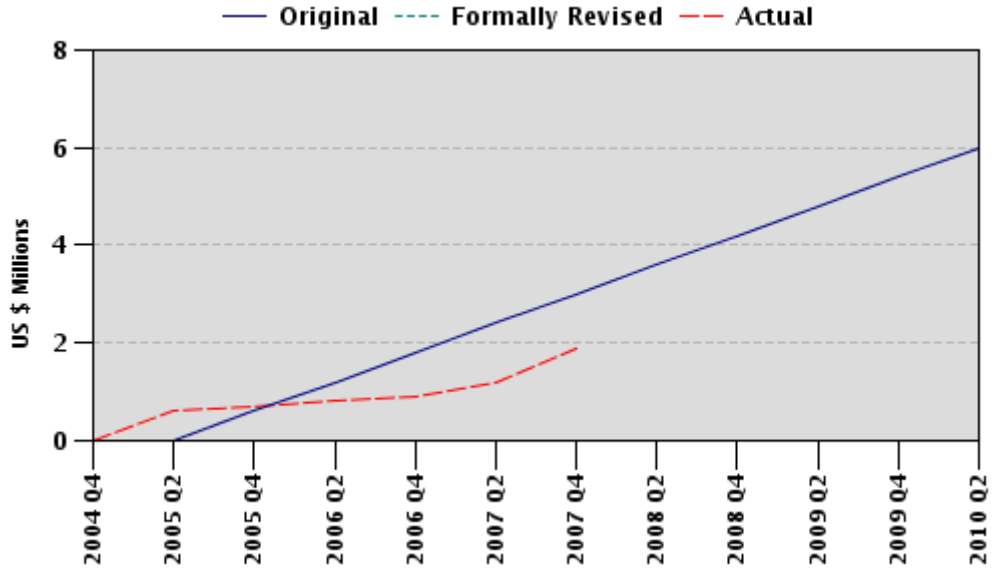
Excellent progress is being made toward the project objectives. The entire project Thematic Networks (TNs) are now actively being implemented (Specimens, Species, Ecosystems, Pollinators, Invasive Species, and Protected Areas). An emphasis has been placed on developing data standards within each TN and addressing interoperability issues. In addition, data creation grants are beginning to be executed. The Secretariat in Panama City continues to coordinate the overall network and is increasingly focusing on long-term sustainability issues. A Council Meeting, attended by 29 countries, was held in April 2007 in Uruguay.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53526	Effective	6.00	1.90	4.10	0.00
MULT-51150	Closed	0.65	0.63	0.00	0.02



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

Region: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date : 05/20/2004

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 sector(27%), Other social services(10%), General industry and trade sector(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):

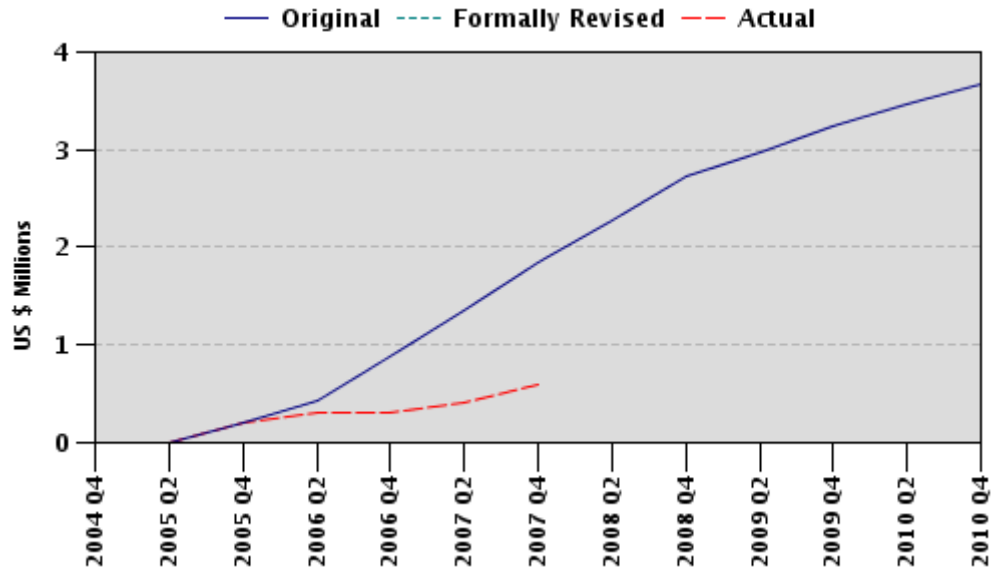
The project is progressing well towards achieving its development objectives. Major achievements to date include: (a) designation of a total of 24,693 hectares of Protected Areas (PA) (380 percent of the target area for the end of project); (b) completion of management plans for three of the demonstration sites of which two are on different stages of implementation of the plans; (c) updating of national systems PA plans in three Participating Member States (PMS); (d) initiation of environmental and socioeconomic studies for three Participating Member States; and (e) implementation of capacity improvement that benefited directly more than a total of 180 people through training and several workshops. To improve the capacity of National Implementation Coordination Entities, the project provided vessels, vehicles and office equipment that will help in monitoring and enforcement of regulation relevant to project-designated PAs. Awareness creation has also started in all countries. The countries have demonstrated a strong coordination of their activities towards the project objective. However, the progress achieved in project implementation among the beneficiary countries is uneven. While maintaining the momentum achieved in those countries that have advanced well in FY08, the project will focus on those countries which lag behind in project implementation.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-53299	Effective	3.70	0.62	3.08	0.00
NETH-55386	Effective	0.33	0.04	0.29	0.00
WBTF-27935	Closed	0.22	0.17	0.00	0.05



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Project Name (ID): Telecomm and ICT Development Project (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):

Significant implementation progress has been made with the FY07 training plan prepared by the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) Directorate approved by the Bank in March 2007. Development of the Universal Service Fund (USF) program will correspond with the approval of the USF regulations and guidelines. In order to expedite the implementation of the USF program, ECTEL will identify and bid out the USF projects in the member states. This will act as a showcase for the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission to implement their USF-funded projects through operators' contribution over a period of time.

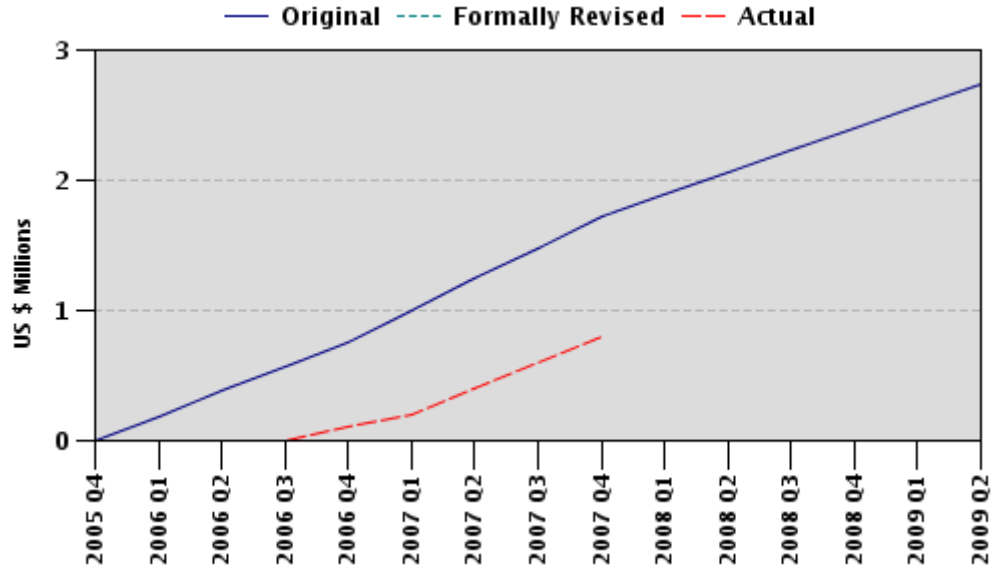
The telecommunications sector in the ECTEL member states has remained active with a number of companies applying for and being awarded additional licenses as they expand their services. In fact, as of March 2007, 55 licenses were issued in the ECTEL Member States. Initial estimates are that the growth in mobile subscribers continues on an upward trend while the fixed line subscribers continue to fall. There is growth in Internet subscribers as consumers increasingly choose broadband services as prices fall.

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Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-47750	Effective	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
IBRD-47760	Effective	0.54	0.16	0.38	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	0.30	0.16	0.14	0.00
IDA-40570	Effective	0.30	0.16	0.14	0.00
IDA-40580	Effective	0.30	0.16	0.14	0.00
IDA-40590	Effective	0.61	0.16	0.44	0.00



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Project Name (ID): Catastrophe Insurance (P094539)

Region: OECS Countries

Board Approval Date : 03/08/2007

Closing Date : 12/31/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : IDA-42710, JPN-55129, IDA-42720, IDA-42690, IDA-42700

Sector(s): Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings(100%)

Theme(s): Natural disaster management(P)

Project Development Objectives:

The project provides Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines with insurance coverage against natural disasters (earthquakes and hurricanes). The project finances the entrance fee and the annual insurance premiums (for three years) necessary to participate in the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, established in June 2007. The coverage provided will help the participating OECS governments face immediate liquidity needs emerging from the occurrence of a disaster.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

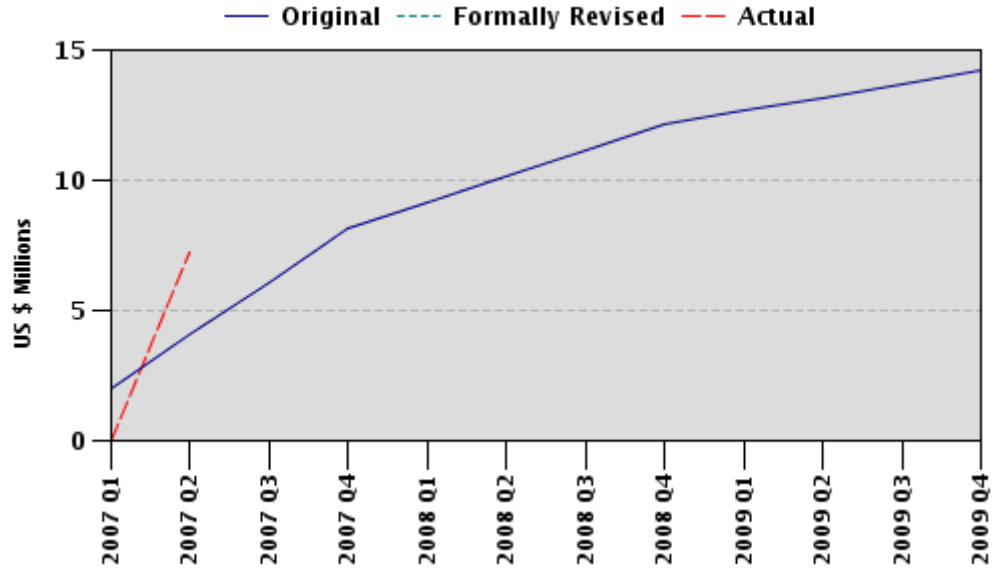
As of June 1, 2007 participating countries are insured against catastrophic hurricanes and earthquakes. Dominica, Grenada St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines receive hurricane coverage of \$24.9 million, \$28.8 million, \$26.5 million and \$3.6 million and earthquake coverage of \$2.4 million, \$3.0 million, \$3.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

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

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IDA-42710	Effective	4.55	2.25	2.30	0.00
JPN-55129	Closed	1.00	0.81	0.19	0.00
IDA-42720	Effective	0.71	0.40	0.31	0.00
IDA-42690	Effective	4.55	2.25	2.30	0.00
IDA-42700	Effective	4.55	2.25	2.29	0.00



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Project Name (ID): GEF MACC Mainstreaming Adapt. to Climate Change (P073389)

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date : 04/17/2003

Midterm Review Date : 08/07/2006

Closing Date : 09/30/2007

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

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

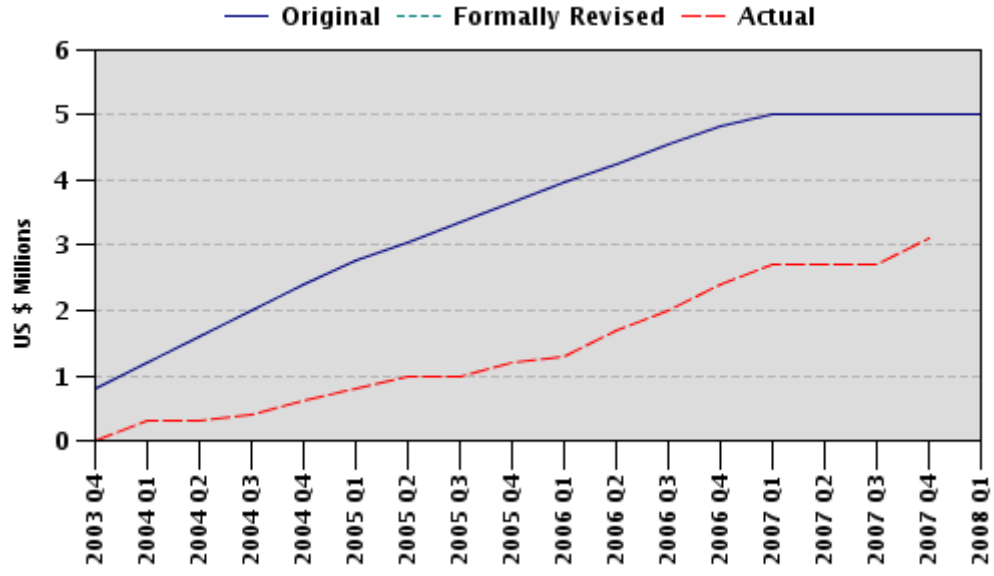
Significant progress has been made in the implementation of the project due to the change of management, which is now in the hands of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center (CCCCC). Key achievements include: (a) nodal sea level monitoring agency staff trained on climate change aspects, and upgraded stations expected to generate accurate information on climate change; (b) regional capacity on statistical and dynamic downscaling of global climate models developed, and statistically downscale 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 prepared and being field-tested; (e) initial climate change adaptation options prepared for water, agriculture/food security, and health sectors; (f) for the first time, an integrated regional agenda on climate change 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 2007)

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-51853	Effective	5.00	3.09	1.91	0.00
MULT-50138	Closed	0.35	0.34	0.00	0.00



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Project Name (ID): HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (P080721)

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date : 03/25/2004

Midterm Review Date : 10/27/2006

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 mid-term review was conducted in October 2006. The project has made some progress in achieving its objectives of enhancing capacity of regional institutions and through them, member country capacities to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Achievements include: (a) rehabilitation and equipment of the regional tuberculosis laboratory and training of laboratory staff (from CARICOM member countries) by the Caribbean Epidemiology Center; (b) capacity strengthening of the secretariat of the Caribbean Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+) and country networks in advocacy and program management; (c) sensitization of civil society organizations on laws, ethics and human rights; (d) execution of University of West Indies programs for tertiary level students including internships, development of HIV/AIDS educational materials for use in undergraduate programs; (e) sensitization of 250 students at UWI; and (f) situation analysis of response to HIV/AIDS in two UWI campuses. Designs for the Health Economics Department building are complete and the tender for construction work advertised. UNAIDS has recruited two consultants to strengthen monitoring and evaluation at the regional level. Preparations for analysis on the nature of sex work in the Caribbean are advanced. Work has started on development of toolkits and regional model policies, guidelines and legislation to reduce stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS, a number of studies and the revision of the Caribbean Regional HIV/AIDS Strategy led by the PANCAP/CARICOM Secretariat. Implementing agencies are executing accelerated implementation plans to expedite project completion to make up for the slow start in the first two years of project execution. Constraints being addressed include: improvements to the flow of funds and procurement arrangements for CAREC/PAHO and the revision of the project results framework. The mid-term review also recommended an extension to the closing date of the project.

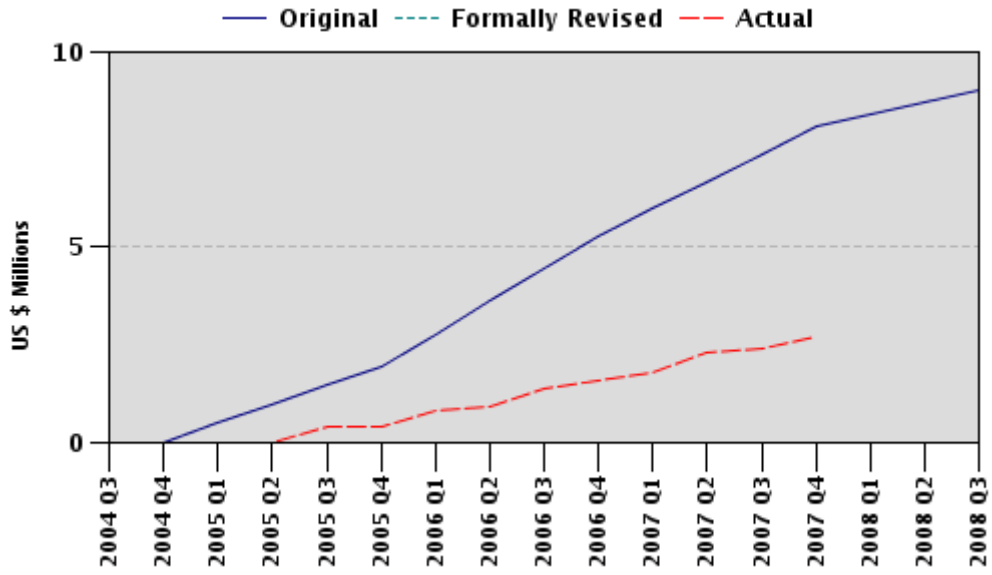
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Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
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IDA-H0770 Effective 9.24 2.72 6.47 0.00



Project Name (ID): GEF-Implementation of Adaptation Measures (P090731)

Region: Caribbean

Board Approval Date : 09/07/2006

Closing Date : 06/30/2011

Loan/Credit/Grant Number : MULT-56744, MULT-54788, JPN-54625

Sector(s): Central government administration(58%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector(14%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector(12%), Flood protection(8%), Water supply(8%)

Theme(s): Climate change(P), Biodiversity(P), Environmental policies and institutions(S), Land administration and management(S), Water resource management(S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to support efforts in Dominica, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines to implement specific (integrated) pilot adaptation measures addressing primarily the impacts of climate change on their natural resource base, focused on biodiversity and land degradation along coastal and near-coastal areas.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

Project implementation has had a strong start. Studies under Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change (MACC) are being focused to support the design of specific adaptation measures. The start up of construction for activities to compensate for water quality in the Grenadines and strengthen critical infrastructure in Saint Lucia is scheduled for late 2007.

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Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
MULT-56744	Effective	2.10	0.21	1.89	0.00
MULT-54788	Closed	0.30	0.27	0.00	0.03
JPN-54625	Effective	0.34	0.33	0.01	0.00



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