

STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION–FY08

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Introduction

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY08 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2008. For the first time, the SOPE report will include recipient-executed projects (over US\$ 5 million). 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 FY08 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.
- Graphs of original estimates for some recipient-executed projects might not exist since they are not required in the project document.
- 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.

Project Name (ID): ZA-GEF Maloti/Drakens Cnsrv & Dev (FY02) (P052368)

Country: South Africa

Board Approval Date: 09/13/2001

Midterm Review Date: 08/01/2005

Closing Date: 12/30/2008

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-21804, TF-23724

Sector(s): Forestry (40%), Other social services (20%), General public administration sector (20%), Other industry (10%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (10%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Land administration and management (P), Export development and competitiveness (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Participation and civic engagement (P)

Project Development Objectives:

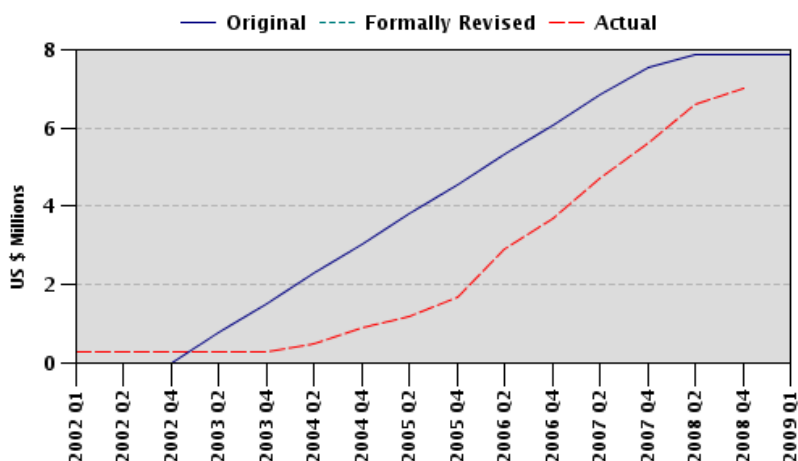
The objectives are to conserve globally significant biodiversity in the Maloti Drakensberg Mountains and to support community development through nature-based tourism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The 20-year Transfrontier Conservation and Development strategy reflecting the natural and cultural heritage priorities and the management approaches to secure these priorities for the entire 50358 sq km (of which 26,052 sq km in South Africa) has been completed and approved by the governments of the two countries (i.e. South Africa and Lesotho), and various conservation agencies are in the process of implementing it. Furthermore, the two countries have completed the Transfrontier Tourism Strategy as well as the Bilateral Security Strategy and are effectively and jointly battling biodiversity threats like wild fires. Several of the endangered species programs like the one for the bearded vulture are also in place and show promising results.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-21804	Closed	0.35	0.34	0.00	0.01
TF-23724	Effective	7.89	7.01	0.82	0.05



Project Name (ID): ZA-GEF Great Addo SIL (FY04) (P064438)

Country: South Africa

Board Approval Date: 02/24/2004

Midterm Review Date: 05/21/2007

Closing Date: 04/30/2010

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-53110, TF-24117

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (60%), Central government administration (25%), Agricultural extension and research (6%), Other social services (5%), General education sector (4%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Rural non-farm income generation (P), Social risk mitigation (S), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

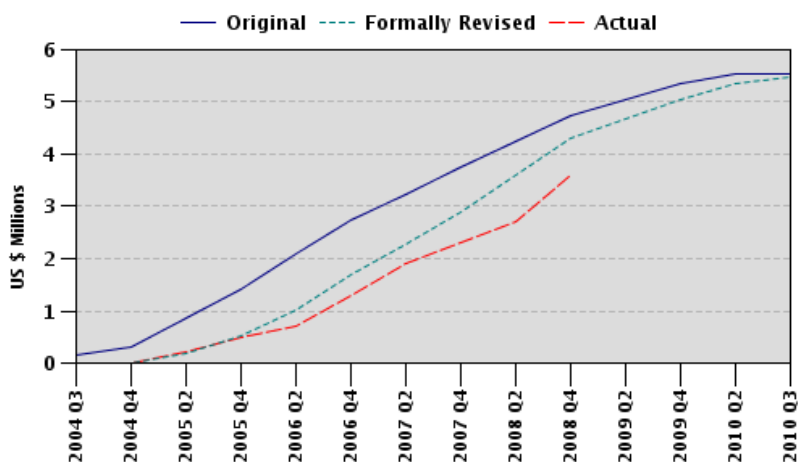
The project's objective is to establish a mega biodiversity conservation area around the existing Addo Elephant National Park to avert further ecosystem degradation. The project also aims at contributing to poverty reduction by creating direct employment in nature conservation and by catalyzing the development of eco-tourism.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project continues to make excellent progress towards achieving its development objectives. Most outcome targets are on track and some have been exceeded. The overall size of the park has increased from 141,00 ha to 165,000 hectares because of the inclusion of 17,000 hectares of private land and two islands in the Nelson Mandela Bay. The bay itself is about to be declared a marine protected area which will add another 120,000 hectares to the park. As a consequence of the project, tourism is expanding as evidence by increased visitor entries (from 95,000 to 172,000), investment (from 174 to 505 beds) and tourism-related employment (1,228 to 1,606 jobs). Overall, the project has helped to strengthen the management of the park.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-53110	Effective	5.50	3.61	1.89	0.00
TF-24117	Closed	0.34	0.32	0.00	0.01



Project Name (ID): ZA-GEF Rnwbl Enrgy Mkt Trnsfrm (FY07) (P073322)

Country: South Africa

Board Approval Date: 06/28/2007

Closing Date: 00/00/0000

Loan/Credit/Grant Number:

Sector(s): Renewable energy (49%), Central government administration (48%), General finance sector (3%)

Theme(s): Climate change (P), Environmental policies and institutions (P), Regulation and competition policy (S), Small and medium enterprise support (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The project development objectives are to establish policy and regulatory frameworks and build institutional capacity for renewable energy development in South Africa.

The project global environmental objective, in line with GEF Operational Program No. 6, is to remove barriers to renewable energy technologies to help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

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, 2008)



Project Name (ID): ZA-GEF CAPE Action Plan (FY04) (P075997)

Country: South Africa

Board Approval Date: 05/18/2004

Midterm Review Date: 05/16/2007

Closing Date: 10/31/2009

Loan/Credit/Grant Number: TF-51243, TF-53225

Sector(s): General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (60%), Central government administration (21%), General education sector (8%), Agricultural extension and research (7%), Sub-national government administration (4%)

Theme(s): Biodiversity (P), Environmental policies and institutions (S), Rural non-farm income generation (S)

Project Development Objectives:

The objective is to support the conservation of the Cape Floristic Region (CFR) and adjacent marine environment.

Progress toward achieving development objective(s):

The project is on track to achieve its development objective. The project has had a significant impact not only on pure conservation but also biodiversity-friendly actions like biodiversity-friendly production of wine, potatoes, rooiboos tea, flowers, and a biodiversity-friendly four-wheel drive manual. Furthermore, the project was instrumental in increasing the protected areas network of the region through special conservation contracts with private landowners (stewardship contracts). Although the marine environment conservation has not made equal progress, mechanisms have been put in place to accelerate preservation efforts.

Lending Information/Disbursement Summary (USD millions, as of June 30, 2008)

Loan/Credit/Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
TF-51243	Closed	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00
TF-53225	Effective	9.00	3.63	5.37	0.00

