



Rural Corridors and Biodiversity (P114294)

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Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:07-Apr-2015

Effectiveness Date:09-Nov-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date:30-Nov-2018

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:30-Nov-2020

Revised Closing Date:30-Nov-2020

Global Development Objectives

Global Environmental Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the project is to increase the protection of vulnerable natural areas and conserve biological diversity within the Gran Chaco Ecosystem and the Patagonian Steppe and Coastal-Marine Ecosystems and, implement measures to enhance biodiversity resilience to climate change and protect forest carbon assets.

Has the Global Environmental Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components

Name

Component 1: Core Protected Areas (\$3.19m):(Cost \$3.19 M)

Component 2: Conservation Corridors in the Gran Chaco and the Patagonian Steppe and Coastal-Marine Ecosystems (\$1.55m):(Cost \$1.55 M)

Component 3: Collaboration for Corridors' Conservation (\$0.99m):(Cost \$0.99 M)

Component 4: Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (\$0.55m):(Cost \$0.55 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Moderately Unsatisfactory	● Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Moderately Unsatisfactory	● Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	● Substantial	● Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

This ISR is based on the information gathered during the mission conducted in April 2018.

1 . **Project Management.** since the last mission held on November 2017, the Project coordinator has prepared and kept updated a monitoring tool to follow up, on a monthly basis, on the different planned activities and results. There has also been a noteworthy improvement in strategizing the activities, by building "results chains" for component 2 and, though in draft version, for component 3. Third, the PIU has submitted a timely semi-annual Project Progress Report, and has prepared and submitted to the Bank a detailed Annual Operational Plan (AOP) for CY18, and another one (less detailed) until the end of the Project. These AOPs include an analysis of how each proposed activity contributes to project result indicators. However, some improvements are still necessary, particularly deploying a common vision in the PIU team and culminate the development of a strategy to achieve the expected results efficiently.

2 . **Project Implementation.** Even though this is not yet reflected in indicators (compared to the previous mission, changes in results indicators are negligible), some progress has been achieved on the three technical components (1, 2 and 3) by advancing in procurement tasks related to professional services and equipment acquisition, and by fostering local participation and reaching agreements with target beneficiaries.

3 . **Next mission:** It was agreed that the mid-term review will take place in October/November 2018.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Fiduciary	● Moderate	● Moderate	● Moderate
Environment and Social	● Substantial	● Moderate	● Moderate
Stakeholders	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	● Substantial	● Substantial	● Substantial

Results

Global Environmental Objective Indicators



► Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha)(Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	285,623.00	285,623.00	882,000.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

► People in forest&adjacent community with monetary/non-monetary benefit from forest(Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

▲ People in forest and adjacent community with benefits from forest-female(Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

▲ People in forest&adj. commy with benefit from forest-Ethnic minority/indigenous(Number, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020



► Common Action Plan for corridors conservation between Federal and Provincial Authorities Adopted(Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

► Tons C eq. (aboveground) protected in Chaco forests(Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,400,000.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► 1.1 Increase of forests under improved forms of protection and conservation (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	128,000.00	128,000.00	303,000.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

128000 Ha correspond to the creation of El Impenetrable National Park, for which cuatricycles, a dump truck and a drone were also purchased by the Project. Additionally, the procurement processes to purchase mobile offices and houses are also being developed. A consultant has also been hired to develop the Copo National Park management plan, and his work will start in May, 2018.



► 1.2 Increase of marine environments under improved forms of protection and conservation (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	157,623.00	157,623.00	279,000.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

52,811 Ha reported correspond to the creation of the Patagonia National Park, and 104,812 Ha correspond to the creation of the Patagonia Austral Inter-Jurisdictional marine-coastal Park (PIMCPA).

A quadricycle and communications and underwater protective equipments have been purchased for the PIMCPA and the Isla Pinguino Inter-Jurisdictional marine Park, respectively

► 1.3 Strategy for climate change mitigation and adaptation to support conservation adopted (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

► 1.4 Updated or Prepared PA-Specific Management Plans include climate change mitigation and adaptation (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	6.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

► 1.5 Sustainable Development Subprojects Completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	20-Nov-2020

Comments



4 Sustainable Development Subprojects are being designed (out of 8 already identified). They involve 250 beneficiaries

► 1.6 Annual review of participation processes and outcomes (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	20-Nov-2020

Comments

The participation process conducted so far was the one related to the development of the Indigenous Peoples Plan for the EI Impenetrable National Park, although it has not been validated by all the communities, yet.

► 2.1 Chaco implementation framework analysis completed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	Y	Y	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

The Biodiversity Strategic Plan for the Chaco Province, and the Natural Forests Land Use Plan for Santiago del Estero Province have been approved by the respective authorities



► 2.2 Rural Corridors Strategic Plans prepared/updated (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

The environmental and social diagnostics for 11 counties from the Chaco corridors have been completed.

► 2.3 Proposal to expand conservation corridors to four provinces of the Chaco developed (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

A proposal has been developed to expand the Gran Chaco conservation corridors to the Cordoba Province

► 2.4 New areas outside protected areas managed as biodiversity-friendly (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

6 Sustainable Use Subproject and 1 Demonstration Subproject that would contribute to this indicator have been identified



► 2.5 Demonstration subprojects completed (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

One demonstration subproject on native bees keeping is being developed

► 3.1 Website for online information and registration system developed and functional (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

Draft ToRs developed

► 3.2 Analysis of PA Provincial Systems finalized (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

Necessary inputs have been collected



► 3.3 Conservation gap analysis completed (Amount(USD), Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments
ToRs under development

► 3.4 Study on a sustainable financial mechanisms finalized (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments
ToRs under development

► 3.5 Needs Assessment Studies (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments
Provincial protected areas systems training needs have been identified during 4 SIFAP meetings



► 3.6 Regional and inter-provincial training visits (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	8.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

A visit from Mendoza Province's authorities to Misiones Province was supported by the Project

► 3.7 Private and community PA framework proposal (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	N	N	Y
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

► 4.1. Direct project beneficiaries (number), of which female (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	185.00	930.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

185 beneficiaries participated in different trainings



► 4.2 Number of training events conducted (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	9.00	10.00	21.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

Since the previous mission only one new training was conducted. That is a Regional workshop on strategic planning for protected areas management

► 4.3 Number of people trained under the project (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	90.00	185.00	540.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2016	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

185 people have participated in different trainings supported by the Project

► 4.4 Participants in consultation activities during project implementation (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	110.00	150.00	300.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Comments

150 people participated in the consultations conducted to develop the El Impenetrable National Park Indigenous Peoples Plan




► 4.5 Beneficiaries that feel project investments reflected their needs (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Date	15-Sep-2015	17-Nov-2017	26-Apr-2018	29-May-2020

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

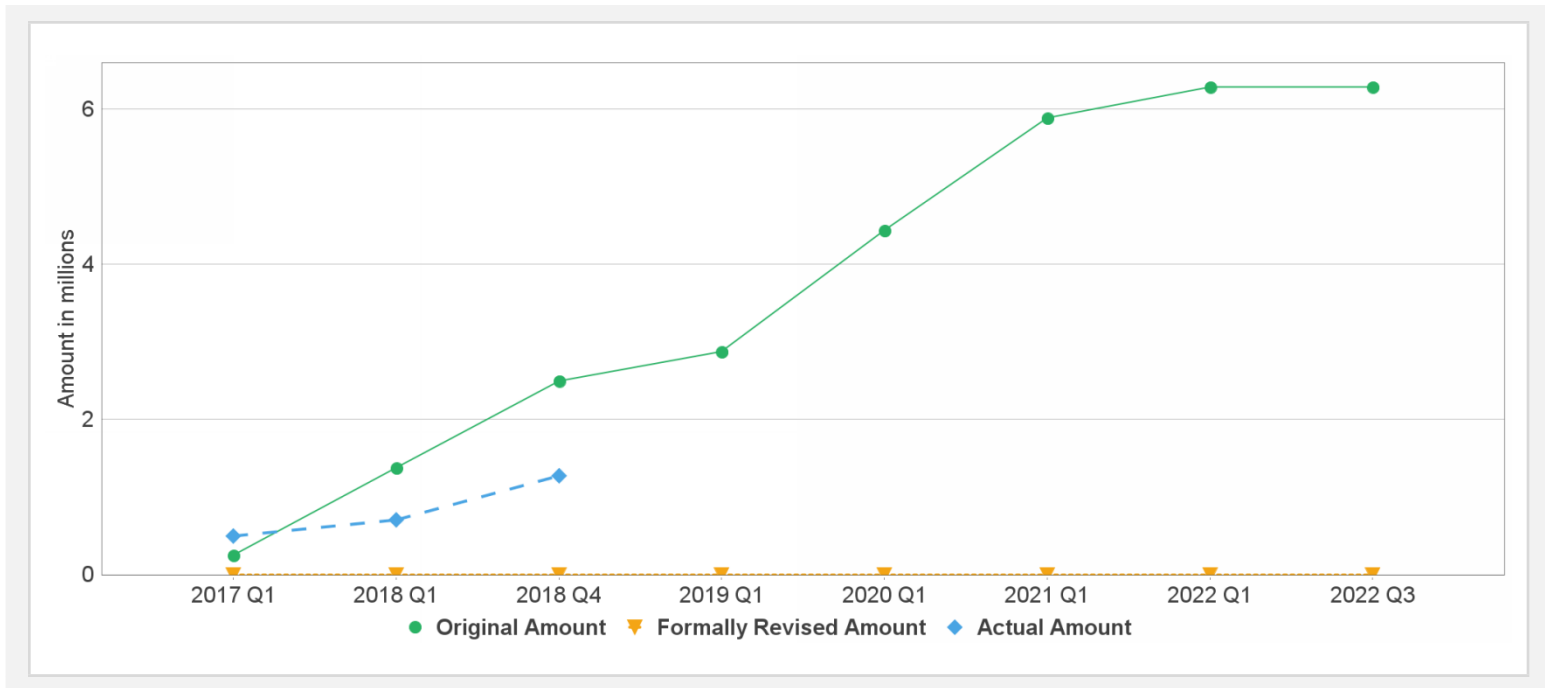
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P114294	TF-A0233	Effective	USD	6.29	6.29	0.00	1.27	5.01	 20%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P114294	TF-A0233	Effective	26-May-2015	12-Jun-2015	09-Nov-2015	30-Nov-2020	30-Nov-2020

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.