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CEPF Final Project Completion Report

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Organization Legal Name:	Stockholm Environment Institute	
	Empowering Civil Society and Governmental	
Project Title:	Agencies to Mainstream Biodiversity and Ecosystem	
Project fille.	Service Values into Development Plans for the	
	Chindwin River Basin, Myanmar	
Grant Number:	66331	
CEPF Region:	Indo-Burma II	
	6 Engage key actors in mainstreaming biodiversity,	
Strategic Direction:	communities and livelihoods into development	J
	planning in the priority corridors	
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Project Dates:	April 01, 2017 - June 30, 2019	
Date of Report:	November 19, 2019	

Implementation Partners

List each partner and explain how they were involved in the project

Myanmar Environment Institute: Co-leaded in the design and undertaken an inventory of biodiversity and livelihood surveys and supported organizing the knowledge exchange workshop, training workshops, RBC and stakeholder consultations, and policy dialogues. ActionAid: Supported capacity building, livelihood surveys, stakeholder participation. Renewable Energy Association Myanmar: Supported developing guidelines for biodiversity inventory at three selected sites. Evergreen media, Sky Net, and Department of Information and Public Relation: Disseminated key findings and recommendations from the project implementation and raised public awareness on potential impacts of development and climate change, biodiversity conservation and livelihood through news, TV and social media. Sagaing University of Education, Department of Zoology, University of Yangon, Department of Geography, University of Yangon: Provided technical inputs in basin-wide threat mapping and impact assessment and facilitated in the knowledge exchange workshop and RBC and stakeholder consultations. Sagaing Regional Government: Be a co-host of all stakeholder consultations in the Chindwin Basin and recipient of project outputs and recommendations. Forest Department, Department of Mines, Environmental Conservation Department, and Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems: Provided relevent data, assigned staff to join project implementation for capacity building.

Conservation Impacts

Summarize the overall impact of your project, describing how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile

In overall, the project has achieved three main objectives including i) building capacity of civil society and government agencies in assessing potential impacts of development and climate change on biodiversity and ecosystem services and livelihoods, ii) raising public awareness on biodiversity conservation, and iii) Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services values into policies and plans. Our project results will contribute to the achievement of Strategic Direction 6 from Ecosystem Profile: Engage key actors in mainstreaming biodiversity, communities and livelihoods into development planning in the priority corridors.

The main results of the objective 1 include;

- Assessment methodology and ecosystem services model are developed
- Basin wide assessment of threats and ecosystem services
- Biodiversity and livelihood assessment at the selected three hotspots in Upper Chindwin River, Mahamyaing Forest Area and Puak Inn Wetland
- About 50-60 participants from civil society groups, academic institutes and government agencies were built capacity on valuating of biodiversity and ecosystem services and assessing potential impacts of development and climate change on biodiversity and livelihoods.
- Knowledge sharing between Chindwin and Mekong River Basins

The main results of the objective 2 include;

- More than 50 media pieces from June 2017-June 2019 related to the project activities and biodiversity conservation on the local and international news through social media, TV, newspapers and websites for raising public awareness
- Two short films and three photo stories were produced
- About 10 participants from local media were built capacity for communicating on communicating on development, biodiversity and livelihood in the Chindwin River Basin. The main results of the objective 3 include;
 - Three policy briefs providing a set of recommendations to policymakers on threats to biodiversity and local livelihoods, policy gaps for environmental protection and effective stakeholder engagement
 - Key findings and policy recommendations have been shared and discussed with the River Basin Committee (ROC) and key policymakers in stakeholder consultations to build their capacity,provide scientific-evidence and positively mainstreaming key recommendations into action plans of Regional Government.

mpact Description Impact Summary

Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Biodiversity and ecosystem service values in	Our project partially contributed to this long-term
Chindwin/Ayeyawady River Basin are integrated into development policies and plans	impact. We have prepared a policy brief on policy gaps
at national level for sustainable development	for environmental protection in the Sagaing Region of
through integrated river basin management by	Myanmar for policymakers. This policy brief provides
2030.	key recommendations to involve regional governments
	and line agencies in environmental policy development

at the national level to improve coordination among
different levels of government. The key findings from
the assessment can be used as scientific-evidence to
integrate biodiversity and ecosystem service values in
Chindwin into the development plans and policies.
Strengthening capacity of the RBO mechanism that
comprises of multiple stakeholders within the basin,
provides a useful platform for disseminating scientific-
evidence, discussion on key threats and actions for
biodiversity conservation in the KBAs, and ways to
integrate biodiversity and ecosystem into the
development plans at regional and national levels.
However, it needs more time and continues the effort
to fully influence the planning progress and policy
development at the national level.

Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years	
Impact Description	Impact Summary
1. Potential impacts of selected	Potential impacts of selected development plans
development plans including mining,	including mining, logging, hydropower, agriculture,
logging, hydropower, agriculture,	navigation and transportation and climate change on
navigation and transportation and climate	biodiversity, communities, and livelihoods in Chindwin
change on biodiversity, communities and	Basin are quantified using participatory GIS mapping,
livelihoods in Chindwin Basin are	InVEST model, biodiversity and livelihood surveys. Key
quantified and demonstrated	findings from the assessment were presented in three
	RBC and stakeholder consultations as well as policy
	dialogues to increase awareness on threats to
	biodiversity and ecosystem, seek recommendations on
	biodiversity conservation actions and mainstreaming
	values of biodiversity and ecosystem into development
	plans.
2. Capacity of civil society groups and	50-60 participants from civil society groups, academic
government agencies are built in valuating	institutes, government agencies and media, were built
of biodiversity and ecosystem services and	capacity on valuating of biodiversity and ecosystem
assessing potential impacts of	services and assessing potential impacts of
development plans and climate change on	development and climate change on biodiversity and
biodiversity, communities and livelihoods	livelihoods and communicating on biodiversity
	conservation. Their capacity were built through the
	exchange workshop between Mekong and Chindwin
	River Basins and the training workshops on
	Environment Impact Assessment Tools and Media
	Communication.
3. The decision-making process on policies	We actively engaged policymakers in the beginning until
and plans in Chindwin Basin is positively	the end of project implementation through River Basin
influenced, including the National	Committee (RBC) meetings, stakeholder consultations,
Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, EIA	and policy interviews and dialogues. Key policymakers
procedures and biodiversity monitoring	are Minister of Sagaing Region, Director of
programmes, and future plans of the	Environmental Conservation Department (ECD) Director

Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Chindwin RBO	of Forest Department (FD), Director of Fisheries Department (FD), Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), Director of Mining Department, Director of Department of Agriculture and Director of Department of Information and Public Relation. The key findings and policy recommendations at three hotspots have been discussed with the RBC and key policymakers at the regional level to build their capacity, provide scientific- evidence and positively mainstreaming key recommendations into action plans of Regional Government by alignment with National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and biodiversity monitoring programs. Based on an evaluation report, we found the positive changes in the knowledge, attitude, and practice of those key policymakers. During the project period, we success to develop the "Saving the Chindwin" campaign into the RBO plan for implementation to raise public awareness on
4. Public awareness on the issues related to biodiversity conservation, ecosystem service values and sustainable development has increased through direct engagement with local and international medias.	biodiversity concervation. We actively engaged local and international media in the beginning until the end of project implementation through knowledge exchange workshops, training, field survey, and stakeholder consultation workshops. Our stakeholder engagement activities have a positive influence in their knowledge, attitude, and practice on communicating biodiversity and development issues in the basin. There are more than 50 media pieces from June 2017-June 2019 related to the project activities on the local and international news through social media, TV, newspapers and websites for raising awareness on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem valuation and sustainable development.

Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impact objectives

The main success of this project comes from the following factors.

- 1. Recruitment Myanmar National Coordinator. This position is important to communicate with local partners, engage local stakeholders, coordinate, implement and monitoring work on the ground.
- 2. Active stakeholder engagement and participation since starting the project until the end.
- 3. Using the RBO as the main platform for stakeholder engagement throughout the project is key. The RBO provided an ideal platform to discuss sustainability issues in the basin, share information and scientific evidence and discuss possible solutions at the Region level. The platform put policy actors and community leaders, as well as political figures around the same table with a voice each; this enabled equity across agencies and institutions as well as opened the perspective to members and strengthen collaboration across different sectors.

4. Promoting data sharing for the integrated assessment through the disciplinary approach. Enhancing sharing data among different departments has improved the accuracy of the assessment results.

5. Building capacity of the local media and academic institutes in communicating biodiversity conservation is important to raise public awareness as well as influence decision making. The main challenges are

- 1. Lack of monitoring data on biodiversity, wetlands and ecosystem health in the basin. This causes a challenge to assess the baseline and potential impacts of development and climate change. Expert inputs and local knowledge are important for the assessment.
- 2. It was particularly difficult for us to engage with the private sector. In Chindwin, the largest private sector actors work in either mining or agriculture. Mining, in particular, owns specific status in Myanmar, due to a large amount of regulation and licensing. Once mining licenses have been granted, private sector actors wield considerable power over local communities leading to an imbalance in relationships as well as resource access. More recently, licenses from the pre-democratic era have been expiring and it seems as if that mining companies have lost interest in engaging in sustainable solutions for the Chindwin. Hence, engaging with private sector actors has been a challenge throughout the project implementation phase.
- 3. The project has partially influenced the Regional Government Plan but to influence the policy and development plans at the national level will take a longer time and have more process.

Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

Yes, positive impacts.

- In the beginning stage, we don't expect the change in practice of the individuals and organizations during the period of project implementation due to it normally take time. Through various activities conducted under the project including the joint assessment, training, consultations, public awareness-raising, and several policy dialogues, the project could influence the positive changes in practice of key stakeholders in this project. Among all 75 most significant changes recorded from the interviews of the stakeholders, 24% were captured as the changes in the practice and remaining were capture as the changes in knowledge and attitude. In examples, environmental topics are now integrated as part of public awareness-raising activities of the Information and Public Relations Department and increased practices of individuals related to environmental conservation and protection.
- Building capacity of media on development and biodiversity conservation is beneficial towards influencing decision making on sustainable development and protecting biodiversity and ecosystem. Policymakers have attention on biodiversity issues from the public media.

Project Components and Products/Deliverables

	Component			Deliverable
#	Description	#	Description	Results for Deliverable
1	Building capacity	1.1	Participant list	This deliverable was achieved. The Knowledge Exchange
	of civil society		and a minute	Workshop was organized on 18-19 September 2017. A
	groups and		of a workshop	minute of a workshop on knowledge exchange with
	government		on knowledge	attachment of participant list is produced.
	agencies in		exchange from	
	assessing		the Mekong	
	potential		Basin and	
	impacts of		other relevant	
	development		works. Gender	
	plans and		considerations	
	climate change		and	
	on biodiversity,		effectiveness	
	communities		of stakeholder	
	and livelihoods		engagement	
	and in proposing		will be	
	alternative		incorporated	
	scenarios in		in developing	
	Chindwin River		the training.	
	Basin			
1	Building capacity	1.2	Training needs	This deliverable was achieved. The training need
	of civil society		assessment, a	assessment was done in the Knowledge Exchange
	groups and		training	Workshop on 18-19 September 2017. The training
	government		workshop,	workshops on Environment Impact Assessment Tools and
	agencies in		training	Media Communication were conducted on 15-17 Aug
	assessing		material, and	2018. The training manuals were produced. Female
	potential		at least 30	participated in the training is more than 30%.
	impacts of		trainees,	
	development		targeted at	
	plans and		least 30% of	
	climate change		trainees are	
	on biodiversity,		female.	
	communities		Gender	
	and livelihoods		considerations	
	and in proposing		and	
	alternative		effectiveness	
	scenarios in		of stakeholder	
	Chindwin River		engagement	
	Basin		will be	

Describe the results from each product/deliverable:

			in developing	
			the training.	
1	Building capacity	1.3	An assessment	This deliverable was achieved. The assessment report wa
	of civil society		report	produced.
	groups and		presenting	
	government		objective,	
	agencies in		scope,	
	assessing		methodology,	
	potential		development	
	impacts of		plans and	
	development		policies	
	plans and		analysis, status	
	climate change		of biodiversity	
	on biodiversity,		and ecosystem	
	communities		services,	
	and livelihoods		potential	
	and in proposing		impacts of	
	alternative		development	
	scenarios in		plans and	
	Chindwin River		climate	
	Basin		change and	
			alternative	
			scenarios.	
1	Building capacity	1.4	Assessment	GIS Threat mapping tool and InVEST model were
	of civil society		tools (e.g.	developed for the Chindwin River Basin to identify
	groups and		mapping tool	hotpots and quantify key ecosystem services.
	government		and InVest	
	agencies in		model) that	
	assessing		will be	
	potential		produced to	
	impacts of		support the	
	development		assessment.	
	plans and			
	climate change			
	on biodiversity,			
	communities			
	and livelihoods			
	and in proposing			
	alternative			
	scenarios in			
	Chindwin River			
	Basin			
2	Communications	2.1	Publications	This deliverable was achieved. There are about 50 media
	and public		including news	press (June 2017-June 2019) related to the project
	awareness on		articles, blogs	activities on the local and international news through

	the issues		and media kits	social media, TV, newspapers and websites for raising
	related to		related to the	awareness on biodiversity conservation. YouTube
	biodiversity		activities	Channel on Chindwin Biodiversity and Livelihoods was
	conservation,		towards	developed. Key findings from the project were presented
	ecosystem		raising public	in in GEF sixth Assembly (Danang, Vietnam), Ecosystem-
	service values		and media	based IWRM training (Bago, Myanmar), Korea-ASEAN
	and sustainable		awareness on	meeting on biodiversity conservation (Bangkok, Thailand),
	development in		conservation	WLE Forum (Yangon, Myanmar) and the 6th IYRW 2018
	Chindwin River		and	(Bali, Indonesia).
	Basin		management	
			of the	
			biodiversity	
			and to further	
			exchange	
			knowledge	
			between the	
			Mekong and	
			Ayeyarwady	
			Basins.	
2	Communications	2.2	A series of	This deliverable was achieved. Two short films were
	and public		short films	produced and published in July 2018 and June 2019 in the
	awareness on		about the	SEI website. Their titles are Impact story: Improving water
	the issues		biodiversity	management, supporting local livelihoods, and Saving
	related to		issues in the	Chindwin's biodiversity.
	biodiversity		Chindwin	
	conservation,		Basin and the	
	ecosystem		conservation	
	service values		work of the	
	and sustainable		project to	
	development in		effectively	
	Chindwin River		reach	
	Basin		policymakers	
	Dasin		and the	
			media.	
2	Communications	2.3	Multimedia	This deliverable was achieved. Three photo stories were
2	and public	2.5	products	produced and published in the following websites. The
	awareness on		including	third pole-A journey down Myanmar's Chindwin River;
	the issues		visually-	Myanamr Times-Biodiversity, people's livelihoods at risk
	related to		-	
			engaging	in Chindwin River Basin; CEPF: Myanmar's Chindwin River
	biodiversity		photo stories	Basin.
	conservation,		on key	
	ecosystem		conservation	
	service values		and livelihood	
	and sustainable		topics in	
	development in		collaboration	
	Chindwin River		with civil	

	Basin		society and	
	ווונסט		local	
			communities in the basin.	
2		2.1		
3	Engaging multi-	3.1	List of	This deliverable was achieved. Three stakeholder
	stakeholders in		stakeholders	consultations were organized in Dec 2017, Dec 2018 and
	assessment and		and minutes of	June 2019. Lists of stakeholders and minutes of
	decision-making		stakeholder	consultations were prepared. About 25-35% of
	processes to		consultations,	participants were women group representatives.
	mainstream		ensured	
	biodiversity		representative	
	ecosystem		s of women's	
	services values		groups and	
	into government		female	
	policies/		community	
	strategies/		members in	
	plans/programm		stakeholder	
	es of the		consultation	
	Chindwin Basin		processes.	
3	Engaging multi-	3.2	At least 3	This deliverable was achieved. Three policy briefs were
	stakeholders in		targeted policy	produced including Threats to biodiversity and local
	assessment and		briefs and	livelihoods in the Chindwin River Basin in Myanmar:
	decision-making		minutes from	Insights and policy recommendations, Policy gaps for
	processes to		at least 3	environmental protection in the Sagaing Region of
	mainstream		dialogues,	Myanmar, and Effective stakeholder engagement for
	biodiversity		aimed at	national resource management: Lessons from the
	ecosystem		influencing key	Chindwin River Basin.
	services values		decision	
	into government		makers,	
	policies/		including	
	strategies/		parliamentaria	
	plans/programm		ns,	
	es of the		governmental	
	Chindwin Basin		departments,	
			and Regional	
			and State	
			Governments.	
3	Engaging multi-	3.3	An evaluation	This deliverable was achieved. The report on Stakeholder
	stakeholders in		report on	Engagement and Policy Influence: An evaluation was
	assessment and		stakeholder	produced.
	decision-making		engagement	.
	processes to		and policy	
	mainstream		influence.	
	biodiversity			
	ecosystem			
	ccosystem			

	services values into government policies/ strategies/ plans/programm es of the Chindwin Basin			
4	Sub-grant for Myanmar Environment Institute (MEI)	4.1	A guideline for biodiversity and ecosystem services inventory and livelihood survey including interview questionnaire.	The guidelines for biodiversity and ecosystem services inventory and livelihood survey were prepared.
4	Sub-grant for Myanmar Environment Institute (MEI)	4.2	Data from biodiversity inventory and livelihood survey at three selected sites (both primary and secondary data).	The datasets of biodiversity inventory and livelihood surveys were collected and submitted to SEI.
4	Sub-grant for Myanmar Environment Institute (MEI)	4.3	A report on status of biodiversity, ecosystem services and livelihood at three selected sites (Baseline condition).	A report on status of biodiversity, ecosystem services and livelihood at three selected sites was produced and submitted to SEI.
4	Sub-grant for Myanmar Environment Institute (MEI)	4.4	Quarterly financial reports.	All quaterly financial reports were submitted to SEI.
4	Sub-grant for Myanmar Environment Institute (MEI) Sub-grant for	4.5	Signed sub- grant agreement with MEI. Strengthened	Signed sub-grant agreement with MEI in 2017. This deliverable was done by CEPF team.
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Myanmar	institutional
Environment	capacity of
Institute (MEI)	MEI, as
	demonstrated
	by comparison
	of CEPF Civil
	Society
	Tracking Tool
	scores at
	project start
	and end.

Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.

- 1. Biodiversity Threat Mapping using QGIS is a powerful spatial decision supporting system to quantify the level of threats from different development sectors and producing biodiversity threat map to identify vulnerable biodiversity areas or hotspots.
- 2. Modeling Ecosystem Services and Natural Capital using InVEST model is an open-source software model used to map and value goods and services from nature. We used InVEST model to quantify water yield, sediment delivery retention nutrient retention and carbon storage.
- **3.** Manual book for biodiversity and ecosystem services survey is a guideline for the field survey to collect data on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Lessons Learned

Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building.

Consider lessons that would inform:

- Project Design Process (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings)
- Project Implementation (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings)
- Describe any other lessons learned relevant to the conservation community

Most Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Myanmar are new, they don't have the NGO registration certificate. This causes difficulty to mobilize funds to them. Ethics training should be provided to them in the beginning state of the project.

• The CSOs in Chindwin are very active and keen to support the project implementation, but they have limited resources and technical capacity to assess impacts of development on biodiversity. We learned that they worked well with the local context on raising public

awareness. Strengthening the CSO network is important to empower them for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

- Lack of monitoring data on biodiversity, wetlands and ecosystem health in the basin. This causes difficulty to assess the baseline and potential impacts of development and climate change. Expert inputs are important for the assessment. The monitoring programs should be developed and set priority at all KBAs in the basin.
- It is good for mainstreaming the gender lens in the project design. This helps to ensure that the project implementation considering the gender issues in the stakeholder engagement plan.
- There is a lack of coordination amongst natural resource governance line agencies. This lack of coordination fragments expertise and effective natural resource management as siloed and piecemeal approaches are being used to raise public awareness and implement conservation measures. Platforms like the RBO and policy dialogues bring these actors together. Some stakeholders have recognized the benefits of the RBO as a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogues and called more frequent RBO meetings.
- Decision-making is top-down and concentrated in the Chief Minister and Central government. Line agencies within states and regions are hesitant to take decisions to implement interventions that are beyond their normal frame of operation making it difficult to change practices within policy makers. There are strong needs and requests from line agencies to understand laws and regulations related to natural resource management.
- Engaging and working with stakeholders in the Chindwin Basin can be tricky. If it is Government, due to the top-down structure of the Government hierarchy, actors at the Region-level will perceive themselves as implementers of National policy with little scope for decision-making and adaptive management. Line agencies stick narrowly to their mandate, more intent on following their brief rather than applying solutions to local sustainability issues.
- When working with communities, leaders and citizens feel powerless and do perceive themselves as part of the policy development process. They are usually grateful to engage with projects such as ours, welcoming, and glad to support data collection. However, there is a lack of agency and little awareness of how they can influence local levels of biodiversity. Poverty is in large parts to blame for this, but access to information and education, particularly among minorities is equally an issue.
- It was particularly difficult for us to engage with the private sector. In Chindwin, the largest
 private sector actors work in either mining or agriculture. Mining, in particular, owns specific
 status in Myanmar, due to a large amount of regulation and licensing. Once mining licenses
 have been granted, private sector actors wield considerable power over local communities
 leading to an imbalance in relationships as well as resource access. More recently, licenses
 from the pre-democratic era have been expiring and it seems as if that mining companies have
 lost interest in engaging in sustainable solutions for the Chindwin. Hence, engaging with
 private sector actors has been a challenge throughout the project implementation phase.
- Given busy work and limited human resources of the government agencies concerned, it is important for the project to design realistic coordination support and sufficient time to organize any events or activities that expect the governmental agencies to take part actively e.g. meetings, consultations.

Sustainability / Replication

Summarize the success or challenges in ensuring the project will be sustained or replicated, including any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability.

- The main legacy achieved on the ground is the River Basin Organization (RBO), which was
 forged, engaged with, and sustained through project activities. The RBO was our first point of
 contact for stakeholder engagement throughout the project. The RBO provided an ideal
 platform to discuss sustainability issues, present project outcomes, as well as discuss possible
 solutions at the Region level. The platform put policy actors and community leaders, as well as
 political figures around the same table with a voice each; this enabled equity across agencies
 and institutions as well as opened the perspective to members as to the needs and ambitions
 of other actors outside of their own systems.
- Through the contribution from CBES project in term of knowledge generation and policy engagement, the stakeholders who are part of the RBO have initiated the follow up activities to further disseminate the knowledge/findings from CBES project e.g. Saving Chindwin Campaign led by Monywa University with engagement of the many university professors and students or routine talk show led by IPRD that will engage many communities from several townships. This kind of activities despite small but if follow up well, could result in increased sustainability and replicability in other areas of the basin and countries.
- Beyond the RBO but also because of our engagement with the RBO, our network among locally-relevant policy actors has been strong and supportive for project implementation. This allows us now to engage in follow-up or successor activities with minimal transaction costs as valuable contacts have already been established. Trust is the basis of the established contacts as actors have seen that the project's intention has been genuine and supportive of the local policy process. In fact, in some cases, our support to the regional government has empowered these actors versus the national level agencies, which traditionally act upon a top-down approach. Given that trust is the main ingredient, a major risk to the established set of relationships is personnel turnover among government agencies and policy actors.
- Based on our experience working on the CBES project and the stories of the most significant change, working with diverse actors, particularly civil society and media is beneficial towards influencing changes in behavior. Civil society and media have the ability to change the actions within the public and act as important boundary partners in our future work. Working with policymakers is more challenging in terms of changing behavior and requires more time and intensive engagement.
- Significant increase in public media on biodiversity issues in the Chindwin from this project including it's important and degradation and sustainable uses will help to draw attention to policymakers and other donors to continue providing support on biodiversity conservation, capacity building, raising awareness, and mainstream into development plans. Presently, FAO is developing a new project in Chindwin for the GCF to support forest and ecosystem conservation in the basin.

Safeguards

If not listed as a separate Project Component and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social, environmental, or pest management safeguards

When we did the biodiversity inventory and livelihood survey at the three selected sites, there was a need to considering social and environmental safeguards near the mining sites.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

Use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF

- Given the set of excellent relationships, the established network of cross-sector partners (including university, NGOs, parliament, and government) as well as the existing RBO our recommendation is to keep these alive rather than return to re-inventing similar networks again. As SEI, MEI ad all other project partners we are keen to maintain the momentum of amicable cooperation and productive solutions development. It would be a great loss if these relationships, which were purposely developed for conservation of the Chindwin area, would be lost.
- The support form CEPF Secretariat in linking the CBES project team with other CEPF project grantees who have been working in the same areas is very useful. This has facilitated better knowledge and exchange sharing and exchange among the teams from different CEPF projects. The connection and expertise that different project teams have brought together can greatly help the implementation of individual CEPF project including CBES. Continued support from CEPF Secretariat for making such connections in the future would be helpful.
- We appreciated the quick response from the CEPF advisor team to provide us guidance to overcome the challenges during the project implementation. This is very helpful.
- The printing function in the granting system does not work. it always comes out only on the first page of the report both financial and progress reports. Need to improve.

Additional Funding

Provide details of any additional funding that supported this project and any funding secured for the project, organization, or the region, as a result of CEPF investment

Total additional funding (US\$) \$100,507.11

Type of funding

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source, categorizing each contribution into one of the following categories:

- A Project Co-Financing (other donors or your organization contribute to the direct costs of this project)
- *B* Grantee and Partner Leveraging (other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF funded project)

C Regional/Portfolio Leveraging (other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project)

A. Project Co-financing from SEI

Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

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