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1. Executive Summary

Under the WOW project, the YSPW through the Aden Demonstration project has continued to strengthen the partnership with key stakeholders at the city of Aden, while working closely with the EPA Directorate and other governmental agencies and other relevant sectors to improve collaboration and create ownership of the project.

During the reporting period the relationship with stakeholders improved significantly and a continued strong partnership with EPA Aden, has finally led to creation of the sense of ownership over the ultimate project goal – updating and implementing the Aden Wetlands Management Plan.

There has been a major focus by the project on activities related to the revamping of the management plan and on updating baseline data on socioeconomic and marine fauna and flora studies of the Aden wetlands. These were conducted by specialists and have been finalized according to Ramsar guidelines and standards.

The Management Plan has been structured (using RAMSAR Guidelines) include the followings updated information:

- A comprehensive site description;
- Review of the legislation, policy and any related management instruments.
- Clarification of the roles and responsibilities of all agencies involved in the implementation of the management plan.
- Identification of the values for which the site is recognized as a Ramsar site.

One area of the five areas declared under protection, “Al Wadi Al Kabir” does not qualify for any criteria as an Important Bird Area (IBA) or a wetland of international significance, and hence the updated MP recommend more attention to the other sites.

The management plan was translated from English to Arabic and disseminated to all members of SC, EPA Sana'a and Aden staff, UNDP and stakeholders for comments through series of meetings.

The management plan is one of the major aims of the project in this period. It includes reformulated objectives and activities. BirdLife Middle East Division will continue supporting efforts in Yemen to get the MP endorsement locally and nationally and will communicate this updated plan with relevant staff in the World Bank.

1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

- # Key Project Achievements
- 1 During this period, the project implemented two studies (socioeconomic and marine biodiversity) in Protected Areas of Aden. The purpose of the two studies is to fill in information gaps required for the revision of the management plan and to establish a baseline for future monitoring.
 - 2 Ensuring that the updated MP for Aden wetlands was drafted according to RAMSAR guidelines and standards. It includes reformulated objectives and activities. The primary purpose of the Management Plan of Aden Wetlands is to facilitate conservation and wise-use of these wetlands to maintain, and where practical restore, the ecological values for which it could be recognized as a RAMSAR site. The management plan is one of the major aims of the project in this period.
 - 3 The project conducted a third Steering Committee meeting in the EPA on 19.10.2009 with participation of Birdlife International Middle East Division, where the updated Management Plan was introduced and discussed among all project partners.
 - 4 The third stakeholders meeting were held in the EPA on 22.11.2009. Where the update Management Plan was introduced and discussed. A brief lecture was made on the socioeconomic and marine biodiversity values of the Aden Wetlands. Among participants were the Director General of Land Area and Urban planning Authority, and Director General of Environmental Protection Authority-Aden. Copies of MP disseminated for the all members of stakeholders.
 - 5 A series of meetings were conducted with different stakeholders and agencies such as the Deputy Governor of Aden, Director of EPA Aden, Manager of the Salt Sector, Manager of Sewage Treatment Station, members of Al-Heswa Environmental Society, Chairman of EPA Sana'a, Staff of UNDP, Director of RAMSAR Unite in Sana'a and others regarding the issues of updating studies and revising MP of Aden wetlands These meetings resulted in improve collaboration and coordination.

Massive media coverage occurred during this period. The news of project activities was covered by the governmental and private widespread newspapers in all Yemeni governments and their websites, in the Environmental program (We and the Environment) in Aden Radio, regarding the important and value of Aden wetlands. Direct broadcasting interview in the morning program in Aden radio was done with the project manager regarding the issues of updating studies and revising management plan.

From 19 -22 June 2009, the project hosted the consultant Dr. Amr Zuhair MP consultant (Jordanian) and Mr. Sharif Jabour from BLMED to update and formulate a new management plan for the Aden wetlands in accordance with Ramsar guidelines and standards. A series of visits and meetings organized for the consultant to Governmental and private agencies in Aden Governorate.

The project has updated two studies on the Aden wetlands, which were conducted by specialists in socio - economic and Marine Biodiversity: The Socio-economic study, which addressed all aspects of the assessments, related to socio-economic aspects, tourism, salt production, livestock, fishing, Land use, tenures changes, and stakeholder analysis. Relationships between socio-economic-cultural issues and biodiversity / wetland conservation, with focus on the relation between the most common wetland practices affecting the wetland integrity and conservation aspects

The Marine Fauna and Flora study, which represents an inventory of marine Flora & Fauna of five areas of the Aden wetlands PAs, based on field survey conduct in June-July 2009. Aden wetlands found to have special habitats and marine biodiversity. Human impacts were clearly observed in the sites.

The third steering committee meeting was held in the EPA on Sunday 18.10.2009 with participation Mr. Ibrahim Khader and Mr. Sharif Jabour from Birdlife International Middle East Division (BLMED).

The third stakeholders meeting was held in the EPA on Sunday 22.11.2009. Participants were positive to share ideas and suggestions on the document of MP. Among participants were Director General of Land Area and Urban Planning Authority, and Director General of Environmental Protection Authority-Aden. Copies of MP disseminated for the all members of stakeholders.

During this period the project distributed copies of the poster Birds of Aden in glass frames for Deputies of Aden Governorate, General Directors of Governmental Authorities in Aden, and copies for almost of Aden Governorate schools, NGOs and individuals. The poster was felt as a piece of art highlighting the birds biodiversity of the Aden Wetlands. Upon delivery of these framed posters it was hung over walls in most recipient offices.

Direct broadcasting interviews in the morning program were done in Aden Radio on 28/10/2009 with the project manager.

During the period, 18-29 July 2009 two project staff ;the Assistant Project Manager Mr. Safwan Al-Sagheer and the Education and Awareness specialist Mr. Abdul Rahman Raweh participated in the regional training course in Farasan Islands (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). Training was in the standard survey methodology (SSM) to count the breeding seabirds developed with PERSGA.

During the period, 10-16 August 2009 Project Manager Mr. Gamal Ba-wazir participated in the regional workshop entitled Training of Trainers course- TOT "the flyway approach to conservation and wise-use of waterbirds and wetlands" in Amman, Jordan.

1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

Please identify up to a maximum of 10 important project issues, i.e. those issues that you feel require the focused attention of the WOW Project Coordination Unit and/or UNOPS. These issues should be selected and extracted from sections 2 & 3 of this report. **Therefore you may want to first complete sections 2 & 3 of the report, and then cut-and paste up to 10 most important issues into this section of the Executive Summary.**

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	How best to dispose of equipment purchased with GEF funds.	Assets such as computers, software, binoculars and other office materials purchased under the project to remain a property for the society to contribute to future activities in Aden and elsewhere in Yemen. The principal capital asset (project vehicle) will be sold to cover for a deficit and any potential expenses to be incurred upon the follow up of the project in the coming six months. BLMED has asked the society to send us a local market survey on the vehicle value, and our estimate indicates that the value can cover for the above deficit and provide additional funds to participate in the	Upon closure of the demo project	PCU to endorse plan

- 2 Incorporation of the management plan into the Aden Master Plan
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- forthcoming Steering Committee and demo project evaluation meeting, and staff recharges to promote and fundraise globally for the MP implementation. BLMED to state what the strategy is here.

2. Project Management

Project management is a critical cross-cutting issue that affects all project components. Please use this section to highlight issues that affect project performance and achievement of expected outcomes, and describe proposed next steps. Please fill-in the following table:

CATEGORY	ISSUES Description of issues affecting project performance during the reporting period	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Description of decisions / actions to be taken	DEADLINE	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	Recruitment of National Consultant to revise the management plan	BirdLife MED helped in recruiting a consultant to revise the management plan	June 09	YSPW
Finance & administration	Delay in receiving project fund on time	YSPW advance project with fund until disbursement received	July 09	BLMED
Logistics & operations	None	None		
Reporting & communication	Communication with key stakeholders was less than expected and has only improved recently	BLME had to coordinate on behalf of YSPW		
Coordination with project partners	As above	As above		
External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.) Other	None	None		

3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

ACTIVITIES Output/Service (as listed in the approved project document)	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS % completed to date (and in parenthesis: % in prior progress report)	PROGRESS Description of work undertaken during the reporting period	ISSUES & PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Description of problems encountered; Issues that need to be addressed; Decisions / Actions to be taken	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ⬆ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ⬇ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.					
Outcome 11 An integrated management plan for the Aden wetlands finalised (including by-laws and regulations) and implementation by the Yemeni government	2009	20%			
Activity 1.1: Raise awareness on the importance of the site, management plan and planning process amongst local and national stakeholders	2009	⬆ 90%	Good progress achieved on this particular activity. Where various education and awareness campaigns, activities and media coverage have been conducted. Management Plan finalized and disseminated to stakeholders	Revision of management plan has delayed due to lack of attention to the project ultimate goal but is now finalized and efforts will be dedicated in the remaining period to get support and endorsement locally, nationally and globally from WB.	BLME
Activity 1.2: Establish and run a stakeholder coordination committee		(C)100%			

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Activity 1.3: Establish and populate a database for the implementation of the management plan and provide a baseline of information for monitoring and evaluation	2009	(C) 100% (C) 100%	Word bird Database is used to upload data on monitoring activities at Aden Wetlands Local data base has been created including all information including results of surveys, publications and studies undertaken during the project, Aden Master Plan and the newly produced MP.	Make available all these resources on a disk for distribution as sustaining this data base an online instrument does not have the adequate finances, hence all information will be uploaded on WBDB	BLME
Activity 1.4: Finalize the management plan including detailed plans for the restoration of the Aden Marshes	2009	⬆️ 100%	MP has been produced with detailed action plans for restoration and conservation of important tax and sites.		
Activity 1.5 :Secure the support for the management Plan by the government	2009	⬆️ 70%	The MP has been finalized and EPA involvement in the MP was a strong approach that supported the endorsement of the plan.	Revision of management plan has delayed and efforts will be dedicated in the remaining period to get support and endorsement locally, nationally	BLME

Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ⬆️ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ⬇️ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.

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and globally from WB.					
Activity 1.6: Publish and disseminate the management plan	2009	⬆ 90%	MP Produced and disseminated. The Arabic version was also disseminated to all local and national stakeholders.	Disseminate the MP globally (e.g. WB, RAMASR) and provide support for implementation	BLME
Outcome 2: . Increased awareness of the importance of wetland and waterbird value and especially the Aden wetlands, in Yemen	2009	(C) 100%	Several outreach materials were prepared and disseminated showing the value of Aden wetlands for biodiversity		
Activity 2.1: Prepare and execute an outreach educational programme for local communities	2009	(C) 100%	As above		
Activity 2.2: Raise awareness on wetland and waterbird conservation nationally using the Aden Lagoons site and management plan as a context	2009	⬆ 80%	Delay in producing the revised MP has affected the objective of using the Demo project activities and goals to demonstrate best practices of wetlands at the national level	Secure UNDP/Yemen second phase support to contribute to this activity	BLME-YSWP

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Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ⬆ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ⬇ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.					
Outcome 3 The Aden Lagoons are integrated into the national biodiversity action plan and land use planning					
Activity 3.1 Lobbying of government and non-governmental organizations to include the Aden Lagoons site in local and national land use plans	2009	⬆ 70%	National Master plan was already approved well before the project started. Some dialogues and discussion undertaken with relevant stakeholder on the philosophy of integrating Aden Wetlands MP into the Master Plan was appreciated	Expand global lobbying to include agreements such as the RAMASR through the Yemeni Government and possible declaration of Aden RAMASR site.	BLME/Y SPW
Activity 3.2 Consultations with the World Bank and Aden City authorities to integrate the Aden Lagoons management plan in the Aden City Master Plan.	2009	⬆ 60%	As above	BLME is coordinating with WB and other stakeholders on this activity	BLME

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Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ↗ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ↘ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.					
Outcome 4. Funds for the implementation of the management plan					
Activity 4.1: Fund raising strategy development for the long-term implementation of the management plan		↗ 50%	Lobby UNDP/ Yemen to include activities within the MP into the second phase of the Sustainable Natural Resources Management project GEF- SGP will include Aden PA in their mandate early January. Contact established to include Aden in the list of potential sites for PA support from the German Government to Yemen.		BLME.
Activity 4.2: Elaboration of the financial implications of the management plan's integration into the World		↗ 10%	Contact has been established with WD only recently	Continue negotiations with WD about integrating the MP into the master Plan	BLME

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Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ↗ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ↘ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.					
Bank Aden City plan					
Outcome 5. Smooth project execution and evaluation of success					
Activity 5.1: Creation of project team and steering committee	C	100%			
Activity 5.2 Supervision and financial administration of implementation	C	↗ 100%			
Activity 5.3 Reporting	C	100%			

4. Funds Disbursement

4.1 Disbursement of GEF Funds

Report on the status of GEF Funds managed under this Agreement with UNOPS.

Total Budget approved for the provision of technical services:	\$253,243
Funds advanced by UNOPS to date:	\$233,748.5
Opening balance this reporting period:	(\$12,020)
Total expenditure this reporting period:	\$73,365.6
Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule):	\$19,494.5
Balance (if applicable):	(\$29,905.1)

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General Category of Expenditure	Total budget	Total expenditure to date	Total budget balance	Opening balance this reporting period	Last payment received	Expenditure in reporting period	Balance at end of reporting period
Personnel	100100	132,852	(32,751)	(22,619)	25,025.5	43,500.1	(41,093)
Equipment	26520	30,743	(4,223)	(4,223)	0.0	0.0	(4,223.3)
Subcontracts	30818	15,564	15,254	14,382	7,500.0	9,128.8	12,753.5
Workshops and training	27000	8,912	18,088	11,809	6,000.0	1,721.1	16,088.3
Travel	18977	19,306	(329)	(3,046)	4,500.0	3,282.8	(1,828.9)
Executing agency support overheads	34052	45,956	(11,904)	(13,106)	8,512.5	10,150.0	(14,744.0)
Monitoring, evaluation, auditing	6000	1,864	4,136	3,000	1,500.0	1,864.5	2,635.5
Miscellaneous	2400	8,452	(6,052)	1,782	2,443.5	3,718.3	507.0
Education programme/community meetings (2500)	0	0	0	0	0.0		0.0
Co-ordination committee meetings (1500)	0	0	0	0	0.0		0.0
Contingency (3%)	7376	0	7,376	0	0.0		0.0
Total	253243	263,650	(10,407)	(12,020)	55,481.5	73,365.6	(29,905.1)

4.2 Status of co-financing

Please report on the status of funds received by other donors and partners as co-financing for this project using the following table.

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in-kind contribution	Total co-financing (cash + in-kind)	Total received to date	Balance
Yemen Wildlife Society	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Environmental Protection Authority	0	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
					0
Totals					
List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation					
BL Middle East staff time	0	0	0	5,014	5,014

5. Performance Evaluation

5.1 Logical framework

When preparing the first progress report, please review the logical framework table below, and fill in the description of “Baseline situation”. In subsequent reports you may just update the column: “status as of..”. The Baseline situation should be described making reference to the indicators selected during project design.

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of Dec 2009	Risks and assumptions
Immediate Objective					
<p>Immediate Objective: Approaches to resource use and planning in Aden wetlands and surrounding areas are revised and made more sustainable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and practices of sectoral agencies and stakeholders reflect recognition of the need to conserve the biodiversity values of the Aden wetlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of key priorities set out in management plan • Work-plans and policies of ministries and government departments in Aden • Working practices and guidelines of stakeholder organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP project site management plan written • WB Aden City Management Plan written 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP is ready (in both languages Arabic & English). • Discussions with UNDP and EPA are ongoing to adopt the MP and fund its implementation • Discussions with WB to adopt the MP recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflicts between different ministries, and between conservation and development, can be resolved • Stakeholders are in agreement with the aims and objectives of the management plan and are sufficiently responsive to amend their working practices.
Outcomes					
<p>I. An integrated management plan for the Aden wetlands finalized (including by-laws and regulations) and under implementation by the Yemeni government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management plan is finalized, printed and distributed in 250 copies • Stipulations in the management plan are being 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal adoption and initial steps for implementation of the management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised the MP • A cabinet decree has been issued in July 2008 declaring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management plan is adopted by all (or vast majority of) stakeholders • The MP wins the necessary support from within

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of Dec 2009	Risks and assumptions
	<p>reflected in the practices of relevant stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Government decree is issued and implementation started for protecting Aden Wetlands, by the next period. 	<p>plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work-plans and policies of ministries and government departments in Aden municipality The official Gazetteer of the Government of Yemen (or equivalent for local government bye-laws) 		<p>five protected areas in Aden wetlands</p>	<p>government for this lengthy process to be completed during the second phase of the UNDP project starting 2010</p>
<p>2. Increased awareness of the importance of wetland and waterbird value and especially the Aden wetlands, in Yemen.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By the end of the project at least 50% of government employees at Aden are able to give at least three reasons why the Aden wetlands are important By the end of the project at least 30% of general public are able to give at least 2 reasons why it is important to conserve the Aden wetlands and their biodiversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveys of random samples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low levels of awareness 	<p>Raising awareness were done through programs of Concentration Environmental activities, birds monitoring, field visits, meeting awareness have been conducted. lectures, workshops and media</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable materials (photographs) and skills (specialist wildlife TV photographer) are available
<p>3. The Adenwetlands are integrated into the national biodiversity action plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Aden Wetlands are mentioned specifically in the NBAP The wetland management plan is integrated into the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NBAP (document) Management Plan for Aden (document) 	<p>Low level of implementation Low level of awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other main sites of conservation value in the governorate were 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank funding of Master Plan or Aden goes ahead

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of Dec 2009	Risks and assumptions
	master plan and other land use/development plans for Aden		Other main sites of conservation value in the area not addressed	addressed in the revising MP	
4. Funds for the implementation of the management plan raised by the end of the demonstration project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters of commitment from donors, or signed contracts/funding agreements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of contracts/letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funds yet committed to implementation UNDP project initiated the process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review process to be launched Develop communication and fundraising strategy (NFP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors are supportive of measures to conserve wetlands and biodiversity at Aden, and the political climate in Yemen continues to be favourable for international donor funding
5. Smooth project execution and evaluation of success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of reference for all staff and the Project Advisory Committee completed within 3 months of the project starting Project staff in position by 3 months into the project. Regular periodic reports submitted to the Overall project coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of reference document Staff contracts Progress and financial reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TORs, contracts, reporting procedures agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recruited, TORs agreed and a reporting process is executed and completed in time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable staff are recruited

5.2 Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool

QUESTION	ANSWER
Was the PAMETT performed for the Lake Burdur protected area?	Yes
Date of first PAMETT:	2007
PAMETT performed by:	Ali Adimi and Faisal A Thalabi

5.3 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER
STAKEHOLDERS	
# of NGO staff involved in this project	5 (3 in Aden, 1 in Sana'a, BLME Division)
# of Government Staff involved in this project	5 (3 EPA Aden) 2 EPA sana'a
# of Volunteers involved in this project	Mr. (1) Mr. Volker Bluml, (Germany) 9 – 25 February 2008. (2) Mr. Harald Legge and Lars Delling (Germany) 5-8 October 2008. (3) Mr. Ian Harrison (UK) 2-25 November 2008 Geoff Welch RSPB
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	2 in Sana'a
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	20 schools, 20 NGOs, one Small supporting group.
# of people involved in project workshops	20 teachers, 400 students, 20 NGOs, and 56 members of Governorate and districts of Aden. 28 members of Local Councils.
# of people trained under this project	20 teachers and 6 members of Environmental NGOs.
COMMUNICATION ISSUES	
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	13
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	TV: 2 Yemeni Channel. Radio: 5 programs.
# of publications produced under this project	4.
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	500000

6. Key Lessons Learned

Please report on any lessons learned during project preparation and implementation. Please focus on issues that may (a) help in the design of future projects, and/or (b) help in improving performance of the WOW project, and (c) contribute to best practice in wetlands management and conservation of migratory waterbirds.

- conserving biodiversity and improving the quality and productivity of natural resources and habitats can help increase poor people's resilience to economic shocks.
- The success of biodiversity conservation in delivering livelihood benefits to local people depends on creating informed and empowered local communities supported by effective local institutions and environmental groups.

7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

7.1 Updated overall project workplan

Please update the overall project workplan, to reflect the actual start date and status of project activities.

ACTIVITY	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7
1.1 Raise awareness of management plan	X	X	X				
1.2 Meeting with stakeholders	X	X	X	X	X		
1.3 Establish and populate database			X	X	X		
1.4 Finalize and start implementation of management plan					X	X	
1.5 Secure support of management plan by government				X	X	X	
1.6 Publish and disseminate of management plan				X	X	X	
2.1 Prepare and execute an outreach program	X	X	X	X			
2.2 Raising awareness on national level		X	X	X			
3.1 Lobbying of government	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3.2 Consultations to integrate in Master plan					X	X	
4.1 Fund raising strategy development					X	X	
5.1 Steering Committee meeting and Coordination Unite	X	X	X	X	X		
5.2 Supervision of financial and administration implementations	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5.3 Reporting	X	X	X	X	X	X	

7.2 Workplan for next six months

Please provide a detailed workplan for the coming six months period. You may add rows under each planned activity, do reflect any sub-activity that may be envisaged.

PLANNED ACTIVITY	Period <insert dates of next reporting period>					
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
1.1 Raise awareness of management plan						
1.1.1 Workshop on upgrading the MP with Local Councils						
1.1.2 Workshop on upgrading the MP with stakeholders						
1.1.3 Workshop on upgrading the MP with Governmental Agencies						
1.2 Meeting with stakeholders						
1.3 Establish and populate database						
1.3.1 Sustain database collection on birds in wetlands						
1.3.2 Conduct Socioeconomic database						
1.3.3 Marine biodiversity database						
1.3.2 Upgrading database and communication with BLME and WOW demo projects						
1.4 Finalize and start implementation of management plan						
1.5 Secure support of management plan by government						
1.6 Publish and disseminate of management plan						
2.1 Prepare and execute an outreach program						
2.2 Raising awareness on national level						
2.2.1 Communicating with media regarding the RMP	X					
3.1 Lobbying of government	X					
3.2 Consultations to integrate in Master plan of Aden	X					

4.1 Fund raising strategy development	X					
5.1 Steering Committee meeting and Coordination Unite						
5.2 Supervision of financial and administration implementations	X					
5.3 Reporting						

ANNEXES

In each report, please include the following information in the annexes:

- ✓ List of workshops (title, date, location, # of participants) held in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of technical reports produced in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of media communication (TV/radio/press) released in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of publications produced in the period covered by this report
- ✓ Updated inventory of equipment purchased with project funds (please use the table provided – double-click on the file icon below, insert items, and then “save” the file)



inventory

Please send by email to the PCU:

- ✓ 1 photograph of the project team as a group, and passport size photo of project manager (if not already submitted)
- ✓ Photographs representing main aspects of project work, and illustrating project impact (i.e. of workshops, field research, education and awareness, ecotourism, volunteer groups. Please take pictures illustrating the impact of the project, i.e. of the situation “before”, “during” and “after” the project)
- ✓ general photographs illustrating the environment of the site
- ✓ Soft copy of technical reports produced by project
- ✓ Soft copy of workshop reports

Please keep records of (for later review/consultation by the PCU)

- ✓ Financial records (invoices, receipts) of all expenditure incurred with project funds
- ✓ Hard copy of press articles and publications produced by the project
- ✓ Copy of TV/radio programs

Annex 1: Inventory of Outputs/Services

a) Meetings

No	Meeting Type ⁴	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language
1.	Governmental meeting	Updating MP	Salt pans sector office	20.6. 2009	WOW Team, MP Consultant	Project Manager	4	collect information	Arabic
2.	Governmental meeting	Updating MP	Sewage Treatment Station office	21.6. 2009	WOW Team, MP Consultant	Project Manager	4	Collect information and discussion.	Arabic
3.	Governmental meeting	Updating MP	EPA-Aden office	21.6. 2009	WOW Team, MP Consultant	Project Manager	4	Collect information and discussion.	Arabic
4.	Governmental meeting	Project activities	Deputy of Aden Governorate office	29.9. 2009	Project Manager	Project Manager	3	Highlighted on activities of updated studies and finalize MP, Copies of MP and updated studies were disseminated.	Arabic
5.	Governmental meeting	Third SC meeting	EPA, Aden	18.10. 2009	SC Members + BLME	Project Manager	9	Discussion MP	Arabic

⁴ Meeting types (Inter-governmental Meeting, Expert Group Meeting, Training Workshop/Seminar, Other)

6.	Governmental meeting	Updating MP	EPA, Sana'a	19.10.2009	SC Members + BLME	YSWP	8	highlighted on activities of updated studies and finalize MP, Discussion MP. Copies of MP and updated studies were disseminated.	Arabic
7.	Governmental meeting	Updating MP	UNDP, Sana'a	19.10.2009	SC Members + BLME	YSWP	7	Highlighted on activities of updated studies and finalize MP, Discussion MP. Copies of MP and updated studies were disseminated.	English
8.	Stakeholders meeting	Third stakeholders meeting	EPA, Aden	22.11.2009.	Project Manager	Project Manager, YSWP and EPA	18	Discussion MP	Arabic
9.	Governmental meeting	Project introduction and coordination	Manager of RAMSAR Unit-Sana'a	16.12.2009	Vice Project Manager	Project Manager	2	Highlighted on activities of updated studies and finalize MP, Copies of MP and updated studies were disseminated for the unit.	Arabic

b) Printed Materials

No	Type ⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.							
2.							
3.							

⁵ Material types (Report to Inter-governmental Meeting, Technical Publication, Technical Report, Other)

c) Media coverage

No	Description	Date
1.	Newspapers coverage for the updating studies of Aden wetlands in Newspapers. Governmental and private newspapers.(3 newspapers)	12.10.2009
2.	Interview with the Project Manager (13 Min) with the program (The Direct Broadcasting). Aden Radio, regarding activities of the project, updated studies , and the updating management plan.	28.10.2009
3.	Newspapers coverage for the Stake holders meeting in Newspapers. Governmental (14 October newspaper).	21.11.2009
4.	Newspapers coverage for the updating Management Plan of Aden wetlands in Newspapers. Governmental (14 October newspaper).	09.12.2009

d) Technical Cooperation with relevant parallel initiatives

No	Type ⁶	Purpose	Venue	Duration	Additional information for Grants and Fellowships ONLY		
					Beneficiaries	Countries/Nationalities	Cost (in US\$)
1.							
2.							

⁶ Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others)

e) Other Outputs/Services (e.g. Networking, Query-response, Participation in meetings etc.)

No	Description	Date
1.	Assistant Project Manager and Education and Awareness officer participated in the regional training course in Farasan Islands (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in the stander survey methodology (SSM) to count the breeding seabirds developed with PERSGA.	18-29 July 2009
2.	Project Manager participated in the regional workshop entitled Training of Trainers course "the flyway approach to conservation and wise-use of waterbirds and wetlands" in Amman.	10-16 August 2009