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1. Executive Summary

The main objective of this project's first semester was to prepare a feasibility study about the technical and economical possibilities of a viable fishpond management in the context of conservation in the Biharugra Fishpond Systems. The study was prepared by an experienced and professional team of consultants from the HAKI (Fish Culture Research Institute). A final draft is submitted as an annex to this report, for review and endorsement by the PCU. In this paper there are a list of short term and long term measures which should lower the expenditures or increase the income of the fish farmer. The implementation of a variety of these measures would create an economically safer background for nature-friendly farming and at the same time these would maintain or enhance biodiversity in the project area. The study also deals with eco-tourism and conservation measures.

Beside the preparation of the feasibility study, the main and very important achievement in the reporting period, was to bring all the stakeholders involved in some way in this project together in meetings and workshops. This provides a good basis for the coming project implementation, when this collaboration has to continue.

After the first semester, the main challenge will be the implementation of the identified measures which effect both fish farming and nature conservation.

In the future, the main risks will be mainly linked to external factors identified in the Feasibility Study, which could affect stakeholders' financial background, some global trends in wildlife and the (theoretical) economic improvement of local communities. In the coming years, a lot will also depend on the availability of EU and governmental subsidies for fish farming, and the successful search for further funds by the MME and all the other stakeholders, to support project follow-up and expansion.

1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

#	Key Project Achievements
1	The MME recruited the project manager who started to work in July 2007. The TOR for the implementation of the FS were developed by August, a contract was issued by HAKI in September. A MME-PCU-HAKI meeting was held in Budapest on October 11. The draft FS is finalised and delivered as part of this report.
2	The preparation and finalization of the Feasibility Study, which contains a range of technical and practical measures for the local fish farming industry involved in the project in partnership with MME.
3	Continuous contacts were set-up and maintained with (almost) all of the stakeholders affected by this project. This allowed an improved and up-to-date understanding of the aims and plans of these stakeholders.
4	The Feasibility Study also includes an analysis of possible eco-tourism and nature conservation measures for long term beyond the measures to be implemented in this

	project.
5	The Feasibility Study gives a future plan/strategy for the activities to be performed by the Bihar Public Foundation in the Biharugra region. The MME team and HAKI consultants collected and discussed all the existing and possible conflicts between nature conservation and fish farming which came into our view. These are illustrated in the FS and will be essential in future planning and during the implementation of any new measures.

1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	Implementations of nature-friendly fish farming measures, written in the MOA and/or suggested by the FS.	Once the FS is accepted, the timing of the proposed implementations has to be fixed through discussion with the local fish farmer.	12.2007. or 01.2008.	MME, Agropoint Ltd.
2	Implementations of measures, related to bird habitat improvement written in the MOA and/or suggested by the FS.	Once the FS is accepted the exact localities and timing of these measures have to be discussed once more, the implementations have to be started as soon as possible (before breeding season)	latest: end of 01.2008.	MME, Bihar Public Foundation
3	Planning of eco-tourism measures written in the MOA and/or suggested by the FS.	Though during the next semester exact eco-tourism measures are not planned, next steps have to be decided during this period.	end of next semester	MME
4	Communication with Romanian conservationists and fish farmers (if reasonable) working in the same region divided by the country border.	This communication, which has been started this semester has to be strengthened.	end of next semester	MME, Bihar Public Foundation
5	The seriousness or intensity of threats in the IBA HU033 has to be defined according to the indicator of the immediate objective (LW).	An overall score has to be derived about existing threats in the IBA, using the official formula for the IBA network in Europe.	01.2008.	MME

2. Project Management

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	The MME has employed the Project Manager just after the project had commenced. To write the required Feasibility Study, three consultants were hired, who were professionals either in fish farm management, conservation or eco-tourism related issues.	If the Feasibility Study is accepted the Project Manager is employed till 06.2010., if it is not, till 31.12.2007. The Project Manager will ideally be employed till the end of the demonstration project. Consultants have completed their work so far, but arrangements are made by MME so as to allow for the subsequent input for the necessary corrections of the Feasibility Study, and to provide technical advice through the project lifetime.	Final decision to be taken by end of December 2007, based on feedback from PCU on the FS.	MME
Finance & administration	The MME received the first disbursement in 16.07.2007. This amount has been spent according to the MOA. The financial administration is done by the Project Manager together with the staff of the MME office. Invoices, bills and other documents are kept in the MME office.	One part of this amount is still in the bank, as it would be spent during November/December for personnel expenditure, travel costs and also partly for the Feasibility Study. It is envisaged that the first disbursement will be almost completely spent till the end of 2008. Except one part, which is kept for the proposed travel to the Netherlands	Feedback from PCU by end of December 2007 on FS and project continuation.	MME, PCU

		<p>for the WOW team meeting in January 2008.</p> <p>If the project is extended and next disbursement is received, that will enable project management to continue the work and start some implementation in site.</p>		
Logistics & operations	<p>In the beginning of this semester, Project Manager set-up the workplan and started sound discussions with team members which would contribute in some way to the success of this project. There is a continuous communication between the PM and MME office (Project Supervisor, Financial Office) and regular (monthly) personal meetings in Budapest.</p>	<p>The regularity of the MME “inside” communication/meeting have to be maintained.</p>	<p>The beginning of next semester.</p>	<p>MME</p>
Reporting & communication	<p>Reporting is done by the PM. In the beginning of the semester an Inception Report was prepared and sent for the Steering Committee. Communication with the PCU/WOW staff is also the task of the PM.</p>	<p>The communication with the PCU/WOW staff has to be maintained, as related to some crucial issues they have an important role to avoid any kind of misunderstanding.</p>	<p>The beginning of the next semester.</p>	<p>MME</p>
Coordination with project partners	<p>The cooperation among the project partners was good, but the coordination to write the Feasibility Study was the main task. There were</p>	<p>The overall coordination of the communication among project partners have to be more strongly emphasised and this coordination</p>	<p>01.2008.</p>	<p>MME, Bihar Public Foundation, Agropoint Ltd.</p>

	several discussions with Local Co-ordinator, Agropoint staff in Biharugra, National Park staff and Consultants from the HAKI in Biharugra and Szarvas etc...	have to be set on a more regular basis, as during the next semester some measures should be implemented in site and this will need even stronger communication.		
External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	No external issues affected seriously the work during this semester, as the work was almost exclusively to write the Feasibility Study. Though some partly external issues caused some delay at least in some sections of this work.	External issues have to be taken under consideration very seriously in the future, as the technical implementation in site can be affected by e.g. weather conditions rather strongly.	01.2008.	-
Other				

2.2 Project Steering Committee (SC)

Date of last SC Meeting	19.10.2007.
Proposed Date for next SC Meeting	beginning of 01.2008.

QUESTION	ANSWER
This report was reviewed and approved by the Project SC?	This report was sent to the SC members by email to overview it.
The workplan & budget for next six months was reviewed & approved by the Project SC	This was not reviewed by all the members of the Project SC, but were discussed with the affected SC members/stakeholders
Is the SC meeting periodically and providing effective direction/inputs?	yes

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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 1					
Preparation of the feasibility study (nature-friendly fish farming)	20.11.2007.	100% (if the study will be accepted in this form)	MME finalised TOR and contracted a team of a team of three outside professional consultants to prepare the feasibility study. This first draft of the study is provided as an annex to this report and was reviewed by project stakeholders and key SC members.	There are immediate, low cost proposed measures, but some others are feasible only in the long term. The proper way has to be found during the project period, how to implement these further measures.	MME Agropoint Ltd.
Preparation of the feasibility study (improving bird habitat)	20.11.2007.	100% (if the study will be accepted in this form)	Same as above, also with direct contribution of the Project Manager.	These measures should be implemented by the Bihar P.F. Some of its ponds' condition is quite poor; therefore it can be difficult to find the best pond for implementation. Further funds have to be found to improve the	MME Bihar P.F.

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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.					
				condition of certain ponds.	
Preparation of the feasibility study (eco-tourism measures)	20.11.2007	100% (if the study will be accepted in this form)	Same as above	The suggested measures are rather feasible in long term, though some of them (and those which are in the MOA's workplan) should create positive changes in eco-tourism in the region along with the NP's developments. Those external factors, which can affect the overall tourism within the country have to be considered.	MME, Agropoint Ltd. Bihar P. F.
Outcome 2					
Bird monitoring	31.12.2007	100% (till the end of this semester)	Bird monitoring in the project area (and the whole fishpond system) were continuous and effective during the reported period. Bird counts were implemented by Gábor Horváth (Local Coordinator/Bird Count Coordinator/Bihar PF) and János Tögye (Nagykócsag	Bird monitoring have to be continued in the same way to make data comparable. The nearby fishpond system on the Romanian side can affect the number of birds in the project area. Therefore cooperation is needed in order to gain exact data. First steps have been already taken toward establishing this long term	MME Bihar P.F.

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.					
			Ltd./SC member), on a weekly basis. Bird counts records are kept in the Bihar PF Bird Count Data Base, and are regularly send for the MME Monitoring Center Data Base.	cooperation.	

4. Funds Disbursement

4.1 Disbursement of GEF Funds

Total Budget approved for the provision of technical services: 201.370USD

Funds advanced by UNOPS to date: 29.148 USD

Total expenditure this reporting period: 17, 869 USD

Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule): 28.809 USD

Balance (if applicable): 11,115 USD

Date of the next request for funds: 01.2008.

Certified by (Project Manager: Gábor Simay)

General Category of Expenditure	Total budget	Total expenditure to date	Total budget balance	Last payment received	Expenditure in reporting period	Balance at end of reporting period
Bird monitoring (Travel)	8766	1021	7745	1461	1021	440
Seminar	9000	0	9000	0	0	0
Fishfram management, guidelines+Communicatioon	1686	0	1686	0	0	0
Personnel (Project manager)	31822	4420	883	5303	4420	883
Equipment	1215	1379	0	1215	1379	-164
Travel (Project manager)	5576	556	5020	648	556	92
Executing agency support overhead	15532	2157	13375	2588	2157	431
Evaulation of project (auditing)	3000	0	3000	0	0	0
Subcontract	124773	8500	116273	17933	8500	9433
Total	201370	17869*	156982	29148	17869*	11115

* This delivery figure is low due to the fact that 50% of the fee of the hired consultants will be paid only in December (upon approval by PCU of the final report on the Fasibility Study). Also we have travel costs spared for the last two months of the year.

4.2 Status of co-financing

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in-kind contribution	Total co-financing (cash + in-kind)	Total received to date	Balance
MME	20.873	11.381	32.244	4.822	27.422
Bihar P.F.	48.537	0	48.537	11.396	37.141
Agropoint Ltd.	689.869	0	689.869	32.673	657.196
totals				48.891	721.759
List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation					
totals				0	0

5. Performance Evaluation

5.1 Logical framework

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... 20.11.2007.	Risks and assumptions
Immediate Objective					
Development Objective: Conservation and sustainable use of the Biharugra Fishpond critical site for migratory waterbirds.	By the end of the project, the seriousness or intensity ¹ of threats caused by fish-farming has decreased at 25% of the 48 IBAs in the region that include a significant area of fish-ponds.	BirdLife's World Bird Database	The overall score which indicates the level of threats has not been calculated neither in Biharugra nor in any other Hungarian IBA.	The plan is to calculate the overall score for the Biharugra IBA by the end of the project's first semester together with the MME IBA consultant. The feasibility study gives ideas how to decrease	

¹ Level of threat is measured as defined in Appendix 3 in Heath, M. & Evans, M. 2000. *Important Bird Areas in Europe: priority sites for conservation*. BirdLife International, Cambridge UK. Currently this forms the basis of threat assessment for IBAs and reporting to the World Bird Database. A formula is used (and applied consistently across the IBA network in Europe) which derives an overall score based on a combined measure of the effect of the threat, the spatial scale of the threat and the realisation of the threat.

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... 20.11.2007.	Risks and assumptions
				the threat level both the short and long term.	
<p>Immediate Objective: Demonstrating the harmonization of conservation and local economic interests.</p>	<p>Agropoint Ltd. continues to operate fishpond system, tourism grows.</p> <p>Status of IBA qualifying bird species is maintained or improves.</p> <p>Jobs created in nearby villages, especially in Biharugra.</p>	<p>Interviews with Koros Maros NP.</p> <p>Visitor records.</p> <p>IBA Status Report for Biharugra.</p>	<p>Agropoint Ltd. planed to continue operation all in the ponds managed by themselves.</p> <p>Status of IBA qualifying bird species were similar to previous years' numbers, though breeding number of some irregular breeder or habitat specialist changed.</p> <p>Employment rate in</p>	<p>Agropoint Ltd. has carried out the planned fishing and has started to fill and stock ponds for the next year. Tourism has grown because of the new NP Birdwatchers Retreat (new visitor accomodation available).</p> <p>General waterbird numbers are high (e.g. huge numbers of wild geese) in the area of the two pond systems, due to both internal and external factors.</p> <p>No new jobs</p>	<p>Agropoint is able to adapt to changing market situation resulting from EU accession.</p>

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... 20.11.2007.	Risks and assumptions
			Biharugra and its region is low.	related to the project were created during the reported period.	
Outcomes					
1. Improved conditions for threatened waterbirds at selected ponds.	<p>Number of breeding Common Terns increases from 50-80 pairs to 150-180 pairs by the 3rd year of the project on artificial nesting places.</p> <p>Number of breeding Ferruginous Ducks increases by 50% in the restored ponds.</p>	Annual Bird Monitoring Reports	<p>Number of breeding Common Terns were average to low (70pairs), mainly because of the bad condition of breeding platforms, and water shortage in ponds not affected by this project.</p> <p>Breeding</p>	<p>The reported period were entirely outside the breeding season. Negotiations about the creation or improvement of breeding habitat have been started.</p> <p>The reported period does not include the breeding season. In a pond not included in the</p>	<p>Conservation organisations will be willing to exchange experience.</p> <p>The population of the target species do not <u>decline</u>/crash due to external factors.</p> <p>Mainly in the case of Common Tern's breeding success, the current weather condition is a crucial factor.</p>

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... 20.11.2007.	Risks and assumptions
			number of Ferruginous Ducks were good, though some of the suitable breeding ponds contained not enough water or were dry.	project, there was a Hungarian record number of gathering Ferruginous Ducks in mid September (2326)!	
2. Economically-viable nature friendly fish-farming strategy applied and experiences disseminated amongst other fish-farmers in the region.	Increased profitability of fish farming in line with conservation guidelines. At least 10 professional fish farmer groups visit the site during the project's lifetime.	Demonstration project progress reports. Interviews with Agropoint.	The profitability of fish farming was quite low. Usually (in the past) no professional fish farmer groups have visited the site.	The feasibility study gives advice and short and long term management plan to increase profitability. No professional fish farmer groups visited the site, though the professional consultants visited the pond systems. The project manager and other steering	The profitability of fish-farming at Biharugra is not adversely affected by external cost and/or price changes. There will be no problem with water management due to adverse weather conditions. Fish-farm managers in the region will be open to dialogue with conservationists.

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... 20.11.2007.	Risks and assumptions
				committee members have visited fish ponds in Romania and participated in fish farming conference.	

5.2 Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool

QUESTION	ANSWER
Was the PAMETT performed for the Biharugra Fishponds:	yes
Date of first PAMETT:	16.10.2007.
PAMETT performed by:	Balázs Szelényi, Gábor Simay, János Tógye

5.3 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER
STAKEHOLDERS	
# of NGO staff involved in this project	6
# of Government Staff involved in this project	2
# of Volunteers involved in this project	0
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	0
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	7 During this semester fewer beneficiaries were involved in the project as planned for the coming semesters.
# of people involved in project workshops	15 In this stage of the project we involved in meetings/workshops those stakeholders which we will work together during the coming years. Though we started communication e.g. with local NGO.
# of people trained under this project	0
COMMUNICATION ISSUES	
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	One abstract in a conference publication, Székelyudvarhely, Romania
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	No
# of publications produced under this project	No
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	about 75

6. Key Lessons Learned

1. Consultation

The biggest lesson we learned during the very first section of the project was the importance of regular meetings and discussions not only among the stakeholders involved in this project, but all those ones who could be affected by it. It is important, because stakeholders might have different goals or different ways to reach the same goal. According to our experiences, most of such differences can be significantly reduced if we are able to understand each others' aims and problems and we are ready to make some relevant compromises. We also learned, and we think, it would be also very important that all the above mentioned stakeholders should be involved in the planning of such a project, and thus, negotiations should start well before the commencement of it. The establishment of a broad project consultative team would help this work during the coming years of the project. The discussions of this team should be held on the SC meetings, as all of the members of this committee have to be involved.

2. Transboundary co-operation

In the case of such a project, where the actual habitat is divided by an international border, the importance of the trans-border communication cannot be over-emphasized. The biological diversity of an area like this can be preserved in long term only when all parts of it are managed properly, driven by the same concepts as any mismanagement of one side can seriously affect the other one. This is a lesson, what we have just started to learn, but we have to concentrate on in the future.

3. Long-term involvement of external technical advisory services

During the reported period we prepared a study, which investigates the prospects of both commercial fish farming and conservation side of stakeholders involved in the project, with the help of outside professional consultants. It looks very important to involve such experts, as they can see core issues objectively and can give invaluable advices both for the sake of short and long term achievements.

7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

7.1 Updated overall project workplan

ACTIVITY (assuming FS is approved and project is extended)	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7
Feasibility study	x						
Bird monitoring	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Seminar: workshop and training			x			x	
Fish farm management, guideline					x		
Project manager (personnel)	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Administration (executing agency support overhead)	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Evaluation of project		x		x		x	
Artificial island for terns and gulls		x					
Restoration of small ponds for ducks and grebes		x	x				
Exhibition					x	x	
Visiting centre, accommodation refurbish			x	x			
Issue						x	
Nature-friendly fish farming		x	x	x	x	x	

7.2 Workplan for next six months

PLANNED ACTIVITY (assuming FS is approved and project is extended)	Period					
	<insert dates of next reporting period>					
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
Bird monitoring	x	x	x	x	x	x
Project manager (personnel)	x	x	x	x	x	x
Administration (executing agency support overhead)	x	x	x	x	x	x
Evaluation of project					x	
Artificial island for terns and gulls	x	x	x			
Restoration of small ponds for ducks and grebes	x	x	x			
Implementation of nature-friendly fish farming measures				x	x	x

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	Dated
1.	Inter-governmental Meeting	Discussion over feasibility study/project progress	MME office, Budapest	11.10.2007.	WOW	WOW/MME	Gergő Halmos (Director of MME), Project Manager, Edoardo Zandri (WOW) Jonathan Barnard (Bird Life) Consultants from HAKI Institute	-	-	-
2.	Expert Group Meeting	Official discussion of the project and feasibility study with the National Park officers	HAKI office, Szarvas	19.10.2007.	HAKI/MME	HAKI	National Park officers (e.g. Director of the NP), Consultants of the HAKI, János Tógye (Nagykócsag Ltd./MME), Project Manager	-	-	-
3.	Expert Group Meeting	Meeting and first appearance to the conservati	Cséfa, Romania	15.11.2007.	Bihar Public Foundation/MME	Milvus Group, Romania	Attila Nagy (Milvus Group), Gábor Horváth (Bihar Public Foundation),	-	-	-

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

		onists working on the same habitat, but other side of the border					Project Manager			
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b) Printed Materials

No	Type ⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.	Technical Publication	Feasibility Study: Nature-Friendly Fish Farm Management and Associated Ecotourism Development: Biharugra Fish Ponds	Prof. János Oláh Dr. Ferenc Pekár Dr. László Váradi	Not published			No
2.	Other	Fish farming in protected area. Opportunites of the eco-touris – experiences in Hungary (Biaharura Fish Ponds)	Gábor Simay	Conference publication		09.11.2007.	No

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

c) Media coverage

No	Description	Date
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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.	Advisory Services	Change knowledge of nature conservation and fish farming in fishponds*	MME, Budapest	stated in Nov.2007.	MME in Hungary	(Bulgaria), Hungary, (Romania)	

* Project title: Supporting Business for Biodiversity - A Biodiversity Technical Assistance Facility

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

No	Description	Date
1.	The project manager participated in a conference held in Székelyudvarhely, Romania, where he held a presentation. entitled: The current state of the Romanian fish farming and its development possibilities.	08.11.2007.

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



Photo 1. Workshop held in Oktober: Jonathan Barnard (BirdLife) and Edoardo Zandri (UNOPS/WOW) in MME Office Budapest. (Photo: Gábor Simay)



Photo 2. Meeting in the HAKI office in Szarvas. HAKI, Tessedik University, Bihar Public Fundation, Nagykócsag Ltd. and MME together. (Photo: Gábor Simay)



Photo 3. The Project Manager speaking about Biharugra and GEF project in Székelyudvarhely, Romania



Photo 4. Audience of the Conference



Photo 5. Meeting with the Romanian conservationist, Attila Nagy (Milvus Group). Cséfa (Cefa) Fishponds, Romania. *(Photo: Gábor Simay)*



Photo 6. Pond No.1. Begécs. Pond with the biggest open water surface amongst the ponds managed by the Bihar Public Fundation. *(Photo: Gábor Horváth)*



Photo 7. Abandoned concrete breeding platform, Gazdák Pond, Biharugra. Possible site for breeding island and pond reconstruction. (Photo: Gábor Horváth)



Photo 8. Small open water surface on Gazdák Pond, Biharugra. (Photo: Gábor Horváth)



Photo 9. Gazdák Pond. (*Photo: András Vasas*)



Photo 10. Jankovics Pond, Begécs. Managed by the Bihar Public Fundation. (*Photo: Gábor Horváth*)



Photo 11. Kis-Sziki Pond. Managed by the Bihar Public Fundation. Ideal habitat for birds breeding in the reed, if water level is not a limiting factor.

Annex 3: *Feasibility Study*

The same (final draft) version of this document was sent previously for the PCU.

