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## 1. Executive Summary

The first important activity in this reporting period was the project Steering Committee which took place in Senegal at Toubacouta (June 2008). The meeting put together representatives from institutions and organizations in Senegal and in The Gambia who debated on the project actions since its beginning and provided guidelines on the ongoing plan. After the formalization of the Committee (constitution, mandate and functioning), Mr Momodou SARR, GEF Focal Point for The Gambia, was designated as the chairman by other members.

At training and capacity building level, four short training courses were organized for the parks staff, the Ecorangers, the volunteers and the women groups in the complex. Around thirty persons from Niimi were trained in use of GPS (Global Position System), and were sensitized on the importance of the mangroves as well as on the regeneration techniques of this vegetation. In other hand, about eighty women groups' members from both sides in the complex sides were trained and sensitized on environmental management through nature-friendly collection techniques of oysters and sustainable use of fisheries. Another ten days training session conducted in Niimi Park with focus on ecotourism topics tried to improve knowledge and capacities (birds watching, tourists guide, etc.) of ten active ecoguides while the last of this serie of training courses targeted the eco-guards and was about the understanding and management of project cycle coupled with birds ringing techniques.

In this same register of capacity building, the beginning of and first activities in the periodically birds count and birds monitoring surveys in the complex served as spring-board to set up and reinforce capacity in this kind activity in the Niimi National Park. Also, some local exchanges visits were conducted in Saloum Park in order to enable and reinforce the Niimi Park's new volunteers and staff.

Related to the communication, information and awareness aspects, we can note the mass public communications (on Niimi Park and its ecological importance) developed through folkloric activities in villages around the park with the "Scout Band", a local drama group. In the same line, a regular weekly radio program were produced and diffused through the local Radio channel "Niombato FM" in Saloum.

For site level decision makers' awareness, a joint field visit took place within the Complex and was an opportunity to put together in the field the authorities from both sides who tried to understand the value of the complex and the importance of a transboundary community participation in the sustainable management of its natural resources. During another workshop organized in Saloum by WIA for a capacity building of parliamentarians on wetlands management issues in the fight against poverty, a kind of policy makers' awareness was also done. The WOW project and the particular case of Saloum-Niimi were shown to this important audience of parliament members who attended the workshop.

Finally we could not move to the next section without mention the main steps achieved in the procurement of facilities in the Niimi Park (The Gambia) and the recent formal designation of the Saloum-Niimi Complex as first Transboundary Ramsar Site in Africa.

### 1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

This section highlights most important project achievements in the reporting period.

#	Key Project Achievements
1	The project's Steering Committee of the project is set up and its first meeting was held early in the semester. Contacts and support from some members are easily provided and the next meeting will take place in January 2009
2	Training sessions for Rangers, Ecorangers, volunteers and the women groups from communities members in the complex. These were opportunities for trainees to broaden their knowledge about management and sustainable use of natural resources
3	Many awareness communication and program developed under and for sensitization of the Saloum and Niimi communities' members as well as the local authorities.

4	Start and real joint birds monitoring activities in the complex, associated to parks staff and volunteers capacity building in the parks and birds surveillance techniques.
5	Real mobilization of the local population and some main steps in the process to improve the Niimi National Park through procurement of facilities which can help ecotourism activities to be done
6	Designation of the Saloum-Niimi Complex as first Transboundary Ramsar Site in Africa

## 1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

Issues those require the focused attention of the WOW Project Coordination Unit and/or UNOPS.

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	The lack of alternative and income-generating activities in the project which is mainly limited to training and awareness-raising activities	Take the social and some economics assistance requests from population into account in the complex transboundary management plan	May 2009	WI, DPN, DPWM, Consultants
2	Insufficient international phone communication and the lack of appropriate structures and means for adequate Internet connexions in the field	Increase phone communication and field visits for more regular contacts with local team in the project site.	Till end project	WIA, Project Coordinator
3	Insufficient institutional communication between the organizations partners	Better circulation of the project reports and other documents between institutions and partners (DPN, DPWM)	Ongoing	WIA, DPN, DPWM, Project team
4	The lack of substantial staff and of exchanges at both sites and unavailability of some communities members for the project activities due, amongst other, to family obligations	Development of a synergy for a wider involvement through a better communication between project and relevant actors and also more awareness actions addressing the local population.	Ongoing	DPWM, DPN, Project local team
5	Changes in and low levels of the per diem rates applicable to the populations as part of the activities	Identification and development of other more interesting means and alternatives to attract and interest the populations in the project activities.	Till end of the project	Project local team, WIA, DPN, DPWM
6	Too many rain falls delayed and made the work difficult in the field during the period	Reduced or adjusted the field activities according to the rainy season conditions	Ongoing	Project local team Steering Committee,
7	Variable change rates between USD, CFA and Dalasi	Awareness on the issue and the effects during the project.	Ongoing	All relevant actors

## 2. Project Management

The following table highlights issues that affect project performance and achievement of expected outcomes, and describe proposed next steps.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>ISSUES</b> Description of issues affecting project performance during the reporting period	<b>PROPOSED SOLUTIONS</b> Description of decisions / actions to be taken	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>PARTY RESPONSIBLE</b>
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	The intern that was supposed to come and support the team in field could not finally	Look for any other resource persons who can help mainly in the Management plan elaboration process	Till end the project	WIA; Project local team, DPN, DPWM
Finance & administration	Variables changes rates between USD currency and the local monetary units which are being used.	Continuous awareness on the issue's effect on the project's financial resources and processes.	Till end of the project	WIA, Project coordinator
	Delays in funds transfers from WIA to the project bank account in the field	Transfers based on quarterly activity plans	January 2009	WIA, Project local team
Logistics & operations				
Reporting & communication	Lack of internet connection in close proximity at field level and limitation of phone allowance for project coordinator	Use of limited available cybercafés when possible and increase allowance for international phone calls	Ongoing	WIA, Project Coordinator
	Less day to day communication between project coordination and keys governmental partners for reporting and emailing	Reinforce and diversify the means of communication between the actors: Better circulation of the project reports and other documents between institutions and partners	Ongoing	WI, DPN, DPWM, Project local team
	Language barrier in the key meetings with institutions	Mostly associate the local language to the officials ones during workshops and meetings	Ongoing	WI, DPWM, DPN, local team
Coordination with project partners	Lack in the availability of partners due to other professional obligations leading to delays in some reactions for some joint activities	Continue to communicate clearly with project partners / Assessment of the situation and decision to or not continue the collaboration	Ongoing	WIA, Project team

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External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	The rainy season made the process difficult in the field and led to many delays in the implementation of the ongoing period workplan	Reduced and/or adjusted the subsequent activities plan by taking into account weather conditions in the rainy season	Ongoing	Project local team, WIA, DPN, DPWM, Steering Committee
Other	No problems encountered			

## 2.2 Project Steering Committee (SC)

Date of last SC Meeting	
Proposed Date for next SC Meeting	January 22nd, 2009
<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
This report was reviewed and approved by the Project SC?	No, Will be done during next planned meeting
The workplan & budget for next six months was reviewed & approved by the Project SC?	No, will be done during next planned meeting
The SC is meeting periodically and providing effective direction/inputs?	The first meeting was held in June 2008 and the second one is planned for the next year. However day to day contacts is maintained with some of the members who assist in the activities implementation

During this reporting period some changes have occurred within the Steering Committee members. MM Ousainou Touray (DPWM), Oumar Dieng (Sub-prefect Toubacouta) Alagie Taborah Manneh (Chief of Niimi) and Ahmed Senhoury (PRCM) were replaced respectively by MM Alagie Manjang, Soré Dia, Fabakary Sonko and Barthelemy Batieno. The table below provides the updated list of SC Members, the Chairperson in first.

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### 3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

ACTIVITIES (as listed in the approved project document)	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS	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
<b>Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ↑ increased with respect to prior report; (–) unchanged; ↓ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.</b>					
<b>Outcome 1</b>					
<b>Park staff cooperating on management and monitoring in the Saloum-Niumi Complex.</b>					
Activity 1.1 <i>Designate transboundary Ramsar Site</i>	June 2009	C (05%)	The formal designation announced by Ramsar at end November 2008		
Activity 1.2 <i>Develop an integrated transboundary management plan</i>	October 2009	IP 05% (05%) (–)	Mainly due to administrative restructuring of GiRMAC management unit, any remarkable move have not occurred here..	Extend the discussion to the other organizations (members of the project Steering Committee) which are developing some independent initiatives for the same objective. Try to get more and sincere collaboration from these partners by raising and discussing again the issue during next SC meeting.	WIA, DPN, DPWM, GiRMAC, Steering Committee
Activity 1.3 <i>Strengthen surveillance of waterbird breeding colonies</i>	Over all project duration (In breeding seasons)	IP 40% (04%) ↑	Set up of a dynamic bird monitoring team in Niumi side through the local trained eco-guards and volunteers. Regular (monthly) joint birds count and birds monitoring surveys started and underway in the Complex since July 08.	Some lacks in field materials and in staff (Niumi) capacities necessary for this work. Explore the possibilities to get some additional material to complete the existing ones. Continuous field training for staff and other personnel involved in Niumi Park.	Project team
Activity 1.4 <i>Support Parks' Infrastructure</i>	February 2009	IP 90% (65%) ↑	Purchase of a data projector and the engine for the project boat. Completion of the signboards and procurement of tents underway for the parks.		

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<b>Outcome 2 Improved participatory approach to conservation and sustainable use.</b>					
Activity 2.1 <i>Assess training needs and set-up training program</i>	March 2009	IP 35% (30%) ⬆	Discussion continues at site level on training needs analysis through the initial training sessions organized and conducted with staff, eco-guardians and other volunteers in both sides in the Complex. Last discussions and formal training program for remaining time of the project and beyond early 2009.		WIA, Project team, Parks staff
Activity 2.2 <i>Staff Capacity-building</i>	Over all project duration	IP 25% (05%) ⬆	In July, the warden of Niimi participated to a management course under BirdLife's Avi-Career Project on major skills and knowledge about "bird guides". At site level, initial trainings focused on GPS material using, on ecotourism thematic and on basic techniques of bird counts and bird monitoring were delivered to ecorangers, eco-guardians and volunteers mainly in Niimi parks.	Staff really did not exist in Niimi and has been set up recently. Need of a variety of trainings to get them to a level significantly more or less equal to that of the technical staff at Salum.  Develop other additional subsequent proposal of training sessions adapted to the needs which are being identified in the field through evaluation and discussion of implemented sessions in both side.	Project team
Activity 2.3 <i>Community Capacity-building</i>	Over all project duration	IP 20% (02%) ⬆	Initial training sessions to eco-guardians with focus on projects and other small income generating activities. Women groups from both sides trained on safety techniques of fisheries and other marines' resources collection. Awareness on mangrove habitats' importance and training on techniques restore and protect them.	Low education level of population. Capacity building by short training sessions for target groups. Use of multiple training techniques to stream the message.	Project team

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<b>Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ↑ increased with respect to prior report; (–) unchanged; ↓ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.</b>					
<b>Outcome 3 Awareness among key groups raised on the importance of transboundary cooperation for improved wetland management</b>					
Activity 3.1 <i>Awareness campaign (policy-makers)</i>	Ongoing throughout project's implementation	IP 20% (10%) ↑	A transboundary visit of local authorities in the complex and discussion with them on the challenges. Awareness of some Senegalese parliament members on the site importance and on the transboundary management challenges targeted through the WOW project.	Difficulties to mobilise and have locals and other authorities on a fix date. Continuous consultation with targeted persons or groups and use of other meetings opportunities to raise communication and information in order to get support administrative and political in the transboundary management plan elaboration.	Project team
Activity 3.2 <i>Promote sustainable use of natural resources</i>	Ongoing throughout project's implementation	IP 30% (05%) ↑	Sensitization of eco-guards and women groups members through training sessions in fisheries and mangrove replantation campaign  Public awareness meetings at villages level with local communities regarding negatives fishing methods and the hunting of animals especially water birds in the complex and the surrounding areas like satellites islands.	Lack of alternatives income-generating activities for local communities.  Follow up training session with local communities; develop other additional strategies to attract and interest populations.	Project team
Activity 3.3 <i>Public awareness (of wetland values)</i>	Ongoing throughout project's implementation	IP 30% (10%) ↑	Awareness campaign through folkloric manifestations in Niumi's villages and through community radio programs in Saloum side.		Project team
Activity 3.4 <i>Sub-regional workshop &amp; exchange programme</i>	Ongoing	0% NA	A sub-regional exchange program planned for February 2009 in Saloum-Niumi with other demo project in Mauritania and in Niger.		Project Team

## 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:	400 000 USD
Funds advanced by UNOPS to date:	207 000 USD
Opening balance this reporting period:	22 989 USD
Total expenditure this reporting period:	43 864 USD
Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule):	98 000 USD
Balance (if applicable):	103 125 USD

Certified by Projects Managers: In the field: Bounama Dieye; SRS office: Gabin Agblonon

General Category of Expenditure	Total budget (a)	Total expenditure to date (b)	Total budget balance (a-b)	Opening balance this period (c)	Last payment received	Expenditure in reporting period (d)	Balance at end of reporting period (c-d)
Personnel	84 000	20 941	63 059	5 252	21 000	12 193	14 059
Equipments	49 000	38 227	10 773	-2 411	19 000	5 817	10 773
Subcontracts	24 000	0	24 000	0	15 000		15 000
Workshops and training	84 000	18 731	65 269	4 614	23 000	9 345	18 269
Travel and operations	54 000	10 387	43 613	4 573	18 000	5 960	16 613
Executing agency support overheads	32 000	5 279	26 721	2 628	10 000	1 907	10 721
Monitoring, evaluation and auditing	13 000	0	13 000	0	0		0
Field surveys, bird counting surveillance	48 000	7 583	40 417	8 000	14 000	7 583	14 417
Miscellaneous and contingency	12 000	2 727	9 273	333	4 000	1 059	3 273
<b>Total</b>	<b>400 000</b>	<b>103 875</b>	<b>296 125</b>	<b>22 989</b>	<b>124 000</b>	<b>43 864</b>	<b>103 125</b>

**PS:** As recommended by the project Steering Committee during its last meeting in June 2008, revision and changes are to be considered through project initial budget lines in order to highlight a specific line dedicated to the organization of the remaining Steering Committee meetings. This change will appear in the subsequent reports after approval of changes during next Committee meeting planned in January 2009.

**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
WIA			\$ 108 500	\$ 25 827	\$ 82 673
WAAME			\$ 50 000		\$ 50 000
DPWM			\$ 201 500	\$ 50 275	\$ 151 225
DPN			\$ 40 000	\$ 9 800	\$ 30 200
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 400 000</b>	<b>\$ 85 902</b>	<b>\$ 314 098</b>
<b>List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation</b>					

## 5. Performance Evaluation

### 5.1 Logical framework

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of November 2008	Risks and assumptions
<b>Development Objective</b>					
<b>Conservation and sustainable use of the Saloum-Niumi complex critical site for migratory waterbirds</b>	Results of pending survey of nesting birds and reproduction sites. Strong implication of local populations in survey.	Availability of baseline given to bird populations and strong presence of guards and communities (eco-guards) in survey.	Birds survey and counting was only done in the Saloum	Counts surveys now underway in both sides. First data of bird counts and bird monitoring under collection especially in Niumi Park; Data from two sides are being compiling under a tentative joint data base. Community members (especially eco-guards) are being trained on the techniques and the systematic counting of birds. Basic experimented team is set up in Niumi for this purpose	Stopping the survey programme in both the parks by communities and guards
<b>Immediate Objective</b>					
<b>Effective trans-boundary cooperation on key management issues, including increased community participation.</b>	Saloum-Niumi Complex legally established as a trans-boundary reserve & Ramsar / AEWA site.  A 10% increase of PAMETT scores by the end of the demonstration project.	Trans-boundary agreement, National legislation & international (Ramsar) convention ledgers  PAMETT prepared by park staff.	Agreement (June 2001) between the countries for a trans-boundary management of the protected areas.  Saloum park already designated as Ramsar site	Saloum-Niumi formally designated as first trans-boundary Ramsar site in Africa.	

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of November 2008	Risks and assumptions
<b>Outcomes</b>					
<b>Outcome 1. Park staff cooperating on management and monitoring in the Saloum-Niumi Complex.</b>	<p>Joint trans-boundary management plan endorsed and being implemented.</p> <p>Program of joint surveillance and bird monitoring work ongoing.</p>	<p>Annual protected area progress reports</p> <p>Surveillance reports &amp; bird breeding records.</p>	<p>Existing separate plans for each of two sites; both under revision</p> <p>- Bird survey is not carried out regularly each year. Eco-guards currently inactive in the parks.</p> <p>- No joint control and no existence of joint management between parks despite the shared natural resources.</p>	<p>No real evolution compared to the status as of May 2008</p> <p>Regular joint surveillance and joint activities of bird count and bird monitoring are started in the Complex</p> <p>The technical experimented personnel from Saloum staff are supporting the group newly set up in Niumi through the joint surveillance and monitoring activities.</p>	<p>Lack of a real and effective joint collaboration from organizations partners acting in the site on this same purpose of transboundary management plan elaboration.</p> <p>Political stability &amp; bilateral goodwill.</p> <p>Long-term commitment of volunteers, unpaid eco-guards</p>
<b>Outcome 2. Improved participatory approach to conservation and sustainable use.</b>	<p>Relevant section of PAMETT increases by 5%</p> <p>Trained staffs remain at the site.</p>	<p>Course &amp; post-training evaluations and tests. And the training reports</p> <p>Judgement of on-site situation through monitoring missions.</p>	<p>Low participation in conservation Eco-rangers in Niumi not trained</p> <p>Some local Eco-rangers &amp; ecoguides (Saloum) were trained in the past but not recognised by government structures</p>	<p>--</p> <p>Remarkable mobilisation of local community members in Niumi on the project issue and its activities. Endorsement and support from local authorities</p>	<p>Availability of volunteers</p>

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of November 2008	Risks and assumptions
	Community <i>eco-guards</i> remain available & willing to participate in joint trans-boundary activities.	Annual protected area reports		<p>Group of ecorangers, ecoguides and volunteers set up in Niimi is participating in the project activities.</p> <p>Capacity building activities to these groups in the whole Complex (two sides) through initial trainings in ecotourism, bird count and monitoring, management of income-generating small initiatives</p> <p>Implication and community capacity building through joint trainings for women groups members in both sides through the Complex.</p>	
<b>Outcome 3. Awareness among key groups raised on the importance of trans-boundary cooperation for improved wetland management</b>	<p>TV and radios programmes, number of articles in newspapers, mention of site among high level officials</p> <p>Sensitization of communities by drama groups in the villages</p>	<p>Cassettes, news papers articles and TV Programs</p> <p>Improving local communities living in the complex through the programmes implemented</p>	<p>No information about the transboundary issues</p> <p>Any specific TV program or articles</p>	<p>Weekly information and sensitization program on project activities on community radio (Niombato fm) in Saloum during Oct. and November. Weekly community awareness through folkloric manifestations in Niimi villages with the local “drama” group.</p> <p>The site importance and the trans-boundary issue raised with Senegalese parliamentarians.</p>	Policy-makers remain in power / delegate work.

## 5.2 Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool

QUESTION	ANSWER
Was the PAMETT performed for the protected area?	YES
Date of first PAMETT:	October 2007
PAMETT performed by:	Moustapha Mbaye (Saloum) / Alagie Manjang and Lamine Drammeh (Niumi)

## 5.3 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
# of NGO staff involved in this project	05
# of Government Staff involved in this project	06
# of Volunteers involved in this project	70
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	3
<b>TARGET BENEFICIARIES</b>	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	120 000
# of people involved in project workshops	500
# of people trained under this project	150
<b>COMMUNICATION ISSUES</b>	
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	-
# of TV/radio programs featuring the project and/or related issues	08
# of publications produced under this project	-
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	300 000

## 6. Key Lessons Learned

- The importance to more increase communication at all levels in the implementation of the project, specifically between the coordination and the field team and in the strategies for a better flow of information between partner institutions.
- The setting up of the data base on birds counting in the complex Saloum-Niumi which is giving a view on the situation of critical bird breeding sites in the complex as well as the dynamism in colonial birds populations.
- The need of capacities reinforcement for local communities to give them abilities to be good and long time actors in the conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources in the Complex..
- Necessity to have more effective joint collaboration from other institutions partners, members of the project Steering Committee, for the management plan elaboration activity.
- Real enthusiasms from local communities (especially in Niumi), but importance to develop additional more interesting means and strategies to keep them attracted and interested in the project activities.

## 7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

### 7.1 Updated overall project workplan

This project updated workplan below taken into account activities revised during the period for the coming semesters. Most activities were forwarded as much as possible to complete the most important activities at the end of 2009.

ACTIVITY	YEAR 2008		YEAR 2009	
	S1	S2	S1	S2
1.1- Designate trans-boundary Ramsar Site (Completed)	X	X		
1.2- Develop an integrated trans-boundary management plan	X	X	X	X
1.3- Strengthen surveillance of waterbirds breeding colonies		X	X	X
1.4- Support Parks Infrastructure	X	X	X	
2.1- Training needs assessment and training program	X	X	X	
2.2- Staff Capacity-building	X	X	X	X
2.3- Community Capacity-building		X	X	X
3.1- Awareness campaign (policy-makers)	X	X	X	X
3.2- Promote sustainable use of natural resources	X	X	X	X
3.3- Public awareness (of wetland values)	X	X	X	X
3.4- Sub-regional workshop & exchange program			X	X

## 7.2 Workplan for next six months

The workplan proposal below from project local team is under study with project coordination team at WIA and will finally be amended and approved during the next Steering Committee meeting in January 2009.

PLANNED ACTIVITY	January – June 2009					
	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>1 Designate trans-boundary Ramsar Site. (Completed)</b>						
<b>2 Develop an integrated trans-boundary management plan</b>						
Development of consultancy Terms of References	x	x				
Call for proposals and consultant selection	x	x	x			
Consultative and back to back meetings with population and other stakeholders		x	x	x	x	x
Trans-boundary management plan elaboration (consultants with support from Project local team and others organizations partners)			x	x	x	x
<b>3 Strengthen surveillance of waterbirds breeding colonies</b>						
Monitoring of waterbirds at “îles aux oiseaux” and others critical sites in the Complex eg Jinack islands, coastal area from Barra to Jinack, etc.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Joint waterbirds counting in the complex	x	x	x	x	x	x
Patrol on the Saloum Niumi complex	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>4 Support Parks Infrastructure</b>						
Final work of NNP Head quarters	x					
Completion in the procurement of remaining equipment	x	x	x			
<b>5 Staff capacity-building</b>						
Rangers training on joint patrol and surveillance techniques in the complex		x	x			
Training on GPS use			x			
<b>6 Community capacity-building</b>						
Training on sustainable marines resources use		x		x		
Training with ecoguides on ecotourism and tourist trails			x			
Training for Ecorangers and volunteers		x	x	x	x	x

<b>7 Awareness campaign (policy-makers)</b>						
Training of policy makers on environmental issues			x			
Radio programs for policy-makers	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>8 Promote sustainable use of natural resources</b>						
Training women groups on sustainable oyster and clams collections			x	x		
Reinforce the capacity and linkage of local committees at village level	x	x				
Awareness and support the biological rest of the identified fish breeding areas in the Jinack complex	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>9 Public awareness (of wetland values)</b>						
Environmental education campaign in schools surrounding the complex		x	x	x	x	
Environmental Awareness campaign in all the villages in the complex	x	x	x	x	x	x
Visit with Drama groups in the villages (Niimi)		x		x		x
Radio emissions on Niombato FM channel	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>10 Sub-regional workshop &amp; exchange program</b>						
Estonian visit in Niimi for training on birds monitoring and identification etc	x					
Visit of North Parks in Sénégal (Djoudj, Gueumbeul, PNLB, Popenguine and Somone)		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 the “save” the file)

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 <sup>4</sup>	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1.	Other	Project steering meeting	Saloum	23-24 June 2008	WOW Project	WOW Project	17	Meeting proceeding	English & French	July 2008
2.	Other	Project presentation to the new Sub-Prefect	Toubacouta	03 august 2008	WOW local team	WOW Local team	3			
3.	Other	Project activities implementation	Saloum park head quarters	13 august 2008	WOW local team	Warden Saloum National Park	6			
4.	Other	Discussion on PCU mission on project site	NNP Head quarters	12 sept 2008	WOW local team	Warden Niumi National Park	5			
5.	Other	Strategies cooperation between WOW Project and Stay Green Foundation	Stay Green Foundation office	16 sept 2008	WOW local team	Stay green Foundation and WOW Project	3			
6.	Other	Meeting with the PCU on project activities in the site	Delta Saloum Park	05 Oct 2008	WOW local team	WOW local team	6	Report	French & English	Oct 2008
7.	Other	Restitution of the PCU mission on the of the project activities in the field	DPNS	09 oct 2008	WIA, DPNS	DPNS	16	Report	French & English	Oct 2008
8.	Other	Implementation of activities	NNP	15 Oct 2008	WOW Local Team	Niumi Park Warden	3	Report	French	18 Nov 2008
9.	Other	Implementation of activities	NNP	17 Nov 2008	WOW local team	Saloum warden park	3	Report	French	18 Nov 2008

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

10	Other	Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Saloum-Niumi	Banjul	25 Nov 2008	DPWM	IUCN Sénégal office	20		English & French	
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**b) Printed Materials**

No	Type <sup>5</sup>	Title	Author(s)/ Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.	Report	Rapport de l'atelier de lancement du projet à Toubacouta	Bounama DIEYE	WOW Project		July 2008	NO
2.	Report	Rapport sur la session de formation des écogardes du PNDS	Bounama DIEYE	WOW Project		July 2008	YES
3.	Report	Steering Committee meeting proceedings	Bounama DIEYE	WOW Project		July 2008	YES
3.	Report	Report on training session of Niumi National Park Rangers	Ousainou TOURAY & Bounama DIEYE	WOW Project		August 2008	YES
4.	Report	Report on training session in GPS using and mangrove regeneration techniques in NNP	Ousainou TOURAY	WOW Project		September 2008	YES
5.	Report	Mission report on the evaluation of the project activities with the PCU	Gabin Agblonon	WOW Project		October 2008	YES
6.	Report	Report on the training session of ecoguides in the Saloum-Niumi complex	Mouhamed Abraham MBAYE & Bounama DIEYE	WOW Project		November 2008	YES

**c) Media coverage**

No	Description	Date
1.	Niombato Community Radio	During October and November 2008

<sup>5</sup> Material types (Report to Inter-governmental Meeting, Technical Publication, Technical Report, Other)

**d) Technical Cooperation with relevant parallel initiatives**

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

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

No	Description	Date
1.	Workshop organized by IUCN about the Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Niimi – Saloum in Banjul	26/11/2008
2.		
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<sup>6</sup> Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others)

## Annex 2: Inventory of Non-Expendable Equipment

Internal ID	Item	Purchase Date	Original price (CFA)	Price in US\$	Present Condition	Description of Use
WoW/SG/Mat/001	Boat	Sept. 2007	2 400 000	\$10 059,46	Good	For field surveys, birds counting and breeding sites surveillance
WoW/SG/Mat/002	Laptop Acer Aspire 5315	March 2008	450 000	\$929,16	Good	For Project Manager's use
WoW/SG/Mat/003	Yamaha Generator - Model EF 6600E	Apr. 2008	2 434 952	\$5 027,70	Good	To support Saloum park and surrounding villages in power supply.
WoW/SG/Mat/004	Nissan Pick-up D/cabine Hard Body	Apr. 2008	8 287 002	\$17 111,04	Good	Project activities - Based in Niimi with project manager.
WoW/SG/Mat/005	Printer HP 1020 Laser jet	Oct. 2008	120 000	\$289,00	Good	In use for field operations
WoW/SG/Mat/006	Data projector Sony	Nov. 2008	550 847	\$1 326,00	Good	In use for field operations & workshops
WoW/SG/Mat/007	Boat engine Yamaha - 15 Cv	Nov. 2008	945 000	\$2 275,00	Good	For the project's boat in using for birds counting and breeding sites surveillance.

**The Boat:** Based on Betanti island, the project boat is under a Saloum park staff responsibility and is mainly using for monthly birds counts and colonial birds monitoring at île aux oiseaux and at others surrounding satellite sites in the Complex. If needed it is sometimes also used for during the surveys in Niimi side. The boat is also used for regular surveillance of the sites in the park and the complex if needed.

**The project car:** Based in the Niimi National park, the project car is under the project field coordinator responsibility. It is exclusively using for field operations in Niimi park and in surrounding villages during workshops, trainings session and other meetings in the site. The project coordinator also uses it to travel within the two parks in the framework of the activities.

**The generator:** Based in Saloum park, the project generator is using for power supply for Saloum Park HQs. Extension is underway for the mosque and the head of village house in Bacadadji (surrounding village of the park).

**Printer:** Under the field coordinator responsibility, the project printer is using to produce documents supporting activities in the field

**Data projector:** Based in Niimi under the field coordinator responsibility, the project data projector will be used for training, workshops and other awareness meetings in Niimi.

Boat engine: Additional project boat equipment.