



ADAPT: Nature-based Solutions for Resilient Societies in the Western Balkans

Mid-Term Review

Final Report

September 2021



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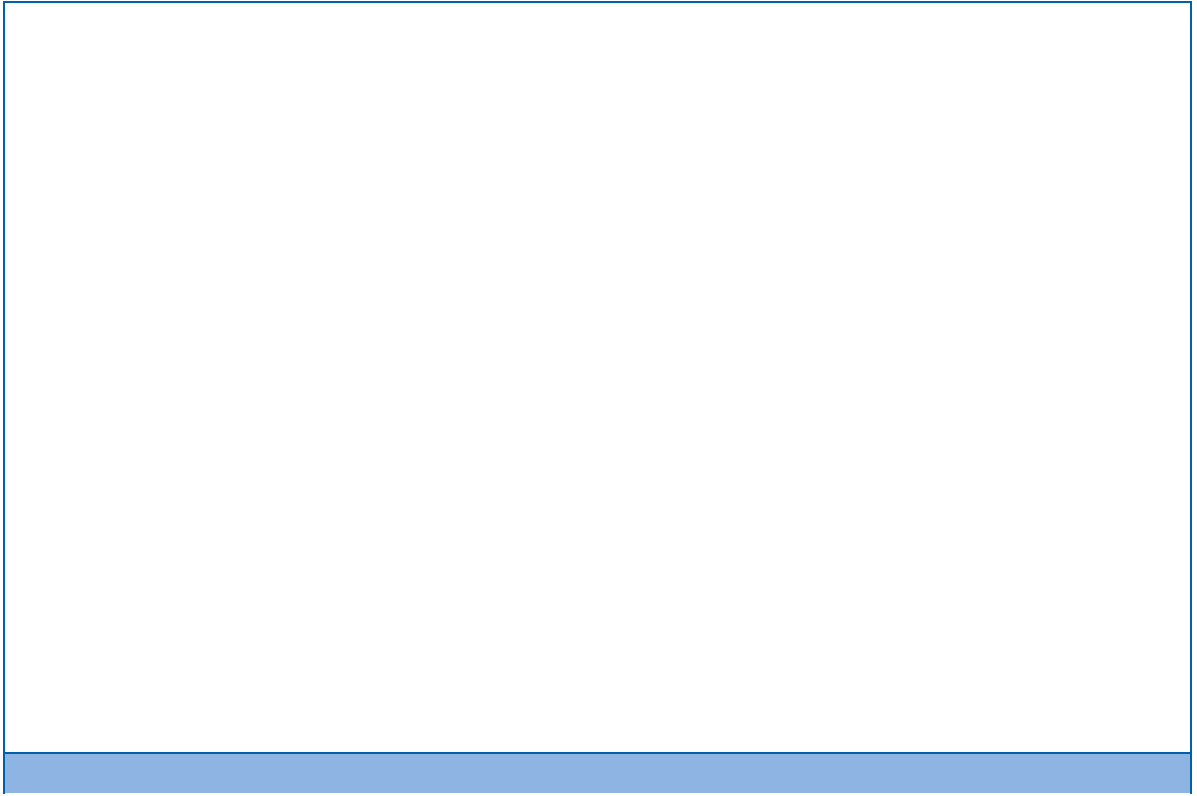
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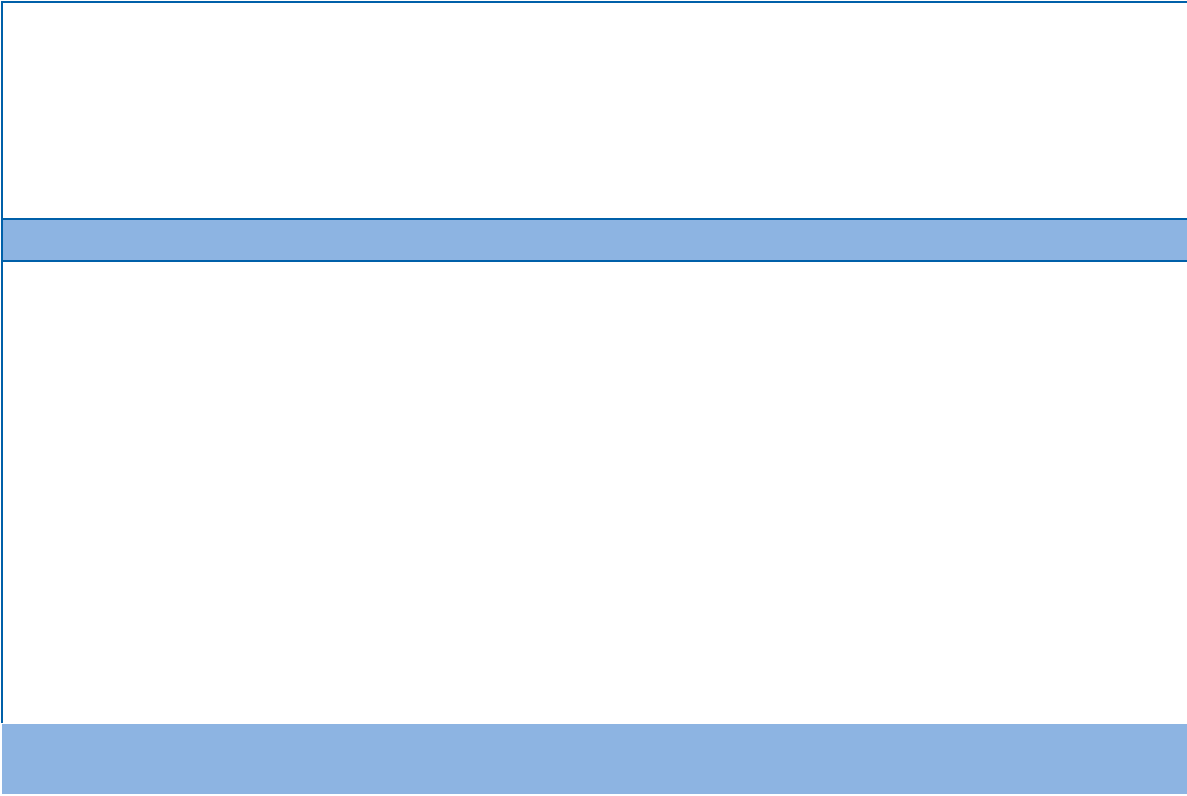
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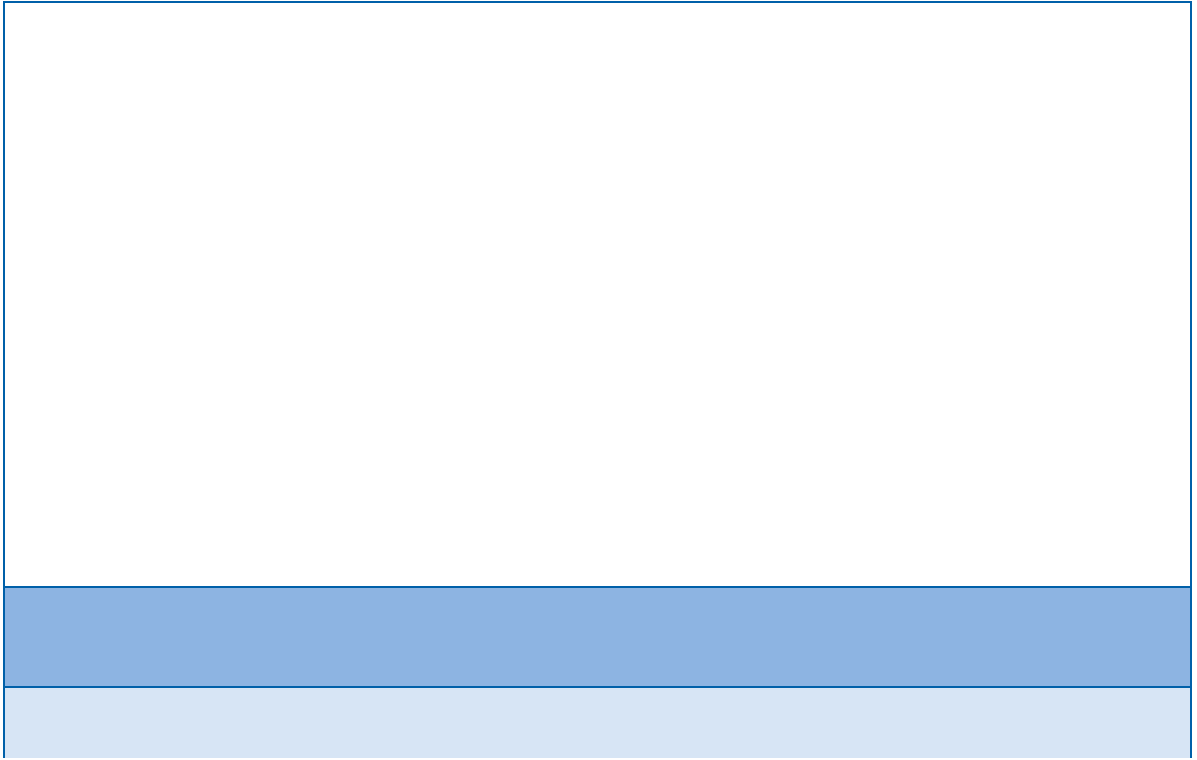
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Criteria: Efficiency

5. Conclusions and Lessons Learnt

Reinforcement of the ADAPT PMT

Improved communication

d) Efficiency

To what extent are the current ADAPT operational modality and governance/management structure efficient in contributing to its overall achievements? To what extent are the ADAPT outputs in balance with the level of effort, time and resources spent?

How efficient is the ADAPT in ensuring inputs (money, human resources, activities) are converted into the desired outputs according to the planned schedule?

To what extent are the roles, responsibilities and relations among the PMT, National NbS Coordination group, national field experts, Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the Project Advisory Group (PAG).

PSC and PAG working effectively to guarantee an efficient management of the ADAPT and its good governance?

How efficient is the collaboration between PMT, IUCN Commissions and IUCN Thematic Programmes?

In addition, it is strongly advised to review the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework of ADAPT and identify strengths and needs for improvements.

e) Coherence

To what extent is the ADAPT project coherent with country priorities and needs and in supporting mainstreaming of NbS approaches and interventions that meet NbS Standard? How coherent and complementary are the ADAPT activities vis-à-vis other policies and initiatives undertaken by country Governments and other regional and international partners engaged in promoting resilience to climate change in the Western Balkans?

3. Audience for the review

The primary audiences for the ADAPT MTR are:

Sida (donor);

IUCN ECARO, IUCN Senior Management and IUCN Thematic Programmes engaged in supporting the implementation of the ADAPT;

The review can also be of interest to other key stakeholders such as the field experts, the NbS Coordination Groups, the ADAPT Project Steering Committee and the Project Advisory Group.

The review will be available to the public on IUCN's website.

4. Methodology

The MTR will be designed and coordinated by the Consultant under the supervision of the ADAPT Project Management Team (PMT) in IUCN ECARO. The evaluation process shall start **by Monday, 12 July** and end by **Friday, 3 September 2021**. Given the current Covid-19 situation, little or no travel is envisaged.

The MTR should use mixed methods to gather necessary information and to seek the view of the range of stakeholders who have been engaged in the ADAPT to date. This will include:

the review of project documents including annual reports produced to date, scoping studies, pilot project documents, the comparative policy analysis and communication strategy-related material;

At least 12 interviews of key stakeholders across all 6 economies (list to be provided at inception);

Other methods may be proposed as needed – e.g. surveys or focus group.

The Consultant is expected to develop a review framework based on the suggested key evaluation questions above but may suggest additional questions or modifications. The inception report will be prepared as the first deliverable of the MTR and will include an "evaluation matrix" presenting how the key issues will be addressed, the data sources and the data collection methods that will be used for the MTR and a set of criteria to rate the strength of the evidence collected. Adequately addressing the key evaluation questions will be the basis for IUCN to sign off on the completeness of the MTR report.

All data collection tools should be included as annexes to the MTR report. The presentation of the MRT findings shall include all relevant links between evaluation questions, data collection, analysis and conclusions; they shall be presented in a structured and transparent manner. Conclusions and recommendations should be underpinned by a strong set of evidences.

5. Schedule and deliverables

The expected outputs are:

An **inception report** including refined key evaluation questions; valuation matrix; work plan and schedule.

A **draft 20-page MTR report**;

A **final 20-page MTR report + Annexes**

A two-page summary of key findings, lessons, recommendations and messages from the MTR report, that can be disseminated to the wider public for general information on the project's results and performance to date.

A **webinar** on key findings, including **15 slides summary presentation** of key findings

Expected deliverables and tentative timeframe

Milestone/deliverable	Indicative completion date
Recruitment of MTR Consultant	July 9, 2021
Start date and Consultant appointed	July 12, 2021
An inception report including refined key evaluation questions; valuation matrix; work plan and schedule	July 16, 2021
Draft MtR report	July 30, 2021
IUCN comments on draft report	
Final Report, two-page summary and webinar	September 3, 2021

A.2 Data collection instruments

Effectiveness

How effective is ADAPT?

5 – Very effective	4 – Fairly effective	3 – Moderately effective	2 – Slightly effective	1 – Ineffective
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Additional interview questions:

How effective has been the ADAPT project so far?

- What has and has not worked so far and why?

How effectively has the ADAPT project engaged with national policy makers and natural resource managers in the six targeted economies to raise interest in and understanding of NbS?

- Is there an effective solution in which local policy makers can be further engaged in ADAPT implementation? Would this prove to be effective in achieving ADAPT objectives in a greater extent?
- Were ADAPT actions complimentary to ongoing economy specific policy actions?

How effectively has the ADAPT project been to position NbS as effective solutions to address climate risks, increase resilience and enhance compliance with EU policies such as EU Acquis and other international frameworks?

How effective has the ADAPT project been in identifying the pilot sites and engaging targeted communities –

A.4 List of people met/interviewed

Country or affiliation	Name	Position/Organisation

A.5 Documents consulted