SECO funded Allanblackia Project

IUCN Management response to recommendations made in the mid term evaluation report

February 2012

	Summary of Recommendation	Response	Intended Result	Activities	Responsibility	Indicators	Timeframe
Recommendations to SECO project							
1.	Forest Landscape Restoration: Refocus output 4 to focus more specifically on on farm trials and demonstration centres from which lessons and experiences can be	over the course of the last 2 years. In the first year this focused on revisiting progress of Phase 1 field sites (woodlots) but as these were in poor condition then the overall process was revisited to focus more on the on farm trials. Therefore the focus has moved towards on r farm trials and will continue to be with communities who are keen to work with these trials (N.B: it is important to realize that FLR methods also include restoration of farmlands/ agroforestry systems) This has a twofold benefit - increases the number of trees in the ground (future supply) and also generates much needed data on growth and seeding patterns. NDGL will be informed of all the on farm trials and FORIG/ IUCN					

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10.	Strategic planning: Provide institutional support from TNS to develop a strategic business plan and vision for NDGL, and focusing on issues such as identity (whether an NGO or limited company or alternatively a body that would embrace both of these entities) market diversification and domestication of production.	**Agree** In the Ghana MTR debriefing meeting NDGL indicated that they do not need support (or want) a strategic plan / business plan for the development of Allanblackia in Ghana. NDGL indicated that if they need the assistance they will ask for it as and when they decide to do a strategic plan. However one issue					

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14.	Allanblackia maybe one important element within various IUCN initiatives and additional incentives could be created for its propagation and planting when linked to anticipated REDD financing through government	See comment against recommendation 11.					
	Constraint 2: An inability to scale up collection of seeds to un served Allanblackia endemic areas						
15.	Identify communities or clusters of communities with suitable densities of Allanblackia trees (either on farm or within forest reserves) and which are currently un served by NDGL. In discussions with NDGL as part of this review, one such potential area might be Sefwi Wiawso District in Western Region.	Agreed; Although there is a need to be careful not to spread the resource of the project too thin it is important to respond to this through the project as an increase in source of Allanblackia seeds is vital for the development of the supply chain. The communication work outlined in recommendation 9 should be targeted to a wider audience and with potential follow ups by ICA. However although wild harvesting may be an option (if the pricing of the oil acts as an incentive for increased farmer involvement) on farm planting may be limited due to availability of seedlings.	Increased number of communities involved in Allanblackia production.	In conjunction with NDGL use communication materials to facilitate an increase in farmers involved in Allanblackia production. ICA to support NDGL to follow up with discussions with interested farmers	ICA	An increase in Allanblackia sourced from wild harvesting and seedlings planted	On going throughout the final period of the project
16.	Using donor funds, engage an NGO to build community level supply chains. This would involve training on economic, environmental and social aspects and generally raising awareness around collection and planting. If NDGL was able to clearly separate itself in to two entities - one for profit (limited company) and one non profit (NGO), then theoretically the NGO arm of NDGL could do this.	This recommendation covers many aspects of the supply chain. It is our understanding that the reviewer is recommending to focus on					