

## Management Response to the Terminal Evaluation

Project Title: Conserving Habitats for Globally Important Flora and Fauna in Production Landscapes

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### Context, background and findings

This project aims to support Thailand to undertake conservation actions for globally important biodiversity hotspots that are currently outside the national system of protected areas. Many such areas exist, whose incorporation into the national PA system may be unfeasible to be managed effectively by the PA authorities either because they are small and disparately located in the landscape or because they overlap significantly with private lands. The approach of providing them with nationally recognized legal protection other than PA can ensure that their special values are legally recognized and respected both nationally and locally and that their values are effectively considered in landuse and local development planning. Such designation can also act as incentive for spurring local conservation actions. This project approach is consistent with the GEF BD-SO2: Mainstream Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use; and the Outcomes 2.1: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes and seascapes that integrate biodiversity conservation. Specifically, the project will be linked to Outputs 2. National and sub-national land-use plans (number) that incorporate biodiversity and ecosystem services valuation and 3. Certified production Landscapes and seascapes (hectares).

Recommendation and

			Participants have communicated actively through established channels, especially via a group on the social media platform LINE. Given that the three species conservation projects will continue beyond project completion, it is important that this sharing and learning environment is maintained.	
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Recommendation 3: The provincial committees in each province that have been guiding this project should continue and be strengthened beyond the project, to ensure integration of the species' requirements into provincial plans

Management Response:

			offices through the National Biodiversity Management Committee, chaired by the MoNRE Minister. Then, the ES species conservation will be embedded in the planning and budgeting of the TAOs, PAOs. The BBI rating will present a performance of each TAOs, PAOs how good, moderate, poor of its biodiversity management.	
UNDP will keep a connection with the PRONE in the 3 provinces through other projects.	2020/12	Team Leaders and Programme Analyst of UNDP CO		Initiated
Recommendation 4: ONEP and PONRE should provide awareness-raising and training in the provinces to facilitate consideration of endangered species in provincial planning, using the learnings of this project				
Management Response: Agreed. PONRE is the most practical governmental agency to prioritize and integrate endangered species into their provincial plan under PONRE to sure budget allocation for related activities at the local level, including awareness-raising and training courses to protect endangered species.				
PONRE will need to collaborate with Sub-district Administration Organization to leverage policy and conservation schemes at local level to ensure conservation efforts and synergy with PONRE.				
Key Actions	Time Frame	Responsible Unit	Tracking	
			Comments	Status
IUCN to continue communication with PoNRE	2020/12	ONEP	Provincial office and local authorities (Sub-district Administration Organization and/or Municipality) have the capacity to allocate some budget to continue financial supports to	Initiated

			the project target areas, as well as improving, monitoring, and providing other types of supports to communities for the sustainability of project outcomes after it ended.	
<p>Recommendation 5: The policy recommendations that have been developed by the Chief Technical Advisor should be presented to the wetlands management subcommittee</p>				
<p>Management Response: Agreed. ONEP, TEI, BCST, and IUCN worked together on policy recommendations by integrating recommendations from CTA into the policy paper finalized by ONEP. The policy recommendations had been proposed to the sub-national committee of wetland and received recommendations from the committee for the next steps of Cabinet's approval.</p>				
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To follow up the recommendations for cabinet	2020/12	ONEP	A Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) has been engaged by UNDP to ensure ongoing adaptive management and technical development across the project and to ensure that project experiences are fed into any relevant legislation and planning framework development. To address these aims, the CTA has prepared a paper containing policy recommendations. Importantly, the work of the CTA has incorporated the experiences, findings and recommendations of partners from this project, especially IUCN and TEI. To maximise leverage from the	Initiated

			project's results, the CTA paper should be presented to the wetlands management subcommittee.	
Recommendation 6: The recommendations and knowledge from this project should be considered when developing the Draft Biodiversity Act				
Management Response: Agreed. ONEP has already integrated policy recommendations and project outputs and outcomes to the draft act of Biodiversity. The comments from UNDP CO have well-received by ONEP Biodiversity Management Bureau.				
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To seek for public consultation	2020/05	ONEP	UNDP CO has also encouraged Thailand Youth Biodiversity Network (TYBN) to provide	

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