

Department of Environment and Conservation Capacity Strengthening Project



Background

Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Capacity Strengthening Project funded by UNDP is aimed at strengthening the capacity of DEC to facilitate the recognition of environmental considerations as important in the country's development priorities. The project aims to strengthen DEC's capacity to mainstream environmental issues into national development planning to achieve the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) on ensuring environmental sustainability. This is also essential to further enhance the knowledge and skills of DEC staff to identify international environmental funding mechanisms, particularly the Global Environmental Facility, to assist PNG's environmental planning and management to protect significant environmental assets that ultimately contribute to global environmental benefits.

Purpose of project

To a certain extent, reconciling environmental issues with development considerations is of limited significance on PNG's national development agenda. This situation is exacerbated by inadequate capacity and institutional resources to ensure that environmental considerations are mainstreamed in all resource development sectors at all levels of government. Hence, the project will build on internal DEC capacity to assist the Government to formulate and implement the National Strategy on Mainstreaming Environmental Issues and contribute to achieving the MDG on ensuring environmental sustainability.

Key results

1. Mainstreaming environmental issues in PNG's national, provincial and local level development planning
2. Mobilizing international and national funding mechanisms to assist sustainable environmental planning and management as well as implementation and monitoring.

Main activities

- Capacity building on mainstreaming environmental sustainability in development planning
- Awareness creation and training on the Global Environmental Facility
- Capacity building on additional resource mobilizations

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP

Duration

May 2006 to April 2008

Total budget

USD 300,000

Executing Agency

Department of Environment and Conservation

Cooperating agency(ies)

Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM)

Location

Port Moresby

Sector(s)

Governance, Forestry, Fisheries, Agriculture and Mining

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 7

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