

Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

General Information

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Implementation Plan

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1	The project experience validates the Caucus model as a project-based approach that can influence systemic change through enhanced political will and enabling legal frameworks for conservation and sustainable natural resource management. This has crosscutting relevance for diverse environmental initiatives that are affected by legal gaps, inconsistencies or disincentives for conservation. The Caucus	ICCF/CCN should promote the Caucus model to a wider regional audience – both at congressional levels and to international development agencies – to replicate the project experience on a broader scale and give greater momentum to the approval of environmental legislation.	Critical	Partners	ICCF/CCN	12 months	Accepted		UNEP will communicate the recommendation to ICCF/CCN

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	model and implementation approach that was applied have evident potential for replication and co-financing on a broader scale and should be marketed accordingly. By expanding its cooperation network to include international agencies with conservation field experience, ICCF/CCN can be better placed to give support to congress and expose them to a wider range of stakeholders and experiences.								
2	The success achieved at building consensus in Congresses around conservation agendas contributed directly to drafting and proposing environmental legislation that were approved in the three countries. The successful demonstration (and continuity) of the Caucus model generates opportunities for future programme development, partnerships and resource mobilization. The project approach was validated and has the potential to generate over-arching benefits for a broad range of environmental initiatives that are supported by national institutions, international development agencies and donors. The dissemination and replication of the Caucus model as a knowledge product should be pursued in partnership with ICCF.	UNEP should build its association with ICCF/CCN by mobilizing institutional commitment and resources for parallel initiatives within the LAC region.	Critical	UNEP and Partners	UNEP and ICCF/CCN	12 months	Not Accepted	The GEF unit that managed this project only deals with GEF funds, although the unit will actively communicate within UNEP to build its association with ICCF it cannot be held responsible for it.	
3	This recommendation applies to both UNEP and ICCF/CCN. Project evaluations that are scheduled after termination	Ex-post evaluations should be programmed within a year to 18 months after project completion to gain better insight on sustainability and	Critical	UNEP-wide	UNEP	6 months	Accepted		

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	need to be scheduled at a point in time that enables a reliable assessment of sustainability and likelihood of impact, while avoiding excessive decline in project memory or availability of participants. Thematic evaluations that address broader themes – for example, the impact or sustainability of UNEP's contribution to legal conservation frameworks, based on an inter-regional project sample - are likely to be better suited for ex-post assessments beyond a certain point in time.	the likelihood of impact, with access to an adequate sample of stakeholders and focus groups.							