

1. Project title:
National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA) Project

2. Purpose of submission:
To report on progress of the project

3. Executing Agency:
Ministry of Finance

4. Implementing Agency:
Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment

5. Background:
Samoa has become a member country to a number of international and regional agreements and protocols. This saw an outstanding increase in the number of environmental programmes and projects with various obligations and requirements to be implemented. A high demand placed on Samoa to meet these obligations and requirements are observed and experienced thereby producing problems and constraints in meeting these obligations and requirements hence adopting the NCSA project.

The NCSA project for Samoa will undertake an integrated approach to ensure that all aspects of environment management and conservation are adequately assessed and analysed. The objective of NCSA for Samoa is to carry out an assessment of Samoa's capacity to address global and local environmental issues and to develop a plan for implementation of key activities to achieve capacity building needs identified. These capacity needs relate to Samoa's obligations under the United Nation Convention on Biological Diversity; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

6. Funding Sources:

6.1 Total budget (in US\$) \$225,000

Allocated Resources:

- Global Environment Facility (GEF) \$200,000
- In-kind Contribution by Government of Samoa 25,000

6.2 Funding agency
GEF

7. Project Duration:
18 Months

8. Implementation Progress:

The project involves 5 phases in which it obligates to submit reports (which are the outcomes for the project) for each phases after they're completed. These 5 phases are (1) Inception phase; (2) Stocktaking phase; (3) Thematic Assessment Phase; (4) Cross-cutting phase and (5) Action Plan. The outcomes of the project are in the form of reports per phase as previously stated.

Outcomes Achieved:

- Inception phase
- Stocktake Report
- 3 Thematic Assessment Reports
- Produced first draft on Cross-cutting

9. Outstanding Issues/Activities:

The remaining activities for the project are:

- Finalising of Cross-cutting report
- NCSA Action Plan
- Overall NCSA Report

10. Project Implications for Samoa:

Overall implications or benefits of the Project for Samoa:

- It is a window of project opportunities (Small size or Medium Size projects) on Actions identified in the Action Plan as well as thematic issues common across all Multilateral Environment Agreements.
- Develop and enhance existing capacities in implementing Samoas obligations under the Conventions

11. Implementing Agency Signature:



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12. Date

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