



**Philippines' Global Environment Facility (GEF) Project  
Field Mission to Conduct project oversight on PIMS 5886, 6275 and 6499**

## BACKGROUND

1. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Philippines Country Office is implementing the Projects PIMS 5886 – Integrated Approach in Management of Biodiversity Corridor in the Philippines (BD Corridor Project) and PIMS 6275 Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines (ABS Project). Both Projects will be undergoing their Mid-Term Evaluation by next year.
2. Last July 2022, PIMS 6499 or the Protecting priority coastal and marine ecosystems to conserve globally significant endangered, threatened and protected marine wildlife in southern Mindanao Project (ETP MW Project) was also approved by GEF. These three Projects are being implemented by a single Implementing Partner, i.e., the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).
3. In addition, GEF also approved PIMS 6500 or the Securing Long-Term Sustainability of Multi-functional Landscapes in Critical River Basins of the Philippines (Landscape Project) and will be implemented by the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) of the Department of Agriculture (DA).
4. PIMS 5886 or the BD Corridor Project is being implemented under a full National Implementation Modality (NIM). The Project has been significantly delayed in Project implementation due to the issuance of the Special Presidential Authority (SPA) and challenges pertaining to the procurement of goods and services as well as recruitment of staff following the government's rules and procedures.
5. PIMS 6275 or the ABS Project is being implemented through NIM with CO support on direct payments. Similar with the BD Corridor Project, Project implementation delays have been brought about by the same challenges being faced by the BD Corridor Project.
6. PIMS 6499 or the ETP MW and PIMS 6500 or the Landscape Project will be implemented through NIM with CO support on direct payments. The IPs and the CO are working on the Project launch and Inception Workshop.
7. For these four projects, technical guidance is being provided by the CO. It is, however, beneficial to seek guidance given GEF's evolving guidelines, the emerging development strategies and lessons learned in other countries in the region. It is also important to discuss the Project Results Framework given the upcoming Mid-Term Evaluation next year.

## PURPOSE

Given the status of the ongoing biodiversity projects, a Mission from the Regional Bureau of Asia and the Pacific (RBAP), specifically the Regional Technical Specialist for Ecosystems and Biodiversity, is being organized to:

- Provide technical guidance to the Country Office, Project Teams and Implementing Partners on ensuring effective and efficient Project implementation through adaptive management, i.e.,

facilitating a review of the Project implementation strategies vis-à-vis the Project Results Frameworks;

- Providing recommendations on the necessary catch-up plans for the Projects with details on complementation efforts and emerging themes in the region that can enhance the Projects' implementation strategies; and
- Provide recommendations on how problems related with implementation modalities can be addressed.

## DATE

**November 6 to 10, 2023**

## PLACE

Manila (UNDP CO office and IP's office), DENR CARAGA Office (Butuan City) and

## TENTATIVE MISSION AGENDA

Date	Agenda	Place
<b>05 November 2023 Sunday</b>	Arrival in Manila	
<b>06 November 2023 Monday</b>		
9.00 am – 10:00 AM	Internal briefing session with CO senior management re status of implementation of PIMS 5886, 6275, 6499, and 6500 and discussion of GEF Programming	UNDP CO, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Rockwell Business Center Sheridan, Mandaluyong City
11.00 – 12.00 PM	Meeting with Office of the Focal Point for GEF (Undersecretary Analiza Rebuella-Teh, Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change) and Undersecretary Jonas Leones (Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs)	Department of Environment and Natural Resource (DENR) Office, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City
1.00 pm to 5PM	Project Implementation Status Updates (CO, FASPS, DENR, BMB, BSWM, FMB, PMUs): BD Corridor Project	DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) Office, Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, North Avenue, Quezon City
<b>07 November 2023 Tuesday</b>	>BD Corridor Project Site Visit	Butuan City
7.00 am (plane)	Travel to Butuan City	
9.00 am to 11.00 AM	Courtesy call and update meeting with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 13, Corridor PMU and NPMU	
11.00 am – 12.00 NN	Lunch	
12.00 – 5.00 PM	Site visit to Agatha mining company	
<b>08 November 2023</b>	>BD Corridor Project, continuation and Landscape Project	

<b>Wednesday</b>		
7.00 am	Travel to Manila	
10:00 AM to 2:00PM	Courtesy call and update meeting with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 4B, Corridor PMU and NPMU	DENR IVB Office, Manila
3:00-5:00 pm	Courtesy call and update meeting with Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)	BSWM Office, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City
<b>09 November 2023 Thursday</b>	>Access and Benefit Sharing Project and ETP MW Project	BMB Office
9AM to 2PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Implementation Status Updates (UNDP CO, FASPS, NPMU): ABS Project</li> <li>- Introduction to Herbanext or Pharmalytics partners (if available)</li> </ul>	
2PM to 4PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Implementation Status Updates: ETP MW Project</li> </ul>	
<b>4PM to 5PM</b>	Debriefing Session with UNDP CO	
<b>10 October 2023 Friday</b>	Travel back to Bangkok	