BID Africa 2017 – National Grant Template
Midterm narrative report

Instructions

- Fill the template below with relevant information. If no result has been achieved on a specific point, please indicate it as "no result achieved yet" and **indicate expected date of completion**

- Use the information included in your project Full proposal (reproduced in annex III of your BID contract) as a baseline from which to complete this template

- The information provided below must correspond to the financial information that appears in the financial report

- Sources of verification are for example direct links to relevant digital documents, news/newsletters, brochures, copies of agreements with data holding institutions, workshop related documents, pictures, etc. **Please provide access to all mentioned sources of verification** by either providing <u>direct link</u> or sending a copy of the documents.

- This report must <u>first</u> be sent as a **Word document** to <u>BID@GBIF.org</u> and be pre-approved by GBIFS

- Once this report is pre-approved in writing by GBIFS, it must be signed by the BID project coordinator and sent by post to:

  The Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat (GBIFS)

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  DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø

  Denmark

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Template

1. Table of Contents

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2. Project Information

2.1. Project Coordinator: Institution/network/agency name: International Union For Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

2.2. Main contact person and role: Eva Paule MOUZONG- Project Coordinator- eva.mouzong@iucn.org

2.3. BID proposal identifier: BID-AF2017-0113-NAC

2.4. Project title: Developping an Accessible Biodiversity Information Systel for Sustainable Development in Cameroon

2.5. Start date and end date of the reporting period: 1 november 2017-31 May 2018

2.6. Country in which the activities take place: Cameroon

3. Overview of results

3.1. Executive summary

Give a short summary of the activities implemented and the outcomes of the project for the reporting period (500 words maximum)

The project titled "Developing an Accessible Biodiversity Information System for Sustainable Development in Cameroon" aims to strengthen the mobilization of biodiversity data by (i) promoting the establishment of a nodal structure in Cameroon; (ii) Setting up a network of data manager (organizations and individuals); (iii) to facilitate the signature of the GBIF Agreement in Cameroon (iv) to make available data on Fresh water Aquatic Plants medicinal plants and certain species of Raphiales at the international level .

1. *Establishment of a nodal point in Cameroon*

This first activity was triggered by numerous advocacy activities and information's at the level of Ministries. The information center has been designated as the structure to host the nodal point but for its full implementation it should involve two elements: (i) the signature of a MOU and the availability of the resources mobilization and financing document which should allow its full implementation .

The capacity building activities were carried out by: (i) The purchase of a laptop for the Data manager in charge of data publications and the availability of a secure and high speed internet connection (ii).

2. *The establishment of a network of data holders on biodiversity in Cameroon.*

A network of data holders has been developed and two other activities will be needed to finalize this objective:

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- Identification and evaluation of available data;

- Strengthening the data holders' capacities to publish and make available data near the nodal

- The development of a data sharing chart to which each member of the network should adhere as well as designing the tools(Data sharing sheets and guides). These tools are being finalized and should be shared and adopted during the network implementation Workshop.

3. *Facilitate the signature of the GBIF Protocol of agreement by the state of Cameroon*

Many meeting took place with the Director of coopération at the level of the ministry. They served to prepare the verbal note of the minister that will serve as an agreement principle to ratify the memorandum of understanding.

It is understood that the advocacy meeting with the minister did not take place because of his tight schedule several request for audience has been dropped and we are waiting for his answer.

4. *Publish some biodiversity data*

One wild edible fruit trees dataset send and other to be send according to the 3.4 table

Constraint in the implementation of the project

The project implementation schedule has been delayed due to/

- Some IUCN procedures that have been undervalued in terms of times especially with the signature of the different Subcontracts;
- Tre fragmentation of the BID grants which no longer made it possible to execute the schedule as initially planned
- The difference in schedules between minister and partners

3.2. Progress against expected milestones:

Give an overview of all the expected milestones for your project from the beginning until now (see Annex IV of your contract)

Expected milestones/activities	Completed? Yes/No	Explanatory notes	Sources of verification
Completed capacity self-assessment questionnaire for national biodiversity information facilities https://www.gbif.org/document/82277/capacity-self-assessment-guidelines-for-national-biodiversity-information-facilities (EN) https://www.gbif.org/document/82782/auto-evaluation-des-capacites-pour-les-systemes-nationaux-dinformation-sur-la-biodiversite (FR) (*Early Progress report milestone*)	Yes		
At least one national data publishing institutions are registered with GBIF.org Guidelines to become a publisher: https://www.gbif.org/become-a-publisher (*Early Progress report milestone*)			
At least one person from the project team has completed the certification process following the BID Capacity Enhancement workshop on Data Mobilization organized as a part of the BID programme Africa 2015 or the BID programme Africa 2017 (*Early Progress report milestone*)	Yes		
Knowledge dissemination activities have been scheduled following the first BID Capacity Enhancement workshop (*Early Progress report milestone*)	Yes		
At least one dataset has been published to GBIF.org (*Midterm report milestone*)	Yes		
The data users identified in the full proposal have documented their intended use of the mobilized data and provided early feedback (*Midterm report milestone*)	Yes	Some students (2) of the university of yaoundé 1 are interested in carrying out researches on fruits trees for their Master	

3.3. Project deliverables and activities

Refer to the table in section 2.2 "Deliverables, activities and reporting criteria" of your BID full proposal. Provide updates on the status of each of planned deliverables. In the event of unexpected delay, please provide detailed explanatory notes and indicate planned completion date. Add as many rows as needed.

Deliverable	Related activity	Completed ? Yes/No	Explanatory notes	Sources of verification
Establish and strengthen national biodiversity information facilities	(A1) Strengthening the technical and material capacities of the stakeholders and the nodal structure	Yes		Report Fundraising strategy
	(A2) Effective nodal structure	No	Ongoing	Information letter
	(A3) Cameroon as GBIF Member	No	Ongoing	Information letter
Increase available biodiversity data, within and beyond the grant period	(A4) Network of Cameroon data holders (ReDDCam)[1]	No	a potential of 90 researchers replied to our letters and would be laid out to contribute to provide nodal structure we continue to hope to have agreement with institutions	Information letters ToR of workshop Data holders Data base
	(A5) Collect data from the data holders	Yes		Report, information letters
	(A6) Publication of data	Yes		https://www.gbif.org/dataset/fa2cbea9-b277-4254-9743-bac694582106
	(A7) Apply data to decision making process	Yes		https://www.gbif.org/dataset/fa2cbea9-b277-4254-9743-bac694582106
	(A8) Establish a sustainable funding mechanism for the nodal structure	No		On going. Finished by the end of june

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[1]Generic name. The real name of this will be retained during the structuring work of the network.

3.4. Datasets published on GBIF.org

Refer to the table in section 2.4 "Biodiversity data mobilization plan" of your BID full proposal. If the dataset is not yet published, please indicate the name of the institution that is expected to host the data when published in the column "DOI or URL/Planned hosting institution". Add as many rows as needed.

Dataset title	Publishing institution	DOI or URL/Planned hosting institution	Date/expected date of publication	Explanatory notes
Wild edible fruiting trees of Cameroon	IUCN Cameroon	https://doi.org/10.15468/zmcpyo	11 of July	https://www.gbif.org/dataset/fa2cbea9-b277-4254-9743-bac694582106
Threatened freshwater plants species in Cameroun	IUCN Cameroon	GBIF France http://www.gbif.fr/	July	While waiting for the creation of the Cameroon GBIF' nodal point, data are currently prepared by Green Connexion, and published by GBIF France
Recent published endemic and threatened plants of Cameroon	IUCN Cameroon	GBIF France http://www.gbif.fr/	August	While waiting for the creation of the Cameroon GBIF' nodal point, data are currently prepared by Green Connexion, and published by GBIF France
Recent publications on medicinal plants in Cameroon	IUCN Cameroon	GBIF France http://www.gbif.fr/	August	While waiting for the creation of the Cameroon GBIF' nodal point, data are currently prepared by Green Connexion, and published by GBIF France
Recent published report on rotang and raphia by Rotang and Raphia Network /University of DSCHANG-Faculty of agriculture and agronomics sciences	IUCN Cameroon	GBIF France http://www.gbif.fr/	September	While waiting for the creation of the Cameroon GBIF' nodal point, data are currently prepared by Green Connexion, and published by GBIF France

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3.5. Examples of use of biodiversity data available through GBIF

Use the table to document use or planned use of data available through GBIF as part of your project. You may want to refer to the section 2.5 "Plan to support the integration of biodiversity information into policy and decision-making processes" of your BID full proposal. Please provide the DOI for datasets downloaded from GBIF in the "Contributing dataset(s)" column. Briefly describe how the data contribute or are planned to contribute in the "targeted application" column (ca. 50 words). Provide the date or approximate timeframe in months for the completion of activity in the "Date/time frame" column. Timeframe indicated may be after the completion of the project unless targeted application is one of the deliverables of your project. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Targeted application	Data user	Contributing dataset (s)	Date/time frame	Sources of verification	Notes
1 - Hunger alleviation 2 - Poverty alleviation 3 - Research 4 - Conservation action 5- Reassessment of species conservation status	- Civil society - Industrials - Researchers (and/or university lecturers, students) - Ministries and NGOs - IUCN SSC members	Wild edible fruiting trees of Cameroon	End 2018	- Number of GBIF portal (datasets) views and downloads - Number of derivatives - Number of published scientific papers - Number of conservation projects implemented - Conservation status of species is assessed (IUCN Redlist of threatened species)	Publication of dataset in progress
1 - Research 2 - Education 3 - Conservation action 4 - Reassessment of species conservation status	- Researchers (and/or university lecturers, students) - Lecturers and students - Ministries and NGOs - IUCN SSC members	Threatened freshwater plants species in Cameroun	End 2018	- Number of GBIF portal (datasets) views and downloads - Number of published scientific papers - Number of conservation projects implemented - Conservation status of species is assessed (IUCN Redlist of threatened species)	Dataset to be published by July 2018
1 - Research	- Researchers (and/or university lecturers, students)	Recent published endemic and threatened plants of Cameroon	End 2018	- Number of GBIF portal (datasets) views and downloads	Dataset to be published by August 2018

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2 - Conservation action 3 - Education 4 - Reassessment of species conservation status	- Ministries and NGOs - Lecturers and students - IUCN SSC members			- Number of derivatives - Number of published scientific papers - Conservation status of species is assessed (IUCN Redlist of threatened species)	
1 - Research 2 – Industrial and commercial development	- Researchers (and/or university lecturers, students) - Researchers (and/or university lecturers, students)	Recent publications on medicinal plants in Cameroon	End 2018	- Number of GBIF portal (datasets) views and downloads - Number of derivatives - Number of published scientific papers	Dataset to be published by August 2018
1 - Research 2 - Conservation action	Ministries, populations - Ministries and NGOs	Recent published report on rotang and raphia	End 2018	- Number of GBIF portal (datasets) views and downloads - Number of published scientific papers - Number of conservation projects implemented - Conservation status of species is assessed (IUCN Redlist of threatened species)	Dataset to be published by September 2018

3.6. Events organized as part of the project

List all the events that have been organized as part of your project. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Full title	Organizing institution	Dates	Number of participants	Sources of verification
Training workshop on	GBIF	3-8/12/17		ww.Gbif.org

biodivesity data collection				
Field trip for data holder meeting	UICN			
Project parteners meeting (4)	IUCN/Green Connexion		5	Meeting report
NBSAP meeting	MINEPDED	24/05/18	17	Meeting report

4. Updated calendar for the BID project implementation and evaluation period

The calendar should be completed in the same way as in the Full Project Proposal, but should include any expected changes. Provide reasons for any expected changes in section 4.1 'Explanatory Notes'.

Implementation period start date and end date (01/12/18-30/12/18)																
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	**Notes**
Early Progress evaluation & Reporting			x	x												Done
Mid-term evaluation & reporting							x	x								Done
BID Capacity Enhancement workshop – Data mobilization and publication (Participation is mandatory)								x	x							Awaiting for the validation of the report and the 2nd installment payment plan. This activities has not been executed due to lack of finance it will be executed as soon as funds are available
Strengthening technical and material capacities				x	x											Done
Cameroun as GBIF Member								x	x	x						Discussions ongoing .The verbal note is now at the ministry of foreign affairs and we hope this would done on time.
Effective Nodal structure				x	x	x					x	x				Technical capacities are strengthening and the process will be ended by official note of MINEPDED
Network of Cameroon data holders									x	x	x					The chart already drafted invitation made and this will be effective during the workshop.
Collect data from data holders				x	x	x	x	x	x							The activity has started and the data from two researcher available
Data publication				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				The data publication will be effective on the 22nd of june and the other data published as soon as they are treated as per table 3. 4
Apply data for decision making									x	x	x					
Establish a sustainable funding mechanism										x	x	x				Ongoing. Due by the end of june. For this activity we are not late
Final reports (financial and technical)													x			

Evaluation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy)				
Activity	1	2	3	Notes
<Activity name>				
<Activity name>				

4.1. Explanatory notes:

The implementation of the project is experiencing some delays due to several factors:

- IUCN procedures for partnerships and contracting with certain partners and service providers. This step is now resolved;
- Initial planning that did not take into account the allocation of financial resources, by four installments;

To guarantee the realization of all activities and achievement of objectives we proposed:

- A new and realistic calendar for the remaining activities
- The allocation of a 2nd payment that will be consistent to be able to achieve at least 80% of the remaining activities

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5. Beneficiaries/affiliated entities and other cooperation

5.1. Relationship with project partners

Please describe the relationship between your project coordinating team/institution and your project partners, and with any other organisations involved in implementing your BID project.

3 institutions have been retained as partners within this project:

-   IUCN with a coordinating role, Green Connexion taking care of the data presentation and preparation and the Ministry of Environment, Institutional partner hosting the nodal structure and monitoring the signatures of the MOU;

-   The two other institutions benefiting from GBIF funds IRAD and Tropical Plant Exploration Group (TroPEG) are in charge of supporting the data holders;

-   Universities of Dschang, N'Gaoundéré, Douala and'' National Cameroon herbarium, and many other individuals are involved as data holders. See attached document;

5.2. Links to other projects and actions

Where applicable, outline any links and synergies you have developed with other actions, e.g. GBIF nodes, other BID funded projects, etc. If your organization has received previous grants in view of strengthening the same target group, to what extent has your BID project been able to build upon/complement the previous project(s) ?

-   Organizations involved in the implementing of NBSAP (National Biodiversity National Action Plan) Cameroon as, WWF, ANAFOR, Ministry des Forest, IRAD by implementing goals 1 and 2 notably the target N° 2: by 20120 significant increase the contribution of scientific based information into biodiversity decision making processes and management intervention.

-   The project would also contribute to assessment made by IUCN Species Survival Commission

6. Visibility

Please refer to the [BID guidelines.](#)

6.1. Visibility of the BID project

How is the visibility of your BID project being ensured?

Short summary

Visibility of the BID will be ensured through 2 components:

- Positioning of the logo on all media produced in the project

- Posting elements of the report on the IUCN website, Ministry and Green connection

Sources of verification

Documents and IUCN web site and Green Connexion and MINEPDED

6.2. Visibility of the EU contribution

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured within your project implementation?

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Sources of verification

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Signature _____

Name of the contact person for the BID Project: _____

Date report sent by email in Word format to bid@gbif.org for pre-approval: _____

Date report sent by post to GBIF Secretariat: _____