



BID Africa 1 – Small Grant Template

Mid-term 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”
- Use the information included in your project Full proposal (reproduced in annex III.a. 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 links to relevant digital documents, news/newsletters, brochures, copies of agreements with data holding institutions, workshop related documents, pictures, etc.
- This report must first be sent as a Word document to GBIF@GBIF.org 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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Denmark

Template

1. Table of Contents

2. Project Description

2.1. Principal investigator and grant coordinator: Institution/network/agency name: Centre d'Etudes, de Recherches et de Formation Forestières (CERF)

2.2. Principal investigator name and role: AKOUEHOU S. Gaston: Coordinate all activities related to the implementation of the project.

2.3. BID proposal identifier: BID-AF2015-0046-SMA

2.4. Project title: Strengthening the sustainable conservation of genetics resources by biodiversity data mobilizing in the forest reserve of southern and central Benin



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2.5. Start date and end date of the reporting period:

Strat date: 06/06/16 End date: 05/06/17 Reporting period: 16/06/16 to 25/11/16

2.6. Country(ies) in which the activities take place: *Benin*

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 (no more than ½ page).

The project GBIF BID-AF2015-0046-SMA entitled “*Strengthening the sustainable conservation of genetics resources by biodiversity data mobilizing in the forest reserve of southern and central Benin*” was effectively launched the 17 June 2016 with a limited number of participation which is reduced to the project team members and the concerned actors and CERF staff. That was an opportunity to achieve the first activity related to the “project staff meeting” for elaborating and scoping project activities that would be implemented during the duration. This meeting has allowed to preparing the implementation of the Project’s next activities. The following activity was the experimentation field for Identification and data collection of new gregarious stands of native value species. It was implemented from 11 to 21 July 2016 and was conducted by CERF technicians and collaborators. These activities had allowed to collect complement data regarding the occurrence and distribution of native species value in gregarious stands in the Wari-marò classified forest in center Benin. Data digitization specialist, data capture operator and database specialist were engaged to digitize, check, format and update de database. After this step, an updated and formatted database was elaborated and available.

3.2. Progress against expected milestones:

Expected milestones/activities	Completed? Yes/No	Explanatory notes	Sources of verification
Completed capacity self-assessment questionnaire for data holding institutions (http://www.gbif.org/resource/82785)	Yes	22/44	BID project self-assessment questionnaire
The instituton that will publish your data is registered with GBIF.org For registered data publishers see: http://www.gbif.org/publisher/search	Yes		http://www.gbif.org/publisher/b2db85d5-c5fe-4125-9e36-590a5f651829
The data users identified in the full proposal have documented their intended use of the mobilized data and provided early feedback	No, cause of the instability of the project “10 million sools and 10 million trees” our principal data users and the mutation of project coordinator (our project focal point) due to the political	-	-



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	<p>transition (change of government) after the election. In fact, this project in being converted to a new project of reforestation intensification entitled "Projet de reboisement intensif". The time that will take this conversion will just cause a small delay in the achievement of this expected milestones/activities. But this can't affect the project plans nor the engagement of data users.</p> <p>Moreover the workshop and information meeting that will gather all data users and worked with them is not yet organized.</p>		
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3.3. Datasets published on GBIF.org

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
Gregarous Benin valuable native species in central Benin	GBIF-Benin	Not yet (in progress at GBIF-Benin node)	Not yet (in progress at GBIF-Benin node)	
Gregarous Benin valuable native species in south Benin	GBIF-Benin	Not yet (in progress at GBIF-Benin node)	Not yet (in progress at GBIF-Benin node)	

3.4. 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. Please provide the DOI for datasets published on GBIF or data downloaded from GBIF in the "Dataset" column. Briefly describe how the data have been used or are planned to be used in the "Data use" column (ca. 50 words). Provide the date or approximate time frame in months for the use or planned use in the "Date/time frame" column. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Dataset	Data user	Data use	Date/time frame	Sources of verification	Notes
Gregarous stand of valuable native species in central Benin	CERF, Centre National de Télédetection (CENATEL)	gregarious stand of valuable native trees in central Benin Installed seedling plot of gregarious	2017	GBIF-Benin Node	CERF: gregarious stand of valuable native trees will be converted to permanent seedling plots which will be useful for the monitoring of the phenology and to collect





		stand of valuable native trees in central Benin			news data each year for over kind of study in South and Central Benin CERF: Secure and make available high quality of native trees seeds for the reforestation
Gregarious stand of valuable native species in south Benin	CERF, Centre National de Télédétection (CENATEL)	gregarious stand of valuable native trees in south Benin Installed seedling plot of gregarious stand of valuable native trees in south Benin	2017	GBIF-Benin Node	CENATEL: location of gregarious stand valuable native trees will be useful to monitor the seed native valuable trees species through the remote sensing in all forest reserves in South and Central Benin

3.5. 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
Project staff Periodic meeting	CERF / Project BID-AF2015-0046-SMA	16 Juin 2016 18 Nov 2016	15	Meeting report
preparatory meeting	CERF/ Project BID-AF2015-0046-SMA	Not yet achieve	-	-
Information meeting	CERF/ Project BID-AF2015-0046-SMA	Not yet achieve	-	-
Capacity enhancement Workshop	CERF/ Project BID-AF2015-0046-SMA	Not yet achieve	-	-





4. Implementation of BID project activities

Refer to section 2.2 "Deliverables, activities and reporting criteria" in your BID full proposal. Provide updates on each of the activities using the reporting criteria and other sources of verification as appropriate.

Sources of verification are for example links to relevant digital document, news, newsletter, brochures, copies of agreements with data holding institutions, workshop related documents, pictures, etc.

4.1. Goal 1: Increase available biodiversity data, within and beyond the grant period

Activity 1 name:

First and second periodic meeting of project team

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

The first periodic meeting of the project team was held the 16 June 2016. It was a scope meeting with the project team members and the concerned actors in the way the set and planning the field work related to the extension of the experimentation field and collection of news data. The second meeting that held 18 November 2016 was mostly to plan how implement the digitization, curation, checking, formatting and publishing of dataset on the GBIF website.

Sources of verification

meeting report

Activity 2 name:

Extending of the experimentation field (46 plots installed within 40 gregarious in the south and center Classified forest)

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

This activity achieved from 11th July to 21th July is about the Extension of the existence experimentation field in south Benin to central Benin by taking into account Wari-Marou Classified forest. Thus, a total of 46 new gregarious stands of native value species were recorded in the Wari-Marou Classified forest. Occurrence data of native value trees were also recorded within those gregarious stands.

Sources of verification

Field Report

Activity 3 name:

Mobilizing, digitizing and formatting database (A least 500 records about regarding the occurrence of native trees value species in gregarious stands in all forest reserves in South and Central Benin are available in formatted database).





Description of any implementation during the reporting period

Recorded data from the new identified gregarious stands in Wari-Marou Classified forest in central Benin were digitized. The new dataset obtained from this digitization were formatted as recommended by GBIF. The existence database regarding the gregarious native trees in south Benin were also mobilized, digitized and formatted into GBIF format.

Sources of verification

Field Report

Activity 4 name:

Collected data publishing on GBIF website

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

(Not yet implemented)

Sources of verification

(no source)

4.2. Goal 2: Apply biodiversity data in response to conservation priorities

Activity 1 name:

Information meeting with data users, data providers, and project team and decision makers.

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

(Not yet implemented)

Sources of verification

(no source)

Activity 2 name:

Capacity enhancement Workshop on digitization, formatting and publishing technics on biodiversity data

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

(Not yet implemented)

Sources of verification

(no source)

[Add as many activities as given in your full proposal under "Deliverables, activities and reporting criteria" for goal 2]





5. 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 5.1 'Explanatory Notes'.

Implementation period (maximum 14 months, starting 1 June 2016 at the earliest)																										
Implementation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy)																										
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Notes	
Mid-term evaluation & reporting						X																				
Periodic meetings of project team with concerned actor	X				X				X			X														
Extending experimentation field to all forest reserve in the whole southern and central of Benin		X	X																							
Collecting data		X	X																							
Validating and publish formatted database of threatened native value trees species on the GBIF website											X	X														
Workshop for training on formatting and publishing of the occurrence biodiversity data on GBIF website									X																	The date of the workshop was brought closer from April 2017 to January 2017. Cause this workshop is important to learn more about the data process (curation, digitization, formatting and publishing).
Data Users and decision makers information meeting											X															



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Evaluation period (maximum 6 months, ending 31 December 2017 at the latest)							
Evaluation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy)							
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	Notes
Final financial and narrative reporting	X	X					
Final evaluation reporting			X				
Final technical report				X	X		

5.1. Explanatory notes: 22/44

Explanation of why the activity “hosting a workshop with potential data users, data providers, project team and other collaborators” was excluded in the calendar: In fact, this activity seem be excluded in the new calendar because it was merged with the activity “Workshop for training on formatting and publishing of the occurrence biodiversity data on GBIF website” that will require, for it implementation, to gather potential data users, data providers, project team and others collaborators.



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6. Beneficiaries/affiliated entities and other cooperation

6.1. 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.

One of the goals of CERF is to provide values trees seeds required for the reforestations program as the project “10 millions souls, 10 millions trees” and others kind of usage. The aim of this project is almost to secure and make available high quality of native trees seeds for the reforestation. So we collaborate with project “10 millions souls, 10 millions trees” as a principal trees seeds supplier and provider of information related to the location of potentials stands of native seedling trees.

6.2. 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, how far has your BID project been able to build upon/complement the previous project(s) ?

The project team had attended a meeting / capacity enhancement workshop organized by National BID project where we discussed with others BID funded projects and GBIF node team about how to better implement with efficiency ours project activities.

The project team also has taken support upon the background (team experiences, dataset, relationship...) of the previous project entitled “Identification and Mapping of seedling plots for high quality seeds production within native stands in several forest reserve in south and center of Benin”.

Visibility

Please refer to the [BID guidelines](#)

6.3. Visibility of the BID project

How is the visibility of your BID project being ensured?

Short summary

The visibility of this project is ensured through the presentation of it context, objectives, activities and deliverables to the CERF office members, to concerned actors and also at the National and regional BID grant organized workshop. It will also be ensured through the workshop and information meeting planned in the project. All documents that will be produced will bear the BID project number and title.

Sources of verification

6.4. Visibility of the EU contribution

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

Short summary

The EU logos is upon all receipt, invoice, contract and all publications (Poster, Article, powerpoint...) to show the visibility of EU as the principal funder of the Project.

Sources of verification



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