



BID Africa 1 – Small Grant Template (BID-AF2015-0044-SMA) 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: Laboratory of Forest Sciences/Faculty of Agricultural Science/University of Abomey-Calavi
- 2.2. Principal investigator name and role: GANGNIBO Nounagnon Charles, Professor of Forestry
- 2.3. BID proposal identifier: BID-AF2015-0044-SMA
- 2.4. Project title: Gathering of biodiversity data on bird species for their sustainable management in Benin
- 2.5. Start date and end date of the reporting period: from 06/06/16 to 01/11/16





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).

In the framework of the BID individual project registered as BID-AF2015-0044-SMA, some main activities have been implemented. The literature review started since July 2016 and still in progress. A short meeting with colleagues was organised to introduce our project. The project team has also participated to the workshop for BID projects planning as well as the workshop on biodiversity mobilization. So far, informal exchanges have been hold with partners and data users. We have also registered for the online BID workshop on data mobilization and another project team member has attended the onsite workshop on the same topic hold in Kigali.

To date our project is well known not only by the community of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences but also by partners and other targeted persons. We have also showed the importance of bird species and their publishing. A dataset of 920 occurrences has been digitized, cleaned and submitted to the BID Node Manager of Benin for publishing. Also, a checklist of birds found in Benin is under elaboration. We share knowledge obtained through the online and onsite BID workshops with our partners and others during meetings and workshops.

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	We have filled in the capacity self-assessment questionnaire and sent it to GBIF via the email address Bid@gbif.org	Completed capacity self-assessment questionnaire attached
The instituton that will publish your data is registered with GBIF.org For registered data publishers see: http://www.gbif.org/publisher/search	Yes	We always submit our data to the GBIF Node Manager in Benin for publishing.	GBIF-Benin http://www.gbif.org/country/BJ/summary
The data users identified in the full proposal have documented their intended use of the mobilized data and provided early feedback	No	Some data users (FSA, CERF, Eco-Bénin) have provided feedback but not all of them. No data user has documented their intended use of the mobilized data	Project Team





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
Annotated list of observed birds in W and Pendjari Reserves in Benin, february 2010	Laboratory of Forest Sciences/Faculty of Agricultural Sciences	GBIF-Benin	11/15/2016	It is a list of 920 georeferenced occurrences of birds observed around ponds, waterfalls, rivers and other areas inside W and Pendjari Reserves in Benin from 3 to 17 february 2010

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
Data from this project and data to be downloaded from GBIF website	LSF / FSA	Drawing of a distribution map and ecological niches for two threatened bird species.	April, 2017	Published datasets Draft of a manuscript Proof of the manuscript submission	The two threatened bird species will be chosen after the publishing of the maximum of datasets in order to gather maximum information on them. Based on this map, suggestions will be made to CERF and CENAGREF (Decision-makers) in order to review conservation policies for bird areas best protection





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
Meeting to inform colleagues of the High School of Agricultural Science of Sékou about our project	LSF/FSA	08/31/2016	54	Attached pictures (folder 3.5 Events organized as part of the project of the project)
Capacity Enhancement workshop on the mobilization of biodiversity data	LSF/FSA	12-13 october 2016	40	Attached pictures (folder 3.5 Events organized as part of the project of the project) Powerpoint Report

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:

Review of literature on conservation project worldwide.

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

"no result achieved yet". The review has started and is under progress. Evidences of GBIF data in this conservation planning, and in management of birds and their areas are being summarized.

Sources of verification

Activity 2 name:

Meeting/training session on Biodiversity data mobilization

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

In the framework of the implementation of BID Regional and National Projects implemented at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, a workshop was hold on the biodiversity data mobilization. We participated to this workshop and gave an presentation giving details about our project. We also shared the knowledge gained through BID online and onsite workshop on data mobilization, Although this activity is not organized in the framework of our project, it was an opportunity to present the project to the partners who were also invited. Therefore we decided to not hold another meeting of information because all of our target partners attended this workshop. We thanked GBIF Benin to have given us enough time to share



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information with the participants. The planned resources will be reallocated to increase the quantity of occurrences that will be published.

It is also important to notice that before this workshop we have organized a short meeting with colleagues of the High School of Agricultural Sciences of Sékou, to inform them about our project and to make them sensitive to biodiversity data mobilization. This activity was not planned in our full proposal but has been implemented because of three reasons:

- 1- The teaching fields of most of the professors in the school are related to natural resources management.
- 2- The location of the school is very far from the center of Abomey-Calavi. So, inviting them to an activity at Abomey-Calavi will require additional financial support to cover travelling that is not planned in the project.
- 3- This activity has no financial incidence on the project budget because room and required equipment have been provided by the school.

This short meeting has been held to inform the colleagues about the project and to make them sensitive to biodiversity data mobilization.

Sources of verification

Attached pictures (folder named Section 4-activity 2)

Attached report

Activity 3 name:

Training session on data digitization, cleaning and publishing

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

This activity was achieved during the workshops organized by GBIF Benin (from 26 to 28 April 2016) and also the one organized in the framework of Regional and National BID projects implementation (from 12 to 13 October 2016).

“no result achieved yet”. However, time will be consecrated to present again useful aspects on data mobilization and publishing, before focus on data use. Planned to be held in the first quarter of 2017.

Sources of verification

Planning

Activity 4 name:

Review of published works on birds species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

The review is still in progress. So far, libraries of the Faculty of Agricultural Science, Polytechnic School of Abomey-Calavi, Benin’s Administration of Forest Management and wildlife, Department of Forest and Natural Resources have been visited. During these visits, papers and reports have been explored. Face to face contacts have taken place with some targeted specialists. Internet has also been used for search of information on bird species.





The review of papers and reports mobilised during the visits of libraries and the search has started. The establishment of a checklist of bird species found in Benin is undergoing. This checklist will be finalized about three months.

Sources of verification

Activity 5 name:

Occurrences digitizing and publishing.

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

A dataset of 920 occurrences have been digitized and published on GBIF portal.

Another one is under digitizing.

Sources of verification

<http://www.gbif.org/dataset/025769ee-df28-40de-bead-69fe1259bbad>

[Add as many activities as given in your full proposal under "Deliverables, activities and reporting criteria" for goal 1]

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

Activity 1 name:

Training session on the use of biodiversity data to drive key policies

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

"no result achieved yet". It will take place by the first quarter of 2017.

Sources of verification

Activity 2 name:

Definition of strategies for birds conservation in Benin

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

"no result achieved yet". Expected after the training session on the use of biodiversity data to drive key policies.

Sources of verification

Activity 3 name:

Identification of important birds areas in Benin

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

"no result achieved yet". At the same period as the drawing of distribution and ecological niches map.

[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 (06/06/16 to 05/05/17)																										
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	
Review of literature on conservation project worldwide		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
Meeting / training sessions			X		X	X			X	X	X															
Review of published works on birds species		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																		
Occurrences digitizing and publishing				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Mid-term evaluation & reporting							X	X																		



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Evaluation period (maximum 6 months, ending 31 December 2017 at the latest)							
Evaluation period start date and end date (01/07/17 to 31/12/17)							
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	Notes
Identification of important birds areas in Benin	X						
Identification and conservation measures of important birds Areas in Benin		X	X	X			
Final financial and narrative reporting				X	X	X	
Identification of important birds areas in Benin	X						
Identification and conservation measures of important birds Areas in Benin		X	X	X			

5.1. Explanatory notes:

-The calendar proposed in the full Project Proposal is globally on the way. 920 occurrences i.e. 30% of the predicted numbers were already published. Only few changes occurred:

- All the Project activities don't start in June as planned. This situation was due to the travel of some members of the Project team.

- The training session on Data digitization, cleaning and publishing is cancelled because the Regional and National Projects have organized a training workshop on biodiversity data mobilization. Our project team members have participated to the preparation and the fulfillment of this workshop. Our partners have also been trained on data digitizing, cleaning and publishing. During this activity, the individual project has been presented as well as the importance of bird species data mobilization. Therefore, the individual project team considers that it is not very valuable to organize another training of information on the importance of biodiversity so as on data digitizing and publishing. The resource specified for this activities will be relocated to the activity named Occurrences digitizing and publishing in order to increase the quantity of occurrences to be published during the project. About 2000 additional occurrences will be published.

- But a great effort will be made by the project team to implement all the planned activities on schedule.



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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.

The relationship between the project team members is excellent. We frequently have exchanges on the project implementation by telephone, email or face to face meetings. Everything that has been done since the starting of the project until now has the full support of all the project team members.

As to the project partners, communication is maintaining. All of them attended the workshop organised in collaboration with the regional and national projects.

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) ?

Between our project and other BID projects in Benin, the collaboration is perfect. We have participated to the planning of the regional and national projects activities, and the workshop on biodiversity data mobilization. Furthermore we have already published about 9,000 occurrences in the framework of the national BID project

(<http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc> ;
<http://www.gbif.org/dataset/c349aada-38d4-4602-99c1-5939680ad9cb> ;
<http://www.gbif.org/dataset/107c4e84-79a1-4e3f-b96b-77d87d723628> ;
<http://www.gbif.org/dataset/aef22888-444e-4cba-bfc5-f709ef15ccf4> ;
<http://www.gbif.org/dataset/2fa46259-69f3-4fe0-946a-b64f3e61d83b>).

About the BID small project, we share information through email, telephone and sometimes face to face contact. We are planning to organize one training session together very soon.

7. Visibility

Please refer to the [BID guidelines](#)

7.1. Visibility of the BID project

How is the visibility of your BID project being ensured?

Short summary

My BID project has been presented in three times:

- The first time at the planning workshop of BID projects coordinated by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.
- The second time during a short meeting with professors of the High Scholl of Agricultural Science of Sékou
- The last time during the workshop on biodiversity data mobilization.

Also informal exchanges took place with some biodiversity users and holders as well as some future users and holders (students).



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Sources of verification

Attached report, powerpoint and pictures

7.2. Visibility of the EU contribution

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

Short summary

During the presentation of the BID individual project, it is always being mentioned that we have a financial support from the EU. Powerpoint presentations always show EU flag and finish with acknowledgement words addressed to the EU.

Sources of verification

Attached PowerPoint presentation and report.



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