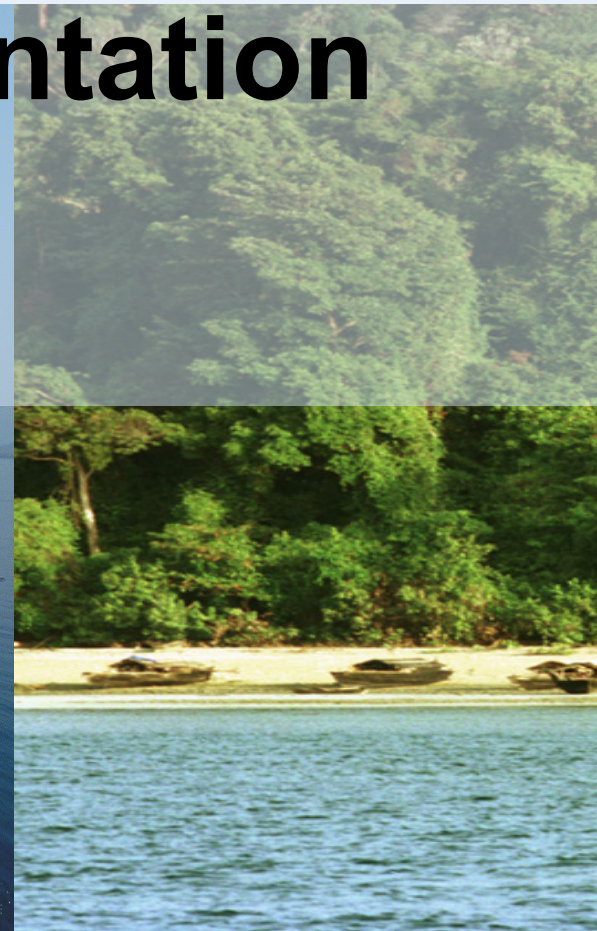




Country Implementation Progress Myanmar



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Country Context and Related Development

- The country achievements predominantly focused on environmental safeguard strengthening in 2016.
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Procedure and Environmental Quality Emission Guidelines officially launched in January.
- ADB is supporting preparation of mining sector EIA guidelines whereas other development partners are support preparation of oil and gas, hydropower and tourism EIA sector guidelines.

2016 Achievements

Component 1: Planning, safeguards, and monitoring

- Preparation of Ambient Environmental Quality Guidelines is ongoing.
- English translation of EIA procedures and Environmental Quality Emission Guidelines is finalizing.
- Myanmar Environmental Information Portal was launched in January 2015 and is being updated with new indicators added.



2016 Achievements

- Provided Capacity Building on EIA Report Review and Compliance Monitoring Trainings.
- Completed Around 26 trainings, workshops and on-the-job trainings.
- Built capacity of about 800 participants from the Environmental Conservation Department and other relevant Ministries.



2016 Achievements

- Organized Environmental Sector Group Meetings.
- Coordinated with Development Partners (eg. JICA, WWF and etc.) on EIA technical guidelines
- Continued EIA technical consultation and revision.



2016 Achievements

Component 2: Biodiversity

- Received Mission of Guangxi Environmental Protection Department of the PR Chin, led by Chief Engineer Mr. Deng Chaobing.
- Discussed and exchanged learning experience and best practices in areas related to TBL/BCC management.

2016 Achievements

- Participated in GMS Transboundary Biodiversity Landscape Management Dissemination and Knowledge Sharing Event, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, PR China, 13 – 15 June 2017.
- During the Workshop, shared knowledge on potential areas for collaboration between Yunnan and Myanmar in Mekong Headwaters TBL cooperation.

2016 Achievements

Component 3: Climate change

- Although the country's activities under the CEP were not significant during 2016, Myanmar participated in Regional and Global activities. (eg. attending the Paris Climate Conference (COP22) in November and delivering country statement and participating in negotiations).
- Furthermore, as a country's specific activity, National Climate Change Policy and Strategy was developed.

2016 Achievements

Component 4: Institutions and financing

- Recruitment of three National Support Unit (NSU) staff occurred in Feb 2016 after signing of CEP Letter of Agreement (LoA) between ADB and the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD). The LoA has been extended until 31st December 2017.
- ECD confirmed as member and participating in WGE Coordination Committee which is guiding the CEP Transition Plan and Roadmap post-2017.
- Focusing on the development of CEP SF-AP (2018-2022), received CEP Mission to undertake consultations with various stakeholders to identify a project pipeline that provide much required impetus for financing support needed to ensure the implementation of environment plans and projects both in country and in the subregion.

2016 Achievements

Component 4: Institutions and financing

- Communication efforts have included printing and dissemination of EIA Procedure and Environmental Quality Emission Guidelines
- ECD distributed CEP publications during the occasion of World Environment Day, CEP events, and to government departments and libraries.

Challenges and Opportunities

- Since, the Environmental Conservation Department is expanding its organization to the district level and recruiting staffs to cope with the increasing workload of environmental conservation in harmony with the economic development of the country, EOC and ADB has been providing safeguards technical assistance and inputs to capacity development of the new recruited staffs in EIA report review, Environmental Compliance Certificate issuance, and project compliance monitoring which still require to be strengthened.



2017 Deliverables

- To complete the preparation for the development of National Environmental Quality Standards (based on interim ambient and emissions guidelines)
- To complete the preparation of Guidelines on EIA in the Mining Sectors
- To complete the preparation of ECC Template
- Expanded support for EIA report review and approval, and project compliance monitoring



2017 Deliverables

- To extend technical support for capacity development of new recruited staffs of ECD
- To provide technical assistance for pollution control for air and water quality monitoring in Nay Pyi Taw
- To accelerate implementation of NSU activities in order to meet the accomplishment of the activities as scheduled including submission of progress reports and liquidation reports



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