



FACTSHEET – BirdLife project / ECOFAC6 - São Tomé and Príncipe

Title of action:	Component São Tomé and Príncipe
Place of action:	São Tomé and Príncipe (STP), São Tomé Obô Natural Park (ONP) and surrounding buffer zone Príncipe Obô Natural Park (ONP) and surrounding buffer zone
Duration of action (month):	52 month
EU contribution:	2,000,000 EUR
Objective of action:	Promote green economy in São Tomé and Príncipe that is characterized by sustainable and inclusive development and resilience against climate change. Specific Objective: To improve the protection of endangered biodiversity and ecosystems of the Obô Natural Parks of São Tomé and Príncipe and their buffer zones
Main targets:	National network of environmental NGOs (Rede Bio) Monte Pico Guiding Association Target forest edge communities in the buffer zones Pig hunters Protected Area Management Authority Park guards STP Government Environment Department STP Government Forest Department Príncipe Regional Government - Direction of Environment and Nature Conservation Private companies managing oil palm and cocoa concessions in the buffer zone (i.e. Agripalma, Sato cao)
Final beneficiaries:	1 NGO part of Rede Bio (or newly created NGO) Target forest edge communities in the buffer zones, particularly women in agribusiness supply chain Protected Area Management Authority Park guards STP Government Environment Department STP Government Forest Department Príncipe Regional Government - Direction of Environment and Nature Conservation
Estimated results:	Product 1. The socio-economic and sectorial activities in the Obô Natural Parks of São Tomé and Príncipe and surrounding buffer zones are coordinated in an integrated manner, using a landscape approach and ensuring the sustainable availability of ecological services to stakeholders Product 2. Effective Protected Areas management systems developed and implemented in São Tomé and Príncipe Product 3. The neighbouring communities are engaged in and benefit from the sustainable management of natural resources. Product 4: Protected Areas Management structures and staff are strengthened/reinforced; and Product 5: Experiences and knowledge are exchanged and capitalised at

	both a landscape and regional level
Main activities:	<p><i>Product 1: The socio-economic and sectorial activities in the Obô Natural Parks of São Tomé and Príncipe and surrounding buffer zones are coordinated in an integrated manner, using a landscape approach and ensuring the sustainable availability of ecological services to stakeholders</i></p> <p>A.1.1. Conduct a trans-sectoral review of environment considerations in national and sub-national policies and development plans.</p> <p>A.1.2. Review existing legal framework for community-based and Park Management in São Tomé and in Príncipe to assess its potential to support integrated management and landscape approaches (i.e. community use zones and collaborative forest management).</p> <p>A.1.3. Organise capacity building activities for Environment and Agriculture Ministries and the Regional Government of Príncipe promote biodiversity safeguard in policies and development planning</p> <p>A.1.4. Develop guidance document for mainstreaming biodiversity into policies and development planning (target key development sectors: agriculture, forestry, tourism etc.)</p> <p>A.1.5. Support relevant institutions in São Tomé and Príncipe to initiate policy review to integrate recommendations from the guidance document developed under A.1.4., identify priority sites for conservation, develop more effective mechanisms to control illegal activities in ONPs and support nomination of ONPs to meet World Heritage standard.</p> <p><i>Product 2: Effective Protected Areas management systems developed and implemented in São Tomé and Príncipe</i></p> <p>A.2.1. Support ONPs staff capacity development: review staff structure, conduct training needs assessment and develop and implement training plan to fill gap in capacity. Support the ONP authorities to implement Park's Management Plans in São Tomé and Príncipe.</p> <p>A.2.2. Support rehabilitation and development of park facilities and purchase park protection equipment</p> <p>A.2.3. Support the process to revise and implement an improved zonation system including Community Use Zones.</p> <p>A.2.4. Develop and implement a plan to improve law enforcement and biodiversity monitoring in São Tomé and Príncipe ONPs.</p> <p>A.2.5. Prepare Business Plans for each park, including viability studies and a suitable revenue management model in line with the legislation.</p> <p>A.2.6. Promote implementation of Business plan's recommendations (A.2.5) on improved revenue generation and management model.</p> <p><i>A.2.7. Support authorities in managing existing public-private partnerships and identifying and negotiating new partnerships with the private sector.</i></p> <p>A.2.8. Strengthen capacity of park guides to provide quality ecotourism services to visiting local and foreign tourists.</p> <p>A2.9. Develop a communication strategy to advertise the ecotourism services of the parks in São Tomé and Príncipe.</p> <p><i>Product 3: The neighbouring communities are engaged in and benefit from the sustainable management of natural resources.</i></p>

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