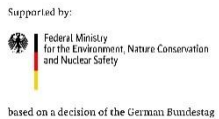




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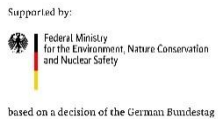
## Progress Report on Implementation of Climate resilient site network in the African-Eurasian flyway **Project** in Ethiopia

- Activities Undertaken Earlier (Under Output I)
- Assessment of the vulnerability of migratory waterbird populations and the key sites for them and the affected human populations using global climate change and hydrological models (by multidisciplinary group of biodiversity, hydrological, climate a experts);
- Based on the above analysis, methodology will be developed and applied to identify priority areas in the African-Eurasian Flyway for climate change adaptation measures; and
- The results will be presented to the relevant governments, multilateral processes and financing instruments (as an AEWA Technical Publication)





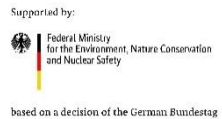
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- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output II)**
- Assessment of potential contribution of Critical Sites to ecosystem-based climate change adaptation in Ethiopia (EWNHS);
  - ✓ *The final output is a document indicating the benefits of wetlands to people in Ethiopia;*
  - ✓ About 14 CR Sites; 60 households were interviewed within each critical site; Local Gos & NGOs were consulted; and Report compiled;
  - ✓ Watering for domestic and livestock, crop production and grazing land for livestock were considered as the most highly beneficial provisional services.
- Assessment of opportunities and potential for wetland restoration in Ethiopia (EWNHS and WIE); - *Through this activity, we want to be able to produce a directory of wetlands in Ethiopia. The directory will provide a description of the general aspects of the wetlands and about their current status. In addition wetlands restoration field guideline/manual will be produced.*



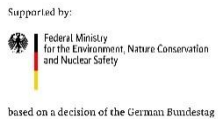
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- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output II)**
  - ✓ A draft of the wetland restoration document was developed by consultant and enriched by stakeholders via validation workshop (attended by 44 participants); To be finalized in January, 2018.
- Assessment of opportunities to integrate the conservation of CR Sites and wetland restoration into national policies, programmes and plans (EWNHS);
  - ✓ *Different events/forums will be organized in 2018 and 2019 to integrate the conservation of critical sites and wetlands restoration into national policies and programmes and plans.*
  - ✓ Review of relevant policies and strategies (e.g. Environmental Policy and Water sector policy) were made to identify the strengths and the gaps in light of sustainable wetland management; Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MEFCC) is working on Wetlands proclamation.



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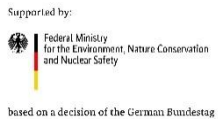


- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output II) Ctd....**
- Engaging in policy dialogue with stakeholders (WIE & Other implementers);
  - ✓ Actively participated in and being part of Ethiopian Environmental Policy review, Ethiopia's water sector policy and strategy,
  - ✓ WMB day was celebrated in 2017 in the project area (Central Rift valley), where over 50 people participated in the event representing different government organizations and NGO's.





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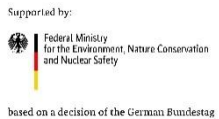


- Activities Undertaken (Under Output II) Ctd...
- Capacity building and network development for local actions (WIE & EWNHS);
  - ✓ *Establish a network of local community groups that can work on habitat restoration and biodiversity conservation at the different critical sites.*
  - ✓ Youth groups that were involved are members of the Site Support Groups, Bird guide Associations and Farmer youth Associations that have legal entity under the relevant government administrations were organized and supported to develop a project on CR sites,





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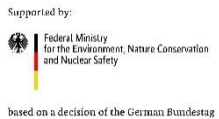


- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output III)**
- Efforts were made towards:-
  - ✓ Integrated Basin Management Plan including Lake Abijatta;
  - ✓ Community based climate change adaptation measures;
  - ✓ Restoring 100 hectares degraded land in the Lake Abijatta-Shalla National Park (ASLNP); and
- Conducting TEEB assessment to value the ecosystem services in the catchment of Lake Abijata-Shalla National Park (WIE);
  - ✓ The TEEB training and scoping workshop, was held in January 2017 and at present assessment report is finalized.





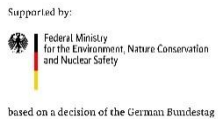
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- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output III) Ctd...**
- Determining environmental water requirements of Lake Abijatta and integrate it into the water management plans (WI & RVLBA);
  - ✓ Water Allocation Plan Action Plan Validation workshop (over 70 participants from various stakeholders) was held,
  - ✓ Draft version of Ziway-shalla sub basin management plan and Integrated Basin Management Plan framework developed and submitted to concerned bodies; and
  - ✓ WAP steering committee composed of key stakeholders has been established to coordinate WAP related activities..
- Carrying out community-based activities to demonstrate options for reducing water extraction and reduce land degradation by small-holder farmers (WIE & Others);
  - ✓ Being undertaken by a consultant team and field visit was conducted to the sites.



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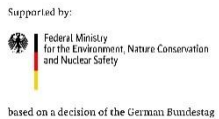
- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output III) Ctd....**
- Enhance the capacity of EWCA to engage with processes in the catchment that affect the hydrology of Lake Abijata-Shalla (WI & EWCA);
  - ✓ Field and office equipment have been procured and transported to the project site (Abijata-Shalla Lakes National Park ASLNP) for use for the project activities,
  - ✓ An intervention site of 700 ha is selected for the restoration activities in the ASLNP in collaboration with the park management at two different places (around “Fike” Mount and South-eastern shore of the Lake Abijata), and
  - ✓ Development of GMP for ASLNP is being undertaken







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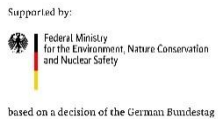


- **Activities Undertaken (Under Output IV)**
- On going Activities under this (WI & Others)include:-
  - Integrating ecosystem-based climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation - review of lessons learnt;
  - Produce guidelines for practical implementation; of the AEWA Resolution 5.13
  - Present the results of the project at relevant MEA meetings and other relevant events ; and
  - Advocate the incorporation of lessons learnt into relevant MEA resolutions and work programmes





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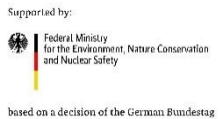


- **Lessons learned**
- Involvement of communities and stakeholders at all levels is critical to ensure sound conservation of biodiversity by reducing the ever-increasing anthropogenic pressures;
- Awareness creation alone cannot bring about significant change in reducing biodiversity loss if conservation is not integrated with the livelihood of the local community and workable forums of stakeholders are not created;
- Different community groups established so far are instrumental in mobilizing the community on the issues of wetlands management and their sites can be used as demonstration sites as well;
- As we practice integrated conservation and development approaches that address the issue of livelihood and land use versus the existing threats on biodiversity – involvement of stakeholders and partners – Increased collaboration and partnership;





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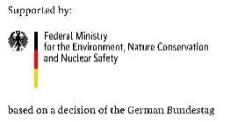


- **Lessons learned Ctd.....**
  - It is possible to create common understanding on the problems associated with climate change depletion of biological resources among the stakeholders; that there should be integrated framework to reverse the existing devastating situation;
  - It is possible to play significant advocacy role and persuade the policy makers so that they review the existing policies, for example, some sectors such as MEFCC, MWIE, EWCA are reviewing their policies and legislations.





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