

2022

Environmental and Social Safeguard Consultancy Final Report



By: Dr. Saada Naiel Ahmed
HCENR/ SPAS/ PMU/ National
Consultant
9/23/2022



Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR)

Strengthened Protected Areas System and Integrated Ecosystem Management in Sudan (SPAS)

Environmental and Social Safeguard Screening and Guidelines Development

Final consultancy report on SESP Guidelines development

By: Dr. Saada Naiel¹
SES/SESP national consultant,

¹ Saada N. A. Elmahi. Assistant professor, National Centre for Research, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and Traditional Medicine Research Institute (MAPTRI). Khartoum, Sudan. saadanaile@gmail.com

Contents

1. Introductory:	3
2. Aim of consultancy:	3
3. Main recommendations:	3
4. Development of adaptive tools to put SESP guidelines into practice:	5
5. The way forward:	5
6. Methodology followed:	6
7. Deliverables:	6
7.1. D1. Inception report:	6
7.2. D2. Social and Environmental Safeguard Guidelines:	6
7.2.1. Field trip report/ DNP	6
7.2.2. Field trip report/ MADINP	6
7.2.3. Field trip report/ JADNP	6
7.3. D3. Final consultancy report	7
7.3.1. SESP guidelines training workshop report	7
7.3.2. Final consultancy report	7
 Table 1: Example of measures taken by SPAS- PMU as a response to grieves raised by the stakeholders and recommended for action, 2022	4

1. Introductory:

Title of consultancy	Environmental and Social Safeguard Consultant
Name of consultant	Saada Naiel Ahmed Elmahi (PhD) Assistant professor, National Centre for Research, Khartoum, Sudan saadanaile@gmail.com
Duration	6 th march 2022- 16 th November 2022
contractor	HCENR/ Strengthened Protected Areas System and Integrated Ecosystem Management in Sudan (SPAS)
TOR amount	5000 USD
Deliverables	D1. Inception report D2. Social and Environmental Safeguard Guidelines D3. Final consultancy report including the staff and Stakeholders training
Start date	16 th March 2022
End date	22 nd September 2022

2. Aim of consultancy:

The SESP and development of guidelines to be adapted and used by the different SPAS partners and stakeholders is the main goal of the SES consultancy. As a national assistant, HCRNR contracted Dr. Saada Naiel Ahmed through the SPAS project PMU as a national consultant to come up with main 3 deliverables including the inception report, SESP guidelines and final report including the training of the staff and partners.

This consultancy final report is summarizing the findings of the task, some recommendations and suggestions for the way forward to put the guidelines into practice, as well as describing the detailed visits paid to the protected areas to gather the needed information and meet the concerned people.

This report is inclusive to the whole process which start with the approval of the inception report by the PMU and HCENR and end up with detailed deliverables and findings attached to it. The report is also debriefed the methodology followed to conduct the job.

3. Main recommendations:

Most of the recommendation generated during the field visits were of a direct concern with putting the concept of SES into practice in regard to stakeholder's engagement principles based on transparent pre-identified genuine roles and responsibilities up on accountable bases. As a main arm for successful SESP plan, the project PMU deal with the recommendations with a high level of commitment and responsibility and responded

immediately to issues raised by the different partners to put it in order upon discussion and real participation.

A selected recommendation deprived from the targeted areas is summarized below, however, it was inclusive in the field visits reports with more details. And here are some examples for actions taken by the SPAS/ PMU as a response to the issues raised in the reports (Table 1). This is considered a very good sign from the PMU which show very clear its commitment and express its accountability responsibility towards responding to SES issues raised by local people. In another word, the PMU is putting SESP guidelines into practice.

Table 1: Example of measures taken by SPAS- PMU as a response to grieves raised by the stakeholders and recommended for action, 2022

Area	Recommendations raised by SH	Response/ adaptive measures and action taken by PMU
DNP/ Blue Nile Region	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducting a comprehensive meeting/ workshop for all relevant regional and state administrations, and state and federal wildlife administrations, with a due focus to involving decision makers from the Blue Nile region to discuss two main agendas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Juba Peace Agreement, focusing on the provisions relating to the management of natural resources. b. the approved Sectoral laws related to the natural resource's management in the 3 DNP project areas. 	Adopted by PMU and preparations for the workshop is ongoing
DNP/ Gedarif	Identification of environmental focal point at the instructional institutions level	SESP is revisited and being a part of the guidelines with clear responsibilities
DNP/ Sinnar	Linking the project activities with IFAD interventions in the area can create strong networking and contribute in managing the NR in a sustainable way	MOU with IFAD is upon signature with SPAS
MADNP/ Red Sea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project focal point in Dungunab PA is better to be the Higher Council for Environment and Tourism. 2. The mangrove rehabilitation activities should be directly under the supervision of the State FNC as a main 	HCET in Red Sea is now an official focal point for the project and responsible for tourism activities.

	institute responsible of reserved forests according to the FNC mandate.	MOU is signed between FNC and the faculty of Marine Sciences with clear TOR.
JADNP/ NK	Fire lines should be planned for both forests and pastures according to the recommended technical packages.	Consultations are ongoing to set the firelines management plan with due consideration to WLCA and community training.

4. Development of adaptive tools to put SESP guidelines into practice:

A set of tools is developed and adapted to be used by the PMU, partners and stakeholders including local people aiming at putting SESP guidelines into practice. These tools include:

1. A template to identify and describe the social and Environmental concerns of the project.
2. A Checklist to describe the project sites and partners information at the institutional and community levels with clear identified and agreed upon roles and responsibilities.
3. A checklist to assess the institutional capacity building and training needs.
4. A checklist for updated stakeholders and partners focusing on their roles and accountability mechanism.
5. A Checklist for IP identification.
6. A Checklist for GRM for the use of partners and PMU.
7. A proposed matrix lay out to select and document the best practices of the SPAS by communities and partners:

5. The way forward:

1. Conduction of cascaded training on SESP to the level of local people as well as decision makers to stay at the same ground during the implementation.
2. The commitment of the HCENR as an implementing agency to adopt the guidelines and support putting it into practice is very essential for the successful completion, management and follow-up.
3. The M&E and protected areas specialist are the core players to put the guidelines into practice through committed follow up and regular monitoring.
4. Identification of environmental and social focal points at both community and state levels is essential to practically build the GRM system.
5. Allocating budget to implement the SESP guidelines and build the required monitoring and follow up system.

6. Linking the community level and stakeholders GRM with the knowledge sharing tracking system is an additive value need to be enhanced.

6. Methodology followed:

1. Literature and Desk review
2. Open individual consultations with partners and stakeholders.
3. Key persons informants
4. Field visits
5. Structured stakeholders' meetings
6. Focused groups discussions at community level

7. Deliverables:

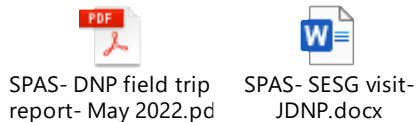
7.1. D1. Inception report:



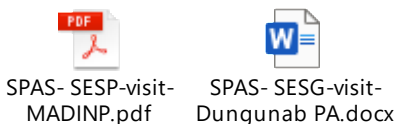
7.2. D2. Social and Environmental Safeguard Guidelines:



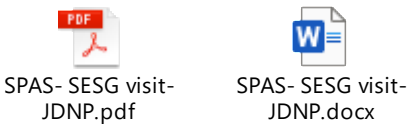
7.2.1. Field trip report/ DNP



7.2.2. Field trip report/ MADINP



7.2.3. Field trip report/ JADNP



7.3. D3. Final consultancy report

7.3.1. SESP guidelines training workshop report



SESP training
workshop report.pdf



SESP training
workshop report.doc

7.3.2. Final consultancy report

