

## Project title

### **ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL**

**Organization:** DPWM (Tanbi Wetlands National Park)

**Status:** En cours

**Country:** The Gambia

### **Project justification mentioning the specific MPA conservation objective that is targeted by the project**

More than 70% of The Gambian population lives in Kanifing Municipality and Greater Banjul areas where the park is located. Due to high population density and unsustainable practices poses serious threats to the mangrove ecosystem and MPA as a whole. Presently illegal waste disposal and mangrove cutting within the MPA are on the rise. In addition, low understanding and awareness of the importance of the area is also hindering management progress. Low budgetary allocation for MPAs has deterred full scale management operation to address critical issues relating to ecosystem protection and management. It is in this vein that the proposal is being prepared to assist in the maintenance of ecological processes of the MPA in order to enhance socio-economic benefits for the well being of the resource users.

### **Field of activity identified by the RAMPAO to which the project is attached**

- Habitat restoration
- Communication, education and environmental awareness (acquisition of tools and equipment, campaigns, etc.)

### **Main project objective**

To restore degraded mangrove areas; and raise awareness and understanding of the resource users on pollution in order to enhance ecological and socio-economic benefits

<p>Brief description of the planned activities</p>	<p>Training of local people and personnel on mangrove planting and management will give room for individuals and groups to make more planting beyond project expectation. Planting of mangroves in degraded areas will be organized as national event that will include the participation of the minister and other authorities. Resource users and authorities forum is geared towards development of tangible agreements and to ensure community policing within the park to halt illegal activities. And especially illegal dumping of domestic waste. Cleaning of illegal dump sites will include media coverage and involvement of authorities to demonstrate illegality of dumping within the park. Giant Sign boards will be erected at strategic locations to discourage illegal dumping of waste and the increase awareness of</p>
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	the population about the importance of the Park. The 7% overhead will be spent on fuel to expand daily patrol coverage by park rangers on terrestrial and in water areas of the national Park.
Main expected results	At least 50% of the degraded areas restored and maintained 40% of illegal dump sites cleared and maintained Resource users and authorities sensitized
Targets and/or beneficiaries of the project (ecological targets or beneficiaries / groups of individuals)	Tanbi Wetlands National Park Fisher folks Authorities Communities/ other resource users
Project duration	8 months
Location	Tanbi Wetlands National Park KMC, BCC, WCR. Banjul, The Gambia