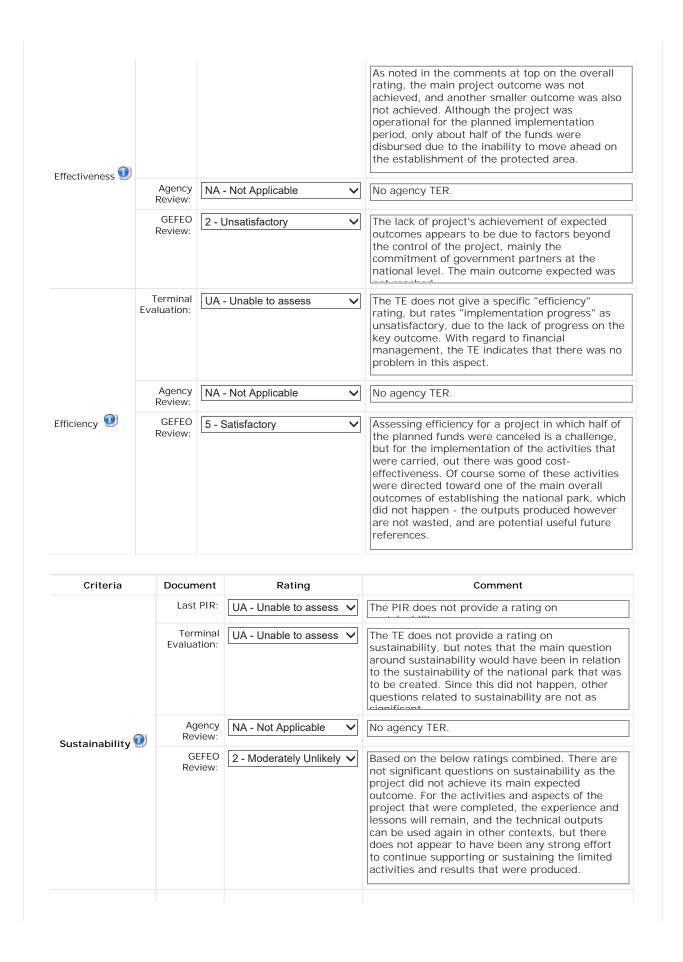


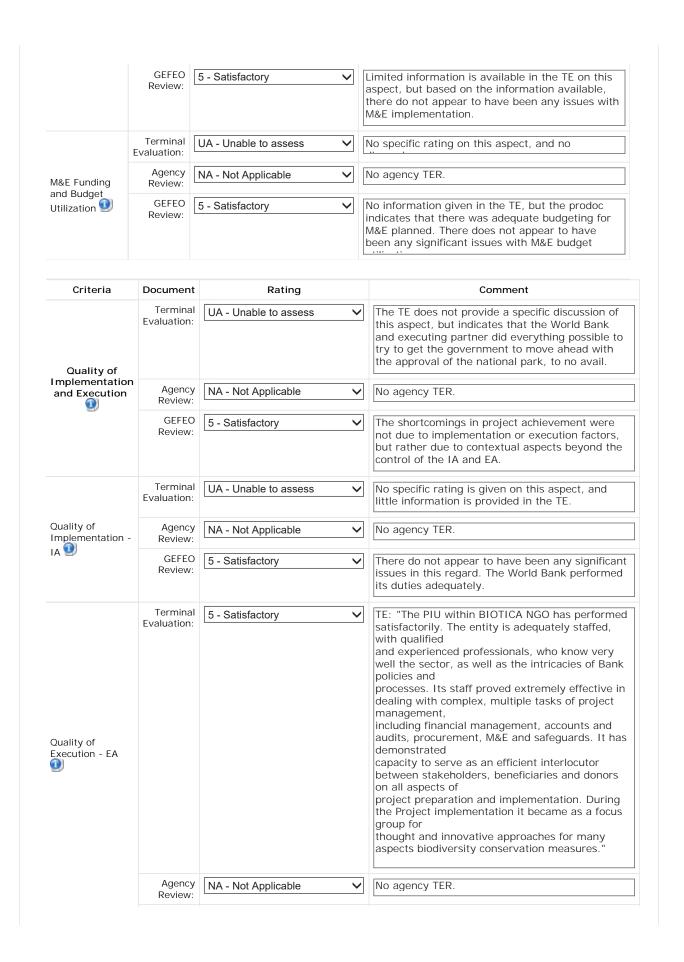
According to information in the TE, the main factor in the shortcoming in project achievements was that the government changed between the time of project preparation and project implementation, and the new government had a lower commitment to establishing the national park, the main outcome expected under the project. At the time of project startup, a reassessment of the validity of this outcome was undertaken, and it was determined that it remained a relevant and important outcome, and so the project proceeded. However, during the course of the project the project stakeholders were not able to convince the government to support this primary outcome of the project, and the national park was not approved.

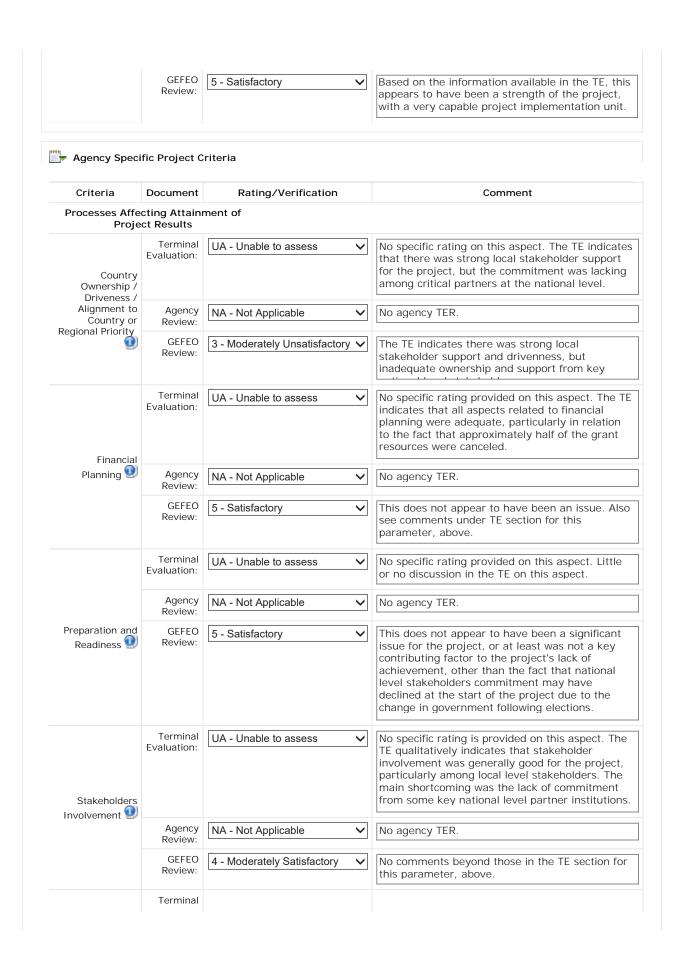
Rating from the TE: "Despite of enormous social and community mobilization and pressure (more than 30 appeals regarding expediting of the National Park creation were made by local communities), as well as support of international organisations (Man and Biosphere UNESCO Program, IUCN, PEBLDS Council) the Government failed to advance the creation of a National Park, envisaged under the project as the first multiple-use protected area in the country. The Draft Decision of the Government to create the Park was approved in December 2003, but submitted to Parliament only in June 2004. The Parliament has failed to endorse the Draft Decision giving the Park a legal status, after which it was supposed to be sent back to the Government for implementation. The project was closed with unsatisfactory rating in regards to both Implementation Progress and Achievement of Project Development Objectives."

Criteria	Document	Rating		Comment
Outcomes 🔍	Last PIR:	5 - Satisfactory	~	The last PIR (2004) gives a rating of satisfactory for "achievement of grant objectives" but rates two of the components unsatisfactory and two components satisfactory.
	Terminal Evaluation:	2 - Unsatisfactory	~	Only about half the project's GEF grant funds were disbursed due to lack of progress from the government on one of the main outcomes. This was despite the best efforts of the EA.
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	~	No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	2 - Unsatisfactory	~	The project failed to achieve two of the four main anticipated outcomes. This was due to circumstances apparently outside the control of the IA and EA.
Relevance 🖭	Terminal Evaluation:	UA - Unable to assess	~	No specific rating given on this aspect. The TE indicates in qualitative terms that the project was relevant.
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	~	No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	5 - Satisfactory	>	The project concept and strategy were relevant to the needs and priorities of local stakeholders, Moldavian national biodiversity conservation priorities, and GEF strategies. Unfortunately it turned out not to be relevant to overall government priorities, as the national parliament did not move ahead with establishment of the protected area.
	Terminal Evaluation:	2 - Unsatisfactory	~	

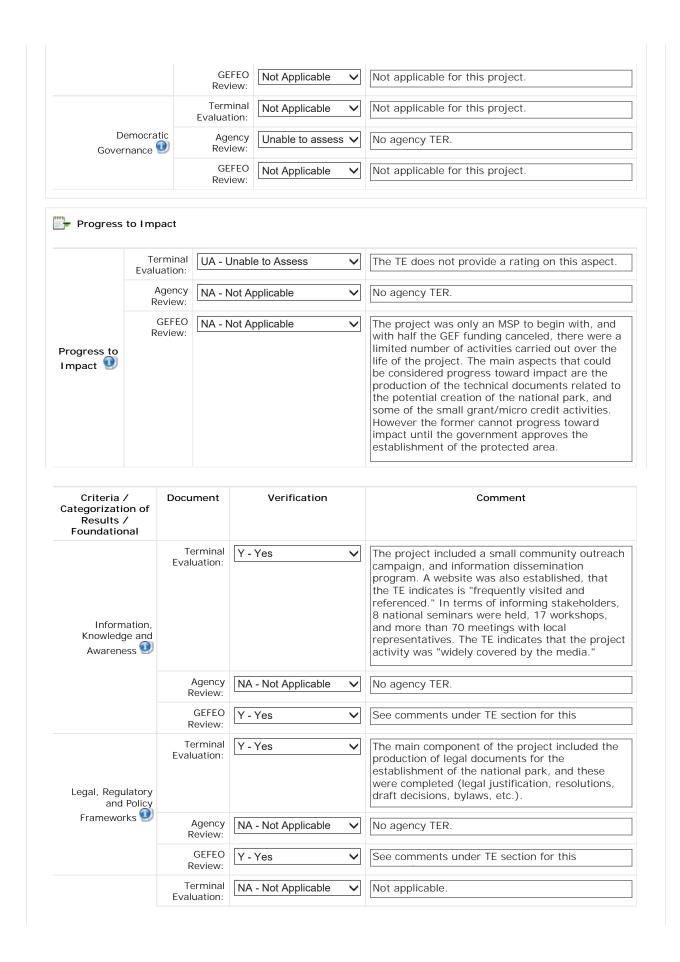


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Financial 塱	Agency Review:		NA - Not Applicable 💙	No agency TER.	
		GEFEO eview:	2 - Moderately Unlikely 🗸	See comments under overall rating.	
		minal	UA - Unable to assess 🗸	No rating given on this specific aspect.	
Socio-political ¶) A	gency	NA - Not Applicable V	No agency TER.	
	(SEFEO eview:	2 - Moderately Unlikely 🗸	See comments under overall rating.	
	Ter	minal ation:	UA - Unable to assess 🗸	No rating given on this specific aspect.	
Institutional and	I A	gency eview:	NA - Not Applicable V	No agency TER.	
Legal 🔍	C	SEFEO	2 - Moderately Unlikely 🗸	See comments under overall rating.	
	Ter	minal ation:	UA - Unable to assess 🗸	No rating given on this specific aspect.	
Environmental) A	gency	NA - Not Applicable V	No agency TER.	
	C	SEFEO eview:	2 - Moderately Unlikely 🗸	See comments under overall rating.	
Criteria	Document		Rating	Comment	
	Terminal Evaluation:	UA -	Unable to assess V	No specific rating is given on M&E. The TE briefly discusses M&E, indicating that M&E activities were carried out as planned.	
M&E 🔍	Agency Review:	NA -	Not Applicable	No agency TER.	
	GEFEO Review:	4 - N	Noderately Satisfactory 🗸	The main shortcoming is that the results framework could have been significantly	
	Terminal Evaluation:	UA -	Unable to assess 🗸	No specific rating given on this aspect, and little discussion on M&E design.	
M&E Design 🖭	Agency Review:	NA -	Not Applicable 🗸	No agency TER.	
	GEFEO Review:	4 - N	Moderately Satisfactory V	The project document does not include an appropriately structured results framework, but does provide indicators for expected project activities and outcomes. The indicators do not fully meet SMART criteria, and baseline data is lacking. The prodoc also includes a short section on the M&E plan, but indicates that a detailed M&E plan was to be developed during the first three months of the project.	
	Terminal Evaluation:	UA -	Unable to assess 🗸	No specific rating given on this aspect, but the TE briefly indicates that M&E activities were completed as planned.	
M&E Plan Implementation	Evaluation.			Completed de planifedi	





	Evaluation:	No 🗸		The TE does not comment on this, but indicates generally that there are no outstanding issues.	
Need for Follow	Agency Review:	Not App	olicable 🗸	No agency TER.	
∪р 🥨	GEFEO Review:	Yes	~	Confirmation should be made of the return of the canceled funds (approx. \$487,000) to the GEF trust fund.	
	Terminal Evaluation:	Unable	to assess 🗸	Not discussed.	
Gender Mainstreaming 👤	Agency Review:	Not App	olicable 🗸	No agency TER.	
	GEFEO Review:	No	~	No information provided in the TE on this aspect. Appears relevant based on the fact that there were alternative livelihood activities supported at the community level, so it would be helpful to understand any potential gender aspects related to this.	
Effects on Local Population ①	Terminal Evaluation:	Yes	V	TE: "to support formation of new environmentally sustainable businesses meeting the objectives of the National Park, and creation of Savings and Credit Associations (SCAs) to serve as focal points for technical and financial assistance to rural businesses and individual farmers in designing and implementing projects. The following activities have been carried out: an intensive promotion campaign, seminars, training and information activities in all 13 villages in the project area (103 meetings with 1,672 participants in total); registration of 4 SCAs and financing by Rural Finance	
	Agency Review: Not Applicable Yes Yes		olicable 🗸	No agency TER.	
			~	The project did directly benefit a few member of local communities through a small grants program to support biodiversity friendly activities	
Criteria / D Socioeconomic Nexus		ument	Verification	Comment	
		Terminal valuation:	No 🗸	The TE does not identify any results in this regard, although poverty reduction activities were supported through the small grant and special credit line facility.	
Poverty Reduction	n 🔛	Agency Review:	Unable to assess V	No agency TER.	
		GEFEO Review:	No 🗸	See comments under TE section for this	
Crisis Preventior	n and Ev	Terminal aluation:	Not Applicable V	Not applicable for this project.	
Recover	у 🖭	Agency Review:	Unable to assess 🗸	No agency TER.	





Criteria / Causal Pathway	Document	Verification		Comment
Replication 2	Terminal Evaluation:	Y - Yes	>	TE: "Despite the overall objective of the Project was not reached, the Project results are replicable. Management Plans and Technical Studies are already used as reference documents for other similar initiatives in the country. Established and tested Community Resource Management Pilots are already being continued under Soil Conservation Project. The public financial incentive system to encourage private investments in rural areas that are environmentally friendly is used already as a model for the Securing Long-Term Biodiversity Conservation in the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion Project being implemented by WWF-Russia"
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	~	No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	N - No	~	Aspects of the project are "replicable", but there was little replication that had as yet occurred, based on the information in the TE (cited above). There are some small replication aspects mentioned, but do not appear significant enough to give a positive rating on this aspect.
	Terminal Evaluation:	N - No	~	See comments above under replication.
Upscaling 🔍	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	~	No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	N - No	~	See comments above under replication.
	Terminal Evaluation:	Y - Yes	>	The second component of the project was designed to link with a Rural Investment Support Program development initiative supported by the Bank. TE: "Rural Advisory and Financial Services Sub-Component. This Sub-Component is being carried out in close cooperation with Rural Investment and Services Project (RISP) to ensure full mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation and sustainable resource use efforts in economic development initiatives in the region
Mainstreaming (1)	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	~	No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	Y - Yes	>	Yes - the project design was innovative and interesting in this regard, to link with another, larger, rural development project to promote mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation in rural development. However, much less was actually completed under the program than may have been anticipated because of the overall lack of progress toward the project outcome for establishing a national park. A significant portion of the planned co-financing related to the credit program, which was not realized.
Criteria / Evaluati Evidence	ve Doc	ument		



Criteria	Document	Rating		Comment
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	~	No agency TER.
TE Quality 🖭	GEFEO Review:	4 - Moderately Satisfactory	(r s t s f	The summary of the below ratings equates to an overall TE rating of 4.4, which is considered moderately satisfactory. The TE has a number of strengths, but is relatively shallow in terms of the level of information provided. Physical length should not be an indicator for TE quality, but the fact that the TE overall is less than 10 pages provides some indication of the level of detail
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	<u> </u>	No agency TER.
Outcome Assessment ①	GEFEO Review:	5 - Satisfactory	i c c c c c c c c c	The project outcomes indicators could have been improved, but the TE does a good job of qualitatively summarizing the outcome level results, which, in any case, were quite limited. At the same time, the TE does not provide comprehensive information on the activities that were completed, and their relative significance - it primarily just states what outputs were
Consistency ①	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	<u>~</u> [No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	UA - Unable to assess	<u> </u>	No information on this aspect.
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	<u>~</u> [No agency TER.
Sustainability Assessment	GEFEO Review:	4 - Moderately Satisfactory	s	The TE includes an assessment of project sustainability, but does not break this down by the four components of sustainability, and does not provide a rating.
	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	<u>~</u> [No agency TER.
Evidence-based Lessons and Recommendations	GEFEO Review:	3 - Moderately Unsatisfactory V	r t C F F C	The TE provides only three brief lessons, all related to the issue of lack of success in securing the establishment of the national park. Among all of the other project activities and from various perspectives there surely must have been other valuable lessons from the experience particularly related to the involvement of local level stakeholders, which seems to have been a strength of the project. No recommendations are provided, which may be acceptable for a terminal evaluation, but could still be useful in the context of the project being left with only half of the resources disbursed.
Clear Financial Assessment	Agency Review:	NA - Not Applicable	<u>~</u> [No agency TER.
	GEFEO Review:	5 - Satisfactory		The TE provides good financial information and assessment, which clearly outlines where and how funds were expended by expenditure category. It would be helpful to have a summary of expenditure by project component as well, instead of just by expenditure category.
	Agency	NA - Not Applicable	√ [No agency TER.

