# Regional: Protecting and Investing in Natural Capital in Asia and the Pacific

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<td>Project Number</td>
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<td>Country</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will build the business case and capacity of ADB developing member countries (DMCs) to invest in natural capital. The TA will support (i) analytical studies, including biophysical and economic assessments to identify and justify natural capital investments; (ii) preparation of investment components of projects; (iii) strengthening of legal frameworks and enforcement mechanism for natural capital, including measures to address the illegal wildlife trade (IWT); and (iv) strengthening of knowledge and capacity for natural capital investments.</td>
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<td>Impact</td>
<td>Natural capital assets of DMCs improved.</td>
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<td>Description of Outcome</td>
<td>Commitment of DMCs to invest in natural capital increased.</td>
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<td>Progress Toward Outcome</td>
<td>The TA is currently confirming identified focal countries, sectors, and projects for assessment by Q3 2019.</td>
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## Implementation Progress

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<td>Business-case for natural capital investments established</td>
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<td>Investments in natural capital prepared</td>
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<td>Capacity to address illegal wildlife crime enhanced</td>
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1. Nature-based solutions for flood-risk management in Indonesia and the Philippines - The TA project is currently supporting the integrated water resource management (IWRM) approach as part of NBS for flood-risk management planning and engineering guidelines for the Ministry of Public Works and Housing (MPWH) of Indonesia, while NBS options are included to complement hard engineering solutions in the flood management master plans for six river basins prepared by Department of Public Works and Highways of the Philippines. Knowledge product on NBS-IWRM is being prepared to summarize and disseminate the findings and lessons learned from the support.

2. Introducing eco-sensitive design for smart green road transportation in Nepal and Bhutan - The TA project is supporting eco-sensitive road design in Nepal including capacity development on sustainable eco-sensitive infrastructure planning and design to protect natural habitats and biodiversity. In Bhutan, we have completed the monitoring and evaluation of wildlife collision prevention structures in Bhutan.

3. Support to New Clark City Resilience Interventions (Philippines) - The TA project completed the ecosystem service study covering biodiversity assessment using GIS/remote sensing technologies. Currently, we are integrating nature based solutions into urban design standard guidelines.

4. Assessing basin-scale ecosystem conditions and water quality in Ravi River in Pakistan using remote sensing techniques - The collection and analysis of data and information to develop land-use map for water quality assessment is completed. The TA project is currently supporting the refinement of scenarios to analyze possible future states of concerned ecosystems (e.g., water, habitat) based on the change in land-use, climate, and/or any other related variables. We are also providing advisory service to prepare possible NBS options to inform the prefeasibility studies for pilot sites.

5. Addressing illegal wildlife trading in the Philippines - A Project Management Unit has been established to implement the project. Technical evaluation is being undertaken to assess the CITES integration with the Philippine single window system in terms of ease of doing business alongside transparency and good governance metrics. The project is also consolidating the outputs of three public regional consultations which will be considered in drafting a second version of a House Bill to amend RA 9147 (Wildlife Act of the Philippines). 6. Knowledge and capacity for natural capital investment strengthened.

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