**Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS)**

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| **Project Name:** | DEFRA Mangrove Challenge |
| **Project Number** | RG-T4215 |
| **Project Location:** | Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras |
| **Executing Agency (“EA”):** | Mesoamerican Reef Fund (“Mar Fund”) |
| **Type of Operation:** | Non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation (“NRTC”) |
| **ESRS Issuance Date:** | January, 2023 |

1. **General Information of the Project and Scope of IDB Lab´s E&S Review**

The transaction consists of a NRTC in favor of Mar Fund to develop an integrated approach for mangrove conservation by i) developing a specific analytical methodology and conducting a technical analysis to study the degradation around mangrove areas; and ii) launching of a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for innovative and inclusive conservation solutions for mangrove restoration and livelihood creation.

The environmental and social (“E&S”) review of the proposed transaction consisted of a desk review of the E&S Management System (“ESMS”) of Mar Fund as well as interviews with its senior management and the ESMS leader.

1. **Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale**

The proposed transaction has been categorized as FI-2 given that it will support activities with limited potential adverse environmental and social risks (E&S) and impacts that are few in number and easily addressed through mitigation measures. The transaction’s key E&S risks are expected to include (i) the EA’s capacity, commitment, systems, and governance structures to assess and manage E&S risks and impacts; (i) management of impacts to biodiversity and ecosystems in the subprojects supported through the NRTC.

1. **Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts**

Mar Fund has developed and implemented an ESMS that includes an E&S Policy aligned with IDB Performance Standards, as well as procedures, responsibilities, and tools for undertaking E&S risk management.

All the proposals presented to Mar Fund are screened against an exclusion list and undergo an initial E&S screening process to determine their risk-based category, their risks and potential impacts, the required E&S assessment, and to consider the need to implement action plans to close any potential gap against IDB E&S Performance Standards.

Mar Fund has designated a member of its technical staff with experience in environmental and social risk management to be responsible for implementing the ESMS. Furthermore, Mar Fund will hire individual consultants and/or firms per IDB’s procurement policies and establish a project management unit to manage the proposed transaction.

External parties can submit their complaints anonymously and confidentially [electronically](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQQWvythQB8p98I_BB3ANaF0OQAfP4-QztHc5S1cAiuz4cdg/viewform), through [email](mailto:mquejas@marfund.org) and by the phone number (502) 3047-1169.

1. **Mitigation Measures**

Mar Fund will be required to provide to IDB Lab an annual Environmental and Social (E&S) Performance Report reporting on the E&S risks of projects supported by the Transaction.

1. **Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP)**

There is no ESAP as the EA has implemented an ESMS aligned with the requirements of IDB Environmental and Social Performance Framework.