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#### 4.7 Pre-conditions

No pre-conditions are envisaged for this action.

## 5 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

### 5.1 Monitoring and reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this end, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the action and produce regular progress reports (no less than annually) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of the implementation of the action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, and the degree of achievement of its results (outputs and direct outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using the logframe matrix (for project modality) as the reference.

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission to implement such reviews).

Roles and responsibilities for data collection, analysis and monitoring:

The Virunga Foundation has permanent structures and appropriate administrative and financial management procedures (human resources department, administrative and financial department, audit department, logistics and transport department). Together, they run all park-led operations: conservation, law enforcement and development programmes (tourism, electricity and agriculture). The management framework makes it possible to deploy the action in strict accordance with the European procedures in force.

As regards the monitoring of activities and the 'steering' of the action's logical framework, the monitoring-evaluation framework that will be used will be compatible with the 'integrated planning-monitoring-evaluation system' promoted by the EU for all national parks in the DRC. This system measures the activities, impact and financial efficiency of all programmes run by the Virunga Alliance against its three major strategic objectives (conservation, poverty reduction and stabilisation).

Measurement tools include household surveys, guard patrols, animal censuses, aerial and satellite analysis (in collaboration with the Copernicus programme of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre) or the use of data produced by external organisations (for example, the United Nations World Food Programme for the food consumption score).

### 5.2 Evaluation

Having regard to the nature of the action, an evaluation will not be carried out for this action or its components.

If an evaluation is not planned, the Commission may, during implementation, decide to undertake such an