



AGENCY NOTIFICATION ON CANCELLED -FSP

19 September 2019

PROJECT IDENTIFIER

Name of Project: Strengthening capacity for international cooperation in the ecosystem-based management of the Antarctic Large Marine Ecosystem.

Country(ies): Chile, India, Namibia, South Africa, Ukraine

GEF Agency: UNDP

GEF Project ID: 9443

Agency Project ID: 4473

Focal Area: International Waters

Trust Fund: GEF TF

PIF Approval Date: 23 May 2017

PPG Approval Date: 2 May 2017

Council Approval Date (for FSP): n/a

CEO Approval Date (for MSP, EA): n/a

CEO Endorsement Date (for FSP): n/a

FINANCIAL STATUS

FSP/MSP/EA Amended/Dropped/Suspension/Cancellation Date: 5 February 2018

Grant Amount: \$6,192,694

Agency Fee: \$588,306

Undisbursed Grant Amount: 6,192,694

Undisbursed Agency Fee: \$352,984

Explanation for cancelling project¹: The approved PIF and the proposed project development process were presented at the annual meeting of CCAMLR Scientific Committee and Commission's meeting in Oct 2017, by the CCAMLR Secretariat and the countries participating in the GEF project, to agree on the project development timeline, in particular the timing of the validation workshop later in 2018. While the CCAMLR Scientific Committee had agreed for the project development process to go ahead, some members from the 'north' in the CCAMLR Commission's meeting expressed concerns and didn't support the project development process. After a lengthy deliberation at the Commission's meeting between the participating countries and a few CCAMLR members that were not supportive of the proposed project, it was concluded that the project development should not be further pursued. Consequently, UNDP had to make a decision to terminate the PPG activities in Feb 2018. The minutes from the CCAMLR meeting in Oct 2017 details the discussions related to the GEF project and its development process.

This unfortunate turn of events in October 2017 surprised UNDP and the participating countries. Antarctic LME PIF was developed in a close collaboration with CCAMLR Secretariat and GEF-

¹ Attach evidence of consultation with country regarding the amended/dropped/cancelled/suspended project.

eligible CCAMLR member states. The initial discussion on the proposed project with CCAMLR through its Working Group dates as far back as 2010. After all GEF-eligible CCAMLR member states were invited to participate in the project, five GEF-eligible CCAMLR member states expressed their interests to be part of this project. CCAMLR was kept informed closely about the PIF development efforts through the reports from the CCAMLR Secretariat every year to the CCAMLR Scientific Committee and more regularly to its relevant Working Group. The final draft PIF was appraised by the CCAMLR Scientific Committee and received their go-ahead for submission to GEF, before the final PIF was submitted to be include in the Work Program. Thus, we didn't expect that the proposed project will be objected by CCAMLR after the PIF was approved.

AGENCY CERTIFICATION

The UNDP would like to inform the GEF Secretariat that it will cancel the above-mentioned project. After CCAMLR's decision on October 2017, UNDP had discussed the way forward with the participating countries, particularly with the relevant government agencies involved in project preparation and other partners including co-financiers, before having reached to the decision to cancel the project.

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