

Reversing deforestation and degradation in high conservation value Chilgoza Pine Forests in Pakistan

**Pakistan GCP /PAK/091/GFF
GEF ID 9516**

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

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Response by recommendation

In this section, Management should address each recommendation, discussing them in the order presented in the executive summary of the MTR report. This should be done in the format of the Management Response matrix below and include:

- a. The recommendation number and text copied from the MTR report;
- b. Indication of whether the recommendation is accepted fully, partially, or rejected;
- c. Description of the actions to be taken, with comments as required on the conditions to be met during implementation, or on reasons leading to a partial acceptance or rejection of a recommendation;
- d. The responsible party or FAO unit for implementing the action/s;
- e. The time-frame for implementation and/or an implementation schedule, if required;
- f. Indication if further funding from FAO or a resource partner is required for implementing the recommendation.

Management response matrix¹

Management response to the Reversing deforestation and degradation in high conservation value Chilgoza Pine Forests in Pakistan project					11 November 2021
Evaluation Recommendation (a)	Management response (b) Accepted , Partially Accepted or Rejected	Management plan			
		Actions to be taken, and/or comments about partial acceptance or rejection (c)	Responsible unit (d)	Time frame (e)	Further funding required (Y or N) (f)
Recommendation 1: To achieve the project's main outcomes and objectives, and compensate for 18 months of delayed operations, the project's duration should be extended by 18 months to October 2023.	Accepted	The recommendations have been presented to PSC requested for October 26, 2021, where all the recommendations including this will be presented to the committee for approval. This recommendation is very valid as due to the delay notification of the PSC and the Covid-19 pandemic left less time for the project completion. After approval of PSC the extension case will be formally referred to FAO-GEF Coordination Unit.	PMU	December 31, 2021	N
Recommendation 2: The project should hire a consultant to review and update the Results Matrix and the M&E system so that the latter tracks contributions to national	Accepted	Recommended action is to review the Results Matrix to incorporate the recommendations of the MTR findings and to strengthen qualitative monitoring. FAO country office in house capacity will support this exercise.	M&E and unit PMU	December 31, 2021	N

¹ Each column is cross-referenced to the bullet letters above.

forestry-related targets and qualitative changes.					
Recommendation 3: Develop an effective communication strategy on TRI and its main roles and coordinate with a centralized information system managed by TRI's global child project to support learning .	Accepted	The Chilgoza project will develop its specific communication strategy as described in the MTR. Improved connections will be made to the global TRI Global Platform.	TRI global unit, Communication unit and PMU	December 31, 2021	N
Recommendation 4: Identify and adopt a more effective gender strategy, to ensure the specific needs and aspirations of women and other vulnerable groups are monitored.	Accepted	The project is working in remote, conservative areas where women participation requires special approach and techniques to access and ensure their participation in the project activities. The project will develop gender strategy based on the afore- mentioned context.	Gender Specialist and PMU	February 28, 2022	N
Recommendation 5: Increase the number of formal synergies between FAO and its main partners in TRI (GEF, UNEP, IUCN, and UNDP/REDD+), as well as with other donors and government departments.	Partially agreed	The project is already interacting with the relevant projects and programmes and will further enhance interaction and synergies.	PMU	December 31, 2021	N
Recommendation 6: Improve the reporting format of the PIRs to promote learning on good practices and lessons on why, where, and how SFM/FLR/NTFPs is/is not	Accepted	This recommendation has been shared with the FAO-GEF CU that will take it into consideration - when updating the PIR template next year - to improve lesson learning from PIR. This will be done while	HQ FAO GEF unit and TRI	April 30, 2022	N

successfully implemented and sustained.		taking into account the other mandatory GEF requirements			
Recommendation 7: An extraordinary meeting of the PSC should be held to agree and endorse the above recommendations and identify a plan of action that is supported by greater levels of co-finance.	Accepted	During the upcoming PSC meeting the recommendations will be discussed and endorsement obtained. In this meeting the co-financing contributing partners will be asked to ensure the agreed co-finance commitments.	PMU and PSC	December 31, 2021	N