

Enhancing Political Will for Sustainable Protected Areas Financing

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10921

Countries

Global (Colombia, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico)

Project Name

Enhancing Political Will for Sustainable Protected Areas Financing

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

11/30/2022

Review completed by PM

12/17/2022

Program Manager

Hannah Fairbank

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

PIF

CEO Endorsement

Part I ? Project Information

Focal area elements

1. Does the project remain aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as presented in PIF (as indicated in table A)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Project description summary

2. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
Feb 17, 2023 HF:
Cleared

January 6, 2023 HF:

1. There are two differences between Table B and the budget provided in Annex E. For component 3 \$333,182 and \$315,000 respectively and for PMC \$181,818 and \$200,000 respectively. Please request the agency to review and correct any discrepancies.

Agency Response
January 30, 2023

Both Table B and Budget in Excel have been updated to reflect consistency in numbers for Component 3 and PMC.

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Co-financing

4. Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 17, 2023 HF:

Cleared.

December 16, 2022 HF:

Please include co-financing letters as evidence as sources of co-finance for this project.

Agency Response

January 30, 2023

All co-financing letters have been uploaded to the portal.

GEF Resource Availability

5. Is the financing presented in Table D adequate and does the project demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 17, 2023 HF:

Cleared.

January 8, 2023 HF:

On the utilization of the PPG: there seems to be an error in the amount committed as: \$50,000 ? \$ 43,730.53 = \$6,269.47. Please correct, remove any cents provided in the budget table and round up the numbers.

Agency Response

January 30, 2023

The figures in Annex C have been revised and corrected and decimals removed.

Core indicators

7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Is there a sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 17, 2023 HF:

Cleared.

December 15, 2022 HF:

1.) There has been significant investment and learning regarding sustainable financing for protected areas management via the Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) approach in many countries. Please include PFP efforts and investment in associated baseline projects (e.g. Enduring Earth and beyond) in general, but also specifically for Colombia via Herencia Colombia.

2.) The recent WBG report: [Banking on Protected Areas: Promoting Sustainable Protected Area Tourism to Benefit Local Communities](#) should be considered a key baseline resource and input into this project.

Agency Response

January 30, 2023

The baseline scenario has been revised to include other significant investments and lessons learned such as Project Finance for Permanence (PFP), Heritage Colombia (HECO), and ecotourism as reported in the World Bank publication *Banking on Protected Areas: Promoting Sustainable Protected Area Tourism to Benefit Local Communities*.

3. Is the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there sufficient clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes

Agency Response

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes

Agency Response

5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes

Agency Response

6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes

Agency Response

7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes

Agency Response

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

NA

Agency Response

Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

NA

Agency Response

Stakeholders

Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Private Sector Engagement

If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 15, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project described the alignment of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed ?Knowledge Management Approach? for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS)

Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 17, 2023 HF:

Cleared.

December 16, 2022 HF:

1.) In the CER document, please populate the section that is titled:

"Measures to address identified risks and impacts: Elaborate on the types and risk classifications/ratings of any identified environmental and social risks and impacts (considering the GEF ESS Minimum Standards) and any measures undertaken as well as planned management measures to address these risks during implementation."

Agency Response

January 30, 2023

The following recommendation has been included.

This is a low-risk project. No specific safeguard action required. However, UNEP ESSF guiding principles-- resilience and sustainability; human rights, gender equality and women empowerment, accountability and leave no one behind--are still applicable for low-risk projects. Throughout the project cycle, CCN will ensure that there is meaningful and effective engagement with representatives of marginalized and vulnerable groups who may be affected by project outcomes. This will be monitored by UNEP through progress reports and midterm review.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Benefits

Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA-MSP

Agency Response

STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA-MSP

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request December 16, 2022 HF:

Yes.

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

December 16, 2022 HF:

Cleared. No site-based interventions, focused on policy and national-level.

Agency Response

Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

NA

Agency Response

Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is CEO endorsement recommended? (applies only to projects and child projects)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

February 17, 2023 HF:

Yes, this project is technically cleared and recommended for CEO endorsement.

December 16, 2022 HF:

PM initial review complete and project cleared for unified review by PPO prior to returning to Agency for revisions.

Review Dates

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

First Review

12/16/2022

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat comments**

Additional Review (as necessary)	2/17/2023
Additional Review (as necessary)	
Additional Review (as necessary)	
Additional Review (as necessary)	

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations