

# Reducing the threats to endangered reptiles from habitat loss and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) through enhanced biodiversity governance and strengthened bio-security in Barbados

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10942

**Countries**

Barbados

**Project Name**

Reducing the threats to endangered reptiles from habitat loss and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) through enhanced biodiversity governance and strengthened bio-security in Barbados

**Agencies**

UNEP

**Date received by PM**

3/14/2023

**Review completed by PM**

4/14/2023

**Program Manager**

Sarah Wyatt

**Focal Area**

Biodiversity

**Project Type**

MSP

## **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

4/14/2023

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

4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response

**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

4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response

**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

4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response  
**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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response

**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

4/14/2023

No, please address the following:

- The GEF does not support ex situ conservation, so please provide some clarity about the contribution of co-financing to the facility construction and set up.
- There are some text references to things that will be done during PPG. Please update.
- Please clarify how potential negative impacts of the habitat augmentation activities have been assessed and they will be mitigated.

Agency Response

5/5/2023

- The project indeed will not be supporting ex-situ conservation. The project will rather accentuate the habitat within which the reptiles already occur with the installation of a biosecure area at Ragged Point. The project will be supported by contribution from the Government of Barbados with the hand-over of the Ragged Point lighthouse property to the National Conservation Commission that will be custodian over the overall site investment at Ragged Point. This contribution is reflected in the co-financing contained in the co-financing budget. The narrative explaining the operational arrangements between the Government of Barbados and the National Conservation Commission (under Output 2.1.1), has been updated to state that the Government of Barbados anticipates to invest some \$3.14 million in in-kind contribution toward the establishment of the biosecure area and the BRCC over the project duration, that will augment the GEF investment of \$377,255 (text in yellow highlight).
- There are no references to tasks to be done during the PPG. Rather the narrative references tasks that were undertaken during the PPG.
- Mitigation of potential negative effects is updated in the narrative (under Output 2.1.1. description) explaining that existing saxicolous habitat will not be disturbed, that native coastal scrub will be preserved as far as possible through limitations on heavy machinery use on site and by use of dedicated tracks to minimize damage. Vegetation lost will be replaced using suitable native coastal scrub adjacent to boulder patches to provide insect prey and barriers for foraging geckos. Soil will not be introduced to the site, including via transplanted plant roots, and invasive species eradications will follow augmentation. The invasive /threat species eradication (rodents, cats, cane toads, centipedes) will employ methods based on global best practice with use of control measures that will have negligible environmental impact at the target location (updated text in yellow highlight).

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

Yes.

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

Yes, we note that it appears, similar to some other Caribbean islands, that women have greater representation in professional roles and so gender considerations are important for inclusion of women AND men.

Agency Response

5/5/2023

The point is noted; the project aims to realize equitable benefits for women and men alike (as conveyed in the results framework)

**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

4/14/2023

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

4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response  
**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  
4/14/2023

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  
4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response  
**Annexes**

**Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
5/22/2023

Yes.

4/14/2023

1. On Core-indicator: Please request agency to include GEF core indicators 4 and 11 explicitly in the results framework (annex a).

2. On gender: Please request the Agency to rephrase Output 1.1.2 as follows: Suite of gender-responsive regulations and management recommendations and capacity-building to support operationalization of the proposed legislative and regulatory framework, endorsed by stakeholders, for consideration by Cabinet.

Explanation: Gender-responsive is the appropriate term here (rather than gender-sensitive) as it requires actions, i.e., revising or developing regulations, management recommendations, capacity-building so that they are responsive to the differentiated needs and contributions of women and men. Gender-sensitive is related to raising awareness, sensitization (more ?passive? activities). Placing gender-responsive before regulation also means that regulations will be gender-responsive.

#### Agency Response

5/5/2023

1. References to the GEF core indicators 4 and 11 are now explicitly included in the results framework against the relevant indicators.
2. Point well-noted. The changes have been made to the output title across the document.

#### **Project Results Framework**

#### Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/14/2023

Yes.

#### Agency Response

#### **GEF Secretariat comments**

#### Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

#### Agency Response

#### **Council comments**

#### Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

#### Agency Response

#### **STAP comments**

#### Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

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  
4/14/2023

Yes.

Agency Response  
**Project maps and coordinates**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
4/14/2023

Yes.

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

4/14/2023

Yes.

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	4/14/2023	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		
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**Secretariat Comment at  
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to  
Secretariat comments**

<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>

**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**