

Developing the national ABS legal, policy and institutional framework in Jamaica to effectively implement the Nagoya Protocol

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10912

Countries

Jamaica

Project Name

Developing the national ABS legal, policy and institutional framework in Jamaica to effectively implement the Nagoya Protocol

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

12/28/2021

Review completed by PM

6/15/2022

Program Manager

Sarah Wyatt

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

MSP

CEO Approval Request

Part I ? Project Information

1. Focal area elements. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

2. Project description summary. 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
3/7/2022

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

4. Co-financing. Are the confirmed 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, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

5. GEF resource availability. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

STAR allocation?

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3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

Focal Area allocation?

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Yes.

Agency Response

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

Impact Program Incentive?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

6. Project Preparation Grant. If PPG is requested in Table E.1, has its advanced programming and utilized been accounted for in Annex C of the document?

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Yes.

Agency Response

7. Non-Grant Instrument. If this an NGI, are the expected reflows indicated in Annex D?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

8. Core Indicators. Are the targeted core indicators in Table E calculated using the methodology in the prescribed guidelines? (GEF/C.54/Infxxx)

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Yes. We note that as this project is focused on policy and enabling environment, it does not report against any of the standard core indicators except beneficiaries, as these cannot be measured in hectares.

Agency Response

9. Project taxonomy. Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as in Table G?

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Yes.

Agency Response

Part II ? Project Justification

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

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3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

8. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response

10. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

11. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

12. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

13. Risk. 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?

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3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

14. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

15. Consistency with national priorities. Has the project described the consistency of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

16. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

17. 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

3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

18. 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

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Yes.

Agency Response

19. Annexes:
Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

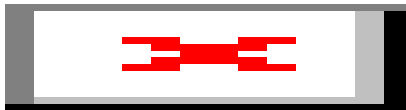
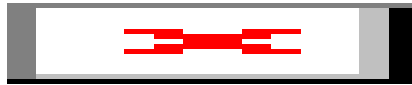
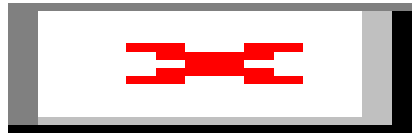
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Yes. We note that the LOE is a bit higher than the amount remaining in Jamaica's STAR allocation, but clearly indicates the OFP's approval of the project.

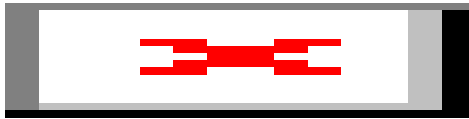
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No, please address the following:

1. Please upload the OFP endorsement letter. .
2. Please remove the decimals from the GEF Financing Amount in all the correspondent Tables (A, B and D) as well as in the budget table.



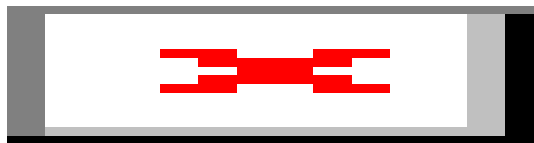
3. On PMC proportionality: Please improve the proportionality in the co-financing contribution to PMC. If the GEF contribution is kept at 9.4%, for a co-financing of \$2,598,000 the expected contribution to PMC must be around \$244,212 instead of \$204,949 (which is 7.8%). As the costs associated with the project management have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to the PMC, the GEF contribution and the co-financing contribution must be proportional, which means that the GEF contribution to PMC might be decreased and the co-financing contribution to PMC might be increased to reach a similar level. Please amend either by increasing the co-financing portion and/or by reducing the GEF portion



4. Co-financing: Northern Caribbean University: change ?Private sector? to ?Other?

5. Budget table:

- (i) The total of component 3 in the budget table is without numbers ? please amend



- (ii) In Section 6 it is said that the *?Project specific staff will include a Project Technical Coordinator (PTC) responsible for combining policy-oriented activities and providing technical support and coordination of the project related activities, enduring timely advice and guidance for the implementation of the policy, legislation, and institutional aspects of the project.*? However, the costs of this position (\$90,000) are charged entirely to the project?s components. Per Guidelines, the costs associated with the project?s execution have to be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to PMC. Requesting the costs associated with the execution of the project to be covered by the PMC (at least partially in this case) is reasonable ? by so doing, asking the proponents to utilize both portions allocated to PMC (GEF portion and co-financing portion) is also reasonable. That said, when the situation merits (i.e. not enough co-financing funds, which for this projects is not the case), the project?s staff

could be charged to the project's components with clear Terms of Reference describing unique outputs linked to the respective component? (paragraph 4 ? page 42 of the Guidelines). For this project, the co-financing portion allocated to PMC can go up to 244K (see comment 3 above), and out of 2.8 million of co-financing, 509K (18%) is represented in in grants. Please amend.

Agency Response

05/17/2022

1. LOE attached in the portal

https://gefportal.worldbank.org/api/spapi/LoadDocument?fileName=https%3A%2F%2Fworldbankgroup.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2Fgefportal%2FGEFDocuments%2F08d6f05a-3367-ec11-8f8f-6045bd00977d%2FRoadmap%2FOFPsLetterofEndorsementCountryname_PIMS%206220%20Jamaica%20ABS%20LOE%20July%202021.pdf

Since the adjusted budget amount is lower than the one stated in the LOE, there is no need to sign a new one (confirmed via email by Sarah Wyatt)

2. Reference: Table A, B and D of GEF CEO ER

The decimal points have been removed in all tables

3. Reference: Table B of GEF CEO ER

This is now rectified in terms of the proportion of GEF vs co-financing for PMC costs

4. Reference: Table C of GEF CEO ER

This is rectified

5. Reference: (i) Annex 1; (ii) GEFCEO ER Section 6 and Annex 2 of the UNDP Project Documents for detailed TORs

Thank you for the comments:

(i) This is now rectified

(ii) Sorry for the lack of clarity regarding the role of the Project Technical Coordinator, that has now been corrected. The PMU will consist of a Project Director, an existing high-level staff of MHURECC who will be overall responsible for the oversight and day-to-day management of the project (as part of the government co-financing contribution). Given, the very technical nature of the project, in particular the need to ensure that the policy, legislative and institutional aspects related to the ABS national framework is well coordinated; defined through a very consultative process (including various sector agencies, research and academic institutions, private sector

and local communities that include traditional and special interest communities; building on traditional knowledge and complementing on-going genetic resources and traditional knowledge activities across various sectors and institutions necessitates having a technical specialist to coordinate, manage and support this effort. This is the reason for having a full time Project Technical Coordinator (PTC) who will be responsible for overseeing the technical aspects of the project (about 85% of time). The PTC will report to the Project Director and will be in close consultation as necessary with the UNEP GEF Task Manager for all of the Project's substantive technical issues. He/she will oversee the ABS processes including revision of policies and guidelines, capacity building, knowledge management, gender mainstreaming and M&E. He/she will also be responsible for ensuring project quality and the provision of technical oversight for all project activities and the delivery of its outputs. The PTC will support and coordinate the activities of all partners, staff, and consultants and oversee the monitoring of the implementation of the Project results agreement, safeguard related aspects, etc. In addition, the PTC will provide about 15% of the time to support the PD in overseeing some management aspects related to the technical components of the Project. The Project Technical Coordinator will inform the Project Board, the UNDP Country Office and the UNDP-GEF RTA of any delays or difficulties as they arise during implementation so that appropriate support and corrective measures can be adopted. Clear terms of reference for the PTC is provided describing the unique responsibilities for technical outputs of the project. Given the responsibilities of the PTC, 85% of the costs will be covered within the 3 technical components and 15% from PMC costs for the activities to support the Project Director in management actions relating to project execution.

Please also note that actual cash/grant contribution from the government is from already committed financing from National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA) for receiving, reviewing and processing applications for research permits (commercial and non-commercial) to study and harvest natural resources in national parks and marine parks as well as prepare position papers on key requirements to enable the application of Jamaica to accede to the Nagoya Protocol. This funds are therefore already committed to on-going/programmed activities of this agency

20. 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
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response
Project Results Framework

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/7/2022

Yes.

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

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3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response
Project maps and coordinates

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3/7/2022

Yes.

Agency Response
Part III ? Country and Agency Endorsements

1. Country endorsements. Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

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3/7/2022

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

1. RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

6/15/2022

Yes.

3/7/2022

No, while the project is technically strong please address issues outlined in the question on Annexes.

Review Dates

	1SMSP CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	3/7/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/15/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/15/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations