

Support to Preparation of the Fifth National Reports on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11907

Countries

Global (Gambia, Libya, Peru, India, Malaysia, Honduras, Armenia, Tonga, Montenegro, Palau, Pakistan, Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo DR, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Rwanda, St. Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Uganda, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

Project Name

Support to Preparation of the Fifth National Reports on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

3/6/2025

Review completed by PM

4/3/2025

Program Manager

Jurgis Sapijanskas

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)**Section I - Enabling Activity Summary****Funding elements.**

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 4/11/2025 - Cleared. We note the additions under outcome 2.1 and output 2.1.3.

JS 4/9/2025 - The Agency's addition of gender equality considerations in the project is appreciated. As recommended in GEF projects, the Agency is requested to also capture in 2.0 Monitoring & Evaluation, lessons learned and best practices in integrating gender perspectives, and report on gender-specific actions and results. Please revise accordingly the M&E plan.

JS 4/1/2025 -

1-Congo Republic has been dropped in the resubmission, but the country is still listed in the EA summary. Please remove Congo:

Country(ies): ⓘ	Global, Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo DR, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Rwanda, St. Lucia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Uganda, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe, India, Malaysia, Libya, Peru, Congo, Palau, Pakistan, Armenia, Tonga, Montenegro, Honduras, Gambia	GEF Enabling Activity ID: ⓘ	11907
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2- The project is missing the LoE from Montenegro. Please upload the LoE or remove the country from the list of participating countries. If the country is removed, please update the number of countries and the budget throughout the document.

3- The budget table is repeated twice in the PDF version of the CEO Endorsement Request generated by the portal ? please remove the duplicate:

ANNEX B: PROJECT BUDGET TABLE


Attach the project budget table.

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component (2025es.)			Total (USD/Year)	Responsible Entity (Biodiversity Entity, executing entity, host entity, UNEP, etc.)
		Component 1: Support for the Preparation of the National Report to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Component 2: M&F	PAC		
Personnel and Overhead Costs	Provide Project Management Services, management, review and execution support including cost for preparation of reports (Project Manager, Programme and Finance and Admin Assistants)			167,200	167,200	UNEP/Platinum Frameworks Support Unit
Sub-contract to executing partner/ entity	Cost of direct execution of activities by the national executing agencies to support the delivery of the 10th Biosafety National Report to the Cartagena Protocol (\$930,000 per Party for 91 Countries). To be disbursed through small scale funding agreements with the respective countries	2,750,000			2,750,000	National Executing Entities
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Trainings, Workshops, Meetings	Global Inception Meeting (1) (Webinar organized by UNEP Project Management Team in collaboration with CSD Secretariat)	20,000			20,000	UNEP/Platinum Frameworks Support Unit
Trainings, Workshops, Meetings	5 Regional Workshops (Africa, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean, West Asia) to provide technical support to parties in the preparation of draft national reports, build capacity on institutional engagement as well as concrete knowledge exchange through peer-to-peer learning. The workshops will be led by the regional advisors with support from UNEP's global technical teams and relevant teams from CSD Secretariat. Cost: (\$3000 per country members to attend capacity development workshop *91 countries)=\$273,000	218,000			218,000	UNEP/Platinum Frameworks Support Unit
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JS 3/7/2025 - Thank you for this submission. This project corresponds to the resubmission as a one-step MSP of GEF ID 11859, which had erroneously been submitted as a two-step MSPs. For completeness and easier follow-up, comments that were made on 11859, if any, are pasted (Highlighted in grey) in the relevant comment boxes of this review sheet.

A- Previous comment 2 has only been partially been addressed. To be consistent with the proposal, please add UNEP as executing partner:

Project Executing Entity(s): 	Competent National Executing Authorities
GEF Focal Area	Biodiversity

B- Please correct the text formatting. It currently contains several bolded paragraphs that should not be bolded in the "enabling activity summary" section, and mix of different line spacing in section 2.

The rest is cleared, thank you.

JS 2/12/2025 - Thank you for the submission of this project.

1- This project is intended as a 1-step MSP but was submitted as a PIF in the portal instead of a CEO approval request. Please submit as a CEO approval request.

2- Please include UNEP and National Executing Entities in the Project Executing Entities section.

Agency's Comments

04/11/2025

2.0 Monitoring & Evaluation has been revised to include lessons learned and best practices in integrating gender perspectives, and report on gender-specific actions and results.

3/14/2025

1. Request to drop the PIF and resubmit the project as a 1-step MSP project has been prepared and submitted by UNEP to GEF Secretariat for approval. In addition, the project has now been re-submitted in the portal as a 1-step MSP for CEO approval request.
2. This missing information has been provided.

3/21/2025

- A. This has been edited to read ?UNEP and National Executing Entities in Project Executing Entities section?.
- B. Formatting has been corrected both on the Word document and the Portal. For the portal version, Component 1, we were able to format it to Roboto Font 11. For Component 2, we tried repeatedly but the font reverted back to Calibri Font 11.

4/01/2025

1. Congo has been removed from the list of countries section
2. The LOE for Montenegro has been added.
3. On the duplicate budget table, i believe it is a bug in the portal. We have checked and deleted any possible duplication. Please see screenshot below of what I view on my end.

ANNEX B: PROJECT BUDGET TABLE ⓘ

Attach the project budget table.

Annex B: Indicative Project Budget Template

Expenditure Category	Detailed Description	Component (USDeq.)			Total (USDeq.)	Responsible Entity (Executing Entity receives funds from the GEF Agency[1])
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International Consultants/Contractual Services	Project Technical and Monitoring Support Cost for two International Consultants Total \$70,000 1. International Consultant to provide continuous desktop advisory support to the project and guidance to national project executing entities, including through in-person technical advice offered during the drafting workshops to ensure compliance with the reporting requirement of the protocol and adherence to UNEP gender and safeguards Issues- Consultant- Total \$48,000- 2. Terminal Evaluation Consultant -Total \$30,000. Consultant who will deliver terminal evaluation report/Operational Completion Report.	48,000	30,000		78,000	UNEP/Nature Frameworks Support Unit
Trainings, Workshops, Meetings	Global Inception Meeting 1 (Webinar organized by UNEP Project Management Team in collaboration with CBD Secretariat)	20,000			20,000	UNEP/Nature Frameworks Support Unit
Trainings, Workshops, Meetings	5-Regional Workshops (Africa, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Caribbean, West Asia) to provide technical support to parties in the preparation of draft national reports, build capacity on stakeholder engagement as well as promote knowledge exchange through peer-to-peer learning. The workshops will be led by the regional advisors with support from UNEP's global technical teams and relevant teams from CBD Secretariat. Cost: (\$3500 per country nominee to attend capacity development workshop *91 countries)-\$318,500	318,500			318,500	UNEP/Nature Frameworks Support Unit
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[1] In exceptional cases where GEF Agency receives funds for execution, Terms of Reference for specific activities are reviewed by GEF Secretariat

Title

Project Budget in GEF Format Rev 2



04/03/2025

1. The budget that had been posted on the budget section has been deleted and maintained only the attached budget.

Cost Ranges.

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 3/7/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 3/25/2025 -Cleared.

JS 3/24/2025:

1- Please update the logframe to reflect the correct number of countries supported in the submission, i.e. 91:

Enabling Activity Component	Enabling Activity Outcomes	Enabling Activity Outputs
1.0 Preparation of the Fifth National Reports to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	1.1 Fifth National Reports submitted in line with obligations of Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	1.1.1 85 GEF Eligible countries have received support (technical and financial) and prepared the Fifth National Report on the measures taken to implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

A&B : We note the additions of the word gender and a list of broad stakeholder categories. However, please reinclude the slightly more detailed elaborations that were included in the original submission (March 6), which had sections dedicated to gender, and to stakeholder identification.

JS 3/17/2025 - Thank you, but the elaborations that were included in the previous submission to respond to comments related to gender and stakeholder engagement have been removed. Please address the following comments of the first review:

A- The project did not include any gender perspectives. Please clarify that women and gender groups should be among the stakeholders; and elaborate on any specific gender dimensions that should be included in the report to the convention.

B-- The project refers often to "relevant stakeholders". Please elaborate on all relevant project stakeholders and plans to engage and consult during implementation.

In addition, we note the addition of Libya with a requested support of \$50,000 compared to previous submission. As agreed with the GEFSEC, like the two others countries that did not previously benefit support from the GEF to produce their 4th national report and have been

cautioned by the compliance committee for not having produced it yet, Libya has been offered this additional support to come back into compliance.

Please add in the description of the EA that Libya will be receiving additional support through this enabling activity to produce in parallel its 4th and 5th national reports, and that such support has been extended to all countries that did not previously benefit from the GEF to produce their 4th national report and have been cautioned by the compliance committee for not having produced it yet.

JS 3/7/2025 -

1- This comment has not been addressed. Table A is still duplicated and, in addition, several paragraphs are duplicated. Please correct.

Other comments are cleared, thank you.

JS 2/12/2025

1- Please remove the duplicate table A information that has been pasted in the summary.

2 - Please reformulate the output related to workshops in table B to be explicit that, as mentioned in the budget, the regional workshops will be drafting workshop designed to support participants through a drafting sprint to elaborate/consolidate first version of their national reports, and will not be limited to peer-to-peer exchange.

3- Please add in the EA summary a short elaboration on the technical assistance that will be provided by the project on top of the national grants, including the regional workshops' objectives.

4- The project did not include any gender perspectives. Please clarify that women and gender groups should be among the stakeholders; and elaborate on any specific gender dimensions that should be included in the report to the convention.

5- The project refers often to "relevant stakeholders". Please elaborate on all relevant project stakeholders and plans to engage and consult during implementation.

Agency's Comments

3/14/2025

1. Duplicate table has been removed.
2. Output 1.1.2 related to regional workshops has been reformulated as drafting workshops designed to support participants through a drafting sprint to elaborate/consolidate the first version of their national reports. The same has been done in the budget.
3. A short summary of technical assistance has been added.

4. Section on "gender equality and women empowerment" illustrates activities to be carried out to ensure gender dimensions are covered in the production of the national report.
5. Section on "Stakeholder Identification" lists and describes roles of potential stakeholders.

3/21/2025

- A. Gender perspectives have been added in the summary section including reference to the CBD's gender plan of action (2023-2030).
- B. An elaboration of all relevant stakeholders has been provided. In the context of the project, the relevant stakeholders including government representatives (i.e. national focal points, ministries, and policy makers) indigenous and local communities, research community, business owners, non-governmental organizations and civil society, including media.
- C. The description on Libya has been added to the EA summary section that Libya will be receiving additional support through this enabling activity to produce in parallel its 4th and 5th national reports, and that such support has been extended to all countries that did not previously benefit from the GEF to produce their 4th national report and have been cautioned by the compliance committee for not having produced it yet.

03/25/2025

- The number of countries has been updated to 91.
- The more elaborate sections on stakeholders, gender and private sector have been added.

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 3/17/2025 - Cleared, thank you.

JS 3/7/2025 -

1- This section refers to an Annex F, which is not provided. If the content is already included in section "D: Institutional Framework" of the portal entry, please just remove the reference to Annex F:

intention of these rules.
The envisaged institutional arrangement is captured schematically in **ANNEX F**.

Other comments cleared.

JS 2/12/2025

1- This section refers to an Annex F, which is not provided. Please include the content of the annex in the portal entry. **Annex F is provided under project institutional framework in the CEO Approval request. Context of Institutional arrangements included in the portal.**

2- Please plan for a steering committee and clarify its composition and role in this part of the portal. **Text elaborating the composition and role of steering committee is included under institutional framework sub-section**

Agency's Comments

3/14/2025

1. Annex F has been provided under project institutional framework in the CEO Approval request. Context of Institutional arrangements has been included in the portal.
2. Text elaborating the composition and role of steering committee is included under institutional framework sub-section

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 3/7/2025 - Cleared.

JS 2/12/2025 - Please see comment on budget and charge/role of consultants on monitoring.

Agency's Comments

3/14/2025

1. The comment has been addressed and budget amended accordingly

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program InclusionJS 3/7/2025 - Cleared.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's CommentsJS 3/7/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's CommentsJS 3/7/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments JS 3/7/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments

JS 3/24/2025 - Cleared.

JS 3/17/2025 - We note the additions of Malaysia, Palau, Peru, Pakistan, India and Libya compared to previous submission. As agreed, Libya will be receiving additional support through this enabling activity to produce in parallel its 4th and 5th national reports. Like two others countries, which did not previously benefit support from the GEF to produce their 4th national report and have been cautioned by the compliance committee for not having produced it yet, Libya has been offered this additional support to come back into compliance.

1. Bolivia, the LoE the not valid. It is a LoE for support to reporting under the Nagoya Protocol that is attached when it should be for Cartagena Protocol. Please provide an adequate LoE.

JS 3/7/2025 -

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We note Bosnia-Herzegovina, Congo, India, Palau, Pakistan and Samoa have been removed in the resubmission. Please include at next possible occasion when adequate LoE is provided.

JS 2/26/2024

11. The LoE from **Bosnia-Herzegovina** is signed by the PFP (the Minister). Please submit an LoE signed by the OFP (Mr. Novak Vukajlovi?)-
2. The LoE from **Burundi** is missing. Please provide.
3. The LoE from **Congo** (Brazzaville) is signed by someone that is not listed as the GEF OFP (public records ? GEF Website). Please provide an LoE signed by Ms. Soudan-Nonault.
4. The LoE from **India** is missing the Agency fee amount. Please request the OFP to submit a new letter including the \$2,850 USD of the Agency Fee in the table and correcting the first sentence of the paragraph ?..total financing being requested for this project is US\$ 32,850?
4. 5. The LoE from **Pakistan** has a couple of typos in the amounts requested for the EA. In one instance it refers to \$3,285,000 USD and another to \$30,000. Please submit a new LoE that supports the request for \$32,850 USD.
6. The LoE from **Palau** is missing the executing entity. Please request the OFP to send an email confirming which agency is intended to execute this project at the national level, and please append in the email in the document's tab with the resubmission.
7. The LoE from **Samoa** is signed by someone that is not listed as the GEF OFP (public records ? GEF Website). Please provide a LoE signed by Ms. Reupena or request the Samoa authorities to submit a form for the new OFP.

Agency's Comments

3/14/2025

1. Bosnia-Herzegovina: requested to share duly signed LOE for resubmission in the amendment. For now, the country has been removed from the current list
2. Burundi: LOE included in the list for current submission
3. Congo (Brazzaville): Congo requested to share duly signed LOE for resubmission in the amendment. For now, the country has been removed from the current list
4. India: LOE has been revised and re-submitted.
5. Pakistan: LOE amended and included in the re-submission
6. Palau: LOE amended and included in the re-submission
7. Samoa: requested to share duly signed LOE for resubmission in the amendment. For now, the country has been removed from the current list

3/21/2025

1. LOE for Bolivia has been removed.
2. The following 9 countries have also been included on the list: Republic of Armenia, Tajikistan, Georgia, Malaysia, Montenegro, Honduras, Sierra Leone, Gambia and Tonga. The remaining countries will be updated once we receive the revised LOEs.

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)
Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Council comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
STAP comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's CommentsNA

Agency's Comments
Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 3/24/2025 - Cleared

JS 3/14/2025 -

1- The budget for the workshops has increased from \$283,500 to \$374,500 with no justification, when only 6 country have been added. The budget line seems to be calibrated for 107 countries when only 86 are included in this submission. Please revise to encure consistency with the number of participating countries.

2- The budget is not readable in the portal entry. Please make sure the format is readable in the PDF that the portal produces automatically and that will be circulated to Council.

JS 3/7/2025 - Cleared. We note the changes made to the consultants' role and how they are charged.

JS 2/12/2025

1- Please justify the need for consultants for project monitoring and safeguards for this type of EA projects, which generally do not require such support for monitoring and saefuards. We rather understand that the main role of these \$48,000 of consultants will be to provide global technical assistance and support the workshops. If so, please charge them on component 1, and not on M&E.

2- On the contractual services: the total stipulated in the description column refers to a total of \$157,500 but the total in the amount column is \$112,500. Please ensure consistency by replacing the \$157,500 with \$112,500 in the description column.

Agency's Comments

3/14/2025

1. One of the international consultants will provide continuous desktop advisory support to the project and guidance to national project executing entities, including through in-person technical advice offered during the drafting workshops to ensure compliance with the reporting requirement of the protocol and adherence to UNEP safeguards issues- Consultant- Total \$48,000- The cost of this consultancy is now charged to Component 1. This change has been reflected in the CEO Approval request.

The other consultant will be required for terminal evaluation of the project at a total cost of \$30,000. The Consultant will deliver terminal evaluation report/Operational Completion Report.

The cost of this consultancy is charged to Component 2. This change has been reflected in the CEO Approval request.

03/21/2025

1. The budget for workshops has been revised to be consistent with the number of participating countries.
2. The PDF format is now readable.
2. The figure has been corrected.

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached? (only as applicable)

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

JS 4/11/2025 - The project is recommended for clearance.

JS 4/9/2025 - Not at this stage. Please address the remaining comment above (included in the first comment box) and resubmit.

JS 4/1/2025 - Not at this stage. Please address remaining comments above (all included in the first comment box) and resubmit.

JS 3/24/2025 -Not at this stage. Please address remaining comments above and resubmit.

JS 3/14/2025 -Not at this stage. Please address remaining comments above and resubmit.

JS 3/7/2025 - Not at this stage. Please address remaining comments above and resubmit.

JS 2/12/2025 - Not at this stage. Please address comments above and resubmit.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	2/26/2025	3/14/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/7/2025	3/21/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/17/2025	4/1/2025
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