

Conservation of wildcats and prey species through public-private partnerships and human-jaguar conflict management in Panama

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10285

Countries

Panama

Project Name

Conservation of wildcats and prey species through public-private partnerships and human-jaguar conflict management in Panama

Agencies

UNEP

Date received by PM

12/3/2020

Review completed by PM

2/1/2021

Program Manager

Adriana Moreira

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

1-4-21 AM: Yes, the project is aligned and consistent with the focal area elements.

Project duration is 36 months. Please, revise and update expected implementation start and completion dates.

1-29-21 AM: Please, fix the glitch on the implementation start date. Thanks!

2-9-21 AM : Please, check dates, project duration should be 48 months.

4-18-21: Agency revised dates and requested GEF SEC to change duration to 48 months.

Agency Response

14th April 2021

Expected Implementation Start has been changed to June 2021 and Expected Completion Date has been changed to June 2025. The project duration in number of months has equally been altered in the portal from 36 to 48 months - (Sending an email to request GEFSec IT team to update the duration to 48Months as is not possible from the agency level).

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

1-4-21 AM: Unclear on what will be the incentives for the proposed Private Sector participation in outcome 1.1 (*Private sector incorporate restoration of wildlife corridors in mandatory reforestation and compensation plans and cattle ranchers adopt anti-predation and sustainable management measures outside the project intervention area*) and how it relates to outputs 1.1.1 and 1.1.2. Please specify PS involvement in proposed outputs.

Please, also indicate how this project will collaborate with "Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector?". (GEF ID: 10709) Agency: WB that was recently PIF approved at December 2020 Council.

1-29-21 AM: Thanks for the additional information. Cleared.

Agency Response

25th January 2021

Two (2) new paragraphs have been inserted in Section 4 of the CEO Endorsement Request under "Private Sector Engagement", to further clarify the context, the incentives and benefits to the private sector on two fronts: (1) companies participating in environmental compensation (offsets); and (2) cattle ranchers as private owners of their cattle ranches.

Text of Output 1.1.1 has been adjusted to reflect "public-private" and the text of Output 1.1.2 has been adjusted to incorporate "private sector". Please see revised versions below.

Output 1.1.1:

A plan to direct environmental offsetting investments on restoration to wildlife corridors in the Chagres-Darien National Parks complex in line with the Public-Private Alliance for One Million Hectares and the National REDD+ Strategy.

Output 1.1.2:

3 Private Sector environmental offsetting projects integrate jaguar-centric restoration and wildlife connectivity in their design and implementation in sites located within (i)

the Panam? Centro ? Chagres complex; (ii) the Panama Este-Chepo complex; and (iii) the Rancho Fr?o ? Darien complex.

In terms of collaboration with the "Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector" project (GEF ID: 10709), a new paragraph has been added to Section 6 of the CEO Endorsement Request, under "Coordination with On-going and Past Projects" which highlights the complementarity between the two projects and the specific areas where collaboration will be sought.

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

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

1-4-21 AM: Co-financing levels are levels are satisfactory.

2-9-21 AM: Co-financing letter from SENACYT specifies that part of the co-financing is in the form of "Competitive funds (grants) for R&D projects", which should not be categorized as "in-kind", please revise (here the letter itself is contradictory but would still suggest separating this category from the overall co-financing).

"Co-financing from Fundaci?n Ciudad del Saber is categorized as "in-kind" and "investment mobilized". Please note that where co-financing truly meets the definition of "in-kind", it should typically be classified as "recurrent expenditures" rather than "investment mobilized".

"We were unable to find a translation of the co-financing letter from MIAMBIENTE Please, revise letters and co-financing table accordingly.

4-18-21: Co-financing table have been revised and updated.

Agency Response

14 April 2021

9th April 2021

A new co-financing letter from SENACYT has been issued and investment category has been reclassified to "Recurrent Expenditures".

Co-financing from Ciudad del Saber has been recategorized to "In-kind" and "Recurrent Expenditures", and the corresponding text which suggested "Investments Mobilized" has been removed from the paragraph below Table C in the CEO Endorsement Request.

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 1-4-21: Financing is adequate and PMC are proportionately distributed. Cleared.

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 1-4-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

2-9-21 AM: Under sub-indicator 1.2 on protected area management, METT scores (baseline at CEO endorsement) are missing for each protected area. Tracking tool is attached but we track METT scores through the portal, so they have to be added to the appropriate field. Please, add the scorings to the portal.

Also, the budgeted M&E Plan is missing in the Portal. Thanks!

4-18-21: Requested updates noted.

Agency Response
4th March 2021

METT scores revised in the portal and budgeted M&E Plan.

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

1-4-21 AM: Yes. cleared.

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

1-4-21 AM; Yes. cleared.

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

1-4-21 AM: Please, see comment above on the need for more clarity on the private sector involvement with expected project outcomes.

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

1-4-21 AM; Yes. cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

1-4-21 AM; Yes. cleared.

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

1-4-21 AM; Yes. cleared.

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

1-13-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

1-4-21 AM: Yes. cleared.

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

1-4-21 AM: Yes. cleared.

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

1-4-21 AM: Yes. cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM: Please, refer to previous comments on Private Sector engagement.

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

1-10-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM : Yes, cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

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

1-10-21 AM: Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

1-10-21 AM: Yes, the required annexes are attached.

2-9-21 AM: Please address the following comments in the Budget Table/Annex:

(i) Vehicles are preferred to be financed by the co-financing portion of the PMC, specially in such small project: if financed by the GEF portion, vehicles will take 34% of the PMC, while if paid from the co-financing portion, it will only take 3.4%. Additionally, the calculations in the sub-total column are wrong (it should be \$45,000 instead of \$362,700). Please revise.

Sub-contract to Executing Entity	Project Execution Costs	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	178,000			178,000	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	178,000	Yaguara Panama Foundation
Sub-total		44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	178,000	0	0	178,000	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	178,000	
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Sub-total		44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	178,000	0	0	178,000	44,500	44,500	44,500	44,500	178,000	

4-18-21: Budget revision noted.

Agency Response
4th March 2021

The vehicle has been removed from the budget and funds originally assigned to the Executing Entity (Yaguara Panama Foundation) have been reallocated across the project outcomes they were planned to respond to.

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 1-10-21 AM: the proposed results framework is adequate. Cleared.

Agency Response
GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 1-10-21 AM: Please, review the minor comments above and resubmit. Thanks!

Agency Response
Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response
STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 1-10-21 AM: PPG utilization is adequately reported.

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 1-10-21 AM: Maps are well presented. Cleared.

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

N/A

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 N/A

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

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

1-10-21 AM: Please, review the minor comments above and resubmit for review.
Thanks!

1-29-21 AM: The project is technically cleared.

2-9-21 AM: Please address the comments above and resubmit. Thanks!

4-18-21 AM: Project is technically cleared and recommended for endorsement.

Review Dates

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat
comments**

First Review
Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat
comments**

**Additional Review
(as necessary)**

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations