



Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) for sustainable management and conservation of 700,000 hectares of critical ecosystems in three Highland provinces in Papua New Guinea

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11787

Countries

Papua New Guinea

Project Name

Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) for sustainable management and conservation of 700,000 hectares of critical ecosystems in three Highland provinces in Papua New Guinea

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

10/31/2024

Review completed by PM

12/9/2024

Program Manager

Celine Augereau ep Coisy

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

GBFF

GEF-8 Project Preparation Grant request Review Sheet

I. General Project Information / Eligibility

- a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GBFF funding?
- b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

II. Indicative Project Overview

- a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?
- b) Are the components, outcomes and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective?

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

- c) Are the components adequately funded?

d) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional (only for Multi-trust Funds PPGs with BD from the GEF Trust Fund)?

e) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for projects of more than \$2 million or 10% for projects of less than \$2 million? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

III. Project Rationale

a. Does the project adequately describe the: (i) current situation/baseline conditions within the project geographic area or project thematic area; (ii) problem(s) that the project will address; (iii) goal and objectives of the project; and (iv) justification for the project intervention; and (v) expected results including the Global Environmental Benefits and an estimate of the project's contributions to the relevant biodiversity core indicators.

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

IV. Project Description

a) Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?

b) Are the project components and activities identified in the theory of change adequately described.

c) Is a list of stakeholders that will be involved in the project and their roles in the design and implementation of the project provided?

d) Are the Specific Action Area(s) that the project is aligned with identified and an explanation provided on and how the project will support the achievement of the specific Action Area objective(s).

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

V. Does the proposal adequately describe how the project meets the following criteria:

a) Potential to generate global environmental benefits (GEBs) (include a description of the GEBs the project will generate per the GEF-8 Core Indicators for biodiversity);

b) Alignment with the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and/or National Biodiversity Finance Plans or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities;

c) The level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector, and civil society that the project aims to support;

d) Whether the project will mobilize the resources of the private sector and philanthropies'; and

e) Whether and how the project will engage with and provide support to IPLCs.

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

VI. Project results indicators

Is the table correctly populated and consistent with the Project Description?

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

VII. Project Financing Tables

a) Are all the tables correctly populated?

b) Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines (only for projects with GEF TF components)?

Secretariat's CommentsCleared.

Agency's Comments

VIII. Project Endorsement

a) Has the project been endorsed by the country's(ies) OFP and has the OFP at the time of PPG request submission name and position been checked against the GEF database?

b) Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?

c) Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?

Secretariat's Comments

C.C. 11/25/2024

Thanks for this submission. In order for this submission to be further considered in the 3rd GBFF selection round, please address the following comment. The Title in the Portal doesn't match the one in the Letter of Endorsement. Please, amend the information in Portal to match that in LoE (title can be modified during project preparation with PM's authorization).

C.C. 12/09/2024

Cleared

Agency's Comments Thank you for the observation. The title in the portal has been changed to match the title in the LoE.

IX. GEFSEC Decision

a. Is the PPG recommended for technical clearance?

b. Additional comments to be considered by the Agency during project preparation

Secretariat's Comments

C.C. 11/25/2024

Thank you for this submission. In order for this submission to be further considered in the selection round, please address the comments included in this review sheet and resubmit as soon as possible.

C.C. 12/09/2024

a. The PPG request is recommended for clearance.

b. Please during project preparation:

- ensure that the entire amount reported as ?amount to support action by IPLCs [for] biodiversity? in the CEO endorsement requests corresponds to project activities supporting action by IPLCs, and that the project documentation describes the IPLCs who will benefit from the project and details their role in the project. Activities where IPLCs are mere beneficiaries should not be counted in this amount. Support to stakeholders that are not IPLCs (i.e. indigenous peoples or

local communities that embody traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity) should not be counted either. Whether the project as a whole or certain project activities support action by IPLCs could entail a number of circumstances including but not limited to: IPLCs directly receive resources through the GEF agency for execution of project components/activities; IPLCs lead the design and management of some project activities but do not manage financial resources; the project provides in-kind support to actions led by IPLCs for biodiversity, etc.

•- Core indicators:

This project is to work on OECMs, including the establishment of new OECMs. Please include corresponding targets related to OECMs on core indicator 4.5 (or 5.4 for marine OECMs) following the GEF Results Framework guidance:

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-09/Results_Framework_Guidelines_2022_06_30.pdf.

Please measure all anticipated climate mitigation co-benefits following the GEF Results Framework guidance. Current target of 91,750 MtCO₂eq on core indicator 6 is a vast underestimate for a project supposed to directly impact more than 3 million hectares. While we agree with the uncertainty related to the estimation of avoided emission, we encourage to derive a conservative target during PPG.

- Biodiversity offsets:

We note the project intends to work on biodiversity offsets. Contributing to the generation of net, positive global environmental benefits for biodiversity is required for GBFF funding eligibility, when biodiversity offset scheme usually deliver, at best, no net biodiversity loss. During project preparation, please ensure that any GBFF-funded intervention related to biodiversity offset (i) is not meant to compensate any particular infrastructure or development, (ii) develops or builds on a policy framework that integrates the full mitigation hierarchy, follows best international practices, and delivers net biodiversity benefits e.g. by requiring net biodiversity gains or generating financial resources for biodiversity beyond what is required to achieve no net loss.

Agency's Comments Thank you. The comment has been addressed and resubmitted

Review Dates

	PPG Request Review	Agency Response
First Review	11/25/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/9/2024	
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