



# Transforming the Global Biodiversity Framework into Tangible Action in Madagascar - BioTAct (Biodiversity Tangible Action)

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

11775

**Countries**

Madagascar

**Project Name**

Transforming the Global Biodiversity Framework into Tangible Action in Madagascar - BioTAct (Biodiversity Tangible Action)

**Agencies**

IUCN

**Date received by PM**

11/1/2024

**Review completed by PM**

12/10/2024

**Program Manager**

Razan Nimir

**Focal Area**

Biodiversity

**Project Type**

GBFF

## GEF-8 Project Preparation Grant request Review Sheet

### 1. 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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

**VI. Project results indicators**

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

Secretariat's Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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 Comments

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

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

RN 11/25/2024

In order for this submission to be further considered in the 3rd GBFF selection round, please address the following comment: the new LoE lacks the footnote "Subject to the capacity assessment carried out by the GEF Implementing Agency, as appropriate?". Please request an email from the OFP explicitly accepting this footnote (this is an alternative to request a new LoE).

RN 12/12/2024

Cleared.

Agency's Comments Thank you, we have now attached the new letter from the OFP (dated 26/11/2024), with the footnote.

**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

RN 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.

RN 12/10/2024

The M&E Component is nearly 7% of the GEF Financing, which is above the recommended threshold of 3% for projects between 5 to 10 million dollars. Please revise this accordingly.

RN 12/12/2024

This PPG request is recommended for clearance.

During project preparation, please consider the following:

- provide more details on the targeted marine PAs and proposed interventions. The PPG indicates a focus on marine PAs; however, this is not clearly reflected in the components and overview sections.

- 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.

Agency's Comments Thank you, we have now reduced the M&E component financing from 7% to 3% and reallocated the remaining financing to different components. This means that there has been some minor changes to the financing per GBFF Action Area. The tables A, B and D have been revised accordingly.

**Review Dates**

**PPG Request  
Review**

**Agency  
Response**

<b>First Review</b>	<b>11/25/2024</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	