

Environmental routes to incorporate communities in good conservation practices and nature-based businesses that promote human development in ecosystems of high environmental and social vulnerability in the Regional Corridor El Palmar - Tariquia, in the departments of Potosí, Tarija and Chuquisaca

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11034

Countries

Bolivia

Project Name

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Agencies

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Program Manager

Pascal Martinez

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

MSP

PIF

Part I ? Project Information**Focal area elements**

1. Is the project/program aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements in Table A, as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

Partially. The proposal is much focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Please ensure the alignment with objective BD-1-1 and BD-2-7 throughout all the project description including in the Table B and Part II. Project Justification.

May 18, 2022:

Thank you for the thorough revision. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Indicative project/program description summary

2. Are the components in Table B and as described in the PIF sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project/program objectives and the core indicators?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

1. At the very beginning of project description, the project is wrongly referred as 'FSP' while it should be "MSP" considering its budget below \$2 million. Please correct accordingly.

2. The table B is difficult to read as the outcomes are not written at the same level as the outputs they contribute to. Please adjust the format of the table, and particularly the columns including the outcomes so that we can read them at the same level as their corresponding outputs.

3. In Table B, the target 1.1.1 can't be meetings (meetings are activities to achieve a result) and don't allow to assess the achievement of the outcome the outcome 1.1 which is "Environmental routes... are established". Please revise this target.

4. In Table B, the target 1.1.2, 1.2.1a and 1.2.1b "dem indicator" can't be formulated exactly the same as an indicator and must be specified. Please formulate differently indicators and targets.

5. Please indicate what "EOP" stand for in table B as it is the only part of the project description where this acronym appears without any clarification.

6. The objective of the outcome 2.1 is "to strengthen community resilience to climate change". This is not acceptable for 2 reasons: 1- this is a BD project and 2- resilience to

climate change can't be funded by the GEF Trust Fund which is not an climate adaptation fund. Please remove all justifications, activities and direct results related to climate change adaptation throughout all the project description (this includes the "EbA") and concentrate the focus of this project on the GEF-7 BD strategy.

7. This is a biodiversity project, not a climate change mitigation project. While capturing the climate change mitigation benefits is expected as co-benefits in this can of project, it can't be direct objective. Please remove the activities/targets related to climate change mitigation (such as indicator/target 2.1.5).

8. The outcome 2.2 "Nature-based livelihoods in different production process and value chains of the El Palmar-Tariquia regional corridor" is unclear. what is expected to happen with these nature-based livelihoods? please clarify and reformulate this outcome.

9. The outcome 3.3.1 should be numbered 3.1. Please revise accordingly.

10. The outcomes 3.1 and 3.2 are focused on climate change. This is not acceptable as mentioned above. Please revise as needed.

11. There is no outcomes for the output 4.1. Please complete as needed.

12. The GEF contribution to PMC is 5% while the co-financing contribution to PMC is 3.8%. As per GEF guidance, both contributions should be at the same level. Please revise accordingly by decreasing GEF contribution and/or increasing co-financing contribution.

May 18, 2022:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Thank you for the correction, amendments and clarifications. Cleared.

9. In table B under component 3, the outcome "1." should be numbered 3.1. Please revise accordingly.

10, 11 and 12. Thank you for the amendments. Cleared.

May 27, 2022:

9. Thank you for the amendment. Cleared

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11 and 12 No response needed

9. Done. Please see table B in GEF Portal

Co-financing

3. Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines, with a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

1. Please clarify what "PMC 543,876.00 543,876.00 Total 1,500,000.00 11,421,386.00 12,921,386.00 GEF Agency" means writing clear sentences in the text under table B.
2. The co-financing from SISCO is said to be "new income to be generated for the project areas as a result of improved planning and participative management capacities". Please clarify how concretely this support will be provided during the 3 years of the project implementation, why the type for this co-financing is mentioned to be "Other" (rather than Grant or Public Investment), and how its amount has been calculated.

May 18, 2022:

1. It is unclear what "SISCO SERNAP (Budget) Total (USD) C1 1,500,000 2,175,502 3,675,502 C2 4,351,004 4,194,391 C3 3,263,253 3,263,253 C4 1,087,751 1,087,751 PMC 700,489 700,489 Total 1,500,000 11,421,386 12,921,386 GEF Agency (CAF, Loan; USD 1,646,274,00)" means. What are these different financial numbers? Are they needed here? (most of the are different from the one in table B) Also, in this paragraph, the proposal needs to present the investment mobilized: so no need to mention SERNAP which provides "Recurrent expenditures".
2. Partially. Please clarify how SISCO's amount has been calculated.

May 27, 2022:

1. Not addressed. It maybe a problem in the Portal and this comment is not critical anyway. Cleared.
2. Thank you for the clarification. Please note that the project is not expected to last 10 years and the estimate should be adjusted to the project duration. during PPG phase, please clarify this calculation in the project description and not only in the review sheet. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. This must be a glitch introduced when filling the Portal entry. Reviewed again.
2. SISCO estimate is produced as 5 PAs x 30,000 USD/yr increased income x 10 years.

GEF Resource Availability

4. 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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

No, as mentioned above the project is much focused on climate change adaptation and mitigation while the resources used come from the GEF Trust Fund Biodiversity Focal Area. The project needs to be deeply revised to reflect the appropriate use of funds.

May 18, 2022:

The project is now focused on biodiversity and aligns with the Biodiversity Focal Area. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

The STAR allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

GEF financing is within the resources available for the country. With this project, the country is using all its remaining STAR allocation. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

The focal area allocation?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

Yes, using the Allocated Marginal Adjustment. Cleared

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

The LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion N/A

Agency Response N/A

The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion N/A

Agency Response N/A

Focal area set-aside?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion N/A

Agency Response N/A

Impact Program Incentive?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion N/A

Agency Response N/A

Project Preparation Grant

5. Is PPG requested in Table E within the allowable cap? Has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated? (not applicable to PFD)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

No, this project is actually a MSP and for MSPs the limit is \$50,000. Please adjust the PPG accordingly.

May 18, 2022:

Thank you for addressing the comment. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Core indicators

6. Are the identified core indicators in Table F calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines? (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

1. The target for the indicator 6.1 is extremely small (59 tCO₂e) and very different from the project description (1,194,807 tCO₂e). Please correct, ensure the information provided is consistent throughout the project description and provide the calculation used to assess this target.

2. The duration of accounting for the indicator 6.1 should be 20 years as per GEF guidance (and not 8 as in the core indicator section nor 9 as under the section f) Global environmental benefits. Please amend accordingly and consider this period of time to assess the target.

May 18, 2022:

1 and 2. Thank you for the correction. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Project/Program taxonomy

7. Is the project/program properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as requested in Table G?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Has the project/program described the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers that need to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

Again, the description is too much focused on climate change. Please revise this section providing a clear and focused description of the following elements: 1- presentation of the globally important biodiversity which need to be conserved; 2- what threaten or is responsible for the loss of this biodiversity, especially in the project targeted areas; and 3- what are the main barriers the project will need to tackle to improve the situation. Please also consider that the barriers section need to be significantly more developed (as presented, there is only 2 barriers and one of them -the first one- is more about problems/causes than barriers).

May 20, 2022:

Thank you for the better focus on biodiversity and clarifications. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

2. Is the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects appropriately described?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

No, the baseline scenario is not presented. Only 3 projects are mentioned and they don't directly relate to a baseline on biodiversity issues in Bolivia. Please elaborate the baseline scenario the project will build on and articulate with. This includes a clear presentation of the relevant institutional and policy framework at national and local level (including the current land use planning model and territorial governance), the involved stakeholders and their role in the targeted areas, and the existing or planned initiatives,

partnerships and projects which will be useful to the implementation of this proposal. The co-financing projects should be presented here in particular.

May 20, 2022:

Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

3. Does the proposed alternative scenario describe the expected outcomes and components of the project/program?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. Again, in a project using biodiversity resources and thus, pursuing the GEF Biodiversity Focal Area, the first 2 paragraphs beginning with: "The alternative scenario aim to build local conditions and capacities for climate change adaptation and mitigation..." are not relevant. Please replace these paragraphs with a text including biodiversity-related objectives.
2. We note the diagram of the TOC has been uploaded in the Portal document section. Thank you. Considering the diagram of the TOC copied under the alternative scenario section is very difficult to read due to the small font, please replace this diagram here with a summary description of the TOC.
3. The description of the components is very limited and needs to be developed. In particular, in addition to the components summary which is indeed useful under the title of the component, please present under each output the concrete activities/outcomes which are proposed to enable the achievements of the output (part of the information is in the paragraphs below the outputs lists).
4. The proposal mentions several times activities will be implemented "Nature-based Solutions model". Is it an existing initiative which should be part of the baseline scenario? Please elaborate further on what this model concretely is.

May 20, 2022:

1, 2, 3 and 4. Thank you for the amendments, additional information and clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

4. Is the project/program aligned with focal area and/or Impact Program strategies?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. Partially as mentioned above. Please revise the project description considering the 2 following Focal Area objectives:

BD-1-1: Mainstream biodiversity across sectors as well as landscapes and seascapes through biodiversity mainstreaming in priority sectors;

BD-2-7: Address direct drivers to protect habitats and species and Improve financial sustainability, effective management, and ecosystem coverage of the global protected area estate.

In particular "increase soil carbon sequestration, and adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change under Nature-based Solutions

model" is not aligned with BD-2-7.

2. The alignment with the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Program is not relevant as this project is not part of this Program. Please remove this reference.

May 20, 2022:

Partially.

1. The description indicates Component 2 is "to increase soil carbon sequestration, and adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change ". The alignment should be with the Biodiversity Focal Area and not climate change. Please amend accordingly.

2. The Component 3 is said to be first "for increase community resilience to climate change": this is not aligned with BD 1-1. In addition, the Component 3 is presented as "Strengthening territorial governance at national and subnational level with gender perspective": this is very general and not specific to biodiversity mainstreaming. Please reformulate the description of component 3 clarifying its alignment with BD 1-1.

May 27, 2022:

1 and 2. Thank you for the amendments. At PPG, please ensure this information is included under the appropriate section "Alignment with GEF focal area and/or Impact Program strategies" and not only under the alternative scenario. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. Component 2 description has been reviewed again. The Component is to ?generate local conditions and capacities with a gender focus, in a framework of equal opportunities for women and men, to support and promote actions for the protection, restoration and sustainable management of the corridor's ecosystems, to safeguard biodiversity, increase socio-ecosystemic resilience, and improve human well-being.? The mentioned wording is positively absent from the description.

2. Component 3 description has been reviewed again. It is aimed at ?strengthening the good governance mechanisms ? to consolidate a shared management model that reinforces biodiversity conservation, promoting ecological connectivity in the El Palmar - Tariqu?a Regional Corridor.? The mentioned wording is positively absent from the description.

Please see yellow highlight text

5. Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

As the barriers are not fully identified and clearly explained and as the baseline scenario is not presented, it is difficult to understand the incremental/additional cost reasoning. Please clearly describe how the project outputs and outcomes will concretely 1- solve the problems identified at the beginning of the project description (under section 1.a.a), 2- in addition to/building on the existing baseline presented under section 1.a.b; and 3- taking into account the barriers the project needs to overcome (as identified under section 1.a.a). The description needs to be consistent with the rest of the project description and clearly show the added value of the project.

May 20, 2022:

Thank you for the clarification. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

6. Are the project?s/program?s indicative targeted contributions to global environmental benefits (measured through core indicators) reasonable and achievable? Or for adaptation benefits?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. The improved management effectiveness of PAs (corresponding to the indicator 1.2) is missing. Please complete.
2. We understand the 800,836 ha corresponds to the area of the regional corridor which is included in five protected areas targeted by the project. Considering the total amount of the GEF support and the co-financing as investments mobilized, this target of 800,836 ha of terrestrial Protected Areas under improved management effectiveness appears ambitious. Please clarify how concretely the project will have a measurable impact (through the METT score) to this area during its implementation.
3. The promotion of "natural regeneration processes of vegetation and natural forests in 5,000 ha" is unclear. Please elaborate further on how concretely this regeneration will be implemented (indicating the kind of land, the methodology used, the targeted ecosystems after the regeneration, who will do it and with which incentive).
4. Please clarify how "promote agroforestry" will generate global environmental benefits related to biodiversity.

May 20, 2022:

1. Thank you for including METT Score. As requested in the previous review, please add in this section ("f) Global environmental benefits (GEFTF) and/or adaptation benefits (LDCF / SCCF)") the expected 697,643 ha Terrestrial of Protected Areas under improved management effectiveness.
2. Thank you for the clarification. If the above is addressed, cleared.
3. The promotion of "natural regeneration processes of vegetation and natural forests in 5,000 ha" is unclear. Please elaborate further in this section on how concretely this regeneration will be implemented (indicating the kind of land, the methodology used, the targeted ecosystems after the regeneration, who will do it and with which incentive).
4. Using the response made to that comments in the previous review, please clarify further in this section how "promote agroforestry" will generate global environmental benefits related to biodiversity.

May 27, 2022:

- 1, 3 and 4. Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

2. No response needed

1,3, 4 Done. The section on f) Global environmental benefits (GEFTF) has been reviewed to include these three points. Please see yellow highlight text

7. Is there potential for innovation, sustainability and scaling up in this project?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. The scaling up potential is analyzed in a climate change mitigation perspective. Please consider the scaling up potential in terms of biodiversity impact.
2. The three sub-sections "Innovation", "Scaling-up potential" and "Sustainability" are repeated. Please remove all the repeated text.

May 20, 2022:

1. No, the scaling up potential is still analyzed in a climate change mitigation perspective. The added sentence "The country's biodiversity conservation objectives would be supported if the country's NDC includes approaches such as this, which consider biodiversity conservation needs" present the scaling-up of biodiversity benefits like a co-benefit of the implementation of the NDC. Please consider the scaling up potential of this project and its activities in terms of biodiversity impact.
2. Thank you for the amendment. Cleared.

May 27, 2022:

1. Thank you for the adjustment. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. Done, the scaling-up section has been reviewed to underline the biodiversity conservation benefits that replicating/scaling-up the project would provide.
2. No response needed

Project/Program Map and Coordinates

Is there a preliminary geo-reference to the project's/program's intended location?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

May 20, 2018:

In the Portal entry, the map has now a very low definition and can't be read. Please copy a map with the same definition as in the previous version of the proposal.

May 27, 2022:

Not addressed but it may be a portal issue and we note the uploaded map in Annex A in the document section which has a correct definition. At PPG, please ensure a sufficient definition of map included in the project description in the Portal entry. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. Done. Nevertheless, a stand-alone version of the map is included as Annex A.

Stakeholders

Does the PIF/PFD include indicative information on Stakeholders engagement to date? If not, is the justification provided appropriate? Does the PIF/PFD include information about the proposed means of future engagement?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. At the beginning of this section, the category "The Civil Society Organization" is checked with a "No" while we learned in the description that "background and lessons learned have been taken into account... both from civil society organizations working on the project's themes, as well as initiatives developed by international cooperation". This is not consistent. Please clarify.
2. The consultation process is not enough clear and detailed. Please elaborate further on what stakeholders exactly have been consulted, where, what were the main lessons of the consultations (including from international cooperation as indicated) and how these lessons informed the project design.
3. Considering the project objective and proposed components it seems logical that IPLC and CSOs have been consulted in project design. The project, however, doesn't clearly indicate these groups have actually been consulted and how. Please provide information on any consultations with these important stakeholder groups.

May 20, 2022:

1. Thank you for the amendment. Nevertheless, we note that the category "Private sector entities" is not checked while they are part of the project and should have also been

consulted somehow (sorry for not having raised this point before). Please check this category to and clarify how the private sector has been consulted.

2. The consultation process remains without being enough clear and detailed (actually we don't see the difference from the previous version of the proposal). Please elaborate further on what stakeholders exactly have been consulted, when, what were the main lessons of the consultations (including from international cooperation as indicated) and how these lessons informed the project design.

3. As above, this comment is not addressed and we don't see how IPLC and CSOs have been consulted in project design. Please provide information on any consultations with these important stakeholder groups.

4. The document on stakeholders which was uploaded in the previous version is missing in the document section of this proposal. Please upload it.

May 27, 2022:

1. Not addressed. Again, it may be a Portal issue and the engagement of the private sector is clear in the project description. At PPG, please ensure all the relevant boxes of the stakeholders section are checked. Cleared.

2. Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

3. We take note of the clarification provided. At PPG stage, please ensure and demonstrate that IPLCs and CSOs are formally and directly consulted and involved in the project design. This will be condition for the project approval. Cleared.

4. Thank you for uploading the stakeholders engagement document (Annex G). Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. Done. The category should have been checked.

2. Done. Text has been streamlined and more has been brought from the Annex G to clarify the section.

3. As mentioned in the text, IPLC and CSOs have been informally consulted and indirectly contacted through subnational governments, with which these organisations maintain constant dialogue. These key stakeholders and the identification team are positive about the a priori interest in the project, to be concretized in full during the design stage.

4. Done

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Is the articulation of gender context and indicative information on the importance and need to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, adequate?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

We take note of the uploaded document "Document Gender Equality Approach".
Cleared.

May 20, 2022:

The document "Document Gender Equality Approach" which was uploaded in the previous version is missing in the document section of this proposal. Please upload it.

May 27, 2022:

Thank you for uploading the Gender Equality approach. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

Done. Please see Annex F uploaded in the roadmap

Private Sector Engagement

Is the case made for private sector engagement consistent with the proposed approach?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

Yes, cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

Does the project/program consider potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved or may be resulting from project/program implementation, and propose measures that address these risks to be further developed during the project design?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. The climate risk is not enough analyzed. At this stage, more clarification on threats and impacts are needed to be able to consider appropriate mitigation measures. Please briefly outline the key aspects of the climate change projections/scenarios at the project locations or at country level if not available at local scale (including a time horizon, ideally 2050, if the data is available) and list key potential hazards for the project that are related to the climate scenarios. For further guidance, the Agency may want to refer to STAP guidance available here: <https://www.stapgef.org/stap-guidance-climate-risk-screening>.

2. In the proposal, the risks analysis related to the COVID-19 pandemic is very brief and general. Nevertheless, the pandemic can affect important elements of the project. The main risks need to be identified and an opportunity analysis needs to be undertaken at this stage. For instance, in addition to the infection risks and people safety measures, risks related to the availability of co-financing and expertise may exist. Shouldn't all these risks be considered? Please complete the risk analysis and consider opportunities this project can provide to enhance the resilience of the beneficiaries against possible future pandemics (please complete the existing separate note after the risk table). For further clarification, we advice to refer to the note "Project Design and Review Considerations in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis and the Mitigation of Future Pandemics" shared by GEF Secretariat with the GEF Agencies on September 14, 2020.

May 20, 2022:

1. Thank you for providing a climate risk analysis. Cleared.
2. We don't see the difference with the previous version: the risks analysis related to the COVID-19 pandemic remains very brief and general. Please elaborate further following the guidance provided in the previous review.

May 27, 2022:

2. The decription remains very limited, particularly regarding the risks. At PPG, please provide a more comprehensive analysis including in particular a full screening of the risks caused by the pandemic on the project implementation and the appropriate mitigation measures. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. No response needed
2. The present subsection further elaborates on the risks and opportunities posed by the pandemic, following STAP guidance.

Coordination

Is the institutional arrangement for project/program coordination including management, monitoring and evaluation outlined? Is there a description of possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project/program area?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. Considering the project will have a PSC and a PEU, the added value and the necessity of the POC is not clear. Please justify the creation of such Committee and clarify how it will be funded.
2. The description is missing possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area. Please complete as needed.

May 20, 2022:

1. Thank you for the amendment. Cleared.
2. For some reason, the table including the relevant GEF projects is not readable: apparently the project titles overwrite the other columns (format issue). Please adjust the table so that we can read its content.

May 27, 2022:

2. Thank you for the amendment. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

1. No response needed
2. A new attempt is made to provide the table in a readable format.

Consistency with National Priorities

Has the project/program cited alignment with any of the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

The description provides a list of national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under Conventions. Please select the most relevant ones (especially related to biodiversity) and for each them, clearly elaborate on how the proposed project is aligned.

May 20, 2022:

Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed ?knowledge management (KM) approach? in line with GEF requirements to foster learning and sharing from relevant projects/programs, initiatives and evaluations; and contribute to the project?s/program?s overall impact and sustainability?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

The presentation is limited and mainly focused on how some information will be shared among stakeholders during the project implementation. This needs to be completed with the following considerations: please clarify or elaborate further on: 1) how existing lessons informed the project concept and plan, 2) plans to learn from ongoing relevant projects and initiatives, 3) proposed tools and methods for knowledge exchange, learning and collaboration, 4) proposed knowledge outputs to be produced and shared with stakeholders, and 5) plans for strategic communications.

May 20, 2022:

The description is nearly the same as in the previous version of the PIF. Please elaborate further clearly presenting the following 5 elements: 1) how existing lessons informed the project concept and plan, 2) plans to learn from ongoing relevant projects and initiatives,

3) proposed tools and methods for knowledge exchange, learning and collaboration, 4) proposed knowledge outputs to be produced and shared with stakeholders, and 5) plans for strategic communications. Please structure the presentation responding separately to these 5 elements.

May 27, 2022:

Thank you for the additional information. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

Done. The text has been reviewed, expanded, and explicitly aligned with the mentioned five points.

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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

1. The text under "introduction" from "The conservation of biological diversity or biodiversity...." until "...high Andean meadows" is written twice. Please remove the repeated text.

2. The screening table of the risks is too long here and should be added to the supporting document "APR_07.22_GEF 7 Environmental_Safeguard_Rutas Ambientales" which is uploaded in the Portal. Please amend accordingly and ensure the main findings are summarized in this section.

May 20, 2022:

1 and 2. Thank you for the amendments. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Part III ? 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?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 18, 2022:

1. Among the uploaded documents, we find 2 letters of endorsement from Brazil. Please explain the link with this project and remove all unnecessary documents.
2. The uploaded letter of endorsement for this project is in Spanish. Please provide a letter in English.
3. In the letter of endorsement the PPG requested is \$100,000 while it should be a up to \$50,000. Please provide a new letter with the correct amount of PPG.
4. the letter of endorsement, the PPG fees is not included under the column "Fees". Please add the PPG fees in this column (the sum of PPG fees and project fees) in the new letter of endorsement.

May 18, 2022:

Thank you for addressing the comments. Cleared.

Agency Response

Agency Response: May 25, 2022

No response needed

Termsheet, reflow table and agency capacity in NGI Projects

Does the project provide sufficient detail in Annex A (indicative termsheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table in Annex B to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

N/A

Agency Response

N/A

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

Is the PIF/PFD recommended for technical clearance? Is the PPG (if requested) being recommended for clearance?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

April 25, 2022:

Not yet. Please address the comments made above.

May 20, 2022:

Not yet. Please address the remaining comments.

Please note that this proposal is actually a resubmission of the project ID 10969 which has already been reviewed on April 25. The review sheet of the previous version of this proposal has been uploaded in the document section and the comments in this review sheet refers to comments made in the previous review.

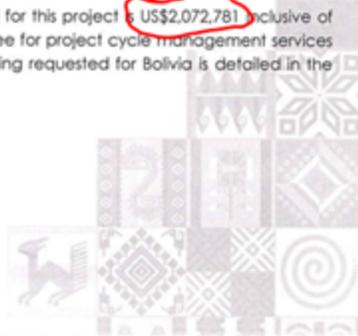
June 6, 2022:

URGENT: Please note that this PIF needs to be effectively CEO Approved on June 17, 2022. Otherwise the funds will be lost for the country. To avoid this situation, please address the remaining comments and resubmit as soon as possible in the coming days.

Complementary checks revealed the need to address the following 3 comments. Please address these comments and explain in the relevant boxes of the review sheet how they have been addressed (respectively under "Part III ? Country Endorsements", "Coordination", and "Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment").

Comment 1. Letter of Endorsement: the total in the text of the letter and the table (\$2,072,781) does not match the sum of the amounts in the table (\$50,000 + \$4,500 + \$1,855,763 + \$167,018 = \$2,077,281). It seems to be that the difference (\$4,500) corresponds to the PPG Agency Fee. As getting quickly a new LoE can be difficult, an email from the OFP in Bolivia to CAF including a corrected table and clarifying that indeed the total amount is \$2,077,281 will suffice ? such email needs to be uploaded in the documents? tab of the Portal.

The total financing from GEFTF being requested for this project is **US\$2,072,781** inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), and Agency fee for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Bolivia is detailed in the tables below.



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INDICATIVE TRUST FUND RESOURCES REQUESTED BY AGENCY(IES), COUNTRY(IES), FOCAL AREA AND THE PROGRAMMING OF FUNDS

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)				Total
			PPG	PPG Fee	Project	Project Fee	
GEF TF	CAF	Biodiversity	50,000	4,500	1,855,763	167,018	2,072,781
Total GEF Resources			50,000	4,500	1,855,763	167,018	2,072,781

I consent to the utilization of Plurinational State of Bolivia's allocations in GEF-7 as defined in the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (CTADP).

Comment 2. Coordination: the LoE indicates that the Executing Partner is the Vice-Ministry of Planning and Coordination, while in Portal (Project Information and Section 6 ? Coordination) it is the Ministry of Environment and Water. Whereas it is likely that the former belongs to the latter, what is included in the LoE is the Vice-Ministry of Planning and Coordination. Please modify the Portal fields (Project Information and Section 6 ? Coordination) by including the partner endorsed in the LoE (this can be further adjusted during the PPG phase)

Subject: Endorsement letter for GEF 7 Project - "Environmental routes to incorporate communities in good conservation practices and nature-based businesses that promote human development in ecosystems of high environmental and social vulnerability in the Regional Corridor El Palmer - Tarija, in the departments of Potosí, Tarija and Chuquisaca"

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Bolivia, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with our government's national priorities and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Agency listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented through the **Vice Ministry of Planning and Coordination** in collaboration with relevant bodies. I request the GEF Agency to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

Part I: Project Information

GEF ID 11034	Project Type MSP
Type of Trust Fund GET	Project Title Environmental routes to incorporate communities in good conservation practices and nature-based businesses that promote human development in ecosystems of high environmental and social vulnerability in the Regional Corridor El Palmer - Tarija, in the departments of Potosí, Tarija and Chuquisaca
Country Bolivia	Agency(ies) CAF
Other Executing Partner(s) Vice Ministry of Economic and Finance	Executing Partner Type Government

6. Coordination

Outline the institutional structure of the project including monitoring and evaluation coordination at the project level. Describe coordination with other relevant GEF-financed projects and other initiatives.

The **Ministry of Environment and Water (MDE/AN)** will be responsible at the highest level for ensuring project implies including continuous monitoring of project interventions, achievement of project results and effective use of GEF resources.

Comment 3. Gender: from the description and different elements of the project, it appears that the project will also address women's participation and decision-making. If this is the case, please respond "Yes" as per below (green arrow).

This table shows the population and surface area of the proposed protected areas in the El Palmar - Tariquia corridor. This table shows the the proposed protected areas, although it represents very little in terms of population in relation to the data in Table 1. The percentage of wo consistent with the 52% female population shown in Table 1.

For more details see Document Gender Equality Approach.

Does the project expect to include any gender-responsive measures to address gender gaps or promote gender equality and women empowerment? Yes

closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources;

improving women's participation and decision-making, and/or

generating socio-economic benefits or services for women. Yes

Will the project's results framework or logical framework include gender-sensitive indicators?

Yes

4. Private sector engagement

Will there be private sector engagement in the project?

Finally, please note in the review sheet that several issues will need to be addressed during the PPG phase.

June 7, 2022:

Thank you for providing a corrected LoE and for the amendments. The PIF and PPG are now recommended.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additional recommendations to be considered by Agency at the time of CEO endorsement/approval.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	5/25/2022	4/25/2022
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/20/2022	5/20/2022

	PIF Review	Agency Response
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/6/2022	6/6/2022
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/7/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)		

PIF Recommendation to CEO

Brief reasoning for recommendations to CEO for PIF Approval