



Advancing integrated participatory spatial planning to enhance Samoa's globally significant biodiversity at a national scale

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11582

Countries

Samoa

Project Name

Advancing integrated participatory spatial planning to enhance Samoa's globally significant biodiversity at a national scale

Agencies

FAO

Date received by PM

4/24/2024

Review completed by PM

Program Manager

Jurgis Sapijanskas

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 JS 5/6/2024 - 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 JS 5/6/2024 - 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 JS 5/6/2024 - 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 JS 5/6/2024 - 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 JS 5/6/2024 - 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 JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

VI. Project results indicators

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

Secretariat's Comments

JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

JS 4/24/2024

Please correct the typo under core indicator 4 so that it captures all the surface area included under sub-indicator 4.5 (OECMs). Core indicator 4.5 is indeed a contextual sub-indicator, not a component sub-indicator, meant to capture how many hectares reported under core indicator 4 correspond to OECMs. In this submission, since 53,000 ha are included under 4.5 and zero is reported under the sub-indicators 4.1 to 4.4, please include 53,000 ha under core indicator 4.

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 JS 5/6/2024 - 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

JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

JS 4/24/2024

The LoE is missing the footnote that the designated executing entity is subject to capacity assessment by the Implementing Agency. Please obtain a revised LoE with such footnote or a confirmation email from the OFP agreeing to such condition.

Agency's Comments

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

JS 5/6/2024 - This PPG request is recommended for technical clearance.

During PPG, please coordinate with the Samoa child project (ID 11263) under the Blue and Green Island Integrated Program and ensure that the CEO endorsement request clearly demonstrates the complementarity and added-value of the GBFF intervention.

JS 4/24/2024

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

Agency's Comments

Review Dates

**PPG Request
Review**

**Agency
Response**

First Review

4/24/2024

**Additional Review (as
necessary)**

5/6/2024

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