

Consolidating biodiversity and land conservation policies and actions as pillars of sustainable development

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10081

Countries

Uruguay

Project Name

Consolidating biodiversity and land conservation policies and actions as pillars of sustainable development

Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

4/21/2020

Review completed by PM

4/28/2020

Program Manager

Mark Zimsky

Focal Area

Multi Focal Area

Project Type

FSP

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)?

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Yes, minor adjustments made that are perfectly acceptable. Cleared.

Agency Response

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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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

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No this is not a NGI, but for some reason the proponent has checked YES for this box. Please correct.

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Mistake has been corrected. Cleared.

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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response
Project Preparation Grant

6. Is the status and utilization of the PPG reported in Annex C in the document?

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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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

2. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

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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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

4. Is there further elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

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Yes. Cleared.

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

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Yes. Cleared.

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6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

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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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Project Map and Coordinates

Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

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10/18/2018

Yes. At the time of CEO endorsement, please provide more detailed maps of the four sites currently identified only with circular markings on the map. Please ensure the coordinates are accurate as well.

Agency Response

Child Project

If this is a child project, is there an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

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NA.

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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?

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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?

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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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Risks

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?

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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?

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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?

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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?

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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?

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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?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Project Results Framework

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

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Yes. All GEFSEC comments were addressed. Cleared.

Agency Response

Council comments

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Yes. Council comments were also addressed.

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STAP comments

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Yes. Complete response to STAP comments. Cleared,

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Convention Secretariat comments

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NA.

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Other Agencies comments

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NA.

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CSOs comments

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NA.

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Status of PPG utilization

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Yes. Cleared.

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Calendar of expected reflows (if NGI is used)

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NA.

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Project maps and coordinates

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Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

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.

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NA.

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

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

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No, not yet. Please address the minor issue above with the non-grant instrument.

April 28, 2020.

While the project is technically sound and the minor issue with the non-grant instrument has been addressed, these final budgetary issues must be resolved:

- 1- The Project Gender officer should be charged as a consultant to the component he/she will deliver outputs as this is an ineligible expense under M&E. That said, it seems to be that there is already a Gender expert in the budget. Please ask the Agency to amend.
- 2- Grants with GEF funds that will be provided by the Agency require a detailed explanation of the mechanism through which the Executing Entities will select the grant proposals and disburse the funds (it is not enough to say that “grants will have to follow UNDP policy on Grants” as these are GEF funds). Please provide further details on the mechanism, how grants will be selected, etc.

Review Dates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement

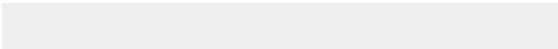
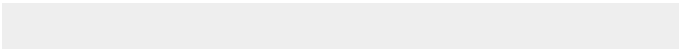
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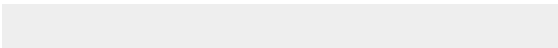
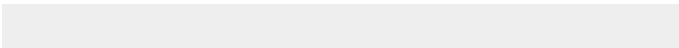
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Additional Review (as necessary)



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CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

The project’s objective is to strengthen the systemic, financial, and institutional capacities for biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management, enhancing the effectiveness and sustainability of protected areas (PAs) management, stewardship of private lands, and human well-being. This will be achieved through three interrelated components that will enable a legal, financial, and institutional environment for biodiversity conservation and land degradation neutrality, implementation of biodiversity and land conservation measures in pilot areas (Santa Lucía River Watershed, Eastern Coastal Zone, and Serranías del Este and Quebradas del Norte), and the systematization and dissemination of knowledge and lessons learned for replication in other landscapes. This strategy will reduce threats to biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as land degradation, and generate global environmental benefits including 16,000 hectares (ha) of land restored, 6,000 ha of new private reserves, 106,000 ha of landscapes under improved practices, 62,541 tCO₂-eq mitigated in 5 years (250,165 tCO₂-eq mitigated in 20 years), 35,000 ha of newly created terrestrial PAs, 289,814 ha of effectively managed PAs, and improved habitat quality for numerous endemic and threatened species. The project will have a duration of 5 years with a total investment of USD \$17,639,269, USD \$2,639,269 of which will be provided by the GEF.