



Sustainable Management and Restoration of Threatened Ecological Corridors in Kenya

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11636

Countries

Kenya

Project Name

Sustainable Management and Restoration of Threatened Ecological Corridors in Kenya

Agencies

World Bank

Date received by PM

5/2/2024

Review completed by PM

Program Manager

Jurgis Sapijanskas

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

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.

JS 5/2/2024

In the Indicative Project Overview Table, there are no Outputs / Outcomes for the M&E part ? please provide the related outcomes/outputs.

Agency's Comments

Thank you.

outcomes and outputs on M&E updated.

- 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

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 5/2/2024

Please provide a new Letter of Endorsement (LoE).

Please ensure the new LoE :

- includes the information of Source of Funds (GBFF in this case), GEF Agency and Focal Area Source (biodiversity in this case) in the financial table, which are missing in the LoE provided.

- includes an adequate agency fee. The one in the LoE provided is too high (10%).

- has financial amounts that are consistent with the financial tables in the portal entry. The allocated amount to GEF project financing in the Portal entry is currently higher than the allocated amount in the LoE. If the intention is to use neither PPG nor PPG Agency Fee and allocate a maximum to the project financing as shown in the portal entry, please ensure the LoE is consistent.

Agency's Comments

Thank you.

Revised LOE uploaded as requested.

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:

- carry out a thorough baseline analysis and explain how this project fits and adds value to on-going efforts to implement KMGBF targets 1, 2, and 3 at both the national level and in the landscape targeted under components 2 and 3. This notably includes Kenya's Forest and Landscape Restoration Implementation Plan (FOLAREP)- 2023-2027. The CEO endorsement request should notably make clear how the strategy and implementation plan dedicated to biodiversity corridors will fit in existing processes and institutional arrangements for land-use planning, land management and restoration, and relate to other sectoral plans that conflict with landscape connectivity.

- strengthen component 1 to contribute more directly to the implementation of KMGBF Target 1 at scale. In addition to the proposed development of a national strategy and implementation plan dedicated to biodiversity corridors, please consider including the necessary policy, institutional, and finance interventions to enable its implementation at scale. This could, among others, involve targeted interventions aimed at facilitating integration of the national strategy and implementation plan in existing land use planning process, building on the lessons learnt from the pilot in Laikipia (component 2).

- Component 3: Please consider including an interventions related to the development and piloting of financial mechanism(s), instead of resorting solely to direct project financing. Please leverage to the maximum co-finance for the livelihood interventions and use GBFF project financing on the incremental interventions that will generate benefits for biodiversity of global significance.

- Please ensure that interventions to be supported on IAS are justified through an evidence-based theory of change linking them with benefits for biodiversity of global significance, e.g. through functional connectivity. As required in the GBFF programming directions, please also confirm that these interventions would support the implementation of a comprehensive prevention, early detection, control, and management framework that emphasizes a risk management approach.

- Please ensure the CEO endorsement requests explains how the GBFF-supported restoration activities have been designed to specifically generate benefits for biodiversity of globally significance and functional connectivity in this project focused on biodiversity corridors.

- Please consolidate targets on GEF core indicators. Targets are currently not commensurate with the GBFF funding request and anticipated co-financing, noting in addition that WDPA ID 33496 has a surface area of 3,500 ha in the WDPA, and not 250,000 ha as reported in the PPG request. Please make also every effort to capture project co-benefits, including climate mitigation co-benefits on Core indicator 6, following the Guidelines on the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework (https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-09/Results_Framework_Guidelines_2022_06_30.pdf)

- Please coordinate with the Global Wildlife Program and the Kenya child project 11153- Advancing human-wildlife conflict management effectiveness in Kenya through an integrated approach.

- confirm the amount of GBFF project financing dedicated to support actions by IPLC for the conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of biodiversity. Please make sure that the CEO endorsement request document includes a justification with cross-reference to relevant project components and/or outputs that clarifies who will benefit and describes their role in the project.

- Reassess the tags on the KMGBF targets. The project is unlikely to have a significant contribution on all the targets that are currently tagged. Please identify the main contributions only.

JS 5/2/2024 - 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

Thank you.

Comments addressed as requested.

Review Dates

	PPG Request Review	Agency Response
First Review	5/2/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/6/2024	
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