

Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon (AF2)

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10300

Countries

Colombia

Project Name

Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon (AF2)

Agencies

World Bank

Date received by PM

10/28/2020

Review completed by PM

11/18/2020

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)?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

NA.

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

12/1/2020

Letters from the following institutions do not specify the types of co-financing: WWF, CSDF

Co-financing from Gordon and Betty Moore has been wrongly identified as “GEF Agency” co-financing.

Please change the source of co-financing from Gordon and Betty Moore.

With regards to WWF and CSDF please provide either revised co-financing letters from WWF and CSDF with co-financing types, or alternatively provide emails from these two organization confirming their co-financing in grant and investment mobilized as currently indicated in table C of the Portal entry.

12/3/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

12/2/2020

Thank you. Revised cofinancing letters in English and specifying the grant contribution are uploaded in the GEF Portal (WWF and CSDF)

Cofinancing source from Cordon and Betty Moore is identified as CSO.

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Management costs borne by GEF should be proportional to the overall project budget in terms of the ratio of GEF financing to cofinancing. Please ensure an equal ratio of GEF contribution to management costs when compared to cofinancing contribution to management costs.

Agency Response

11/17/2020

Thank you. The amount of cofinancing resources allocated to cover management costs has been adjusted after review of the details allocated by different sources. Making cofinancing for management costs more explicit, also ensures better proportionality to the ratio of GEF financing to cofinancing. Adjusted amounts are included in Table B.

Project Preparation Grant

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Core indicators

7. Are there changes/ adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Project Map and Coordinates

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Child Project

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Risks to Achieving Project Objectives

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared. Includes an annex addressing COVID-19 as well.

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Knowledge Management

Is the proposed “Knowledge Management Approach” for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Monitoring and Evaluation

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

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?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response

Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Please note that the budget ANNEX F is to be pasted into the portal. Please do so.

Agency Response

11/17/2020

Thank you. The budget annex F is pasted in the GEF portal, as advised.

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response
GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/11/2020

NA.

Agency Response
Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/11/2020

Council comments were presented on the PFD of the program and responses were provided prior to the Council meeting. Cleared.

Agency Response
STAP comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

NA

Agency Response

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

NA.

Agency Response

Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

NA.

Agency Response

CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

NA.

Agency Response
Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/11/2020

Cleared.

Agency Response
Calendar of expected reflows (if NGI is used)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/11/2020

NA

Agency Response
Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
11/11/2020

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.

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

NA

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

11/11/2020

Please address issues above and resubmit.

12/1/2020

Please address the issues with cofinancing noted above and resubmit.

12/3/2020

Cofinancing issues resolved. CEO endorsement is recommended.

Review Dates

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	11/11/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)	11/18/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/1/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)	12/3/2020	
Additional Review (as necessary)		

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

The project objective is to improve governance and promote sustainable land use activities in order to reduce deforestation and conserve biodiversity will be achieved by: (i) increasing the area of protected landscapes effectively conserved, managed and financed; (ii) increasing areas under sustainable productive systems (SPS) aiming to disincentivize deforestation and improve wellbeing, and (iii) establishing new and improving existing integrated, multisectoral sustainable development plans. AF2 activities will contribute to the region's resilience and ecological connectivity while curbing carbon emissions. Project areas in productive landscapes have been selected based on multiple criteria, including their potential to support connectivity with PAs. The project will continue to support and scale up policies, incentive structures and multisectoral strategies, as well as capacity building, knowledge exchange and national/regional collaboration required for achieving these outcomes.