



# Unlocking a sustainable and an inclusive Wildlife Economy potential in Tsholotsho District of the Hwange-Kazuma Landscape in Zimbabwe

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10966

**Countries**

Zimbabwe

**Project Name**

Unlocking a sustainable and an inclusive Wildlife Economy potential in Tsholotsho District of the Hwange-Kazuma Landscape in Zimbabwe

**Agencies**

UNEP

**Date received by PM**

8/1/2023

**Review completed by PM**

8/11/2023

**Program Manager**

Jurgis Sapijanskas

**Focal Area**

Biodiversity

**Project Type**

MSP

**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

JS 11/27/2023 - Cleared.

JS 10/20/2023

1- Thank you for the clarification. The response on the impossibility to address management of the Hwange National Park given the scale of the funding is well noted. The relevance of the communal wildlife areas targeted given the proximity of the Hwange National Park is also well noted. Please however see other comments in this review sheet related to the project objective, to ineligible activities that are not linked to incremental costs to deliver biodiversity benefits, to the replication/upscaling strategy, and to the need for the budget and theory of change to be aligned with the generation of global biodiversity benefits for the project to be eligible, and revise accordingly.

2-3-4 Cleared

JS 8/7/2023 -

1- While we understand the willingness to focus on simple and direct community benefits given the small size of the project, PPG did not address the requests that were made at the time of PIF approval for project preparation. On the contrary, PPG as we understand it,

further decreased the scale and scope of project's impact with very limited GEF funding contributing directly to biodiversity benefits, no explicit coordination with management of the Hwange National Park at large, let alone impact on its management, and no clear strategy for replication / up-scaling. Please see detailed comments included throughout this review sheet that are meant to help address this overarching comment.

2- Please, as requested at PIF stage, revert to BD-1-1 for the programming of funds for activities outside of protected areas, and BD-2-7 for activities related to protected areas. BD-1-2-b is for projects under the Global Wildlife Program only.

3- Rio markers: Please tag the project as 2 (principal objective) on the BD Rio marker. Please rate the project as 0 on the Desertification Rio Marker.

4- The time between expected implementation start and completion date is 24 months (as opposed to 36) ? please adjust accordingly:

<b>Submission Date</b> 8/1/2023	<b>Expected Implementation Start</b> 1/1/2024	<b>Expected Completion Date</b> 12/31/2025
<b>Duration</b> ⓘ 36 In Months		<b>Agency Fee(\$)</b> 42,579.00

Agency Response

**Cleared on 27th Nov 2023**

**Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 20th Oct 2023**

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Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023

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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

JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared

JS 11/27/2023

1a- The project objective has not been updated in the portal entry, please correct:

**Project Objective**  
To promote a Wildlife Economy approach in Tsholotsho District that benefits people and strengthens protected area management of Hwange National Park in the Hwange-Kazuma Landscape of Zimbabwe.

The rest is cleared.

JS 10/20/2023

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A- Please see comment on M&E budget in the comment box related to the budget.

JS 8/7/2023 -

1- The only environmental benefit in the project objective is to strengthen protected area management of the Hwange National Park. Yet, PA management is not reflected as a target on GEF core indicators, and the only project intervention related to the national park proposed in the CEO approval request is the opening of a new gate. All the other interventions are, as we understand it, to take place outside of the Park, at a very local scale, which does not seem sufficient to impact the management effectiveness of the national park. Please revise the project to align with the project objective approved at PIF, or revise the project objective and justify the changes made.

### Agency Response

#### Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 27th Nov 2023

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The Project objective has been reformulated to read as ?To promote a Wildlife Economy approach in Tsholotsho District that benefits people and strengthens wildlife management in the CAMPFIRE areas in Tsholotsho District?. Please see Page 1 of the CEO ER.

Project objective has been re-aligned towards what the project intends to do, project activities and target area.

Outcome 1.1 was revised to ensure it focuses on the surrounding CAMPFIRE area in Tsholotsho District.

The ineligible activities were replaced with activities that will generate biodiversity outputs (Page 24 of the CEO ER).

A- We have failed to see this comment

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA

Agency Response [N/A](#)

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

JS 10/20/2023 - Cleared.

JS 8/7/2023 -

1- Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry: The supporting co-finance letter is for \$1,400,000 in kind and \$240,000 of investment mobilized, when the following is reported in the portal:



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Please correct the amounts.

2- Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority: Likewise, the amounts in the portal do not correspond to the letter. Please correct.

3- IFAW:

3a -The co-financing from IFAW, for which a supporting letter is provided, is not reflected in the portal. Please correct.

3b- The letter announces an annex that was not provided. The letter provided does not clarify the form of the co-financing (in kind / grant ; recurring expenditures/ Investment mobilized). Please correct.

4- We failed to find the supporting documents for the following co-financing:

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GEF Agency	UNEP Wildlife Unit – Africa’s co-existence landscapes	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	700,000.00

Please provide.

Agency Response

**Cleared on 20th Oct 2023**

**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

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We failed to acquire supporting documents; therefore,

#### 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 JS 8/7/2023 - Cleared.

Agency Response **Cleared on 7th August 2023**

**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 JS 8/7/2023 - Cleared.

Agency Response **Cleared on 7th August 2023**

**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

**JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared.**

**JS 11/27/2023**

**2- It is still unclear how the project would lead to improved practices to benefit biodiversity over 440,779 ha. Since core indicator 4 is the only core indicator with a target capturing**

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JS 10/20/2023 -

1- Cleared, response noted.

2 - Thank you for the clarifications, but it is still unclear how the project would lead to improved practices to benefit biodiversity over 440,779 ha. While the development of a land use plan has been reintroduced in the project, it does not seem the land use plan would be implemented as part of the project so that the corresponding area cannot be counted as being directly impacted by the project, which is required per guidelines for core indicator targets. More fundamentally, how the land use planning is to generate benefits for biodiversity of global significance is not explained. As such, beyond a total of \$20,000 for ranger equipment and \$24,000 of ranger training, none of the other activities seem conducive of a direct impact on practices to benefit biodiversity. Since core indicator 4 is the only core indicator with a target capturing GEBs to be generated by this project, it is critical for the project's eligibility that there is a clear theory of change for how the project would deliver the direct impact on the reported hectares and that the underlying activities receive adequate funding.

JS 8/7/2023 -

We note no changes were made to the targets compared to PIF. However:

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2- The project has been modified and from the project's proposed activities at CEO approval stage, it is unclear how 440,779 ha of land would be brought under improved practices to benefit biodiversity. The output related to updating the Tsholotsho District plan and developing local environmental by-laws on natural resource management was removed. Beyond total of \$30,000 for ranger equipment and training, none of the other activities seem conducive of a direct impact on practices to benefit biodiversity. Please clarify under the core indicators table in the portal to what the 440,779 ha correspond (communal wildlife areas?) and how the project will directly contribute to improve practices that benefit biodiversity over this surface area.

Agency Response

**Response to 2<sup>nd</sup> GEF Review Comments raised on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

<p><b>7. Are there changes/adjustments made in the core indicator targets indicated in Table E? Do they remain realistic?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 11/27/2023</p> <p>2- It is still unclear how the project would lead to improved practices to benefit biodiversity over 440,779 ha. Since core indicator 4 is the only core indicator with a target capturing GEBs to be generated by this project, it is critical for the project's eligibility that there is a clear theory of change for how the project would deliver the direct impact on the reported hectares and that the underlying activities receive adequate funding. Please explain under the core indicator table in the portal.</p>	<p>An explanation has been put under the core indicator table in the portal.</p>
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**Response to 2<sup>nd</sup> GEF Review Comments raised on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023**

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Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

JS 10/20/2023 -

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Since the project funds are very small, the output on development of a land use plan has been removed because developing and implementing a land use plan is an expensive venture compared to the size of the project.

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Thank you. The project is score minimally through:

- ? Improved eco-tourism numbers entering the park through the Ngamo gate and allowing easier access to accessing the park
- ? Indirectly through the development of the Southern side of the park for the protection of the Tsholotsho District reduced illegal entry into the park boundary.
- ? The engagement of the local community in protection of the park

Currently, community benefits are being realized for under CAMPFIRE within the buffer zone of wildlife areas. Work is being conducted to benefit communities outside the protected areas.

Given the size of the project and the limited resources, the project area will spread the resource and is likely to benefit the community economy in the communal areas.

2- The project has been modified and from the project's proposed activities at CEO approval stage, it is unclear how 440,779 ha of land would be brought under improved practices to benefit biodiversity. The output related to updating the Tsholotsho District plan and developing local environmental by-laws on natural resource management was removed. Beyond total of \$30,000 for ranger equipment and training, none of the other activities seem conducive of a direct impact on practices to benefit biodiversity. Please clarify under the core indicators table in the portal to what the 440,779 ha correspond (communal wildlife areas?) and how the project will directly contribute to improve practices that benefit biodiversity over this surface area.

Thank you, this has now been included in the associated activities relating to the district plan has now been included in the district plan (Page 22).

The Ranger training and equipment (equipment is 30k and training is 10k) is reinforcing wildlife management practices. Furthermore, it shall be included in the project commitments.

In addition, there are other activities that will influence biodiversity conservation through the development of the eco-lodge which will provide a buffer zone for wildlife areas and potential poachers. The local communities recognize and are naturally become stewards of the park.

The CAMPFIRE area in the buffer zone of the park. This area acts as a buffer to protect the park from poachers and also allowing the community to benefit from the park. This is the case when moving from the park to the communal areas.

## 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

JS 11/27/2023 - Cleared.

JS 10/20/2023

1- Cleared.

2- Thank you for the clarifications. However, beyond insufficient benefits for local communities from wildlife and lack of knowledge sharing, it remains unclear what biodiversity management issue the project aims to address in the communal wildlife areas. Please specify, in the list of barriers shown in the portal entry, the barrier for proper biodiversity management in the communal wildlife areas that the project is to remove.

JS 8/7/2023 -

1- Please edit/proofread the portal entry to avoid repetitions and streamline the document. CAMPFIRE is currently presented three times. Please consolidate one single introduction to CAMPFIRE.

2- With the changes made compared to the PIF, the project seems to be now focused on communal wildlife areas. Please clarify what are the communal wildlife areas targeted by the project and what are the shortcoming in current management arrangements that the project is to address.

Agency Response

cleared on 27th Nov 2023

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

**JS 10/20/2023 - Cleared.**

JS 8/8/2023:

1-The baseline has not been refined compared to PIF stage. For all projects cited in the baseline, please provide the time period of implementation, lessons learned (if any) used in

the design of this GEF-7 project, and explain how this GEF-7 project builds on/provides an increment compared to the baseline project.

2- Please notably clarify which GEF-5 project is referred to here:

The Tsholotsho District received some support from the GEF 5 Project and carried some community livelihoods through wildlife management. The council has continued with some activities from this project and current investments include implementation of human-wildlife mitigation measures, human-wildlife conflict management and anti-poaching activities.

3 - Please clarify the baseline related to the implementation of the CAMPFIRE program in the Tsholotsho District, e.g. were there any leases to commercial operators granted by the District Council, any existing benefits for the targeted communities from CAMPFIRE?

Agency Response

**Cleared on 20th Oct 2023**

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The wildlife are kilometers bounded. This area is leased and pay their dues and District Councils hunted animals. For these funds, they put their funds in committees in each decision on how projects implemented the district included the drilling of boreholes and dams for the communities and meat from the hunt.

**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

JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared.

JS 11/27/2023 -

B- Please update component 1 in the ToC, which is not be targeting Hwange NP:

**Component 1: Promoting a sustainable and an inclusive Wildlife Economy for improved community livelihoods and strengthening capacity of local authorities in Tsholotsho District for effective management of Hwange NP.**

The rest is cleared.

JS 10/24/2023

1b-1c- As explained in the second comment box of this review sheet, the proposed procurement of boreholes and rehabilitation of dams are not eligible for GEF BD Focal area funding as proposed. Please remove.

3c - The added-value of an adhoc upscaling/replication strategy that still seems entirely disconnected from the rest of this project has not been clarified. Please delete and reallocate resources.

A- Please clarify how output 1.2.1 relates to the rest of the project and how the land use plans are to be implemented when no specific project support is planned to that effect. Please also clarify how the land use plan are to provide benefits for biodiversity in practice.

The rest is cleared, thank you.

B- Please update the theory of change to align with the other revisions requested.

JS 8/11/2023

1- outcome 1:

1a - Please clarify what is meant by "*The district will be supported in law enforcement and anti-poaching activities to improve the management of Hwange NP for the part of the park that borders Tsholotsho District*". Does the district have a mandate inside the park and carry out enforcement and anti-poaching activities within the boundaries of the park? If so, how are these efforts coordinated with that of the Hwange NP staff?

1b- Please consider renaming output 1.1 since the underlying activities 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 cannot be considered community-based wildlife economy projects. 1.1.1 is at best related to human-wildlife conflict mitigation and 1.1.2 is not community-based.

1c - Activity 1.1.1 Support installation and rehabilitation of water facilities: Please provide evidence that such activities can contribute to reducing Human-Wildlife conflict and benefit biodiversity of global significance. Please also clarify what is already in place to tackle HWC in the targeted area and justify that the proposed activity is the priority incremental intervention to reduce Human-Wildlife conflict. Without such evidence, the activity cannot be considered incremental and is thus not eligible for BD funding. If evidence is provided, please include in the design of the project an evaluation of the impact of expanded water facilities on HWC.

1d- Activity 1.1.2: Please confirm that there is already the necessary access infrastructure for the gate to be directly usable, that adding a new gate is part of the plans of the Hwange National Park authority, and that there is commitment from it to dedicate the necessary resources to operate the gate. Are these resources already included in the co-financing?

1e- Please clarify who would be (i) the owner, (ii) manager, and (iii) operator of the community eco-lodge/campsite (activity 1.1.3). What modalities would be employed to attribute operations (commercial lease?), and the fair and transparent distribution of revenues

to benefit the community and biodiversity management. Finally, what measures will be taken to ensure the sustainability of this investment?

2- Outcome 1.2.

2a- Please clarify the number of rangers that would be trained and equipped. Are these only district rangers or also the National Park's rangers?

2b- On what existing training programs and trainers will this outcome build and how will it improve coordination with the management of adjacent protected areas.

3- Component 2:

3a- The portal entry still mentions a mid-term review, which would not make sense for a 24 months project. Please delete:

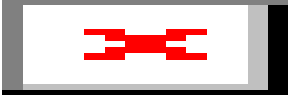
kind in Zimbabwe. Therefore, an up-scaling / replication strategy of the project will be developed plus a Sustainability and exit strategy. Finally, a midterm review and a terminal evaluation exercise will be conducted to evidence project performance.

3b- Activity 2.1.3: Please indicate what are the potential existing knowledge-sharing platforms that will be used.

3c- output 2.3: The added-value of an ad-hoc replication/up scaling strategy that is not embedded in the project design from the start is unclear. Please include in the project design interventions that will contribute to up-scaling or facilitate replication, e.g. mechanism to strengthen coordination of anti-poaching activities with National Park management and other communal wildlife areas, or (if not already existing) institutionalization of district ranger training within relevant higher-level organization.

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<p><b>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?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion  <b>JS 11/27/2023 -</b></p> <p><b>B- Please update component 1 in the ToC, which is not targeting Hwange NP:</b></p> 	<p>Component 1 in the ToC has been updated accordingly</p>
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**Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 20th Oct 2023**

<p><b>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?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion  <b>JS 10/24/2023</b></p> <p>1b-1c- As explained in the second comment box of this review sheet, the propose procurement of boreholes and rehabilitation of dams are not eligible for GEF BD Focal area funding as proposed. Please remove.</p> <p><b>3c - The added-value of an adhoc upscaling/replication strategy that still seems entirely disconnected from the rest of this project has not been clarified. Please delete and reallocate resources.</b></p> <p><b>A- Please clarify how output 1.2.1 relates to the rest of the project and how the land use plans are to be implemented when no specific project support is planned to that effect. Please also clarify how the land use plan are to provide benefits for biodiversity in practice.</b></p> <p><b>The rest is cleared, thank you.</b></p> <p><b>B- Please update the theory of change to align with the other revisions requested.</b></p>	<p>boreholes and rehabilitation of dams have been removed.</p> <p>The output on upscaling strategy has been removed (page 27 of the CEO -ER) and budget re-allocated to other activities.</p> <p>Since the project funds are very small, the output on development of a land use plan has been removed because developing and implementing a land use plan seems to be an expensive venture compared to the size of the project.</p> <p>The theory has been revised please refer to page 31 Of the CEO endorsement request.</p>
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<p><b>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?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023</p> <p>1- outcome 1:</p> <p>1a - Please clarify what is meant by "<i>The district will be supported in law enforcement and anti-poaching activities to improve the management of Hwange NP for the part of the park that borders Tsholotsho District</i>". Does the district have a mandate inside the park and carry out enforcement and anti-poaching activities within the boundaries of the park? If so, how are these efforts coordinated with that of the Hwange NP staff?</p> <p>1b- Please consider renaming output 1.1 since the underlying activities 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 cannot be considered community-based wildlife economy projects. 1.1.1 is at best related to human-wildlife conflict mitigation and 1.1.2 is not community-based.</p>	<p>The area under the National Parks. The area is mandated to enforce the park. More of the parks against the parks against National Park.</p> <p>Output 1.1 has no ensure it suits the</p>
<p>1c - Activity 1.1.1 Support installation and rehabilitation of water facilities: Please provide evidence that such activities can contribute to reducing Human-Wildlife conflict and benefit biodiversity of global significance. Please also clarify what is already in place to tackle HWC in the targeted area and justify that the proposed activity is the priority incremental intervention to reduce Human-Wildlife conflict. Without such evidence, the activity cannot be considered incremental and is thus not eligible for BD funding. If evidence is provided, please include in the design of the project an evaluation of the impact of expanded water facilities on HWC.</p>	<p>Evidence of reducing (HWC) through has been provided (Pa</p>
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<p>1e- Please clarify who would be (i) the owner, (ii) manager, and (iii) operator of the community ecotourism/campsite (activity 1.1.3). What modalities would be employed to attribute operations (commercial lease?), and the fair and transparent distribution of revenues to benefit the community and biodiversity management. Finally, what measures will be taken to ensure the sustainability of this investment?</p>	<p>Thank you, the re for the functioning (Page 21).</p>
<p>2- Outcome 1.2.</p> <p>2a- Please clarify the number of rangers that would be trained and equipped. Are these only district rangers or also the National Park's rangers?</p>	<p>The number of rangers now been clarified</p>

<p>2b- On what existing training programs and trainers will this outcome build and how will it improve coordination with the management of adjacent protected areas.</p>	<p>There is good coordination with rangers and other stakeholders. Poaching services are provided outside the protected areas. The project has notified and a team of the CAMPFIRE. A well-trained (Zimbabwean) wildlife and CAMPFIRE team will be trained to reduce illegal activities outside the protected areas.</p>
<p>3- Component 2:</p> <p>3a- The portal entry still mentions a mid-term review, which would not make sense for a 24 months project. Please delete:</p> <p>...in Zimbabwe. Therefore, an up-scaling / replication strategy of the project will be developed plus a Sustainability and exit strategy. Finally, a midterm review and a terminal evaluation exercise will be conducted to evidence project performance.</p>	<p>Mid-term review</p>
<p>3b- Activity 2.1.3: Please indicate what are the potential existing knowledge-sharing platforms that will be used.</p>	<p>The already existing platforms will be utilized have been mentioned on page 24.</p>
<p>3c- output 2.3: The added-value of an ad-hoc replication/up scaling strategy that is not embedded in the project design from the start is unclear. Please include in the project design interventions that will contribute to up-scaling or facilitate replication, e.g. mechanism to strengthen coordination of anti-poaching activities with National Park management and other communal wildlife areas, or (if not already existing) institutionalization of district ranger training within relevant higher-level organization.</p>	<p>Aspects of scaling up</p> <p>The Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Commission (formally Mushariri) offers ranger training to district rangers (Page 22)</p>

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request  
 JS 8/11/2023 - cleared.

Agency Response **Cleared on 7th August 2023**

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



Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

JS 11/27/2023 - Cleared.

JS 10/24/2023 - To be revisited upon resubmission given changes requested on budget.

JS 8/11/2023 -

1- The role of co-financing is not explained and, as commented in other comment boxes, incrementality is unclear for multiple interventions. Please explain the role of co-financing and address other comments included in this review sheet.

Agency Response

cleared on 27th Nov 2023

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<p><b>5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 10/24/2023 - To be revisited upon resubmission given changes requested on budget.</p>	<p>Incremental cost reasoning revised page 32 of the CEO ER.</p>
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<p><b>5. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 8/11/2023 - 1- The role of co-financing is not explained and, as commented in other comment boxes, incrementality is unclear for multiple interventions. Please explain the role of co-financing and address other comments included in this review sheet.</p>	<p>The roles of the co-interventions were explained</p>
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**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

JS 8/11/2023 - Please see comments on the GEF core indicator targets.

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<p><b>6. Is there further and better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023 - Please see comments on the GEF core indicator targets.</p>	<p>The issue on the GEF core indicator is addressed</p>
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**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

JS 11/27/2023 - Cleared.

JS 10/25/2023

2- Cleared

1- To be revisited upon resubmission given changes requested on the project.

JS 8/11/2023 -

1- sustainability: the elaboration is generic and does not explain how the specific project interventions are designed to be sustainable/durable. Please see questions on the alternative scenario and explain here how the specific project interventions were designed to be sustainable/durable.

2- Scaling-up:

2a- Please see question in the alternative scenario on output 2.3.

2b. This elaboration mentions capacity of a range of people and institutions (staff within Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry and Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority on Protected Area monitoring; training on PA management for staff at the targeted PA sites) that do not seem targeted by any capacity building activities in the alternative scenario. Please explain or revise.

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cleared on 27th Nov 2023

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<p><b>7. Is there further and better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023 -</p> <p>1- sustainability: the elaboration is generic and does not explain how the specific project interventions are designed to be sustainable/durable. Please see questions on the alternative scenario and explain here how the specific project interventions were designed to be sustainable/durable.</p>	<p>A more specific sustainability on alternative scenarios w</p>
<p>2- Scaling-up:</p> <p>2a- Please see question in the alternative scenario on output 2.3.</p> <p>2b. This elaboration mentions capacity of a range of people and institutions (staff within Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry and Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority on Protected Area monitoring; training on PA management for staff at the targeted PA sites) that do not seem targeted by any capacity building activities in the alternative scenario. Please explain or revise.</p>	<p>Thank you for the comm will be administered to R communities on impleme (Page 38).</p>

**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

JS 10/24/2023 - Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023:

1) A map is provided but it does not outline the areas targeted by the project, which, as we understand it, are primarily the "communal wildlife areas" of the Tsholotsho district. Please provide a map that shows these communal wildlife areas.

2- Please consider inserting the geographic location of the site directly under the dedicated ?GEO Location? data entry field in the portal.

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**Cleared on 24th Oct 2023**

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<p><b>Project Map and Coordinates</b> <b>Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023:</p> <p>1) A map is provided but it does not outline the areas targeted by the project, which, as we understand it, are primarily the "communal wildlife areas" of the Tsholotsho district. Please provide a map that shows these communal wildlife areas.</p>	<p>A map that shows the con (Page 39).</p>
<p>2- Please consider inserting the geographic location of the site directly under the dedicated ?GEO Location? data entry field in the portal.</p>	<p>Thank you, to be inserted</p>

**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  
NA

Agency Response **N/A**  
**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  
JS 10/26/2023 - Cleared. We note the uploaded stakeholder engagement plan.

JS 8/11/2023:

1- We failed to find the stakeholder engagement plan that is announced as appendix 22 with this submission. Please provide.

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**Cleared on 26th Oct 2023**

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<p><b>Stakeholders</b> <b>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?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023:</p> <p>1- We failed to find the stakeholder engagement plan that is announced as appendix 22 with this submission. Please provide.</p>	<p>The stakeholder engagement plan was uploaded in the portal.</p>
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**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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JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared.

JS 11/27/2023 - The revised gender analysis and action plan has not been uploaded with this resubmission. Please correct.

JS 10/26/2023 -

1-Thank you for the gender analysis and action plan. Please, however, revise to ensure consistency with the change in outputs. For instance, the gender action plan does not include the output 1.2.1 dedicated to land use plan that was reintroduced with this submission.

2- Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023:

1- We failed to find the gender analysis and action plan that is announced as appendix 17 with this submission. Please provide.

2- Please clarify how the project is to contribute to closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources beyond the provision of access to new water sources?

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<p><b>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?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 11/27/2023 - The revised gender analysis and action plan has not been uploaded with this resubmission. Please correct.</p>	<p>The revised gender analysis and action plan has been uploaded</p>
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<p><b>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?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 10/26/2023 -  1-Thank you for the gender analysis and action plan. Please, however, revise to ensure consistency with the change in outputs. For instance, the gender action plan does not include the output 1.2.1 dedicated to land use plan that was reintroduced with this submission.</p>	<p>The output on land use plan has been removed. In addition, the the gender analysis and action plan have been revised to suit the new changes</p>
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**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

<p><b>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</b> <b>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?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023:</p> <p>1- We failed to find the gender analysis and action plan that is announced as appendix 17 with this submission. Please provide.</p> <p>2- Please clarify how the project is to contribute to closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources beyond the provision of access to new water sources?</p>	<p>Thank you, the omission and action plan (appendix 17) has been resubmitted.</p> <p>Thank you, the project will focus on women in income generation and eco-tourism development. Furthermore, this is expected to be included in the analysis and action plan (appendix 17).</p>
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**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

JS 10/26/2023 - Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023:

1- this section contains elements that we fail to reconcile with the alternative scenario. Please link the following to specific output / activities or revise:

- Policy development (The project will work with Sidinda Community Wildlife Conservancy in data and information gathering for policy development).

- Safari operators will provide technical expertise to communities, will also form partnerships for wildlife economy enterprises

- A detailed and tailored private sector engagement plan will be drafted

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<p><b>Private Sector Engagement</b></p> <p><b>If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023:</p> <p>1- this section contains elements that we fail to reconcile with the alternative scenario. Please link the following to specific output / activities or revise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Policy development (The project will work with Sidinda Community Wildlife Conservancy in data and information gathering for policy development).</li><li>- Safari operators will provide technical expertise to communities, will also form partnerships for wildlife economy enterprises</li><li>- A detailed and tailored private sector engagement plan will be drafted</li></ul>	<p>Thank you for the comment. It has been revised accordingly.</p>
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**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

JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared.

JS 11/27/2023 -

1- Removing the risk is not an acceptable response. Please address the risk related to "leakage" of environmental offenses and poaching. Working on enforcement and anti-poaching activities only in a small part of a large wildlife area, may indeed merely displace



offenses and poaching to other areas not receiving project support. If ensuring coordination between different anti-poaching units within the Hwange Kazuma landscape requires dedicated project interventions, please include them explicitly in the project under outcome 1.2, and fund them by redistributing budget from outcome 1.1.

A- The risk section of portal entry still states that the duration has been reduced to 24 month. Please correct and ensure the entire portal entry is consistent:

<p>Reducing the project timeframe from 36 months to <b>24 months</b></p>	<p>L</p>	<p>The project will use the US\$ to transact as opposed to the local currency.</p> <p>Although the decision to reduce the project timeframe was based on a thorough assessment of the project's requirements, constraints, and available resources, this can also pose risk to the project, by for example, reducing the period available for achieving structural improvements, ultimately affecting the successful implementation.</p> <p>The project team will mitigate the risks associated with shortened timeframe by careful planning project activities and adopting a proactive management approach. Stakeholders will be engaged at early stages, ensuring clear communication channels, prioritize critical tasks, allocate resources effectively, and continuously monitor the project's progress. Regular risk assessment, contingency planning, and flexibility in adjusting the project plan will be essential to minimize the impact of these risks and increase the likelihood of successful project delivery within the shortened timeframe.</p>
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JS 10/26/2023 -

1- Thank you. The mitigation measure proposed is "Ensure there is co-ordination and open communication lines between different anti-poaching units within the Hwange Kazuma landscape". Is there already a functional mechanism to do so or would the project contribute to developing it, and thus explicit budget and activities be included.

A - This section states that the project duration has been reduced to 24 months when, with this submission, the duration has been sent back to 36 months in the first page. Please ensure consistency:

<p><b>Submission Date</b> 8/1/2023</p>	<p><b>Expected Implementation Start</b> 1/1/2024</p>	<p><b>Expected Completion Date</b> 12/31/2026</p>
<p><b>Duration</b> ⓘ 36 In Months</p>	<p><b>Agency Fee(\$)</b> 42,579.00</p>	

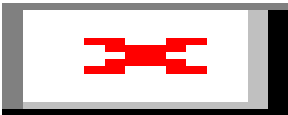
B- Please remove the risks associated with drilling boreholes in line with related revision requested to project and budget.

JS 8/11/2023:

1- Please address the risk related to "leakage" of environmental offenses and poaching. Working on enforcement and anti-poaching activities only in a small part of a large wildlife area, may indeed merely displace offenses and poaching to other areas not receiving project support.

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<p><b>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?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 11/27/2023 -</p> <p>I- Removing the risk is not an acceptable response. Please address the risk related to "leakage" of environmental offenses and poaching. Working on enforcement and anti-poaching activities only in a small part of a large wildlife area, may indeed merely displace offenses and poaching to other areas not receiving project support. If ensuring coordination between different anti-poaching units within the Hwange Kazuma landscape requires dedicated project interventions, please include them explicitly in the project under outcome 1.2, and fund them by redistributing budget from outcome 1.1.</p> <p>A- The risk section of portal entry still states that the duration has been reduced to 24 month. Please correct and ensure the entire portal entry is consistent:</p> 	<p>The environmental leakage risk was included (page 41). Moreover, the risk mitigation measures were included in the project interventions (page 22).</p> <p>the risk has been re-instated and an activity in this regard has been created under outcome 1.2. the new activity is numbered Activity 1.2.1.4</p> <p>The 24 months error has been corrected</p>
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<p><b>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?</b>  <b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 10/26/2023 -</b></p> <p>I- Thank you. The mitigation measure proposed is "Ensure there is co-ordination and open communication lines between different anti-poaching units within the Hwange Kazuma landscape". Is there already a functional mechanism to do so or would the project contribute to developing it, and thus explicit budget and activities be included.</p> <p>A - This section states that the project duration has been reduced to 24 months when, with this submission, the duration has been sent back to 36 months in the first page. Please ensure consistency:</p> <p>B- Please remove the risks associated with drilling boreholes in line with related revision requested to project and budget.</p>	<p>The mentioned risk has been removed</p> <p>The project duration of 36 months has been retained</p> <p>The risk associated with drilling boreholes has been removed</p>
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<p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 8/11/2023:</p> <p>I- Please address the risk related to "leakage" of environmental offenses and poaching. Working on enforcement and anti-poaching activities only in a small part of a large wildlife area, may indeed merely displace offenses and poaching to other areas not receiving project support.</p>	<p>The risk related to leakage has been addressed (Page 44 of 44)</p>
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**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 JS 10/24/2023 - Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023:

1- Please explain why the CAMPFIRE Association is not anticipated to be part of the Steering committee and consider adding it.

2- This section still mentions a mid-term review. Please delete:

*b) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) missions*

UNEP will arrange for the Project's Mid-term, Terminal Evaluation in consultation with Project Management Unit (PMU). The Project Mid-and Terminal M&E will, inter alia: a) Review the effectiveness, efficiency and timeliness of

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<p><b>Coordination</b></p> <p><b>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?</b></p> <p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023:</p> <p>1- Please explain why the CAMPFIRE Association is not anticipated to be part of the Steering committee and consider adding it.</p> <p>2- This section still mentions a mid-term review. Please delete:</p> <p><i>b) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) missions</i> UNEP will arrange for the Project's Mid-term, Terminal Evaluation in consultation with Project Management Unit (PMU). The Project Mid-and Terminal M&amp;E will, inter alia: a) Review the effectiveness, efficiency and timeliness of</p>	<p>CAMPFIRE Ass committee (Page Mid-term review</p>
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**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

JS 8/11/2023 - cleared.

Agency Response **Cleared on 7th August 2023**

**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

JS 10/24/2023 - Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023 - The project document includes a set of knowledge management and communications activities, especially as part of Component 2, including knowledge and communications products to share key messages, lessons and experiences, trainings, workshops, knowledge sharing platforms and dissemination of lessons learned and good practice. The project document refers to a communication strategy and includes a set of outreach and dissemination activities. The project's results framework lists targeted KM and communications deliverables. However, a clear budget and timeline for the implementation of KM&L and communications activities have not been provided.

1- Please clarify the budget and timeline for the implementation of key KM&L and communications activities. This information can be presented in a simple table in the KM section of project document.

Agency Response

**Cleared on 24th Oct 2023**

**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

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A budget and timeline for  
Management has been pro  
and in the portal

**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 CEO Endorsement Request

JS 10/26/2023 - Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023 - We note the low-risk rating and the attached SRIF.

1- Please provide a full environmental and social risk assessment report that has been developed (Appendix 13) and environmental and social risk management plan to address leakage of environmental offenses and poaching. We failed to find the full environmental and social risk assessment report (Appendix 13).

Agency Response

**Cleared on 26th Oct 2023**

**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

<p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 8/11/2023 - We note the low-risk rating and the attached SRIF.</p> <p>1- Please provide a full environmental and social risk assessment report that has been developed (Appendix 13) and environmental and social risk management plan to address leakage of environmental offenses and poaching. We failed to find a full environmental and social risk assessment report has been developed (Appendix 13).</p>	<p>We are sorry there was an error in the full environmental and social risk management plan appendix 13 is not there. Risk Identification Form mentioning of appendix 13</p>
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### 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

JS 11/27/2022- Cleared.

JS 10/26/2023 -

1- The proposed M&E budget is above indicative threshold of 5% of GEF-funded part of project financing for projects under \$5 million, please reduce to under \$22,400 or justify additional budgetary needs, e.g. given the small total GEF budget, there might be some incompressible M&E costs that cannot be reduced proportionally with GEF project financing.

2- Cleared.

JS 8/11/2023

1- This section provides generic information but not a full-fledged M&E plan, i.e., as per the GEF Monitoring Policy (ME/PL/03), a timeline of planned Monitoring and Evaluation Activities, expected dates of submission of Terminal Evaluations and any Mid-Term Reviews, a budget, roles and responsibilities, as well as arrangements for Stakeholder Engagement and information disclosure consistent with the minimum requirements specified in the Evaluation Policy. Please provide and (i) include M&E outputs and/or outcomes in the project description summary as required in Guidelines; and (ii) include a budget table in section 9.

2- This section still mentions a mid-term review. Please delete.

Agency Response

Cleared on 27th Nov 2023

Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 26th Oct 2023

<p><b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b> <b>Does the project include a budgeted M&amp;E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?</b> <b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</b> <b>JS 10/26/2023 -</b></p> <p>1- The proposed M&amp;E budget is above indicative threshold of 5% of GEF-funded part of project financing for projects under \$5 million, please reduce to under \$22,400 or justify additional budgetary needs, e.g. given the small total GEF budget, there might be some incompressible M&amp;E costs that cannot be reduced proportionally with GEF project financing.</p>	<p>The proposed M&amp;E budget has been reduced to 20,000 which is below the threshold of 5%.</p>
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Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023

<p>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</p> <p>JS 8/11/2023</p> <p>1- This section provides generic information but not a full-fledged M&amp;E plan, i.e., as per the GEF Monitoring Policy (ME/PL/03), a timeline of planned Monitoring and Evaluation Activities, expected dates of submission of Terminal Evaluations and any Mid-Term Reviews, a budget, roles and responsibilities, as well as arrangements for Stakeholder Engagement and information disclosure consistent with the minimum requirements specified in the Evaluation Policy. Please provide and (i) include M&amp;E outputs and/or outcomes in the project description summary as required in Guidelines; and (ii) include a budget table in section 9.2- This section still mentions a mid-term review. Please delete.</p>	<p>A more project specific containing outputs and outcomes has been included.</p>
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**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

JS 11/27/2023 - Cleared.



JS 10/26/2023 - Please remove the reference to boreholes and dams.

Previous comment otherwise cleared.

JS 8/11/2023

1- Please revise this section to focus on the actual socio-economic benefits that will directly results from the project, which are all at the local scale. This section notably states that the project would "strengthen Zimbabwe?s strategies, mechanisms, and institutions for wildlife economy at the national level", when there is no national intervention planned.

Agency Response

Cleared on 27th Nov 2023

**Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 26th Oct 2023**

<p><b>Benefits</b> <b>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?</b> <b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request</b> JS 10/26/2023 - Please remove the reference to boreholes and dams.  Previous comment otherwise cleared.</p>	<p>The reference to boreholes and dams has been removed .</p>
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**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

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Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared.

JS 11/27/2023

Please remove sundries from the budget, it is not an eligible expense category:

40	EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT	
	4100	Expendable equipment
		4101 Stationery, airtime, sundries

JS 10/26/2023

1b- To be revisited once revisions requested in this review (notably reallocation of resources that were proposed for rehabilitation of dams, installation of boreholes, and consultancy to develop ex-post an up-scaling /replication strategy) have been made.

Other previous comments cleared.

JS 8/9/2023:

1) budget

1a) The budget breakdown by components is different in table B and in Annex E (e.g. component 1 is 303,386 vs 284,885; PMC are 40,338 vs 44,821) and some line items are different in the budget compared to the description of the alternative scenario (e.g eco-lodge is \$80,000 vs \$50,000). Please revise to ensure consistency throughout the documents.

1b) The budget presented in annex E devotes less than 54% of GEF project financing to concrete activities on the ground and training. The rest of the budget appears to be devoted to coordination meetings, project and knowledge management, M&E, when this small project is very focused on a few interventions. Please revise the budget to increase cost-efficiency.

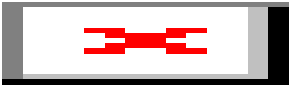
1c) Audit is to be funded from PMC, not from the M&E budget. Please correct.

1d) The budget is off margins in the portal. Please correct.

2) We failed to find the agency project document in the submission. Please provide or confirm that the CEO approval request will be used in the Agency's internal approval processes.

Agency Response

Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 27th Nov 2023

<p><b>Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 11/27/2023</p> <p>Please remove sundries from the budget, it is not an eligible expense category:</p> 	<p>Sundries has been removed from the budget</p>
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Response to 2nd GEF Review Comments raised on 26th Oct 2023

<p><b>Annexes</b></p> <p><b>Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 10/26/2023</p> <p>1b- To be revisited once revisions requested in this review (notably reallocation of resources that were proposed for rehabilitation of dams, installation of boreholes, and consultancy to develop ex-post an up-scaling /replication strategy) have been made.</p> <p>Other previous comments cleared.</p>	<p>Activities on rehabilitation of dams, installation of boreholes, and consultancy to develop ex-post an up-scaling /replication strategy have been removed and the budget re-allocated accordingly</p>
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Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023

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<p>1c) Audit is to be funded from PMC, not from the M&amp;E budget. Please correct.</p>	Audit has been put under PMC
<p>1d) The budget is off margins in the portal. Please correct.</p>	The budget is now within margins
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### Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

JS 12/1/2023 - Cleared.

JS 11/27/2023

2- Please fill in the following columns for the GEF core indicator as well:

Project Objective <i>Lasting and significant changes to which the project is expected to contribute</i>	Objective level Indicators <i>How contributions to the objective will be measured including quantity, quality, time</i>	Baseline <i>Initial Baseline for Objective indicator(s)</i>	Targets and Monitoring Milestones		Means of Verification <i>How the information required to measure the indicator will be collected, when, and by whom</i>	Assumptions & Risks <i>Assumptions and Risks that affect objective level</i>
			Mid-Term <i>Mid-Point Target</i>	End of Project <i>End of project Target</i>		

GEF core indicators should be treated as other Results Framework indicators. Please notably explain in these columns how improved practices to benefit biodiversity (core indicator 4.1) will be measured in practice in the context of this project.

JS 8/11/2023:

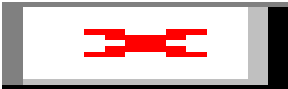
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2- Please add all GEF core indicator targets in the Results Framework, i.e. please add indicator 4.1 and explain how improved practices to benefit biodiversity will be measured in practice in the context of this project.

3- Please clarify what staff is referred to in indicator "Percentage of staff trained on gender responsive training."

### Agency Response

#### Response to 2<sup>nd</sup> GEF Review Comments raised on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

<p><b>Project Results Framework</b> Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 11/27/2023</p> <p>2- Please fill in the following columns for the GEF core indicator as well:</p>  <p>GEF core indicators should be treated as other Results Framework indicators. Please notably explain in these columns how improved practices to benefit biodiversity (core indicator 4.1) will be measured in practice in the context of this project.</p>	<p>The columns for the GEF core indicator in the results framework have been filled.</p> <p>GEF co-indicator has been treated as a results framework indicator (Results Log frame, appendix A).</p>
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#### Response to 1<sup>st</sup> GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023

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**GEF Secretariat comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

JS 11/27/2023 - Cleared.

JS 10/26/2023

Thank you. Please replace in the portal the responses to GEFSEC reviews in the portal by the one included in this review sheet. The ones currently in the portal are still the responses provided at PIF stage and do not explain how PPG addressed them.

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- Explore all possibilities to be more cost-efficient on component 2 to increase the budget allocation of component 1. Please notably consider removing the mid-term review, which would have limited impact on the implementation a very streamlined 36 month project. Please also strive to coordinate with related projects to use existing knowledge platforms (e.g. GWP, GEF-7 project ID 10625) rather than developing something ad-hoc for this small MSP.

- Develop the up-scaling/replication strategy for the project and imbed it in the project design. Up-scaling/replication should not be restricted to a document to be developed during project implementation. An overall strategy and concrete project activities to foster up-scaling / replication should also be identified in the CEO approval request.

-refine the Theory of change and notably develop a narrative. While there remain diverse ways of presenting a ToC, key issues are to communicate clearly, through a diagram and a narrative, the causal pathways by which interventions are expected to have the desired effect and the justification that these causal pathways are necessary and sufficient. Please refer to STAP's guidance: <https://www.stapgef.org/resources/advisory-documents/theory-change-primer>

- make sure to also mainstream gender considerations in component 1 as well.

-address the risk related to "leakage" of environmental offenses and poaching, and embed mitigation measures in project design. Working on enforcement and anti-poaching activities only in a small part of a large wildlife area, may indeed merely displace offenses and poaching to other areas not receiving project support. The CEO approval request should clarify how the project will (i) mitigate and (ii) monitor such leakage.

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Agency Response

**Cleared on 27th Nov 2023**

**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

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**Council comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request NA



Agency Response [N/A](#)

**STAP comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Status of PPG utilization**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request JS 8/7/2023 - Cleared.

Agency Response [Cleared on 7th August 2023](#)

**Project maps and coordinates**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

**JS 10/26/2023 - Cleared.**

JS 8/11/2023:

1) A map is provided but it does not outline the areas targeted by the project, which, as we understand it, are primarily the "communal wildlife areas" of the Tsholotsho district. Please provide a map that shows these communal wildlife areas.

Agency Response

**Cleared on 26th Oct 2023**

**Response to 1st GEF Review Comments raised on 7 Aug 2023**

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**Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

NA

Agency Response

**N/A**

**Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response **N/A**

**Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)**

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response **N/A**

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

JS 12/1/2023 - The project is recommended for endorsement.

JS 11/27/2023 - Not at this stage. Please address comments included in this review sheet and resubmit.

JS 10/26/2023- Not at this stage. Please address comments included in this review sheet and resubmit.

JS 8/11/2023- Not at this stage. Please address comments included in this review sheet and resubmit.

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>8/11/2023</b>	<b>8/7/2023</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>10/26/2023</b>	<b>10/26/2023</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>11/27/2023</b>	<b>11/27/2023</b>
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>12/1/2023</b>	
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**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**