

Strengthen Management and Climate Change Resilience in Angola's Conservation Areas for Sustainable Development

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10505

Countries

Angola

Project Name

Strengthen Management and Climate Change Resilience in Angola's Conservation Areas for Sustainable Development

Agencies

CI

Date received by PM

2/26/2021

Review completed by PM

3/26/2021

Program Manager

Adriana Moreira

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

3-17-21 AM: Proposal is well aligned with BD Focal Area strategy and GWP framework.

4-2-21: In Project Information, please revise the proposed dates, the duration mentions 60 months and implementation vs. completion dates indicate 84 months.

Submission Date 2/26/2021	Expected Implementation Start 7/24/2021	Expected Completion Date 6/23/2028
Duration ⓘ 60 In Months		Agency Fee(\$) 1,333,651.00

4-12-21 AM: Thanks for the justification. The 84 months duration is technically cleared.

1.

Agency Response

CI-GEF Response 4/8/2021: During the consultations with stakeholders during the PPG phase, several concerns were raised about the duration of the project. Specifically, the Executing Agency and potential partners recommended an 84-month duration due to the country's weak infrastructure, government systems that lead to delays in obtaining approvals, limited technical and institutional capacity. These issues would result in a low burn rate and project delays. It is anticipated that these already existing issues coupled with the effects of the pandemic will slow down project implementation even further.

The project activities were assessed against the timeline and 7 years/84 months was determined to be the realistic duration required to achieve the target outputs and outcomes. It was noted that the project activities are ambitious and if the project duration is reduced, this project might not achieve its target outcomes and will not contribute to the GWP's outcomes.

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 3-17-21 AM: Yes, project design is technically sound and activities proposed are well aligned to achieve proposed outcomes and outputs.

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 N/A

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 3-17-21 AM: Co-financing is adequate.

4-2-21: Co-financing from TNC is in-kind and investment mobilized. When co-financing truly meets the definition of "in-kind", it should typically be classified as "recurrent expenditures" rather than "investment mobilized". Please, revise.

4-12-21 AM: Thanks for the update.

Agency Response CI GEF Response 4/8/2021: TNC co-financing has been updated to investment mobilized.

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

3-17-21 AM: Yes, the proposed financing is adequate to meet project objectives.

However, there is an inconsistency in the values provided for Agency fee in Table D (\$1,333,651.00) and in the Letter of Endorsement (\$1,351,652.00). Please, revise the documents as necessary.

Table D:

D. Trust Fund Resources Requested by Agency(ies), Country(ies), Focal Area and the Programming of Funds

Agency	Trust Fund	Country	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	Amount(\$)	Fee(\$)
CI	GET	Angola	Biodiversity	BD STAR Allocation	5,644,037	507,963
CI	LDCF	Angola	Climate Change	NA	9,174,312	825,688
Total Grant Resources(\$)					14,818,349.00	1,333,651.00

Letter of Endorsement, March 4, 2020

The total financing (from GEFTF, LDCF) being requested for this project is US\$16,370,000,00 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Angola is detailed in the table below.

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
GEFTF	CI	Biodiversit	200,000	5,644,037	525,963	6,370,000
LDCF	CI	Climate Ch	0	9,174,312	825,688	10,000,000
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Total GEF Resources			200,000	14,818,349	1,351,651	16,370,000

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Total GEF Resources			200,000	14,818,349	1,351,651	16,370,000

3-25-21 AM: Thanks for the clarification.

Agency Response

CI-GEF Response 03/25/2021:

The agency fee included in the portal aligns with the amount included in the CEO letter.

The agency fee in the Letter of Endorsement, includes the amount for the Project Preparation Grant. The Agency fee for the PPG was reduced from 18,000 to 17,460 due to the availability of funds. The Agency Fee for the GEF Grant was 1,333,651. Screen shot of letter included.

Dear Mr. Morales,

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved your request for project preparation grant for the child project concept detailed below:

Decision Sought:	Project Preparation Grant (PPG) Approval for Full-sized Child Project
GEFSEC ID:	10505
Agency(ies):	Conservation International
Focal Area:	Multi Focal Area
Project Type:	Full-sized Child Project
Country(ies):	Angola
Name of Child Project:	Strengthen Management and Climate Change Resilience in Angola's Conservation Areas for Sustainable Development
Name of Program:	Global Wildlife Program
Program ID:	10200
Indicative Child Project Financing:	\$14,818,349
Indicative Agency Fee:	\$1,333,651
PPG:	\$194,000
PPG Fee:	\$17,460
Funding Source:	Multi Trust Fund

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Country(ies):	Angola
Name of Child Project:	Strengthen Management and Climate Change Resilience in Angola's Conservation Areas for Sustainable Development
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Program ID:	10200
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Indicative Agency Fee:	\$1,333,651
PPG:	\$194,000
PPG Fee:	\$17,460
Funding Source:	Multi Trust Fund

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 3-17-21 AM: Yes, status of PPG utilization is reported and adequate.

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 3-17-21 AM: The number of hectares for the PAs under core indicator 1 is mandatory. The exception for presenting the METT scores is granted given the Covid-related impediments. However, an estimate of the the area under indicator 1 needs to be presented for CEO Endorsement. The METT Tables annex indicate a total area of over 3.7 million hectares for the two PAs, these figures need to be reported in the core indicators table.

Luengue-Luiana National Park		Luengue-Luiana National Park	
Name of Protected Area	Luengue-Luiana National Park	Name of Protected Area	Luengue-Luiana National Park
Is this project intervention?	0	Is this project intervention?	0
Area in Hectares	2,273,245	Area in Hectares	2,273,245
Biome type	Terrestrial	Biome type	Terrestrial
Designation or priority lists	Biosphere Reserve	Designation or priority lists	Biosphere Reserve
Designation of Protected Area	National Park	Designation of Protected Area	National Park
IUCN Category	2: National Park: managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation	IUCN Category	2: National Park: managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation

Iona National Park		Iona National Park	
Name of Protected Area	Iona National Park	Name of Protected Area	Iona National Park
Is this project intervention?	0	Is this project intervention?	0
Area in Hectares	1,515,000	Area in Hectares	1,515,000
Biome type	Terrestrial	Biome type	Terrestrial
Designation or priority lists	Biosphere Reserve	Designation or priority lists	Biosphere Reserve
Designation of Protected Area	National Park	Designation of Protected Area	National Park
IUCN Category	2	IUCN Category	2

3-25-21 AM: Core indicators proposed are aligned with proposed activities.

4-2-21 As per the GEF guidance, in multi-trust fund projects, the targets for GEF Core Indicators should be inclusive of the LDCF financing. As such target for hectares under land managed for climate resilience? (CCA Core indicator 2) should be included also under GEF Core Indicator 4. And similarly for Core Indicator 11 for beneficiaries. Please revise table.

4-12-21 AM: Thanks for the update.

Agency Response

CI-GEF Response 03/25/2021:

Core Indicators section of the portal updated to include the hectares for the 2 protected areas.

CI GEF Response 04/08/2021:

Core Indicator 4 has been updated. The number of beneficiaries under Core Indicator 11 includes the beneficiaries for the LDCF. A footnote in the core indicators section of the portal has been included to explain this.

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

3-17-21 AM: The proposal includes a consistent Theory of Change, with analysis barriers and risks.

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

3-17-21 AM: Baseline scenario analysis is satisfactory.

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

3-17-21 AM: Proposed outcomes are technically consistent with components and activities described.

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

3-17-21 AM: Yes. The proposed project is well aligned with the BD focal area strategy and the GWP Framework.

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3-17-21 AM: Incremental reasoning analysis is consistent and technically sound.

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

3-17-21 AM: Yes, the project provides indication of contribution to Global Environmental Benefits.

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

3-17-21 AM: Yes, project has potential for scaling up.

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

3-17-21 AM: Maps are adequate.

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

3-17-21 AM: The proposal is a child project under the Global Wildlife Program (GWP). It is well aligned with the program's framework and contributes directly to overall program impact.

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

3-25-21 AM: Yes, the project has an adequate stakeholder engagement plan.

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

3-25-21 AM: Yes, the project includes gender-responsive activities and gender sensitive indicators.

4-2-21: It is well noted that the project includes strong gender considerations and a well-designed gender mainstreaming plan. The section on gender in the portal just references the gender mainstreaming plan and provides no information. For future reference, it would be appreciated that the Agency provides a short summary in the section on gender in portal and clearly states that the gender analysis has been completed and is incorporated in the gender mainstreaming plan. In addition, most revised outputs described in the gender plan include targets that indicate (30% female). It is suggested, these targets are carefully reviewed as part of the on-the-ground community consultations that are planned to be conducted during the first year of implementation.

4-12-21: Thanks for the justification.

Agency Response

4/8/20: CEO-E request has been updated.

We acknowledge gender inequality in Angola and the challenges facing equal gender participation and parity hence we reduced the gender target to at least 30% women's involvement as opposed to the 50% stated in the Project Concept. The 30% female involvement in project activities will be reviewed carefully as part of the on-the-ground

community consultations that are planned to be conducted during the first year of implementation. In addition, the percentage of women expected to benefit is 30% as opposed to the 50% stated in the Project Concept. This is because of the realities of certain aspects of gender inequality in Angola and the challenges facing equal gender participation and parity

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

3-25-21 AM: Proposed project private sector engagement strategy is adequate and innovative.

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

3-25-21 AM: The risk analysis and proposed mitigation measures are adequate, and include climate and Covid impacts

Agency Response

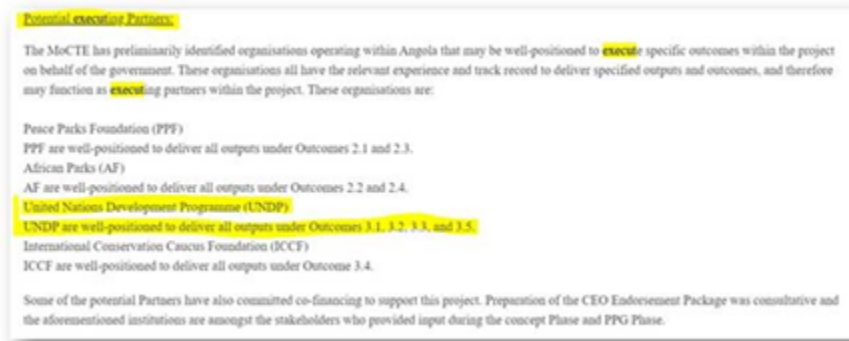
Coordination

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

3-25-21 AM: Yes, the proposed institutional arrangements are adequate with clear attribution of roles and responsibilities. Coordination with other relevant GEF projects and other initiatives is also described.

4-2-21: Please confirm if UNDP will act as co-executor for the project. If this is the case, please submit justification.



4-12-21 AM: Thanks for the clarification.

Agency Response

CI-GEF Response 4/08/2021: UNDP will not be co-executing the project. The Government of Angola has pre-identified potential project partners, however final decision about partner's involvement and their roles will be made during implementation phase. UNDP may be a project partner but at this time, we cannot confirm this.

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

3-25-21: Yes, project is well aligned with national priorities.

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

3-25-21 AM: Proposed knowledge management approach is adequate and technically sound.

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
3-25-21 AM: M&E plan is satisfactory with adequate budget.

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
3-25-21 AM: Yes, project includes description of local socioeconomic benefits and GEBs.

Agency Response
Annexes

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request
3-25-21 AM: Annexes are adequate. Budget is consistent with technical assistance nature of proposal.

4-2-21: M&E budget include a CI field supervision missions item which should be covered by Agency fee, not by project budget, please revise.

Table 12: M&E Plan Summary.

Type of M&E	Reporting Frequency	Responsible Parties	Indicative Budget from GEF (US\$)	
Regional Inception workshops and Reports	Within six months of signing of CI Grant Agreement for GEF Projects	Project team		
		Executing Agency	\$	9 100
		CI-GEF PA		
Consolidated Inception workshop Report	Within one month of the final regional inception workshop	Project team	\$	23 003
		CI-GEF PA		
		Project team		
Project Results Monitoring Plan (Objective, Outcomes and Outputs)	Annually (data on indicators will be gathered according to monitoring plan schedule shown on Appendix III)	Project team	\$	63 257
		CI-GEF PA		
		Project team		
GEF Core Indicator Worksheet	At CEO endorsement submission i) Prior to mid-term, ii) Prior to terminal evaluation	Project team	\$	23 003
		Executing Agency		
		CI-GEF PA		
CI-GEF Project Agency Field Supervision Missions	Approximately annual visits	CI-GEF PA	\$	37 506
Annual Project Implementation Report (PIR)	Annually for year ending June 30	Project team	\$	97 761
		Executing Agency		
		CI-GEF PA		
Project Completion Report	Upon project operational closure	Project team	\$	23 001
		Executing Agency		
		CI Evaluation Office		
Independent External Mid-term Review	Approximate mid-point of project implementation period	Project team	\$	25 000
		CI-GEF PA		
		CI Evaluation Office		
Independent Terminal Evaluation	Evaluation field mission within three months prior to project completion.	Project team	\$	30 000
		CI-GEF PA		
		Project team		
Total M&E			\$	294 125

Please include Maps and Budget Table in the appropriate place in the Portal in order to be captured by the system.

ANNEX D: Project Map(s) and Coordinates

Please attach the geographical location of the project area, if possible.

ANNEX E: Project Budget Table

Please attach a project budget table.

Attached

4-12-21 AM: Thanks for the update.

Agency Response

4/8/2021: M&E table/budget updated.

Project Budget Table images included.

Project Results Framework

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3-25-21 AM: Project results framework is technically sound and consistent with project objectives and proposed activities.

Agency Response

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3-18-21 AM: Please address the minor comments above and resubmit the proposal.
Thanks!

3-25-21 AM: Comments have been addressed and project is technically cleared.

4-2-21 Please address the operational comment above and resubmit the proposal.
Thanks!

4-12-21 AM: Comments have been addressed and proposal is technically cleared.

Agency Response

Council comments

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

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 3--2251 AM: Status of PPG utilization is adequate.

Agency Response

Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request 3-25-21 AM: Project maps and coordinates are satisfactory..

Agency Response

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

N/A

Agency Response

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 N/A

Agency Response

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 N/A

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION

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

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4-12-21 AM: Project is recommended for endorsement.

Review Dates

**Secretariat Comment at
CEO Endorsement**

**Response to
Secretariat
comments**

First Review
Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations