

Chad ALBIA - Local Development and Adaptation Project

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

10587

Countries

Chad

Project Name

Chad ALBIA - Local Development and Adaptation Project

Agencies

World Bank

Date received by PM

4/23/2020

Review completed by PM

5/1/2020

Program Manager

Jaime Cavelier

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

FSP

CEO Approval Request

Part I – Project Information

1. Focal area elements. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

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Yes. BD-1-2a and BD-1-2b

BD-1-2a

Global Wildlife Program—Preventing the Extinction of Known Threatened Species

BD-1-2b

Mainstream biodiversity across sectors as well as landscapes and seascapes through Global wildlife program for sustainable development

Nevertheless:

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D. TRUST FUND Resources Requested BY AGENCY, FOCAL AREA AND THE PROGRAMMING OF FUNDS

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Budget for Component 3 different between PAD and Portal (\$424,817)

Table 2. Project components financing



		IDA (USD)	GEF (USD)	Total
Component 1	Subcomponent 1.1	6 304 732	1 695 268	8 000 000
	Subcomponent 1.2	4 152 366	847 634	5 000 000
	Sub total	10 457 098	2 542 902	13 000 000
Component 2	Subcomponent 2.1	4000000	0	4 000 000
	Subcomponent 2.2	15 178 549	1 271 451	16 450 000
	Subcomponent 2.3	16 000 170	0	16 000 170
	Sub total	35 178 719	1 271 451	36 450 170
Component 3		4 364 183	635 817	5 000 000
Sub total		4 364 183	635 817	5 000 000
Component 4		0	0	0
Total		50 000 000	4 450 170	54 450 170



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Agency Response

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On Cp3 cost, it may be clarified that the total component cost is US\$635,817, which includes PMC cost (5%) and same in both documents. Only for GEF data sheet purposes the PMC cost is separately reflected in the assigned row. Therefore the reviewer should look at both the rows (\$424817 and 211,000).

2. Project description summary. Is the project structure/ design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

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Yes. The structure of the project is design to deliver the proposed outcomes. The structure is particularly strong because of the large co-financing in Investment mobilized that will facilitate the execution of all proposed activities in Components 1 & 2.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion NA

Agency Response

4. Co-financing. Are the confirmed 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, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

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The LoC from the EU is in French. Please provide a translation (doesn't have to be official).

No. LoC was provided for IDA (Minutes of Negotiation available?)

5-01-20

The GEF needs a translation of the LoC from France.

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There is no IDA co-financing document. In lieu of the Minutes of Negotiation (to be obtained after the meeting), please provide official notice that there is an IDA loan to Chad (i.e. Letter from Practice Manager or similar). The Minutes of Negotiation will be provided once obtained.

Agency Response

May 5, 2020: Please note that the translated version was submitted in the portal. Reviewer may have missed the document. Just FYI the portal does not allow upload of two documents in the cofinancing table in the CEO endorsement data sheet directly.

As agreed in the interim, a letter from WB PM in lieu of the Minutes of Negotiations is provided. Negotiations are scheduled for May 18th and Minutes will be provided shortly after.

April 30, 2020: Noted. English translation of the letter will be done and provided separately.

The Minutes of negotiations confirming the IDA resources will only be available after negotiations are completed. As per harmonization process, the CEO endorsement step is prior to negotiations.

5. GEF resource availability. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

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STAR allocation?

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Focal Area allocation?

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LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

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SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

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Focal Area Set Aside?

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Impact Program Incentive?

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6. Project Preparation Grant. If PPG is requested in Table E.1, has its advanced programming and utilized been accounted for in Annex C of the document?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion NA

Agency Response

7. Non-Grant Instrument. If this an NGI, are the expected reflows indicated in Annex D?

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Agency Response

8. Core Indicators. Are the targeted core indicators in Table E calculated using the methodology in the prescribed guidelines? (GEF/C.54/Infxxx)

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1. Core Indicator 3 in Portal is 100,000 and in the Annex (submitted with this email) is 2,000. Please address

Indicator 3.3 Area of natural grass and shrublands restored

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
	100,000.00		

Core Indicator 3	Area of land restored	Hectares (3.1+3.2+3.3+3.4)			
		Expected		Achieved	
		PIF stage	Endorsement	MTR	TE
	Grassland	500,000	2000		
Indicator 3.1	Area of degraded agricultural land restored				

3. Core Indicators 4 is 2,000 ha in Portal and 2,000 or 100,000 in Annex. Please address.

Indicator 4 Area of landscapes under improved practices (hectares; excluding protected areas) ⓘ

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00

Core Indicator 4	Area of landscapes under improved practices (hectares; excluding protected areas)				(Hectares)	
	Hectares (4.1+4.2+4.3+4.4)					
		Expected		Expected		
		PIF stage	Endorsement	MTR	TE	
	Grassland	500,000	100,000			
Indicator 4.1	Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity					
		Hectares				
		Expected		Achieved		
		PIF stage	Endorsement	MTR	TE	
		500,000	2000			

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On Core Indicators

- 1) Please enter WDPA ID and METT score (Baseline at CEO Endorsement)

Name of the Protected Area	WDPA ID	IUCN Category	Ha (Expected at PIF) ⓘ	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement) ⓘ	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR) ⓘ	Total Ha (Achieved at TE) ⓘ	METT score (Baseline at CEO Endorsement)	METT score (Achieved at MTR)	METT score (Achieved at TE)
Ouadi Rime Ouadi Achim Reserve		Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources		7,795,000.00					

Agency Response

May 5, 2020 : Recommended details have been added and revised Core Indicator Work sheet resubmitted. Thank you.

April 30, 2020: Noted. The smaller discrepancies in the Annex are corrected and revised Core Indicator Worksheet is included in the package.

9. Project taxonomy. Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as in Table G?

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4-25-20

See Attachment in Portal.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

Part II – Project Justification

1. Project Description. Is there sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/ adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

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

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4-25-20

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

3. Project Description. Is there an elaboration on the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there more 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

4-25-20

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. Paragraph 24 or PAD

The Project is well aligned with the scope and objectives of the GEF-7 Global Wildlife Program (GWP), which seeks to curb illegal wildlife trade and protect species and habitats through integrated landscape management. Chad is a participating country under the GWP and will support strengthening of the State-led enforcement efforts in this direction and community engagement in wildlife-based development as essential in tackling the illegal wildlife trade crisis.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

There is a detailed description of the GEBs. Below some excerpts.

The project will result in the improved management of the Ouadi Rime Ouadi Achim Reserve, totaling 7,795,000 ha, the restoration of natural grass and shrublands totaling 100,000 ha., landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity in 2,000 ha, Emissions Avoided in the AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) sector in the amount of 23,803,709 metric tons of CO_{2e} (direct). The project will benefit 100,000 people, half of them women. The project will focus on the Ouadi Rime Ouadi Hachim Reserve and its surroundings with a focus in 5 hotspots (Arada, Kalait, Djadda, Salal et Kouba). The reserve was established to protect the Sahel's increasingly threatened wildlife, including iconic species such as the addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dama*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) and ostrich (*Struthio camelus*). The reserve's unusually large size, fully 6% of Chad's surface area, was deliberately chosen to create a biological unit big enough to conserve and develop the area's largely migratory wildlife and to allow it to live and breed in security.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

7. Project Description. Is there a better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

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4-25-20

Yes. See paragraphs 81 and 82 in PAD. Below, extracts from those paragraphs

Sustainability of The Livelihood Investments. At the local level, the livelihood investments will only be successful if the participatory process and capacity building are part of the community natural resource landscape planning, ownership, control, and management of their surrounding natural resources. All the project investments are intended to not only better manage resources but also to generate incremental income for the communities. Where communities can expect to derive benefit, they will be more likely to maintain those management practices. Sustainability Of The Pa/Forest Reserve Conservation Investments. The sustainability of these investments is underpinned by the collaboration between Ministry of Environment, Water and Fisheries (MEEP) and the partners engaged in the ongoing concession management of the parks. The MEEP/GFF is currently increasing the number of park rangers nationally, which also benefits the project targeted parks. One of the major constraints has been the lack of housing and basic infrastructure, both of which will be addressed under the project. At a higher and broader level, sustainability of wildlife conservation in Chad depends on (a) empowerment of community resource boards and other local entities to allow them to derive financial benefits from ecosystems and wildlife under their authority and (b) enhancing the links between national tourism development and wildlife conservation, community conservancy, to allow for more participation of all relevant stakeholders. The project will also work on how best collaborate with national innovative initiatives (e.g. Zakouma National Park) to address such challenges in this area.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

8. Project Map and Coordinates. Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

Agency Response

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. See paragraph 24 of PAD

The Project is well aligned with the scope and objectives of the GEF-7 Global Wildlife Program (GWP), which seeks to curb illegal wildlife trade and protect species and habitats through integrated landscape management. Chad is a participating country under the GWP and will support strengthening of the State-led enforcement efforts in this direction and community engagement in wildlife-based development as essential in tackling the illegal wildlife trade crisis. Subcomponent 1.1 of the Project will thus incrementally support the improved management of the Ouadi Rime Ouadi Achim Reserve, a protected area of global significance (being host to iconic wildlife species under threat globally), and support as well the national effort to fight poaching and promote conservation of biodiversity. In addition, Subcomponents 1.1 and 1.2 will support efforts to empower communities, in and around the Reserve, in becoming stewards of wildlife conservation by participating actively in the sustainable management of natural resources, while Component 2 will promote income-generating activities and integrated agriculture production in order to reduce the pressure on ecosystems, restore habitats, and improve community livelihoods. All in, the proposed activities contribute to the first three areas of the GEF-7 GWP framework: Area 1 (Conserve Wildlife and Habitats), Area 2 (Promote Wildlife-based Economy), and Area 3 (Combat Wildlife Crime) and will notably generate incremental global benefits (see theory of change).

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted. Thank you

10. Stakeholders. Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

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Yes. See Table of overview of of Stakeholder Engagement, and Stakeholder engagement process in CEO Endorsement in Portal.

See also Annex PLAN DE MOBILISATION DES PARTIES PRENANTES (PMPP) in Portal.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

11. 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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. Please see 3. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in CEO Endorsement and ANNEX 7: Gender analysis in the ALBIA project area in PAD.

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

12. 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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. Please review in 4. Private sector engagement in CEO Endorsement.

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

13. Risk. 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 PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. Please see detailed risk analysis on paragraphs 104-120 in PAD.

The Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary Appraisal Stage (ESRS) was uploaded to the Portal.

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

14. Coordination. Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

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Yes. See ANNEX 1: Implementation Arrangements and Support Plan in PAD.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

15. Consistency with national priorities. Has the project described the consistency of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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Yes. i) ALBIÄ is in line with Chad's needs and vision layout in its National Development Plan (NDP 2017-2021); ii) the project's objectives are fully aligned with Chad Country Partnership Framework (CPF); iii) The project directly contributes to the World Bank's corporate goals of alleviating extreme poverty and building shared prosperity in a sustainable fashion.

Cleared

Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

16. Knowledge management. Is the proposed "Knowledge Management Approach" for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. As stated in Component 3 in the PAD:

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

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

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

4-25-20

Yes. As stated in Component 3: Project Management, Coordination, and Monitoring (IDA) – USD 5 million The component would finance the operational costs of the Project Implementation Unit. This will carry out all fiduciary aspects of project implementation including financial management, procurement, environmental and social risks management, M&E, sector coordination of investment targeting and policy harmonization, and donor coordination structures.

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Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

18. Benefits. Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

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Agency Response

19. Annexes:

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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Yes

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Project Results Framework

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GEF Secretariat comments

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Council comments

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STAP comments

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Convention Secretariat comments

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Other Agencies comments

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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CSOs comments

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

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Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion NA

Agency Response

Calendar of expected reflows (if NGI is used)

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion NA

Agency Response

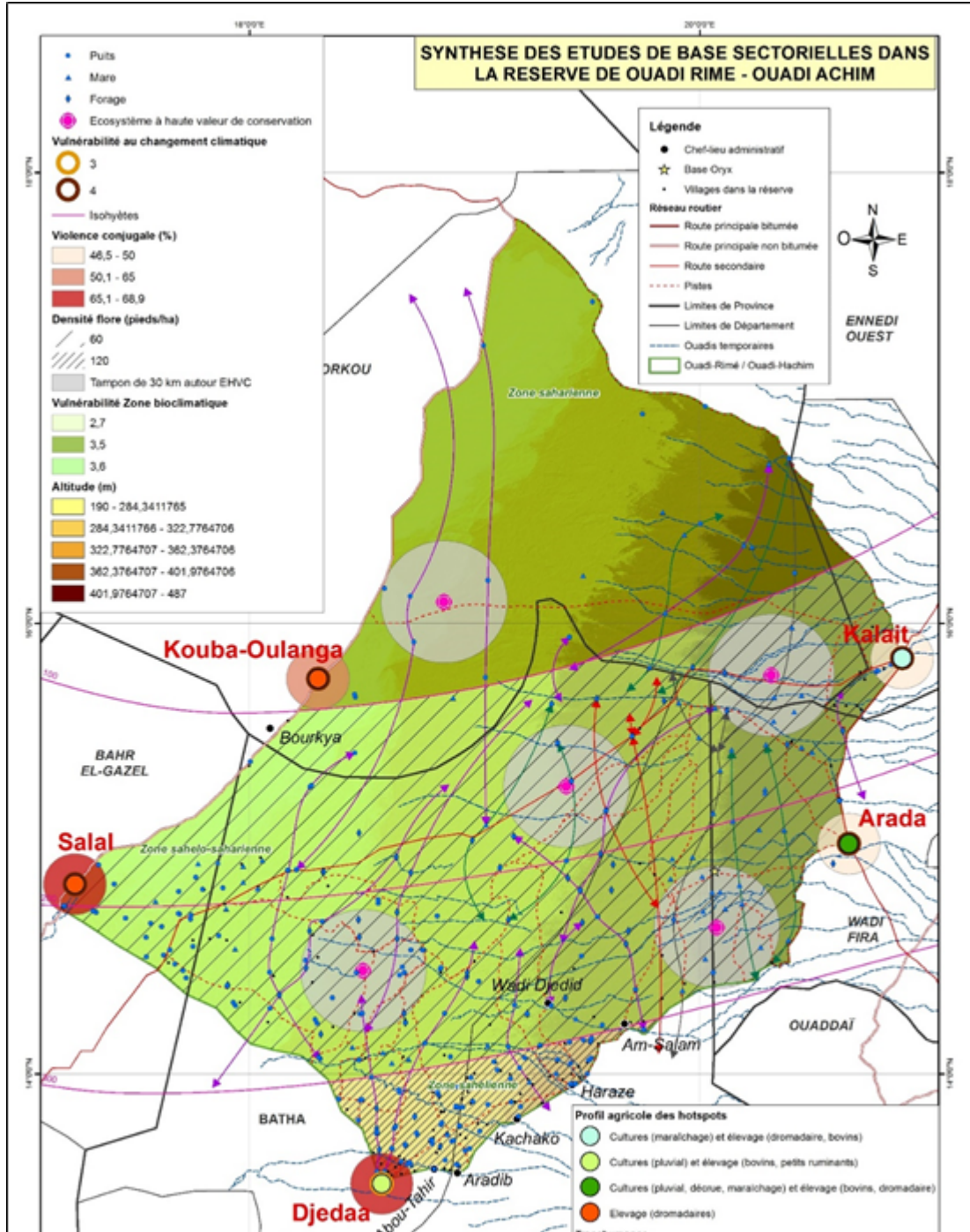
Project maps and coordinates

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SYNTHESE DES ETUDES DE BASE SECTORIELLES DANS LA RESERVE DE OUADI RIME - OUADI ACHIM



Agency Response April 30, 2020: Noted Clearance. Thank you

Part III – Country and Agency Endorsements

1. Country endorsements. Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

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Termsheet, reflow table and agency capacity in NGI Projects

Does the project provide sufficient detail in Annex A (indicative termsheet) to take a decision on the following selection criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments. Does the project provide a detailed reflow table in Annex B to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. After reading the questionnaire in Annex C, is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion

NA

Agency Response

GEFSEC DECISION

1. RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

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4-25-20

No. Please address outstanding issues listed above. Part I: 1 & 8. Part II: 1.

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No. Please address questions on Co-financing (Part I, No. 4) and core-indicators (Part I No. 8)

5-4-20

This CEO is Recommended.

Review Dates

1SMSP CEO Approval

Response to Secretariat comments

	1SMSP CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
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CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations

CONTEXT: The project development objective is to improve the management of natural resources and the livelihood of populations in selected climate vulnerable areas in and around the Ouadi Rime and Ouadi Achim (OROA) reserve in Chad. The Reserve was established by Presidential decree on the 10 of May 1969[1]¹. Located in central Chad's sahel and sub-desert zones, the reserve covers 77,950 km², making it the largest protected area in the country and one of the largest in Africa. The reserve was established to protect the Sahel's increasingly threatened wildlife, including iconic species such as the addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dama*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) and ostrich (*Struthio camelus*). The reserve's unusually large size, fully 6% of Chad's surface area, was deliberately chosen to create a biological unit big enough to conserve and develop the area's largely migratory wildlife and to allow it

to live and breed in security. The reserve's name springs from two of its major ouadi systems, the Ouadi Rimé in the south and the Ouadi Achim in the north. In light of the recent COVID19 pandemic, the project support will have additional relevance for local communities through land and livelihoods resilience, including job creation through income generating activities.

PROJECT: The project was there mutually reinforcing components: COMPONENT 1. Sustainable Natural Resources Management and Protected Areas – (GEF + IDA) USD 13 million. This component aims to support the improved management of Ouadi Rime Ouadi Achim reserve as well as support national effort to fight against poaching and promote conservation of biodiversity in line with the country's engagement in GEF-7 Global Wildlife Program. Main activities include developing basic infrastructure and strengthening capacity, management as well as regional dialogue to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services. Under this component, the project also supports the community participation in sustainable natural resources management including the establishment of local community management committees to create the minimal necessary conditions to sustainably manage natural resources and its fair access. Main activities include citizen engagement, capacity building, participatory process for use of natural resources as well as inclusive local development. COMPONENT 2. Promoting Diversified, Resilient, Sustainable Livelihoods (GEF + IDA) – USD 36.45 million. Under this component, the project supports the creation of necessary conditions for communities in the hotspots area facing climatic impact to strengthen their resilience through (i) income generating activities and integrated agriculture production as well as job creation, and (ii) water supply and sanitation to communities, health centers and schools. It is expected that the project will provide water points/connections to health centers and by the way improve the health system by providing hygiene, behavior change and sanitation facilities^[2]. Being the area a fragile context and environment, priority is placed on the sustainability of these investments and in limiting the impact on the existing activities and uses (including, the reserve). COMPONENT 3: Project Management, Coordination, and Monitoring (IDA) – USD 5 million. The component would finance the operational costs of the Project Implementation Unit. This will carry out all fiduciary aspects of project implementation including financial management, procurement, environmental and social risks management, M&E, sector coordination of investment targeting and policy harmonization, and donor coordination structures. In addition, this component will support knowledge sharing through capacity-building workshops for key stakeholders to improve coordination and cooperation as well as participation in GWP events. GEF funding would allow the Project to further strengthen both its M&E and knowledge management through: (i) provision of good practices to the Government on GWP-related topics such as biodiversity and ecotourism, specifically to support the regional multi-country dialogue on IWT; (ii) extraction of lessons learned and systematization of knowledge on the Project; and (iii) capture and dissemination of information at the community level to produce user-friendly tools and guidelines in local language.

RESULTS: The project will result in the improved management of the Ouadi Rime Ouadi Achim Reserve, totaling 7,795,000 ha, the restoration of natural grass and shrublands totaling 100,000 ha., landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity in 2,000 ha, Emissions Avoided in the AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) sector in the amount of 23,803,709 metric tons of CO₂e (direct). The project will benefit 100,000 people, half of them women. The Ouadi Rime Ouadi Achim Reserve provides a range services of local to global relevance: (i) Vast and relatively intact area of seasonal grazing lands and woodlands; (ii) Exceptional (possibly unique) a assemblage of large birds and mammals of global significance (e.g., scimitar-horned oryx, addax, dama gazelle, dorcas gazelle, large bustards); (iii) Very rich avifauna (local and migratory species), with a continentally significant population of large vultures (e.g., lappet-faced, Rüppell's, hooded, Egyptian, white-backed) and raptors; and (iv) Natural oodland barriers against desert encroachment (e.g., Ouadis Kharma and Achim). The Reserve is successfully reintroducing oryxes and addaxes and is the only place on Earth where oryxes can be observed in the wild. Its territory is however under growing threat, notably,

increased grazing pressure (as now mega herds are set to browse on the Reserve), poaching, as well as more prevalent bushfires (believed to related to more intense North South traffic through the Reserve).

INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, POTENTIAL FOR SCALE-UP: Sustainability of The Livelihood Investments. At the local level, the livelihood investments will only be successful if the participatory process and capacity building are part of the community natural resource landscape planning, ownership, control, and management of their surrounding natural resources. All the project investments are intended to not only better manage resources but also to generate incremental income for the communities. Where communities can expect to derive benefit, they will be more likely to maintain those management practices. Sustainability Of The Pa/Forest Reserve Conservation Investments. The sustainability of these investments is underpinned by the collaboration between Ministry of Environment, Water and Fisheries (MEEP) and the partners engaged in the ongoing concession management of the parks. The MEEP/GFF is currently increasing the number of park rangers nationally, which also benefits the project targeted parks. One of the major constraints has been the lack of housing and basic infrastructure, both of which will be addressed under the project. At a higher and broader level, sustainability of wildlife conservation in Chad depends on (a) empowerment of community resource boards and other local entities to allow them to derive financial benefits from ecosystems and wildlife under their authority and (b) enhancing the links between national tourism development and wildlife conservation, community conservancy, to allow for more participation of all relevant stakeholders. The project will also work on how best collaborate with national innovative initiatives (e.g. Zakouma National Park) to address such challenges in this area.

CO-FINANCING: In the amount of \$62.9 million. World Bank IDA 18 resources (100% grant) have been mobilized to have a joint Environment and Water GP project focusing on sustainable natural resources management and improvement of local livelihood (including access to water, citizen engagement as well as sustainable generating income activities). The project will also mobilize technical and financial resources to a minimum of US\$ 12,900,000 million from co-managers of the reserve – Sahara Conservation Fund – implementing both European Union’s POROA project and Environmental Agency of Abou Dhabi’s Oryx project. Finally, the project will mobilize technical resources for the Ministry of Environment, Water and Fisheries (MEEP) for both the implementation and supervision of the project.