

Consolidating and Securing Guinea-Bissau's National System of Protected Areas through Strengthening Institutions and Sustainable Finance

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID	12167
Countries	Guinea-Bissau
Project Name	Consolidating and Securing Guinea-Bissau's National System of Protected Areas through Strengthening Institutions and Sustainable Finance
Agencies	UNDP
Date received by PM	1/15/2026
Review completed by PM	3/9/2026
Program Manager	Razan Nimir
Focal Area	Biodiversity
Project Type	GBFF

GEF-8 Project Preparation Grant request Review Sheet

1. General Project Information / Eligibility

- a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GBFF funding?
- b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

II. Indicative Project Overview

- a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?
- b) Are the components, outcomes and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective?

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

- c) Are the components adequately funded?
- d) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional (only for Multi-trust Funds PPGs with BD from the GEF Trust Fund)?
- e) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for projects of more than \$2 million or 10% for projects of less than \$2 million? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

III. Project Rationale

- a. Does the project adequately describe the: (i) current situation/baseline conditions within the project geographic area or project thematic area; (ii) problem(s) that the project will address; (iii) goal and objectives of the project; and (iv) justification for the project intervention; and (v) expected results including the Global Environmental Benefits and an estimate of the project's contributions to the relevant biodiversity core indicators.

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

IV. Project Description

- a) **Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?**
- b) **Are the project components and activities identified in the theory of change adequately described.**
- c) **Is a list of stakeholders that will be involved in the project and their roles in the design and implementation of the project provided?**
- d) **Are the Specific Action Area(s) that the project is aligned with identified and an explanation provided on and how the project will support the achievement of the specific Action Area objective(s).**

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

V. Does the proposal adequately describe how the project meets the following criteria:

- a) **Potential to generate global environmental benefits (GEBs) (include a description of the GEBs the project will generate per the GEF-8 Core Indicators for biodiversity);**
- b) **Alignment with the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and/or National Biodiversity Finance Plans or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities;**
- c) **The level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector, and civil society that the project aims to support;**
- d) **Whether the project will mobilize the resources of the private sector and philanthropies'; and**
- e) **Whether and how the project will engage with and provide support to IPLCs.**

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

VI. Project results indicators

Is the table correctly populated and consistent with the Project Description?

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

VII. Project Financing Tables

- a) **Are all the tables correctly populated?**
- b) **Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines (only for projects with GEF TF components)?**

Secretariat's Comments

3/9/2025 - Cleared.

2/18/2026

Thank you for this submission. For this project to be further considered in the selection round, please address the comments included in this review sheet and resubmit as soon as possible.

VII. The selected Indicative Focal Area Elements (GBFF Action Area 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) don't match the GEF Financing Table (GBFF Action Area 8) -Please amend.

Agency's Comments

UNDP Response, 20 February 2026:

Thank you for your comment. The error in the GEF Financing Table has been addressed, splitting the GEF financing among the five GBFF Action Areas 1 to 5.

VIII. Project Endorsement

a) Has the project been endorsed by the country's(ies) OFP and has the OFP at the time of PPG request submission name and position been checked against the GEF database?

b) Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?

c) Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?

Secretariat's Comments 3/9/2025 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

IX. GEFSEC Decision

a. Is the PPG recommended for technical clearance?

b. Additional comments to be considered by the Agency during project preparation

Secretariat's Comments

3/9/2026

This PPG request has been selected by the CEO as part of the 5th GBFF selection round. During project preparation, please consider the following:

1-Component 1 as currently described is overly generic and its contribution to biodiversity benefits is unclear. Given the limited resources available, please consider deleting and redeploying resources on strengthening the protected area network and the FFP process (component 2 and 3). If PPG confirms the need to retain part of what was planned under component 1, the CEO endorsement request should be very specific on the corresponding activities (e.g. what policy would be updated and how) and justify that they are necessary to achieve global environmental benefits in the context of this project.

2- The geographic scale of component 3 is unclear. Please consider implementing the FFP approach at the scale of the entire Bijag's World Heritage Site, which covers close to 400,000 ha plus 637,000 ha of buffer zones. If the geographical scope of the FFP approach is more targeted and only covers a subset of the WHS, please ensure that the CEO endorsement request justifies it.

3- Since submission, [GBFF guidelines on supporting actions by IPLCs](#) have been published. Please follow these guidelines carefully during PPG implementation, taking care to involve IPLC representatives in co-designing relevant components and including IPLC institutions identified by IPLCs themselves. The CEO endorsement request is expected to provide evidence that the reported dollar amount to support actions by IPLCs for biodiversity was calculated according to the guidelines.

4- Since submission, the GBFF Council adopted a [new results framework](#) for the GBFF. Please note this project will be requested to transition to this new results framework at its next best occasion, either the CEO endorsement request if submitted after July 1, 2026, or the first PIR. Please note that detailed guidelines for the new results framework will be release before July. New requirements include the provision of polygon data for the location of project interventions at CEO endorsement stage. In addition, projects' results frameworks are:

- encouraged to draw extensively in the headline, binary, component or complementary indicators of the [KMGBF monitoring framework](#) to better measure their contributions to the KMGBF goals and targets.

- requested, whenever feasible and relevant, to include indicators of biodiversity outcomes to complement and underpin the GBFF indicators

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Review Dates

First Review
Additional Review (as necessary)
Additional Review (as necessary)
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PPG Request Review
2/18/2026

Agency Response