



## Oasis Landscape Sustainable Management project

### Part I: Project Information

**GEF ID**

10538

**Project Type**

FSP

**Type of Trust Fund**

GET

**CBIT/NGI**

CBIT

NGI

**Project Title**

Oasis Landscape Sustainable Management project

**Countries**

Tunisia

**Agency(ies)**

World Bank

**Other Executing Partner(s)**

**Executing Partner Type**

**Other Executing Partner(s)**

Ministry of Environment

**Executing Partner Type**

Government

**GEF Focal Area**

Multi Focal Area

**Taxonomy**

Focal Areas, Biodiversity, Protected Areas and Landscapes, Community Based Natural Resource Mngt, Productive Landscapes, Species, Animal Genetic Resources, Plant Genetic Resources, Biomes, Desert, Climate Change, Climate Change Adaptation, Livelihoods, Disaster risk management, Adaptation Tech Transfer, Ecosystem-based Adaptation, Community-based adaptation, Climate resilience, Climate Change Mitigation, Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use, Land Degradation, Land Degradation Neutrality, Land Cover and Land cover change, Carbon stocks above or below ground, Land Productivity, Food Security, Sustainable Land Management, Integrated and Cross-sectoral approach, Income Generating Activities, Community-Based Natural Resource Management, Improved Soil and Water Management Techniques, Restoration and Rehabilitation of Degraded Lands, Sustainable Livelihoods, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Pasture Management, Ecosystem Approach, Influencing models, Transform policy and regulatory environments, Strengthen institutional capacity and decision-making, Deploy innovative financial instruments, Demonstrate innovative approach, Stakeholders, Local Communities, Beneficiaries, Private Sector, SMEs, Communications, Behavior change, Public Campaigns, Awareness Raising, Type of Engagement, Partnership, Information Dissemination, Participation, Consultation, Civil Society, Academia, Non-Governmental Organization, Community Based Organization, Gender Equality, Gender results areas, Participation and leadership, Access to benefits and services, Capacity Development, Knowledge Generation and Exchange, Gender Mainstreaming, Sex-disaggregated indicators, Gender-sensitive indicators, Women groups, Capacity, Knowledge and Research, Innovation, Knowledge Generation, Knowledge Exchange, Learning, Adaptive management, Indicators to measure change, Theory of change

**Rio Markers****Climate Change Mitigation**

Climate Change Mitigation 1

**Climate Change Adaptation**

Climate Change Adaptation 2

**Duration**

84 In Months

**Agency Fee(\$)**

260,274

**Submission Date**

4/16/2020

**A. Indicative Focal/Non-Focal Area Elements**

<b>Programming Directions</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>GEF Amount(\$)</b>	<b>Co-Fin Amount(\$)</b>
LD-1-1	GET	1,336,073	38,500,000
LD-2-5	GET	600,000	2,000,000
BD-1-1	GET	803,653	20,256,102
	<b>Total Project Cost (\$)</b>	<b>2,739,726</b>	<b>60,756,102</b>

## B. Indicative Project description summary

### Project Objective

Support the integrated development of oasis landscapes in targeted governorates in Tunisia in order to contribute to achieving Land Degradation Neutrality while benefiting livelihoods and globally significant biodiversity

### Project Outcomes

- 1.1 Historical oases are granted a juridical and legal status of national heritage.
- 1.2 A system of certification (including protected designation of origin) is established for oasis' products & sub products.
- 1.3 Capacity building and sensitization initiatives are launched for stakeholders, strongly considering women empowerment.
- 1.4 Participatory and gender-responsive local development plans are developed
- 2.1 Oasis ecosystems functions restored (physical actions for the restoration of the ecosystems; restoration of the productivity; restoration and promotion of intangible heritage);
- 2.2 Oasis productive alliances and value chains supported (agricultural & artisanal productive alliances and sustainable ecotourism), strengthening gender equality
- 3.1 National and regional implementation units in place and operational.
- 3.2 Project M&E system operating effectively
- 3.3 Communication and knowledge management systems implemented

Project Component	Financing Type	Trust Fund	GEF Amount(\$)	Co-Fin Amount(\$)
Improve the environmental and economic management of oasis landscapes, strengthening gender equality.	Technical Assistance	GET	622,394	5,831,755
Promote gender-responsive sustainable investment in oasis landscapes	Investment	GET	1,791,742	51,540,038

<b>Project Component</b>	<b>Financing Type</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>GEF Amount(\$)</b>	<b>Co-Fin Amount(\$)</b>
Gender-responsive project, communication and knowledge management	Technical Assistance	GET	195,127	1,590,509
		<b>Sub Total (\$)</b>	<b>2,609,263</b>	<b>58,962,302</b>
<b>Project Management Cost (PMC)</b>				
		GET	130,463	1,793,800
		<b>Sub Total(\$)</b>	<b>130,463</b>	<b>1,793,800</b>
		<b>Total Project Cost(\$)</b>	<b>2,739,726</b>	<b>60,756,102</b>

**C. Indicative sources of Co-financing for the Project by name and by type**

<b>Sources of Co-financing</b>	<b>Name of Co-financier</b>	<b>Type of Co-financing</b>	<b>Investment Mobilized</b>	<b>Amount(\$)</b>
Government	Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	6,924,942
Government	Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment	Unknown at this stage	Recurrent expenditures	2,539,386
GEF Agency	World Bank	Loans	Investment mobilized	50,000,000
Beneficiaries	Local communities	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	916,387
Beneficiaries	Local communities	Unknown at this stage	Recurrent expenditures	375,387
			<b>Total Project Cost(\$)</b>	<b>60,756,102</b>

**Describe how any "Investment Mobilized" was identified**

Government in-kind contributions will consist of staff support, extension services, provision of logistical support and office space. Government cash contributions relate to taxes. World Bank co-financing will include \$50,000,000 loan (entitled: Strengthen the integrated development of oasis landscapes in targeted governorates in Tunisia to 30 June 2026), to which the GEF project will be fully blended. Beneficiaries in-kind contribution includes but not limited to the following: staff time and equity (land, equipment). Beneficiaries' cash contributions consist of investment in their land, also value chains – although overall it is anticipated that over the project period and years post-project, beneficiaries will be net beneficiaries.

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

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Focal Area</b>	<b>Programming of Funds</b>	<b>Amount(\$)</b>	<b>Fee(\$)</b>	<b>Total(\$)</b>
World Bank	GET	Tunisia	Biodiversity	BD STAR Allocation	803,653	76,347	880,000
World Bank	GET	Tunisia	Land Degradation	LD STAR Allocation	1,936,073	183,927	2,120,000
<b>Total GEF Resources(\$)</b>					<b>2,739,726</b>	<b>260,274</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

**E. Project Preparation Grant (PPG)**

PPG Required

**PPG Amount (\$)**

**PPG Agency Fee (\$)**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Focal Area</b>	<b>Programming of Funds</b>	<b>Amount(\$)</b>	<b>Fee(\$)</b>	<b>Total(\$)</b>
				<b>Total Project Costs(\$)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Core Indicators**

**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)
25000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Indicator 4.1 Area of landscapes under improved management to benefit biodiversity (hectares, qualitative assessment, non-certified)**

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
5,000.00			

**Indicator 4.2 Area of landscapes that meets national or international third party certification that incorporates biodiversity considerations (hectares)**

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

**Type/Name of Third Party Certification**

**Indicator 4.3 Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems**

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
20,000.00			

**Indicator 4.4 Area of High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) loss avoided**

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

**Documents (Please upload document(s) that justifies the HCVF)**

Title	Submitted			
<b>Indicator 6 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated</b>				
<b>Total Target Benefit</b>	<b>(At PIF)</b>	<b>(At CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>(Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>(Achieved at TE)</b>
Expected metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e (direct)	617703	0	0	0

<b>Total Target Benefit</b>	<b>(At PIF)</b>	<b>(At CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>(Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>(Achieved at TE)</b>
Expected metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e (indirect)	0	0	0	0

Indicator 6.1 Carbon Sequestered or Emissions Avoided in the AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) sector

<b>Total Target Benefit</b>	<b>(At PIF)</b>	<b>(At CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>(Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>(Achieved at TE)</b>
Expected metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e (direct)	617,703			
Expected metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e (indirect)				
Anticipated start year of accounting	2020			
Duration of accounting	20			

Indicator 6.2 Emissions Avoided Outside AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) Sector

<b>Total Target Benefit</b>	<b>(At PIF)</b>	<b>(At CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>(Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>(Achieved at TE)</b>
Expected metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e (direct)				
Expected metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e (indirect)				
Anticipated start year of accounting				
Duration of accounting				

Indicator 6.3 Energy Saved (Use this sub-indicator in addition to the sub-indicator 6.2 if applicable)

<b>Total Target Benefit</b>	<b>Energy (MJ) (At PIF)</b>	<b>Energy (MJ) (At CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>Energy (MJ) (Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>Energy (MJ) (Achieved at TE)</b>
<b>Target Energy Saved (MJ)</b>				

Indicator 6.4 Increase in Installed Renewable Energy Capacity per Technology (Use this sub-indicator in addition to the sub-indicator 6.2 if applicable)

<b>Technology</b>	<b>Capacity (MW) (Expected at PIF)</b>	<b>Capacity (MW) (Expected at CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>Capacity (MW) (Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>Capacity (MW) (Achieved at TE)</b>
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Indicator 11 Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment

	<b>Number (Expected at PIF)</b>	<b>Number (Expected at CEO Endorsement)</b>	<b>Number (Achieved at MTR)</b>	<b>Number (Achieved at TE)</b>
<b>Female</b>	16,899			
<b>Male</b>	16,899			
<b>Total</b>	33798	0	0	0

## Part II. Project Justification

### 1b. Project Map and Coordinates

Please provide geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions will take place.

Governorate / KBA	KBA	Coordinates
Governorates of Tozeur, Kebili and Gabes	Chott El Jerid	33.790712, 8.437222
Governorate of Kebili	National Park of Jbil	33.020400, 9.102763
Governorate of Gafsa	Steppe of Gafsa	34.435382, 8.767995
	Garaet Douza	34.489997, 8.595855
	National Park of Bouhedma	34.489259, 9.477080
Governorate of Gabes	Sebkhet Ennoual	34.391501, 9.770949
	Sebkhet Sidi Mansour	34.359518, 9.333646

KBA Tunisia map:



IBA Tunisia map:



## 2. Stakeholders

**Select the stakeholders that have participated in consultations during the project identification phase:**

**Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

**Civil Society Organizations** Yes

**Private Sector Entities** Yes

**If none of the above, please explain why:**

During the project preparation phase, numerous consultations were held to exchange and discuss with key national, regional and local stakeholders (public institutions, private sector representatives, local NGOs and associations and development partners) the main aspects of the project.

- Between 18 and 22 March 2019, a workshop was held in Tunis to discuss and debate with all local, regional and national stakeholders the objectives, approach, activities, institutional arrangements as well as the methods of implementing the proposed new project. About 50 persons participated in this workshop.
- during the two first weeks of May 2019, at the regional level, consultations took place in each governorate of Tozeur, Kebili, Gabes and Gafsa, with the participation, in each governorate of about 70 people (about 40% of them women), representing local authorities and elected municipal officials of the four targeted governorates, as well as deconcentrated technical services, members of non-governmental organizations and producer and user associations, women' associations, tourist operators, consulting firms and communication agencies.
- At the national level, several consultations took place in Tunis, at the premises of the Ministry of Environment (ME): firstly between 21 and 23 May 2019 and, then, on 23 September 2019. Overall, about 80 people (about 50% of them women) participated in these national consultations: participants represented different ministerial departments, agencies and research centers. During these consultations, the nature, characteristics and potential activities of the proposed project were presented and discussed. Particularly important was the discussion concerning the compliance of the project with the new WBG' Environmental and Social Standards (NES) as well as the main environmental and social risks and impacts of future activities and associated mitigation.
- Another workshop was held between 17 and 21 June 2019 grouping the same stakeholders of the March workshop to discuss the preliminary results of key studies conducted during preparation were presented (land-use, local-level institutions, water resources, environmental and social standards, resettlement frameworks, etc).

All these consultations highlighted the very strong interest of the stakeholders in this project, with high quality discussions and debates. Participants requested regular feed-back on all the initiatives which were to be carried out during the preparation phase (such as additional studies and assessments), as well on the synergies to be strengthened between the proposed projects and other complementary initiatives under preparation in the Tunisian Southern Governorates. The project documents considered and take into consideration all views and suggestions provided by participants.

**In addition, provide indicative information on how stakeholders, including civil society and indigenous peoples, will be engaged in the project preparation, and their respective roles and means of engagement.**

**The Project explicitly supports the engagement of stakeholders and beneficiaries through consultative processes, engagement in local-level planning, and feedback mechanisms to elaborate and adjust the integrated water and land management approach, as well as access to economic opportunities, thus contributing to achieving project outcomes and sustainability. Feedback mechanisms have been developed to ensure transparency, accountability, and learning, as well as a continuous dialogue with local-level beneficiaries and other stakeholders. During implementation, particular attention will be given to the capacity of local structures (such as the GDAs) to close the feedback loop and report on actions taken in this regard. The specific elements of the framework for citizen engagement include: (i) support for the engagement of local rural communities in the planning and management of landscapes, including monitoring; (ii) support for community engagement in determining local investment; (iii) support for a feedback mechanism from stakeholders and beneficiaries, designed to process concerns and questions from beneficiaries and other stakeholders at various levels (regional to local), with a view of resolving these concerns and questions within specific timeframes. The protocol and mechanisms for elements of the citizen engagement framework will be detailed in the POM. The quality of its implementation and progress will be monitored at both the regional and national levels, through supervision and dialogue.**

### **3. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

**Briefly include below any gender dimensions relevant to the project, and any plans to address gender in project design (e.g. gender analysis).**

Fully in line with the World Bank Group Gender Strategy and the GEF policy on gender equality to mainstream gender into project design and implementation, the project is being designed specifically to ensure that it maximises opportunities to contribute to gender equality.

Female participation in project design and implementation as well as access to project benefits is prioritized in all project components. Separate (women-only) consultations during the planning phase will allow women to express themselves more freely and ensure their presepctives / needs are embedded in the project design. Investments aimed at supporting agricultural and craft productive alliances and value chains will place particular emphasis on subprojects identified and managed by women and women's groups, stressing gender parameters in the screening process and possibly introducing forms of positive discrimination to increase the number of women-related subprojects supported and creating jobs for women. Quantitative gendered targets will be set for activities and sex-disaggregated reporting will focus on measures taken to protect to include

and benefit vulnerable women and girls. Specific analysis to identify the activities to target, and to address possible gender gaps, as well as the subsequent monitoring of these activities by indicators in the Results Framework will be carried out throughout the implementation phase. Specific indicators in the Results Framework will track the impact of the activities of the proposed project on women (both individual women and women's groups). A detailed, costed gender action plan with associated indicators will be developed to ensure that the project takes into full consideration gender-related dynamics and opportunities in the Tunisian oases context.

**Does the project expect to include any gender-responsive measures to address gender gaps or promote gender equality and women empowerment?** Yes

**closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources;** Yes

**improving women's participation and decision-making; and/or** Yes

**generating socio-economic benefits or services for women.** Yes

**Will the project's results framework or logical framework include gender-sensitive indicators?**

Yes

#### **4. Private sector engagement**

**Will there be private sector engagement in the project?**

Yes

**Please briefly explain the rationale behind your answer.**

In line with the Government's Strategic Guidance Note, the Project will place strong emphasis on the importance of the private sector for boosting job creation and driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth. All the components of the project will directly promote innovation and technology transfer for sustainable energy breakthroughs, through supportive policies and strategies which are fundamental to catalyze innovation and technology transfer for mitigation and enhance private sector investment. The private sector will be catalyzed to achieve the objectives of all these activities. Investments will be provided through three windows: (i) restoring oasis ecosystem functions; (ii) supporting oases productive alliances and value chains; and (iii) developing ecotourism. The Project Operation Manual (POM) spells out funding mechanisms, eligible investments, eligible project promoters, and evaluation and performance criteria.

**Part III: Approval/Endorsement By GEF Operational Focal Point(S) And Gef Agency(ies)**

**A. RECORD OF ENDORSEMENT OF GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT (S) ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT(S): (Please attach the Operational Focal Point endorsement letter with this template).**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Date</b>
Mrs. Sabria Benouni	GEF Operational Focal Point	Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment	11/27/2019

**ANNEX A: Project Map and Geographic Coordinates**

Please provide geo-referenced information and map where the project intervention takes place

