

Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector

Part I: Project Information

GEF ID

10709

Project Type

FSP

Type of Trust Fund

GET

CBIT/NGI

☐ CBIT

☐ NGI

Project Title

Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector

Countries

Panama

Agency(ies)

World Bank

Other Executing Partner(s)

Ministry of Environment

Executing Partner Type

Government

GEF Focal Area

Biodiversity

Taxonomy

Focal Areas, Biodiversity, Protected Areas and Landscapes, Terrestrial Protected Areas, Mainstreaming, Agriculture and agrobiodiversity, Strengthen institutional capacity and decision-making, Influencing models, Convene multi-stakeholder alliances, Transform policy and regulatory environments, Stakeholders, Type of Engagement, Consultation, Partnership, Participation, Information Dissemination, Communications, Education, Public Campaigns, Awareness Raising, Indigenous Peoples, Private Sector, Capital providers, SMEs, Individuals/Entrepreneurs, Local Communities, Community Based Organization, Civil Society, Non-Governmental Organization, Academia, Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Equality, Women groups, Sex-disaggregated indicators, Gender-sensitive indicators, Gender results areas, Participation and leadership, Knowledge Generation and Exchange, Capacity Development, Access to benefits and services, Capacity, Knowledge and Research, Knowledge Exchange, Knowledge Generation, Innovation, Learning, Indicators to measure change, Theory of change, Targeted Research, Tourism, Mangroves, Biomes, Conservation Finance, Financial and Accounting, Wildlife for Sustainable Development, Species, Coastal and Marine Protected Areas

Rio Markers**Climate Change Mitigation**

Climate Change Mitigation 1

Climate Change Adaptation

Climate Change Adaptation 1

Duration

60 In Months

Agency Fee(\$)

333,064.00

Submission Date

9/28/2020

A. Indicative Focal/Non-Focal Area Elements

Programming Directions	Trust Fund	GEF Amount(\$)	Co-Fin Amount(\$)
BD-1-1	GET	1,402,376.00	7,000,000.00
BD-2-7	GET	2,103,560.00	14,000,000.00
Total Project Cost (\$)		3,505,936.00	21,000,000.00

B. Indicative Project description summary

Project Objective

The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to contribute to improved protected areas management and promote access to inclusive and biodiversity-friendly economic opportunities in project areas.

Project Outcomes

Component 1: Institutional strengthening for biodiversity conservation.

Outcomes:

- Improved capacities for participatory land-use awareness, planning, and monitoring
- Scientific biodiversity knowledge increased
- Connectivity of protected areas improved
- Management effectiveness of protected areas improved

Component 2: Support to promote biodiversity-friendly investments

Outcomes:

- Improved management of land in key sector (agriculture and tourism) for the sustainable development of the rural space

Component 3: Monitoring and evaluation

- Improved capacities for participatory land-use awareness, planning, and monitoring

Project Component	Financing Type	Trust Fund	GEF Amount(\$)	Co-Fin Amount(\$)
Component 1a: Institutional strengthening for biodiversity conservation.	Technical Assistance	GET	500,000.00	2,000,000.00
Component 1b. Investments for biodiversity conservation	Investment	GET	1,000,000.00	12,000,000.00

Component 2: Support to promote sustainable landscape investments	Investment	GET	1,838,987.00	5,000,000.00
Component 3: Monitoring and evaluation	Technical Assistance	GET		1,000,000.00
Sub Total (\$)			3,338,987.00	20,000,000.00
Project Management Cost (PMC)				
GET			166,949.00	1,000,000.00
Sub Total(\$)			166,949.00	1,000,000.00
Total Project Cost(\$)			3,505,936.00	21,000,000.00

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

Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier	Type of Co-financing	Investment Mobilized	Amount(\$)
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Environment	Public Investment	Investment mobilized	2,530,000.00
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Environment	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	870,000.00
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Agricultural Development	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	200,000.00
Recipient Country Government	National Tourism Authority	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	200,000.00
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	100,000.00
Recipient Country Government	Ministry of Environment - Trust Fund	Public Investment	Recurrent expenditures	13,500,000.00
Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	700,000.00
Others	Government	Public Investment	Investment mobilized	600,000.00
Others	Agricultural Development Bank	Loans	Investment mobilized	2,000,000.00
Others	Gorgas Institute, University of Panama, Smithsonian Institute	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	300,000.00
Total Project Cost(\$)				21,000,000.00

Describe how any "Investment Mobilized" was identified

The alignment of the proposed operation with the Government of Panama's strategic objectives and international commitments for the sector facilitated the identification of several sources of investment mobilization, which would not have been possible in the absence of the proposed operation: (i) Ministry of

Environment (MiAmbiente): The Ministry of Economy and Finance has already made the official allocation of the new incremental resources to MiAmbiente to co-finance the implementation of the project over the period 2021-2025. The allocation for 2021 is US\$0.52 million; (ii) Agricultural Development Bank (BDA): The BDA and the Government of Panama have coordinated the availability of a dedicated credit line for small producers. MiAmbiente and BDA have decided to join efforts -through the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding- as part of the implementation of the GEF grant to foster a biodiversity-friendly investment portfolio aimed at facilitating the provision of the credit lines to dynamize the rural economy and strengthening the capacity of both institutions to promote innovative, sustainable and inclusive initiatives; (iii) Beneficiaries: The contribution of the beneficiaries is expected as part of the subprojects aiming at fostering the appropriation of the subprojects throughout their design and implementation stages and as part of the project's sustainability strategy; and (iv) Local Governments: Local governments are looking to partner with MiAmbiente to co-finance territorial management plans, which are essential to promote the local development and sustainable management of the territories, including protected areas' buffer zones. Some sources of public investment are classified under the concept of recurrent costs as it is considered that their allocation and later implementation is not conditioned to obtaining the financial resources of this proposal. Project implementation will have a strong financial underpinning under the figure of parallel financing. The parallel financing -classified as a recurrent expenditure- originates from the Fideicomiso Agua, Áreas Protegidas y Vida Silvestre ("the Trust Fund"), a financial instrument whose technical and financial design was supported by the GEF funded Sustainable Production Systems and Conservation of the Biodiversity Project. The project was completed in December 2019. The establishment of the Trust Fund and its implementation unit is one of the main objectives achieved by the project, aiming at facilitating environmental investments that contribute to the improvement and recovery of ecosystems at risk and the sustainable management of the protected areas prioritized by MiAmbiente. The resources are managed by an implementation unit (Unidad de Fideicomiso y Seguimiento a Inversiones - UFISI), under MiAmbiente. The UFISI and the Project Implementing Unit (PIU) of the proposed operation would coordinate the investments to be made in the prioritized protected areas in order to maximize their impact. The strategic objectives of the Trust Fund are aligned with the proposed operation, focusing on: (i) Modernizing SINAP's technological and managerial capacities; (ii) Strengthening the management of protected areas by equipping them with adequate facilities for visitors; (iii) Modernizing environmental management for the conservation, monitoring, and evaluation of the national environmental patrimony; and (iv) Promoting a strategic program for environmental journalism, environmental publicity, and sustainable development in protected areas. Negotiations will continue at preparation and appraisal stage to seek for additional coordination efforts among operations.

D. Indicative 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(\$)	Total(\$)
World Bank	GET	Panama	Biodiversity	BD STAR Allocation	3,505,936	333,064	3,839,000.00
Total GEF Resources(\$)					3,505,936.00	333,064.00	3,839,000.00

E. Project Preparation Grant (PPG)
PPG Required



PPG Amount (\$)				PPG Agency Fee (\$)			
Agency	Trust Fund	Country	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	Amount(\$)	Fee(\$)	Total(\$)
Total Project Costs(\$)					0.00	0.00	0.00

Core Indicators

Indicator 1 Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
685,132.50	0.00	0.00	0.00






Indicator 1.1 Terrestrial Protected Areas Newly created








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

Name of the Protected Area	WDPA ID	IUCN Category	Total Ha (Expected at PIF)	Total Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)
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Indicator 1.2 Terrestrial Protected Areas Under improved Management effectiveness

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)
685,132.50	0.00	0.00	0.00

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)
Altos de Campana	241		4,816.00						
Cerro Hoya	12685		33,342.40						
Chrogo – Palo Blanco			178.00						
Distrito de Nargana			100,000.00						
Fortuna	303326		32,557.00						

La Amistad	107315	207,000.00	
La Tronosa	12699	20,579.00	
La Yeguada	12698	7,016.60	
Omar Torrijos		25,275.00	
Palo Seco	17185	167,410.00	
Santa Fe		72,636.00	
Volcán Barú		14,322.50	

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)
1000.00	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)
1,000.00			

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)

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

Indicator 11 Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment

	Number (Expected at PIF)	Number (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Number (Achieved at MTR)	Number (Achieved at TE)
Female	2,500			

Male	7,500			
Total	10000	0	0	0

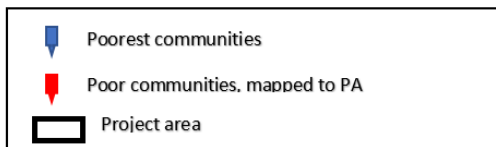
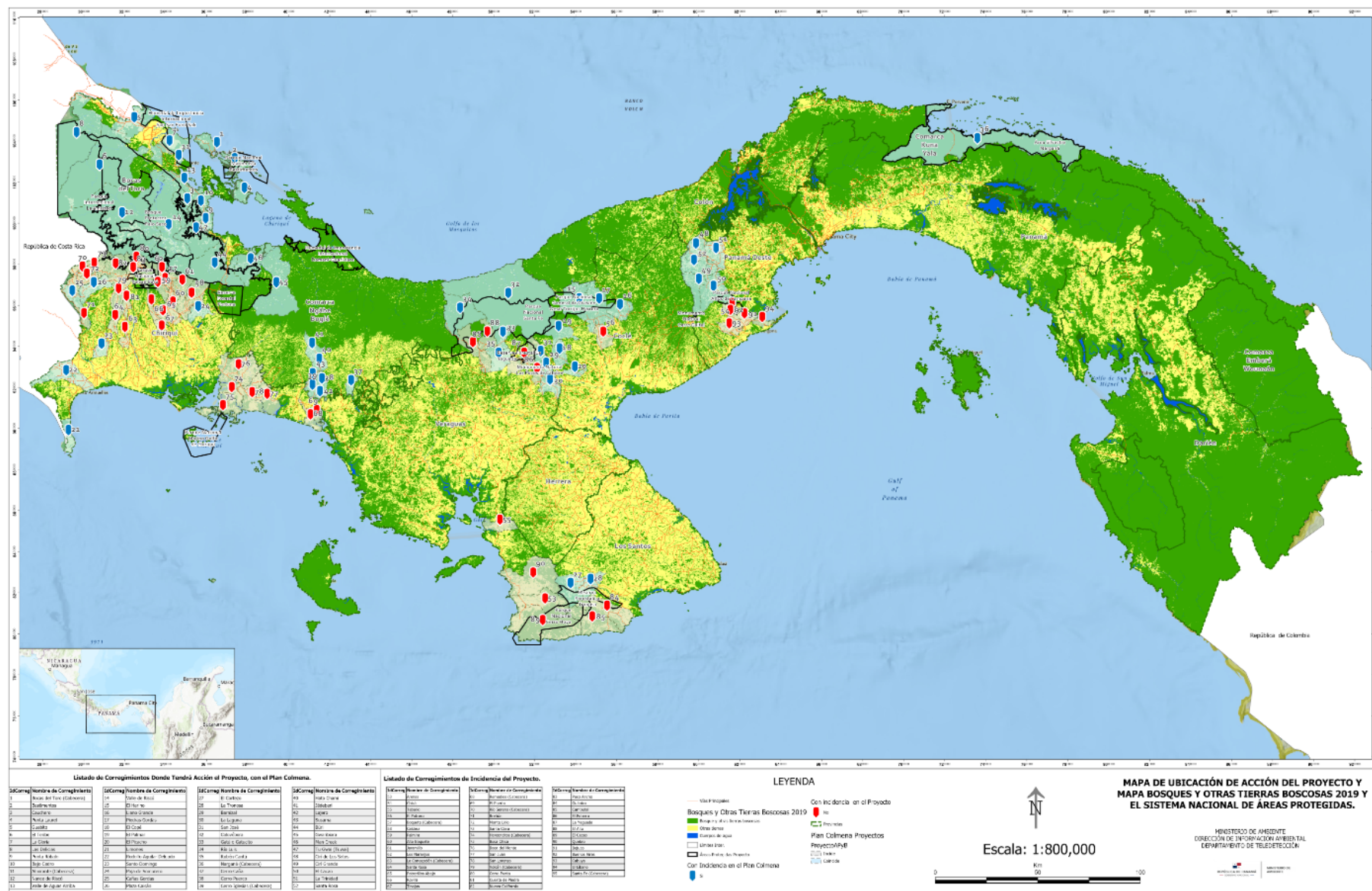
Provide additional explanation on targets, other methodologies used, and other focal area specifics (i.e., Aichi targets in BD) including justification where core indicator targets are not provided

The initiative will contribute to two strategic objectives of the GEF-7 for biodiversity: (i) mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into production landscapes/seascapes and sectors and (ii) address direct drivers to protect habitats and species (sub-objective “Improving Financial Sustainability, Effective Management, and Ecosystem Coverage of the Global Protected Area Estate”). This project will provide support to Panama’s NBSAP from 2018 in all five strategic pillars: (a) reduction to threats on BD, (b) conservation, (c) education and communication, (d) sustainable use and management, (e) governance and participation. Activities herein presented are those identified in the 6th National Report (2018) to achieve Aichi Targets, among them conservation sites and protected areas, conservation and management plans, best practices in productive areas, information system, environmental education and local governments, among others. The proposed targets will be reviewed and confirmed during the project preparation and appraisal stage using the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT).

Part II. Project Justification

1b. Project Map and Coordinates

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



2. Stakeholders

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

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Civil Society Organizations

Private Sector Entities

If none of the above, please explain why: Yes

The proposed project is based on: (i) the consultations carried out in indigenous communities, local governments, and the private sector for the preparation of the Implementation Completion Report of the Sustainable Production Systems and Conservation of Biodiversity project (P148809), financed by the GEF and completed in August 2020; and (ii) the consultations carried out with local stakeholders, the private sector, and civil society for the preparation of the analytical product Exploring the Development Potential of Panama's Rural Economy (P172460), completed in September 2020. Also, in accordance with the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework, the government will identify, map, and consult with, relevant stakeholders including, civil society actors, local governments, indigenous communities, the private sector, as relevant throughout project preparation and implementation, including in order to thoroughly inform the social and environmental instruments required for the project's appraisal stage. The project's Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), summarize this process and describe how stakeholder engagement will be carried out during project implementation. A draft SEP will be disclosed before project appraisal.

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 Borrower's SEP will systematically identify and map project stakeholders, including civil society organizations, indigenous communities and traditional decision-making authorities, and other beneficiaries and interested parties. The SEP will also set out a specific plan for stakeholder engagement and information disclosure throughout the project life-cycle. As part of this plan, the Grant recipient will carry out consultations with key project stakeholders in the prioritized territories, including base level producer associations, and indigenous and afro-descendant community organizations. Given constraints to public consultation meetings related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SEP will take into account the Bank technical guidance on "Public Consultations and Stakeholder Engagement in WB-supported operations when there are constraints on conducting public meetings, March 20, 2020." The project will ensure that the needs and voices of vulnerable peoples are heard through inclusive consultation and participation to ensure that they can equally participate and benefit from the project. Likewise, the SEP will be developed in a cultural appropriate manner to carry out appropriate and adequate consultations with Indigenous Peoples. The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) will also describe how subprojects will be screened to determine whether they propose the commercial use of cultural heritage and, if so, to ensure such subprojects are prepared per the requirements of the WB's Environmental and Social Standard number 8 (ESS8 – Cultural Heritage) including: (a) that meaningful consultations are carried out; (b) that provisions for fair and equitable sharing of benefits, consistent with customs and traditions of any affected parties are included in project design; and that (c) any negative impacts are properly assessed and mitigation measures developed according to the mitigation hierarchy. The IAPP will include special provisions, including for obtaining free, prior and informed consent, in case any subprojects involve the use of cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples. Based on preliminary screening, the potential main stakeholders and their respective roles during project preparation and implementation are described below. As described above, the SEP to be prepared by the Grant recipient will provide a comprehensive stakeholder mapping:

Stakeholder	Potential role
Ministry of Environment	Lead government institutions benefiting from the proposed project. The institution is crucial in the process of sectorial developing policies and regulations related to environmental and biodiversity sustainable management.
Ministry of Agricultural Development	Key institution to coordinate productive investments aimed at strengthening the management and conservation of biodiversity in the project's areas.
National Tourism Authority	Partner institution to coordinate investments for tourism development aimed at improving the management and conservation of biodiversity in the project's areas.
Local Governments	Authorities responsible for leading local economic development processes, and with whom the project needs to coordinate in the context of territorial management plans for promoting the conservation and sustainable management of protected areas and biodiversity.
Agricultural Development Bank	A financial partner to leverage grant resources and maximize the impact of project investments. The Bank's participation is key as part of a sustainability strategy for investments beyond project completion, considering that the beneficiaries can develop a credit record and continue as clients of the institution.
<i>Unidad de Fideicomiso y Seguimiento a Inversiones</i> - UFISI	Financial partner for the parallel financing of key investments in the protected areas prioritized by the project. The coordination with the project will be fundamental to consolidate the improvement in the management of the SINAP.
National Indigenous Peoples Council (<i>Consejo Nacional de Desarrollo Integral de los Pueblos Indígenas</i>)	The National Council is a permanent body where the 12 Indigenous Peoples traditional structures (<i>Congresos y Consejos Generales</i>) are represented. The council supervises the implementation of the National Indigenous Peoples Development Plan and advises on the implementation of public policy related to the development and rights of indigenous peoples, among other roles. The National Council's role in the project, if any, will be assessed in the IAPP and SEP based on whether any project activities may have implications for IPs at the national level.
General Indigenous Congresses or Councils (<i>Congresos y Consejos Generales Indígenas</i>)	The general congress or council is the highest traditional authority within an indigenous Comarca or territory. Each indigenous group has its own General Congress or Council. These entities are traditional decision-making bodies and, as such are important stakeholders for project activities to be carried out within indigenous comarcas or territories. Based on the potential location of project activities, the relevant entities may include the <i>Consejo General Com</i>

	project activities, the relevant entities may include the <i>Consejo General Comarca Ngäbe-Buglé, Consejo General Naso Tjër-di, and Consejo General Bri-Bri</i> .
Regional and Local Indigenous Structures and traditional authorities (<i>Congresos y Consejos Locales</i>)	Each indigenous comarca or territory is further organized into regional and/or local congresses, councils, and other traditional bodies with specific competencies in their territories. Individual traditional authorities may also be relevant at this level. In the case of the Ngäbe-Buglé, for example there is one Regional Congress led by a regional Cacique for each of the three regions that make up the Comarca and seven local Congresses.
Afro-descendant organizations at various levels	Economic and cultural association or organizations of afro descendant peoples that may have an interest in the project and can provide support for project activities involving afro-descendant peoples.
Producer and ecotourism association, and others relevant for the project.	Local associations that are potential project beneficiaries.
NGOs, intergovernmental organizations, and other interested parties	Organizations working with vulnerable populations such as women and people with disabilities may be a key source of information or support for the project.

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).

During project preparation, a diagnosis of gender-relevant issues will be carried out as part of the Environmental, Social, and Gender Assessment (ESA) that will be part of the Project's ESMF. This assessment will explore the conditions of women in the project's areas of intervention and their participation in productive activities and decision-making instances, with a differentiated focus on indigenous and afro descendant women. The ESA will inform the development of a clear gender plan for the project, which will include specific actions in the analysis, selection, and implementation of subprojects, in order to address gender gaps and ensure the promotion of women's agency at all stages. This action plan will also be included in the ESMF. In addition, the project's SEP will ensure the participation of women and their organizations, including indigenous and afro descendant women's organizations, in project consultations and other stakeholder engagement activities. Furthermore, the project's key indicators measuring beneficiary participation and job creation under project investments will be disaggregated by gender.

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.

The operation will promote the engagement with the private sector as a critical partner to embrace the proposed approach, and to maximize the impact of the GEF allocation. Investment under the Component 1 are intended to facilitate public-private participation for the conservation in targeted biodiversity area and to maintaining ecosystems connectivity through the conservation and/or recovery of natural spaces between protected areas (including private nature reserves) that contribute to strengthening and recovering biological corridors that protect local biodiversity. Particularly, activities aiming to raise the awareness and empowerment of private reserve owners in the conservation and promotion of sustainable economic initiatives will be supported through the establishment of public-private partnerships between private reserves, organizations and local communities to strengthen the connectivity of protected areas. Project investment under the Component 2 are aimed at creating the conditions to leverage private commercial finance for the modernization of ecotourism, agricultural productive systems and development of new biodiversity-friendly services and business lines in the rural space. For the purpose of the component, productive alliance's principles would be considered for the promotion of a broad range of opportunities in the rural areas, particularly in buffer zones aiming to reduce the threats over biodiversity of global importance. A productive alliance will consist in several key partners: (i) a group of rural people with the potential to provide a high quality biodiversity-friendly product or service; (ii) a private sector agent providing essential services or products to ensure the connection to markets and success of the subproject; and (iii) a private sector agent providing technical assistance services in support of the subproject. The proposed investments under Component 2 are expected to be co-financed through the project and the National Agricultural Bank (BDA) at zero rate reimbursable resources.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS) Risks

Provide information on the identified environmental and social risks and potential impacts associated with the project/program based on your organization's ESS systems and procedures

Overall Project/Program Risk Classification*

PIF

CEO Endorsement/Approval MTR

TE

High or Substantial

Measures to address identified risks and impacts

Provide preliminary information on the types and levels of risk classifications/ratings of any identified environmental and social risks and potential impacts associated with the project (considering the GEF ESS Minimum Standards) and describe measures to address these risks during the project design.

Detailed information about projects risks and impact is provided in the attached concept stage Environment and Social Risks assessment document.

Environmental Risk Rating Moderate

The overall environmental impacts are expected to be positive and at concept stage, the environmental risk rating is assessed to be MODERATE. The project aims to improve biodiversity conservation and sustainable economic opportunities in project areas (PDO). It aims to strengthen governance structures for the protection of Panama's natural capital, whilst promoting public-private partnerships in targeted conservation areas and financing activities to improve biodiversity knowledge and facilitating access to this information. Through technical assistance and financial support to the agriculture, forestry and tourism sectors as entry points to dynamize the rural economy, investments are aimed at maintaining ecosystem connectivity through the conservation and/or recovery of natural spaces within and between PAs (including private nature reserves). This shall contribute to strengthening and recovery of biological corridors that protect local biodiversity.

Planned investments in sustainable production systems in target PAs and their buffer zones will be based on approved business plans that may include small-scale agricultural production (including coffee, fruits, vegetables and tubers), small species livestock production (such as quails), cultural/creative and ecotourism services, food processing and agro-logistics, the development of niche brands - including certification, eco-labelling and marketing. Investments in equipment and infrastructure (such as for minor irrigation works and processing) will be within existing footprints. Investments will be assessed for and designed to ensure climate resilience, promoting improved land management practices, promoting climate smart agriculture, reducing food loss waste (and associated Green House Gas emissions)

and through the reforestation of headwaters of river basins and riparian forestlands, also contribute towards improvement of water quality and availability.

The potential negative impacts are anticipated to be i) predictable, temporary or easily mitigated, ii) of low magnitude and site-specific and iii) taking place in previously intervened areas or within existing footprints. Potential impacts associated with planned interventions are primarily associated with the installation of equipment (processing and marketing) and the rehabilitation or construction of basic infrastructure (such as minor irrigation works and processing rooms/sheds), including minor on-site vegetation clearing, minor earthworks, construction and community health and safety impacts, as well as impacts associated with waste handling and disposal. The extent to which agrochemicals will be used during the project will be determined during project preparation. If required, the ESMF will provide guidance on the development of sub-project specific Integrated Pest Management Plans (IPMPs) and define capacity building requirements for beneficiaries. Detailed impacts will be identified and assessed as part of the initial Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA) conducted during the development of the project's Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). In addition, a negative list will be defined in the ESMF and included in the Operations Manual detailing equipment, goods and services to be excluded from financing under the project due to the potential substantial adverse environmental and social impacts associated with them.

Social Risk Rating Substantial

The Project will have mainly positive social impacts from the promotion of income generation activities for rural communities around PAs, including indigenous and afro-descendant communities. The project's social risk classification is Substantial at this stage due to the potential of the project to include the following risks: i) the risk of elite capture, exclusion of vulnerable groups, and inadequate benefit sharing in productive alliances involving private commercial entities and rural communities or producer organizations, including Indigenous Peoples (IP) and Afro-Descendants (AD); ii) the potential of the project to cause or exacerbate conflicts over land or natural resources in PAs

or their buffer zones, especially in relation to collective lands, or conflict within or among communities in relation to subproject selection; iii) lack of inclusion of traditional knowledge and practices in the design of project activities involving indigenous peoples and Afro-Descendants, and risks associated with commercial use of cultural heritage, to be confirmed by the project's ESA; iv) the risk of restrictions of access to natural resources in PAs and potential changes in the management of natural resources in surrounding areas; v) occupational health and safety risks of agricultural activities and risks related to the participation of children in family or community-based income generating activities supported by the project; and vi) community health and safety risks from small-scale construction activities.

Supporting Documents

Upload available ESS supporting documents.

Title	Submitted
Concept ESRS Panama 092720	

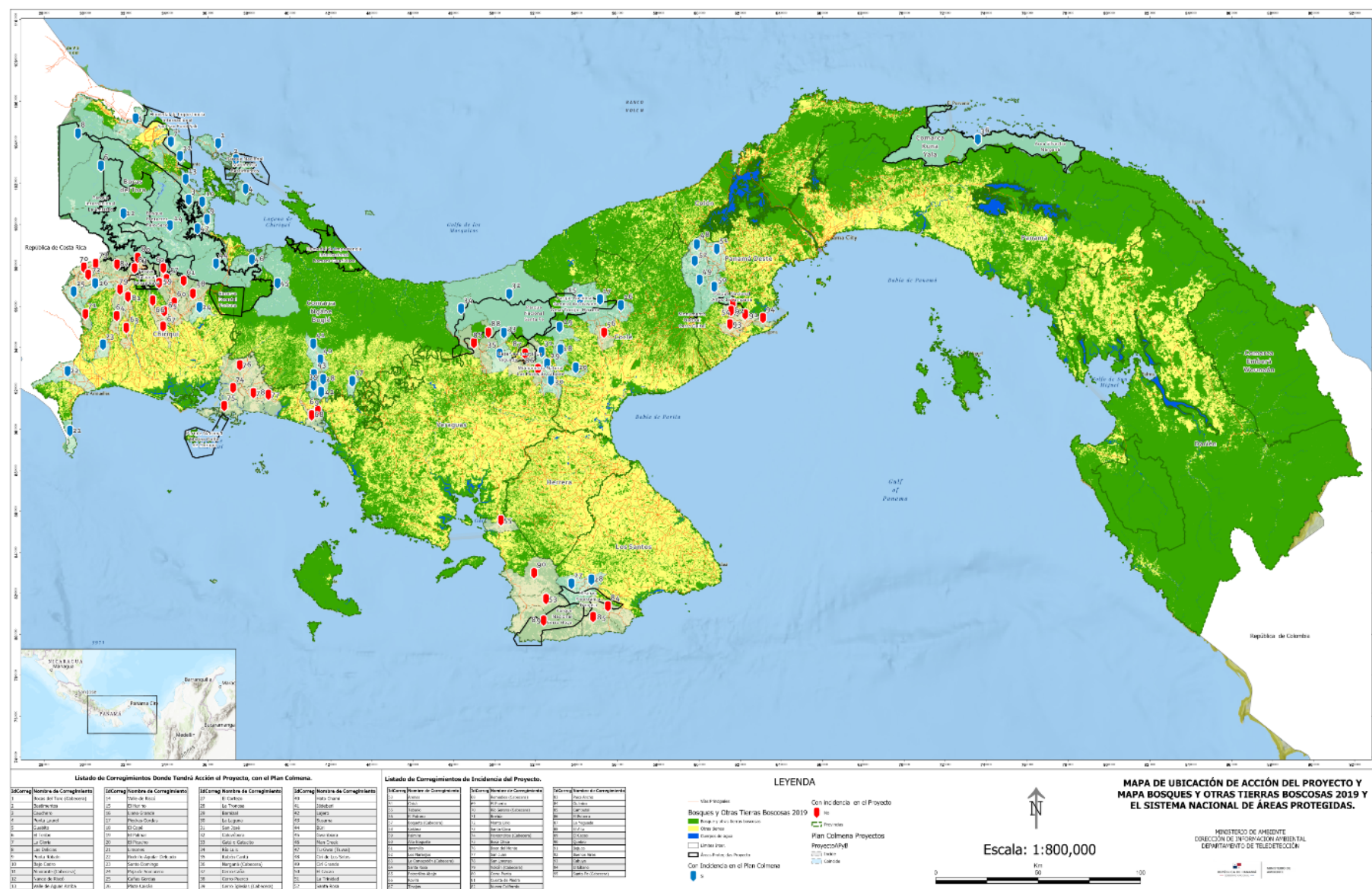
Part III: Approval/Endorsement By GEF Operational Focal Point(S) And Gef Agency(ies)

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).

Name	Position	Ministry	Date
Gustavo Padilla C.	Head of the Office of International Technical Cooperation	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT	2/4/2020

ANNEX A: Project Map and Geographic Coordinates

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





Poorest communities



Poor communities, mapped to PA



Project area