

Promoting OECMs into the Network of Biodiversity Conservation Areas in Burkina Faso

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID
12234
Countries
Burkina Faso
Project Name
Promoting OECMs into the Network of Biodiversity Conservation Areas in Burkina Faso
Agencies
IUCN
Date received by PM
1/14/2026
Review completed by PM

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

3/9/2026

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

3/9/2026

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

3/9/2026

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

3/9/2026

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

3/9/2026

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

3/9/2026

Cleared

Agency's Comments

VI. Project results indicators

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

Secretariat's Comments

3/9/2026

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

3/9/2026

Cleared

Agency's Comments

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

3/9/2026

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.

VIII. The LoE is missing the footnote. It also indicates in the last paragraph that the funds will be requested from the GETTF instead of GBFF. To avoid requesting a new LoE, please secure an email from the OFP to (i) confirm that OFP is OK with the content of the footnote, and (ii) clarify that funds will come from GBFF (then append the email to the documents' tab).

Agency's Comments

02/23/2026

Thank you for your review.

Please find attached the email from the OFP confirming that he is OK with the content of the footnote, and clarify that funds will come from GBFF. The email has been added to the Documents tab.

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Cc: MENARD KABRÉ Pangbenewende Carole; RIOUX Janie; SOMDA Jacques
Objet: Clarifications regarding the LoE GBFF "Promoting OECMs into the Network of Biodiversity Conservation Areas in Burkina Faso"

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the Letter of Endorsement, I issued on 16 December 2025 for the project "Promoting OECMs into the Network of Biodiversity Conservation Areas in Burkina Faso", I would like to provide the following clarifications for the GEF Secretariat.

1.I confirm that I fully agree with the content of the standard GBFF footnote referring to the execution/implementation arrangements, as provided in the official GBFF Letter of Endorsement template issued by the GEF Secretariat.

2.I also confirm that the total amount of US\$ 2,001,025 indicated in the Letter of Endorsement will be requested from the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF), and not from the GEF Trust Fund (GEFTF).

These clarifications are provided as an integral addendum to my original Letter of Endorsement for this project.

Yours sincerely,

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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- Please ensure that OECMs to be supported by the project are identified based on clear selection criteria and demonstrate global biodiversity significance.
2. Please strengthen the finance component and ensure it is clearly linked with ongoing BIOFIN process.
3. Please ensure that the Theory of Change in the CEO Endorsement Request clearly articulates the causal pathway between the identified key threats (e.g., deforestation and pollution from mining and agricultural activities), the proposed project interventions (including OECM designation, livelihood support), and how these interventions will effectively deliver the expected global environmental benefits.
- 4- 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.
- 5- 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

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.

Agency's Comments

23/08/2026

The comment on the LoE has been addressed.

Review Dates

First Review

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

Additional Review (as necessary)

PPG Request Review
2/18/2026

Agency Response
2/23/2026