

Strategic Management of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) to Safeguard Biodiversity and Support Ecosystem Restoration in The Bahamas

Review PIF and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

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GEF-8 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF) REVIEW SHEET

1. General Project Information / Eligibility

a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GEF funding?

b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

a) Cleared. The project aims to address the prevention, control and management of IAS, and to restore degraded landscapes. Therefore it is aligned with the objective 1 of the programming directions, "Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species".

b) Cleared.

Agency's Comments

2. Project Summary

Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs or adaptation benefits and other key expected results?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

Cleared.

05/21/2026

Not cleared.

- Please better identify and clarify drivers of BD loss.

- Please justify and describe the global biodiversity targeted by the project, in the areas targeted. Precise if they are KBA, Ramsar site... or national protected areas.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

The drivers of biodiversity loss are summarized in this project summary section; also elaborated in the Project Description section and included in the TOC diagram (as per comments further down in the review).

The global biodiversity targeted by the project is better defined, with explicit mention of the key species of national and global interest in the targeted areas. References are now included in respect to the corresponding Key Biodiversity Areas and the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) for the target areas. This is carried through other parts of the narrative.

3 Indicative Project Overview

3.1 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 and the core indicators per the stated Theory of Change?

Secretariat's Comments

06/11/2026

Cleared.

06/10/2026

b) Not cleared. If the project includes Protected areas and other kind of landscapes as described in p.15 ("The targeted landscapes include coastal, forest, and ecotonal interfaces/transitional zones, encompassing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Managed Areas (MMAs), national parks, cultural heritage sites, agricultural lands, inland coppice and pine forest systems, and ecotones that connect terrestrial and marine environments"). CI 1.2 has to be used but also CI 4. The previous comment has been addressed by adding CI 1.2, but CI4 has disappeared and should be also targeted for all areas targeted outside of the PAs. See comment below.

05/21/2026

a) Cleared.

b) Not cleared.

- The CI targeted are not linked to protected areas whereas in the Component 3, restoration activities and maintenance plans are planned into protected areas. Please clarify and adjust the CI used, using CI 1 and/or 2. ("p.14 The targeted landscapes include coastal, forest, and ecotonal interfaces/transitional zones, encompassing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Managed Areas (MMAs), national parks, cultural heritage sites, agricultural lands, inland coppice and pine forest systems, and ecotones that connect terrestrial and marine environments)

- Targeted eradication will be supported in specific circumstances where proven, low-cost, and effective eradication would result in the extermination of the IAS and the survival of globally significant species and/or ecosystems.

- Please consider including in the component 3 the monitoring of the evolution of some indicative globally significant species, to assess impacts of the project.

- Outcome 3.2 and dedicated outputs are missing in the Indicative project overview.

- Please consider adding an output in component 1 on governance and concertation.

- It is not clear if component 2 will lead to land-use planning definition in the targeted sites and to definition of new practices/ and in which sectors. Please clarify.

Agency's Comments

06/10/2026

b) This has been rectified as per the recommendation; now targets under CI 1.2 and CI 4.2 are specified. The adjustment is now carried in the Core Indicators summary table and further explained in the narratives under each of the Core Indicators with accompanying tables. The map annotations in Annex C have also been updated accordingly.

06/04/2026

b. - Recommendation accepted; Core Indicator 1.2 is now applied (rather than 4.1) to represent the improved management effectiveness associated with improved IAS management and surveillance in terrestrial protected areas over the 41,175 hectares associated with the protected landscapes (adjacent to the 'core' areas that are to be restored associated with Core Indicator 3.2). The Core Indicator table is updated accordingly. (all updates to the PIF in this review are in yellow highlight)

- Indeed, the proposed investment in eradication is in the context of the need to address the long-term threat to globally significant species in The Bahamas and will be in accordance with existing protocols in the country that are keeping with globally recognized best practices such as CABI's Invasive Species Compendium (ISC). This is noted in Component 3.

- In Component 3 narrative a paragraph on the monitoring protocol is now included that includes indicative parameters to be considered.

- Thanks for the observation; this was an oversight and is now corrected

- Component 1 considers enhancement of the governance framework through the strengthening of the existing management mechanisms toward improved coordination for IAS management among the relevant agencies across sectors. This is the intention of Output 1.1.2 primarily but closely coupled to Output 1.1.1. This is captured in the component narrative as *'Recommendations will be developed to enhance institutional mandates and establish or strengthen a national coordination mechanism for IAS prevention, control, and reporting.'* However, to appropriately encapsulate the governance implications, the output title is adjusted to include *'improved organizational governance mechanism'.*

- This is specifically covered in Component 1 not Comp 2 viz *'Recommendations for IAS prevention and ecosystem restoration will also be developed for integration into existing coastal development, tourism, and land-use planning instruments to ensure that IAS management considerations are mainstreamed across national development planning processes. These include Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations and guidelines, physical planning and zoning policies.'* We anticipate this is sufficiently clarified.

3.2 Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and monitoring and evaluation included within the project components and appropriately funded?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

Cleared.

05/21/2026

Not cleared.

i) A gender action plan will be elaborated during PPG. Currently the project does not reflect any considerations for gender questions. Please precise in each component how women will be involved.

•i. At PIF stage, GEF requires that the gender equality aspects are weaved into the project description and project components. The Agency is thus requested to include the gender

equality perspectives currently described in the section Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment into the project description and in description of the project components.

- ii. Please consider separating awareness and communication from educational activities, learning and knowledge transmission. Precise the publics targeted.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

i) i. The narrative under the components have been updated to accordingly to be more specific on balance women's engagement and ensuring that gender sensitivity considerations are taken into account. Some of the key indicators at the outcome level in the project indicative framework have also been adjusted to reflect this. Under Section D, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, the PIF captures the guiding framework in the context of The Bahamas in some level of detail. Indeed, gender equality aspects will be fully articulated in the PPG phase in the gender action plan and stakeholder action plan.

ii. Recommendation accepted; with the separation of the awareness and communication element/output from the knowledge management aspect. There are now two anticipated outputs; *4.1.1. National awareness campaign enhancing gender-sensitive stakeholder engagement on IAS management within wider national biodiversity management programme* and *4.1.2. Knowledge management strategy directing consolidation of project-derived knowledge on IAS management best practice into mechanism for long-term application among stakeholders*. The stakeholders to be targeted are better defined; these include local communities, schools, tourism operators, hospitality providers, transportation and shipping operators, construction and development interests, agricultural producers, natural resource managers, and the private sector. The narrative under Component 4 has been updated accordingly.

3.3 a) Are the components adequately funded?

b) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?

c) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for FSPs or 10% for MSPs? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

b) Cleared.

05/21/2026

a) Cleared

b) Not cleared. Currently GEF contribution is 5% while Co-financing is 4,1%. Please correct., to have both below 5%.

c) Cleared.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

b) the PMC under co-financing has been adjusted; at 4.8%

4 Project Outline

A. Project Rationale

4.1 SITUATION ANALYSIS

a) is the current situation (including global environmental problems, key contextual drivers of environmental degradation, climate vulnerability) clearly and adequately described from a systems perspective?

b) Are the key barriers and enablers identified?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

a) Cleared.

b) Cleared.

05/21/2026

a) Not cleared. Contextual drivers of environmental degradation are well described at national level, whereas the globally significance of the biodiversity targeted is not detailed. Please consider completing the context with description of the situation in the 3 islands and sites targeted, as well as the global BD, and the natural areas targeted by the project, not only a list of species (part of it is in the Project description). Describe the types of landscapes targeted to better understand connections between IAS dispersion and natural and/or protected areas. Please consider also precising if the protected or community managed natural areas have a management plan.

Precise if some regional actions/platforms/networks are in place at the Caribbean level.

b) Not cleared. Barriers are well described but there is no description for the enablers. Please complete the document identifying enablers.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

a) The biodiversity of global significance has been further elaborated in various sections of the narrative; the summary, under the Project Rationale section and in the preamble part of the Project Description section as well as within the restoration location descriptions under the Component 3 narrative. The mapping in Annex C also contains information on the biodiversity of significance. The narrative in the Project Description section has been updated to better explain the landscape/ecosystem quality related to IAS influence. The descriptive tables for each of the targeted locations include justification (right column) that describe the IAS influences. Of the three islands / target locations only Abaco has a formalized management plan that is operated by the Bahamas National Trust; the Abaco Marine Parks Management Plan.

In the description of the restoration and maintenance plans under Component 3, the status of the existence of protected area management plans for the target landscapes under the project is clarified in an expanded narrative.

The main regional platform/network that has been established for the Caribbean is the Caribbean Invasives Network (caribbeaninvasives.org) that has been built from knowledge and experience from prior initiatives including GEF projects, managed by CABI as executing agency, where they continue to host the network's online presence. CABI will be among the project partners and is expected that the learnings from the project will contribute to the regional community of practice. This is elaborated in Component 4.

b) The enablers were already captured in the narrative as what was previously captioned as 'key drivers'. It is understood in this review (comment lower down) that these should be captioned instead as 'enablers'. This change has been effected; these are presented in the section immediately ahead of the theory of change diagram.

4.2 JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT

a) Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other potential options?

b) Does it ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers?

c) Is there a description of how the GEF alternative will build on ongoing/previous investments (GEF and non-GEF), lessons and experiences in the country/region?

d) are the relevant stakeholders and their roles adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

c) Cleared.

d) Cleared.

05/21/2026

a) Cleared.

b) Cleared. By implementing a national cross-sectoral approach and a management framework, a early prevention system and control, and by restoring degraded ecosystems, the project will ensure long term effectiveness and sustainability of the interventions, procuring resilience to future changes.

c) Not cleared. Please provide any details on regional projects and precise how the project could build on lessons learnt.

d) Not cleared. Please complete the description precisising how local communities, fishermen, women, youth will be involved in the different components of the project.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

c) The main regional project of relevance is the *Preventing Costs of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Barbados and the OECS Countries (GEF ID: 9408)* (in closure phase) that will serve as a key resource to this project in terms of transfer of knowledge products and lesson learned. This regional project contributed significantly to the Caribbean Invasives Network

and this new initiative is anticipated to similarly build on the knowledge network. The narrative is expanded in this regard under the section 'Coordination and Cooperation with Ongoing Initiatives and Project'.

d) There is elaboration as relevant under the components to describe how the stakeholders at the community level (women, youth) will be engaged. The narrative under Section A 'Project Rationale' related to 'Stakeholders and beneficiaries' has been expanded, and a summary narrative is also provided under Section D under Stakeholder Engagement.

5 B. Project Description

5.1 THEORY OF CHANGE

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 key outputs of each component defined (where possible)?

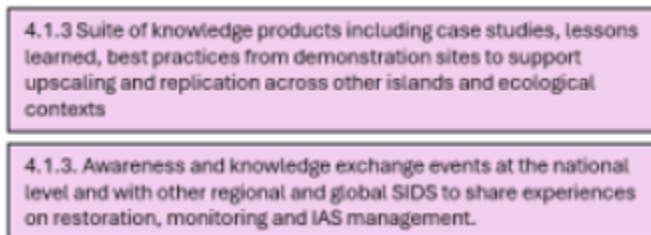
Secretariat's Comments

06/11/2026

a) Cleared.

06/10/2026

a) Not cleared: please correct the diagram. There 2 outputs with the same number 4.1.3.



05/21/2026

a) Not cleared. Drivers of BD degradation and of increase of IAS need to be better identified and introduced in the diagram and ToC.

Please correct enablers/drivers to avoid confusion.

b) Cleared. See comments above on outcome 3.2 and update the project document.

Agency's Comments

06/10/2026

a) Corrected

06/04/2026

a) The drivers of biodiversity loss, ecosystem degradation and increase of IAS is presented in an expanded narrative under Section A Project Rationale, in the context of indirect drivers that are foundational or result from system-level pressures, and consequent direct drivers that create conditions that favor IAS proliferation and biodiversity loss/impact. This is carried into the project theory of change narrative and included in the TOC diagram. As noted in Comment 4.1 b) Suggestion accepted; what was originally termed as 'key drivers' that create favorable conditions for project implementation is now re-captioned as 'key enablers' to avoid confusion. This is updated in the narrative and in the TOC diagram.

b) Outcome 3.2 was missing from the GEF Portal on initial upload; this is now uploaded.

5.2 INCREMENTAL/ADDITIONAL COST REASONING

Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

Cleared.

05/21/2026

Not cleared. See comments above on the Globally significant biodiversity targeted to be described.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

As noted above, the biodiversity of global significance has been further elaborated in various sections of the narrative; the summary, under the Project Rationale section and in the preamble part of the Project Description section as well as within the restoration location descriptions under the Component 3 narrative. The mapping in Annex C also contains information on the biodiversity of significance.

5.3 IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

a) Is the institutional setting, including potential executing partners, outlined and a rationale provided?

b) Comments to proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception).

c) Is there a description of potential coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF-financed projects/programs and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area

d) Are the proposed elements to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning outputs and strategic communication adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments

06/10/2026

Cleared.

05/21/2026

a) Cleared.

b) NA

c) Cleared

d) Please consider separating awareness and communication from educational activities, learning and knowledge transmission. Precise the publics targeted.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

d) As per comment above, the review recommendation is accepted; with the separation of the awareness and communication element/output from the knowledge management aspect. There are now two anticipated outputs; *4.1.1. National awareness campaign enhancing gender-sensitive stakeholder engagement on IAS management within wider national biodiversity management programme* and *4.1.2. Knowledge management strategy directing consolidation of project-derived knowledge on IAS management best practice into mechanism for long-term application among stakeholders*. The stakeholders / publics to be targeted are better defined; these include local communities, schools, tourism operators, hospitality providers, transportation and shipping operators, construction and development interests, agricultural producers, natural resource managers, and the private sector. The narrative under Component 4 has been updated accordingly.

5.4 a) Are the identified core indicators calculated using the methodology included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.54/11/Rev.01)?

b) Are the project's indicative targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through core indicators)/adaptation benefits reasonable and achievable?

Secretariat's Comments

06/11/2026

Cleared.

06/10/2026

a) Not cleared.

- See comment in box 3.1. For all parts outside of the PAs please continue to use the CI 4 as needed if not buffer zones of the PAs. As written in p. 15 of the pdf document p.15: "The targeted landscapes include coastal, forest, and ecotonal interfaces/transitional zones, encompassing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Managed Areas (MMAs), national parks, cultural heritage sites, agricultural lands, inland coppice and pine forest systems, and ecotones that connect terrestrial and marine environments".

b) Cleared.

05/21/2026

a)b) Not cleared.

- Please consider using CI 1 and 2 for improved management to marine and terrestrial protected areas as it seems that some are targeted in the 3 different locations (land use planning, improved governance, improved practices). The project explicitly targets several designated protected areas such as Abaco National Park, Harold Wilson Pond National Park, Fernandez Bay MPA, Fowl Cays, Pelican Cays, and Tilloo Cay, yet Core Indicator 1 is absent from the results framework. CI1 is eligible and should be included, with each site identified by name and WDPA ID.
- Clarify the part under or outside the PAs with CI 4. (buffer zones can be considered as improved management of the PA). Targets for CI seems low. Please revise.
- CI6: GHG categorization and methodology. The project reports 250,276 tCO₂e as direct mitigation. Given that the restoration activities (removal of invasive plants replanting with native vegetation) occur on land, these emissions reductions should be categorized as AFOLU. The document does not confirm this categorization, please include a methodology narrative explaining how 250,276 tCO₂e was derived from 1,013 ha of restoration and 41,175 ha of improved landscape management.

Agency's Comments

06/10/2026

- As explained prior, this has been rectified as per the recommendation; now targets under CI 1.2 and CI 4.2 are specified. The adjustment is now carried in the Core Indicators summary table and further explained in the narratives under each of the Core Indicators with accompanying tables. The map annotations in Annex C have also been updated accordingly.

06/04/2026

a)b) As per comment above, recommendation accepted; Core Indicator 1.2 is now applied (rather than 4.1) to represent the improved management effectiveness associated with improved IAS management and surveillance in terrestrial protected areas over the 41,175 hectares associated with the protected landscapes (adjacent to the 'core' areas that are to be restored associated with Core Indicator 3.2). For the location descriptions the KBA and respective WDPA IDs are provided in the appropriate sections in the narrative, but explicitly in the Component 3 text (in the tables) and in the mapping in Annex C. The Core Indicator table has been significantly expanded to make this clear.

- Agreed; refer to the mapping in Annex C that makes this clear. The C3 target was reconsidered by the DEPP in consultation with the stakeholders and the 1,013-hectare estimate for restoration is deemed to be realistic based on the info available at PIF development and also considering the costs for implementation of restoration/remedial measures in the Bahamas. This however will be revisited during the PPG phase.

- the carbon sequestration/emissions avoided estimations have been re-assessed that takes into account (1) the acreage that is to be restored 1013 ha and (2) the acreage 41,175 ha that is to be 'retained' without land use change. This is explained in the core indicators narrative; an updated estimate is presented. It is aligned to CI 6.1 which is related to Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use sectors.

5.5 NGI Only: Is there a justification of financial structure and use of financial instrument with concessionality levels?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

5.6 RISKS

a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category?

b) Is the rating provided reflecting the residual risk to the likely achievement of intended outcomes after accounting for the expected implementation of mitigation measures?

c) Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately screened and rated at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat's Comments

06/11/2026

Cleared.

06/10/2026

a) Not cleared. The climate risk is still rated moderate in the portal view and pdf document. Please revise.

Climate	Moderate	The country lies within the Atlantic Hurricane belt and can be impacted by tropical cyclones. Depending on the severity of the event, measures that project can influence will be to ensure that infrastructure investments designed in accordance with national norms and standards in respect to design/build specifications and that investments are not located in inherently vulnerable locations. Data management for the project will be established to build redundancies and back-up to avoid loss of data in the event of infrastructure loss at affected locations. Lessons have been drawn from the passage of Hurricane Dorian (high-end Category 5) in September 2019 that caused significant impacts in northern Bahamas (Abaco and Grand Bahama).
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c)

iii. Cleared.

iv. Cleared

v. Cleared

vi to viii. Cleared.

05/21/2026

a) Not cleared. On climate: the Bahamas is a SIDS with high hurricane frequency and documented ecosystem vulnerability. A Moderate rating for climate/context risk appears understated given that restoration sites on Cat Island, Abaco, and New Providence are directly exposed to hurricane impacts. Please revise.

b) Cleared.

c) Not cleared. We note that UNEP has attached Safeguard Risk Identification Form (SRIF). An overall ESS risk is classified as Moderate.

iii. SRIF said that "For the specific nurseries, an environmental and social assessment should be developed to identify potential risks associated with the interventions and to define appropriate mitigation measures. [?] The project should also map all relevant stakeholders and develop a Stakeholder Engagement Plan outlining appropriate approaches and measures for their meaningful engagement." Please clarify the actions that will be taken during the PPG in the environmental and social risk in the Key Risks table (page 35).

iv. Please clarify how local communities, including fishers, were engaged in preparing the project concept, and how the results of the consultations were integrated into the project concept.

v. Please also clarify how local communities, including fishers are going to involve in the project during project design and throughout project implementation and monitoring.

vi. Please consider engaging local communities not only as beneficiaries but also as partners of the project including project steering committee.

vii. Please consider supporting capacity building for local communities in the project during the PPG phase.

viii. Please consider incorporating monitoring indicators supporting capacity building of local communities in the project during the PPG phase.

Agency's Comments

06/10/2026

a) The entry for the Climate risk category in the "Risks to Achieving Outcomes" table is "Substantial".

06/04/2026

a) Agreed; the risk revised to "substantial" considering the inherent exposure risk to hurricanes.

c) The overall ESS risk is classified as moderate which is aligned with the SRIF that is also rated as moderate.

iii. The risk table already attempts to clarify the actions that will be taken to mitigate the environmental and social risks, specifically: *"In the PPG stage, the proposed project activities will undergo screening to assess potential impacts with respect to potential safeguard concerns. Appropriate mitigation measures to address identified risks will be defined and embedded within the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Gender Action Plan, site-specific grievance redress mechanism along with the identification of any affected and interested stakeholders. If applicable, a plan to address any adverse outcomes to livelihood security may need to be developed. For any construction activities (likely mainly related to nursery facilities), ESIs may need to be defined; however, this will depend on assessment during the PPG phase."*

iv. An account on the stakeholder engagement process including community inputs was elaborated in a text preceding the tabular summary of stakeholder consultations that took place

leading up to and during the formulation of the PIF. It clarifies how the consultative inputs were incorporated into the development of the PIF.

v. As noted in the comment above, an account on stakeholder engagement including community interests was outlined preceding the summary of stakeholder consultations that took place leading up to and during the formulation of the PIF. These stakeholders will remain engaged during the full project development PPG phase; this is highlighted in the statement. Under Component 3 the PIF already outlines the engagement of communities (among other stakeholders) in capacity building that will include IAS monitoring / detection and response measures.

vi. This is well noted and will be defined in the stakeholder engagement plan and in the project implementation arrangements. This is already indicated in the narrative under the section 'Coordination and Cooperation with Ongoing Initiatives and Project'.

vii. Component 3 speaks extensively to capacity building during project implementation (as with the other components as relevant). It is assumed what is meant in the review comments is that capacity building needs will be more fully expanded in the full project dossier development during the PPG phase (rather than capacity building with stakeholders being done during the PPG phase).

viii. There are monitoring indicators for capacity building associated with Outcome 3.2 in the indicative project framework. A statement has been included in the Component 3 narrative to underscore this.

5.7 Qualitative assessment

a) Does the project intend to be well integrated, durable, and transformative?

b) Is there potential for innovation and scaling-up?

c) Will the project contribute to an improved alignment of national policies (policy coherence)?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

a) The project is ambitious in the fact that it will address the IAS management through an integrative approach. It brings together different sectors and administrations. It links together biodiversity, climate change adaptation, and land degradation objectives through a "ridge-to-reef" landscape approach. By anchoring in new legislative and policy framework and multi stakeholders governance it should be durable. It should be transformative by addressing IAS issue from the roots by targeting risk analysis and controls at the entry points in the country, and addressing management at a systemic level and no more at the site level.

b) Cleared. From 3 islands, it could easily be scaled up at national level.

c) Cleared. The component 1 is dedicated to policy alignment and coherence.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

All noted.

6 C. Alignment with GEF-8 Programming Strategies and Country/Regional Priorities

6.1 Is the project adequately aligned with focal area and integrated program strategies and objectives, and/or adaptation priorities?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

The project is aligned with BD FA objective 1 Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species, which allows support to implementation of a comprehensive prevention, early detection, control and management framework that emphasize a risk management approach, especially on islands ecosystems.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

Noted.

6.2 Is the project alignment/coherent with country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and to relevant sectors)

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

6.3 For projects aiming to generate biodiversity benefits (regardless of what the source of the resources is - i.e. BD, CC or LD), does the project clearly identify which of the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the project contributes to and how it contributes to the identified target(s)?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

7 D. Policy Requirements

7.1 Is the Policy Requirements section completed?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

7.2 Is a list of stakeholders consulted during PIF development, including dates of these consultations, provided?

Secretariat's Comments
05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments
8 Annexes

Annex A: Financing Tables

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

STAR allocation?

Secretariat's Comments
05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments
Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments
LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments
SCCF A (SIDS)?

Secretariat's Comments

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SCCF B (Tech Transfer, Innovation, Private Sector)?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

8.2 Is the PPG requested within the allowable cap (per size of project)? If requested, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

8.3 Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared

Agency's Comments

Annex B: Endorsements

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

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/26

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

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

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

8.5 For NGI projects (which may not require LoEs), has the Agency informed the OFP(s) of the project to be submitted?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

Annex C: Project Location

8.6 Is there preliminary georeferenced information and a map of the project's intended location?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Annex D: Safeguards Screen and Rating

8.7 If there are safeguard screening documents or other ESS documents prepared, have these been uploaded to the GEF Portal?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Annex E: Rio Markers

8.8 Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected, if applicable?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Annex F: Taxonomy Worksheet

8.9 Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords?

Secretariat's Comments

05/21/2026

Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Annex G: NGI Relevant Annexes

8.10 Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) 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 to assess the project capacity of generating reflows? If not, please provide comments. Is the Partner Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

9 GEFSEC Decision

9.1 Is the PIF and PPG (if requested) recommended for technical clearance?

Secretariat's Comments

06/11/2026

All the comments have been addressed. The project is recommended for technical clearance.

06/10/2026

The project is still not yet ready. Please address the last comments.

05/21/2026

The project is not yet ready. Please address the comments.

Agency's Comments

06/10/2026

Consider the updates.

06/04/2026

Consider the updates.

9.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency at the time of CEO Endorsement/ Approval

Secretariat's Comments

05/26/2026

- Please ensure that the findings from the gender analysis informs the preparation of the Gender Action Plan and that key elements of the GAP are reflected in the project components. Please ensure that in the development of the project results framework, gender-specific indicators are included to facilitate monitoring and reporting. Please indicate measures to facilitate and support the implementation of the GAP (e.g., budgets, regular monitoring, adaptive management, etc.). Please make a reference to include in PIRs, MTRs and TE, reports on gender-specific results, including the implementation of the Gender Action Plan.

- Stakeholders

- vi. Please consider engaging local communities not only as beneficiaries but also as partners of the project including project steering committee.

- vii. Please consider supporting capacity building for local communities in the project during the PPG phase.

- viii. Please consider incorporating monitoring indicators supporting capacity building of local communities in the project during the PPG phase.

Agency's Comments

06/04/2026

Noted.

Review Dates

	PIF Review	Agency Response
First Review	5/21/2026	
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/10/2026	
Additional Review (as necessary)	6/11/2026	
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