

Effective protection of Mozambique's Miombo woodlands and marine hotspot conservation areas enhancing global coping mechanisms to climate change

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11626

Countries

Mozambique

Project Name

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Agencies

CI

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Program Manager

Razan Nimir

Focal Area

Biodiversity
Project Type
GBFF

PIF
CEO

1. General Project Information

a) Is the Project Information table correctly filled, including specifying adequate executing partners?b) Are the project tags properly selected, i.e. any tag on 'support to IPLCs' or KMGBF target is justified given the project description.

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

7/22/2025

Please address the comments below in regards to Council and STAP comments:

1- The matrix to STAP comments notes that a description on how the project will ensure that different stakeholders work together was added under Paragraph 108, but we could not locate it. Kindly revise.

2- We appreciate the improvements made to the narrative of the ToC in response to STAP's guidance. However, the comments also suggested revising the ToC diagram. Please confirm whether the diagram has been updated. If not, we encourage aligning it with the revised narrative or providing clarification within the matrix to explain why no changes were made.

3- Regarding the response to Council comments, we note with appreciation that the project *?Restoring Degraded Agricultural Lands?* has been included in three areas of the project documents. However, while the title appears complete in Table 4, the word *?restoring?* appears to be missing in the other two instances. We kindly ask that this be corrected to ensure consistency and clarity throughout the document.

Thank you for your attention to these details. We look forward to receiving the updated documents.

06/25/2025

Please address comments from STAP and Council in the portal entry and add a matrix explaining how comments were addressed in the CEO endorsement request.

4/8/2025

Cleared

3/11/2025

Thank you for the submission of this GBFF project.

a. Please refer to comments in sections 4 and 7 on KMGBF targets.

Agency Response

CIGEF - July 31 , 2025:

1. The narrative on how the project will ensure that different stakeholders work together is provided in the portal section C. Project Description, within it see paragraph 67. In the project document please review Paragraph **110**.

2. The ToC diagram was not revised as the assumptions (abbreviated, A1-A5) and their linkages to the project outcomes have been provided. The ToC narrative focused on improving the text and to bring out how the institutional and behavioral changes, as well as adaptive capacity will be realized

3. The word *Restoring* has been added to the project title mentioned in portal section C. Project Description under the outcome 4.1 and output 4.1.1. In the project document, see these changes in Paragraphs **100 & 101** and now reads as *Restoring Degraded Agricultural Lands*. These changes were highlighted in purple.

CI GEF - July 11, 2025:

The comments from the STAP and Council were addressed as requested and the response matrices were uploaded in the RoadMap Section of the Portal. All changes relevant to the comments were highlighted in turquoise.

CI GEF - April 01, 2025:

Please see responses to sections 4 and 7.

c) Are the Rio Markers for CCM, CCA, BD and LD correctly selected with corresponding CCM, CCA, BD and LD benefits made explicit in the project objective, log-frame and/or theory of change?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

2. Project Summary

a) Does the project summary concisely describe the problem to be addressed, the project objective and the strategies to deliver the GEBs and other key expected outcomes?

b) Does the summary capture the essence of the project?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

Cleared.

3/11/2025

a. The summary would benefit from explicitly outlining the expected GEBs, particularly key measurable outcomes.

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

Agreed. The quantifiable GEB targets have been included in the summary section.

3. Project Description Overview

- a) Is the project objective statement concise, clear and measurable?**
- 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?**
- c) Are gender dimensions, knowledge management, and M&E included within the project components and budgeted for?**
- d) For multi-Trust Fund projects with GEFTF financing, are the GEFTFT Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional?**
- e) Is the PMC equal to or below 10% (for projects with GEF project financing less than or equal to \$2 million) or 5% (for projects above \$2 million)? If above, is the justification acceptable?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

All cleared.

3/11/2025

a. Cleared.

b.1. Outcome target 1.3: On page 5, please revise the targeted GNAP's annual budget to be funded by innovative financing mechanism. The statement indicates \$76,800 as the "annual budget," but it appears this is the total amount over four years (\$19,200 annually ? 4 years).

b.2. Outcome 2.1 & Output 2.1.1 : Please clarify the beneficiary targets. The outcome mentions 50% women and 50% youth, while the output states that at least 50% of beneficiaries will be women and youth.

b.3. Minor comment ; please complete the statement of Output 2.1.2 by adding ? sector ?

b.4. Component 3: We note that the expansion and/or creation of new MPAs will be informed by the existing coordination mechanism (dedicated Task Force) led by MIMAIP/InOm and supported by WCS, which is developing a national strategy to expand marine conservation areas in the country. However, the current component primarily focuses on capacity building, and it is not clear how the project will directly contribute to the expansion and/or creation of MPA. Please further clarify the planned approach for MPA expansion/creation.

b.5. As described in the tooltip, the field ?Please provide justification? is to explain the details whenever the PMC is higher than the set threshold, which is 5%. Please remove the content of this field.

Project Management Cost (PMC) ⓘ

	GBFF	205,875.00	808,153.00
	Sub Total(\$)	205,875.00	808,153.00
	Total Project Cost(\$)	4,323,400.00	16,971,324.00

Please provide justification

COMPONENT 1: Supporting the implementation of the Maputo Declaration through a pilot case of integrated management in GNAP

Component 1 aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Government of Mozambique (GoM), through ANAC, protected area authorities and other relevant government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, to plan, implement and monitor the Maputo Declaration on Miombo Conservation. An inclusive coordination mechanism will be established to support the MTA and its relevant directorates and agencies - ANAC, DINAF and DINAB - in coordinating the follow-up of the Maputo Declaration commitments. Dedicated efforts will also be made to articulate with other ministries and agencies that are actively working in the context of the Maputo Declaration, such as FNDS and MADER. In collaboration with these institutions, as well as with non-governmental organizations, ANAC will lead the setting up of regular meetings and the elaboration of a transparent coordination tool to support the monitoring and implementation of the Maputo Declaration commitments. Dedicated support from the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) to ANAC and other relevant ministries and agencies such as DINAF and DINAB will provide technical capacity for improved monitoring and accountability of the Maputo Declaration on Miombo Conservation and GBF targets. RCMRD will contribute to capacity building of national institutions by providing tailor-made in-person training based on a detailed needs assessment in monitoring, GIS capacity and reporting, starting with basic concepts and progressing to intermediate and advanced training. Specialized equipment will also be provided to ANAC to consolidate its GIS resources. Component 1 will also develop a pilot case on integrated forest management in the Gile National Park (GNAP), led by the FFS-IGF Foundation as co-manager of the park, together with the park warden. This pilot case will focus on fire management and prevention, and monitoring and mitigation of human wildlife conflicts. By contributing at both national and local levels, this component will promote the implementation of concrete and effective measures to support the conservation and sustainable use of Miombo forests in Mozambique. Lessons learned in GNAP will form the basis for further actions in other Miombo hotspots in the country. Finally, Component 1 will also develop an innovative sustainable financing mechanism for the GNAP, with support from BioFund, in order to provide sustainable and long-term funding for fire and HWC management. This component will be implemented through three outcomes: OUTCOME 1.1: Gender-inclusive and effective governance of the Miombo woodlands through strengthened institutional capacity for the implementation of the Maputo Declaration Target 1.1: At least one functional joint state-nonstate coordination mechanism in place guiding and monitoring the implementation of the Maputo Declaration and other biodiversity targets for effective governance of the Miombo Woodlands, with at least 40 % women representatives This outcome will build on the institutional set-up that is already established for the implementation and monitoring of the Maputo Declaration, namely the Regional Technical Committee - composed of the Secretaries General (SG) of the ten countries involved in the initiative - which endorsed the Charter of the SG of the Miombo Declaration, and the Memorandum of Understanding endorsed at the Washington DC Conference on the Maputo Declaration. It will also consider the results of the consultation launched by the ProGreen project of the World Bank44 to define the governance and the main priorities to be identified for the effective implementation of the Maputo Declaration. Finally, it will consider the DINAF Action Plan, which identifies several priority areas, roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the Maputo Declaration. The interventions will provide an integrated and shared planning and monitoring tool to facilitate the implementation of effective actions to achieve the objectives of such an initiative and global biodiversity targets from the GBF. It will be based on technical support from the RCMRD on GIS, tracking and mapping activities, and on the good cooperation between the different stakeholders involved at the national level, such as DINAF, DINAB, ANAC, DMC in MTA; FNDS in MADER and other non-governmental institutions working in the field of forest conservation and biodiversity conservation. In particular, it will support the institutional role of ANAC as the national agency responsible for the effective management of protected areas where a large part of the Miombo forests is located and where specific conservation, restoration and sustainable use actions are implemented. It will contribute to the creation of a conducive environment that promotes policy coherence, gender equality and inclusion, and partnerships hence potentially unlocking financing and enhancing sustainability and impact in the implementation of the Miombo declaration Output 1.1.1: A gender-inclusive joint state-nonstate planning and coordination mechanism established and/or operationalized, with at least 40% women representatives, to facilitate inter-ministerial coordination for the implementation of the Maputo Declaration Although an action plan has been defined by DINAF and a letter of intent was endorsed in April 2024 by the 10 countries of the Maputo Declaration, effective planning and monitoring is necessary for effective implementation according to defined priorities, roles and responsibilities. A coordination mechanism needs to be established to involve all the stakeholders involved in implementing the Maputo Declaration and facilitate accountability. Activities required to achieve effective interministerial coordination and implementation of the Maputo declaration include: Establish a joint state-nonstate coordination and planning mechanism: This activity will aim to contribute to better governance by strengthening coordination between ministries (DINAF, DINAB, ANAC), international and local NGOs, and research centers on the conservation and sustainable use of Miombo forests. It will reduce duplication of efforts across involved ministries and partners and clarify mandates through quarterly coordination meetings to plan, guide and track the progress of the implementation of the Maputo declaration. It will further seek to link and leverage the

c. Cleared

e. N/A

f. Cleared

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

a. No action required by CI

b.1. Apologies this is an error on page 5 (the page number have move, in old ProDoc this was on page 5, now page vii). The word 'annual' has been removed in the wording of outcome target 1.3 on the Project Description Overview table to align with other sections of the ProDoc: '\$76,800 of GNAP's budget/costs funded by an innovative financing mechanism by the end of the project for enhanced protected area management, including fire and HWC management and prevention (\$19,200 Annually*4 Years=\$76,800)?

2. Noted. Outcome 2.1, Outcome indicator 2.1 and Outcome Target 2.1 adjusted to align with Output 2.1.1: '??of which 50% women and youth?'. Specifically, changes have been made in the Project Description Overview section, Theory of Change narrative section (paragraph 49, bullet 4), paragraph 84, Table 10, Annex C (Results Framework), Annex F 'ESS screening form, Annex H - AGM, Annex M- ToR.

3. The word sector has been added in all section where Output 2.1.2, its target and indicators are mentioned, including in the Project Description Overview section, Narrative section of the Results Framework (Annex C), Safeguards sections and Table 10. The output reads as follows: *Community groups, Community Natural Resource Management (CRNM) organizations and cooperatives supported with a gender-responsive approach to improve livelihoods, economic production, develop partnerships with the private sector*

4. Outcome 3.1 has been rephrased:

'Expansion and/or creation of new MPAs supported through a participatory and informed process?'. The text below has been added under Paragraph 93 in project document and in the section describing component 3 in the portal (under section C. Project Description):

?The project will not develop a separate strategy for expanding marine conservation areas, as the existing coordination mechanism is already working on a national strategy for this purpose. By the time the project begins, the national strategy will have been developed and will be awaiting approval by national stakeholders. The project's objective is to build on this existing work by supporting the implementation of the national strategy. This will be achieved through capacity-building efforts focused on both expanding and creating new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and improving management capacities. By providing this additional support, the project will enhance the sustainability of marine conservation efforts over time. This will include formalizing a coordination mechanism and strengthening ANAC's capacity for marine biodiversity conservation (Output 3.2.1). Regarding the creation and expansion of MPAs, the project will contribute by conducting ecological and socio-economic assessments to inform the appraisal of potential new MPAs. It will also facilitate the engagement of local communities and stakeholders to ensure an inclusive and participatory process.?

Modifications made: Project Description Overview section, section describing component 3, in section ?A. ALIGNMENT WITH PROGRAMMING STRATEGIES AND COUNTRY/REGIONAL PRIORITIES? Annex C, and safeguards annexes.

5. Apologies, this section has been cleared and passed to portal section C. Project description.

Project Outline

4. CHANGES COMPARED to PPG REQUEST

4.1 Are changes to the project design, including to elements put forward in the PPG request to meet GBFF selection criteria, been described and justified. And are they acceptable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/29/2025

Cleared

4/8/2025

(i) The table in the project outline still shows Targets 12 and 13. Please address.

(ii) Target 17 is still included in the project outline. Please address.

3/11/2025

4.1. We note the changes made and the justifications provided. Two comments in regard to the GBF Targets:

(i) The CEO Endorsement added GBF Target 13, but the rationale in the table refers to Target 12 instead. As it stands now, neither GBF 13 nor 12 appears to align well with outcome 2.2. please clarify and revise as needed.

(ii) The rationale states that Outcome 1.2 will contribute to GBF Target 17, which focuses on biosafety and the equitable distribution of biotechnology benefits. however, this link is not evident, please clarify or remove.

Please refer to the comment in section 7.

Agency Response

CI-GEF April 23, 2025

- (i) Targets 12 and 13 omitted throughout the ProDoc. Changes have been made under the outline, Tables 1 and 12.
- (ii) Target 17 omitted through the ProDoc. Changes have been made under the outline, Tables 1 and 12.

Table 12 in prodoc summarizes the contribution of the project to the following KMGBF objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

(i) Agreed. GBF Targets 12 and 13 omitted from the entire ProDoc, including in the project Tags sections. Changes have been made under Tables 1 and 10. Further, inclusion of Target 12 was an error since it is also not part of the approved concept note.

(ii) Agreed. This is an error. GBF Target 17 omitted from the entire ProDoc, including in the project Tags section. Changes have been made under Tables 1 and 10 in prodoc and in portal.

5 B. Project Rationale

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

adequately addressed by the project design?

b) Have the role of stakeholders, incl. the private sector and local actors in the system been described and how they will contribute to GEBs and other project outcomes? Is the private sector seen mainly as a stakeholder or as financier?

c) If this is a blended finance project under GBFF Action Area 4, is there a description of how the project and its financial structure are addressing financial barriers?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

All cleared.

3/11/2025

a. Yes, however, please consider including a brief introduction to the Maputo Declaration earlier where relevant in the document, given its significance to the project.

b. It is well noted that the project elaborates on details of consultation in project development. However, it would be good if the agency would (1) further name and describe the specific roles of the different CSOs, CBOs, women and youth groups, associations, cooperatives; (2) better reflect their different roles in suggested project outcomes and description; and (3) elaborate on the project's approach and plans to engage these key stakeholders in project implementation (specifically noting the comment in the risk table that "Stakeholder resistance or opposition can hinder project progress and create challenges for implementation?").

c. N/A

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

a. Additional elements about Maputo Declaration have been integrated in the Project Rationale in a dedicated: paragraph 4 in Prodoc, and in the portal on Project rationale section.

- (1) 1. Additional description elements have been added in Project rationale section in the portal, (in Prodoc see paragraph 27), on Committees of Natural Resource Management (CNRMs), cooperatives and women groups. Table 3 in the same section also provides more information on relevant stakeholders and their contribution to the delivery of the proposed outcomes and GEBs.
- (2) 2. Additional explanations have been added in Table 3 regarding their roles in the project, and in the section describing project outcome descriptions in portal section Project description under subsections transformative change. Governance and Policy, and description of project components (in the prodoc see paragraphs 52, 60, 73, 78, 79, 85, 86, 90, and 93)
- (3) 3. A stakeholder Engagement Plan and a Local Communities Plan have been developed and provided under the Annex ? AGM updated (in prodoc see Annex H ProDoc), and address this comment as follows:

The Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP):

The SEP provides the level of interest for each key stakeholder and their methods of engagements that will be used during project implementation starting from the project inception phase. The proposed approach of engagements will be through individual and groups consultation, disclosure of assessment and management plans, collection of feedback, ensure the disadvantaged/vulnerable individuals/groups are invited to the engagements and included in the consultation meetings and ensuring the mode of communications are adapted based on different needs. Stakeholder engagement will also respect the traditional community organization system and the hierarchy in place. Before interacting with the communities, the local authorities and the GNAP administration will be informed. The monitoring and evaluation plan and process will integrate feedback and data collection to respond to community needs. The grievance mechanism that will be put in place at the start of the project will support any complaint that a stakeholders/a member of the community would have.

Additionally, a mitigation measure has been added into the SEP ensuring project investments in higher-production communities do not unintentionally widen socioeconomic disparities leading to stakeholders resistance or opposition hindering project progress. The mitigation measure specifies that during implementation, the project will ensure i) equitable resource allocation between different targeted community groups, especially between high and low-productivity groups; ii) their inclusion in decision-making and participation to ensure marginalized groups are meaningful engagement; iii) that they benefit from targeted technical assistance and support, for example on sustainable land management and productivity-enhancing measures, according to identified needs; iv) that they benefit from market access efforts through private sector engagement and strengthening of local value chains. Further, the adoption of CRMNs and Conservation Agreement models would ensure broad, equitable economic benefits among targeted community groups.

The Local Communities Plan:

The Local Communities Plan for the project provides mitigation measures to overcome the lack of information and capacity of local communities to contribute to and benefit from the project, and the risk of dissatisfaction or misunderstanding of the project objectives. The Plan provides for awareness creation sessions about the project, the community roles and, and their contribution to improving fire and HWC management and monitoring and non-timber forest products. In the Plan, there will be engagement between the communities and private sectors when developing access to the market. In addition, training will be provided to empower local communities to strengthen local ownership of the project. For each output, the project will ensure the integration of the knowledge and specificity of local communities and promote their contribution to the protection and sustainable use of natural resources, while taking into account the local socio-economic and cultural specificities of the target communities,

Additional text has also been added in the Plan that will ensure project investments in higher-production communities do not unintentionally widen socioeconomic disparities leading to stakeholders resistance or opposition hindering project progress. The text provides that during implementation, the project will ensure i) equitable resource allocation between different targeted community groups, especially between high and low-productivity groups; ii) their inclusion in decision-making and participation to ensure marginalized groups are meaningful engagement; iii) that they benefit from targeted technical assistance and support, for example on sustainable land management and productivity-enhancing measures, according to identified needs; iv) that they benefit from market access efforts through private sector engagement and strengthening of local

value chains. Further, the adoption of CRMNs and Conservation Agreement models would ensure broad, equitable economic benefits among targeted community groups.

Further, In Table 3 of the ProDoc, under local communities sub section, a paragraph has been added: In order to work successfully with communities, community-based organizations such as CRNMs, women's groups and other cooperatives will be involved in all activities related to community work. The project plans to work as much as possible with existing community organizations in collaboration with the field technicians of GNAP's Community Division. Using existing social structures and building on existing trust will ensure community acceptance and engagement and will strengthen the social organization with which the GNAP administration has been working since 2017.

6 B. Project Description

6.1 a) Is there a concise theory of change (a narrative and a diagram) that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements are contributing to the objective, the identified causal pathways, the focus and basis (including scientific) of the proposed solutions, how they provide a robust approach? Are underlying key assumptions listed?

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

c) Are the project components (interventions and activities) described, proposed solutions, critical assumptions, and risks properly justified? Is there an indication of why the project approach has been selected over other options?

d) Incremental/additional cost reasoning: Is the incremental/additional cost reasoning properly described as per the Guidelines provided in GEF/C.31/12? Has the baseline scenario and/or associated baseline projects been described? Is the project incremental reasoning provisioned (including the role of the GEF)? Are the global environmental benefits identified?

e) Other Benefits: Are the socioeconomic benefits resulting from the project at the national and local levels sufficiently described?

f) Is the financing presented in the annexed financing table adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives? Are items charged to the PMC reasonable according to the GEF guidelines?

g) How does the project design ensure resilience to future changes in the drivers and adaptive management needs and options)?

h) Are the relevant stakeholders (including women, IPLCs, private sector, CSOs) and their roles adequately described within the components?

i) Gender: Does the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities and have these been taken up in component design and descriptions?

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

k) Policy Coherence: Have any policies, regulations, or subsidies been identified that could counteract the intended project outcomes? How will that be addressed?

l) Transformation and/or innovation: Is the project going to be transformative or innovative? Are the specific levers of transformation identified and described? Does it explain scaling up opportunities?

m) For blended finance project only, is the financial structure adequately explained?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/9/2025

Cleared.

5/2/2025

Thank you. However, in the portal, this now appears as shown in the screenshot below. If needed, please check with the ITs Portal to retain the box formatting.

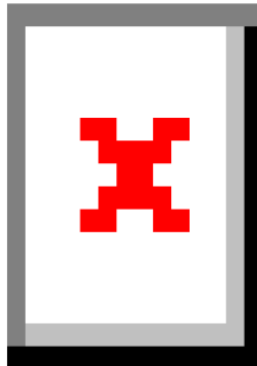
Text box about BIOFUND *

The initial discussions about the importance and necessity of creating an Environmental Fund in Mozambique took place in 2007, with the support of the Mozambique conservation group (comprising government members, academia, the private sector, civil society, and NGOs) and various donors, at an international conference in Maputo on sustainable support for biodiversity conservation. One of the main recommendations from this meeting was the establishment of a trust fund. This objective was subsequently included in Mozambique's Conservation Policy in 2009. This Policy also identified the creation of a parastatal organization for the management of Conservation Areas as one of its goals. These two Policy objectives were realized in 2011 with the creation of the National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC) and the Biodiversity Conservation Foundation (BIOFUND).

4/29/2025

- Please note that the revised CEO project document uploaded to the portal contains an error on page 54. In the previous version, this section appeared to be a box about BIOFUND.

- a. Due diligence conducted by CI's Conservation Finance Division on the BIOFUND Endowment fund.
- b. Based on the BIOFUND existing [Investment policy](#) the project will set up a dedicated envelope under the BIOFUND Endowment for Gilé National Park
- c. The GNAP administration will define an investment strategy and operational procedures to monitor and use the interest remuneration in concrete activities to strengthen the management capacity of the Park
- d. The GNAP administration will prepare an annual report on the investment, interest gained, and use of funds and lessons learned by GNAP and BIOFUND that will be presented to ANAC in dedicated meetings
- e. Disbursements: Annual disbursement from the endowment fund will fund critical conservation activities such as fire and HWC management and prevention. In the first quarter of the project, BIOFUND, IGF-FFS and [ANAC will determine](#) the frequency of disbursements to ensure the fund earns sufficient interest.



4/8/2025

a.1. This is cleared, but please update outcome 3.1 in the diagram of the ToC to reflected the updated one.

i. Please note the document still shows that 36% of beneficiaries will be women instead of 50%. This is also included in the table of changes compared to PPG in project outline. Please address throughout the document.

The rest is cleared

3/11/2025

a.1. The Theory of Change narrative would benefit from simplification and a more focused approach. Specifically, it should emphasize the critical causal pathways and clearly demonstrate

how specific project interventions will lead to measurable conservation and socioeconomic outcomes, where appropriate. When describing the outcomes, it could align them briefly with the barriers being addressed, given that the detailed barrier analysis already covered in the situation analysis. Please refer to the STAP's guidelines on theory of change:

https://stapgef.org/sites/default/files/2022-06/Theory%20of%20Change%20Primer_web_updated%206.6.2022.pdf

d.1. On page 15, the statement 'the project will assess whether efforts cannot be concentrated on communities where production is substantial enough to generate satisfactory results for the communities' is unclear. Please clarify, and if 'cannot' is a typo, adjust accordingly. Alternatively, please explain how the project will ensure that prioritizing higher-production communities does not unintentionally widen socioeconomic disparities.

d.2. Output 2.1.2: Please clarify the criteria for selecting the 15 CNRMs to be supported by the project out of the 36 existing CNRMs. Additionally, ensure consistency in the reported number of existing CNRMs, as it is mentioned as both 36 and 29 in different sections

d.3. Conservation Agreements : (i) Please clarify who will sign the Conservation Agreements from the local communities? will it be the CNRMs? Similarly, from the project side, who will be responsible for signing these agreements? (ii) Please clarify what mechanisms will be in place to ensure the long-term viability of Conservation Agreements and the sustainability of their impacts beyond the project duration.

e. Please clarify how the project's interventions on terrestrial and marine MPA both fit in Mozambique's strategy for Target 3, and the coherence and added value of including PA and MPA interventions in the same project. This comment was raised during the PIF stage and does not yet appear to be fully addressed.

i. We noted the change in percentage of women beneficiaries (Core Indicator 11) from 50% to 36%. Please explain this change. The project document indicated the following: 52% of the population are women, 82% of these women work in agriculture, and 80% of the population in the project implementation area is rural

The rest is cleared.

General comments:

- The document could be more concise by avoiding repetition and streamlining content. For instance, the two tables on stakeholder roles appear redundant. Same comment applies to the two tables on coordination and lessons learnt from previous and ongoing project. Please edit and consider moving any necessary detailed information to the annex to maintain clarity and focus in the main document.

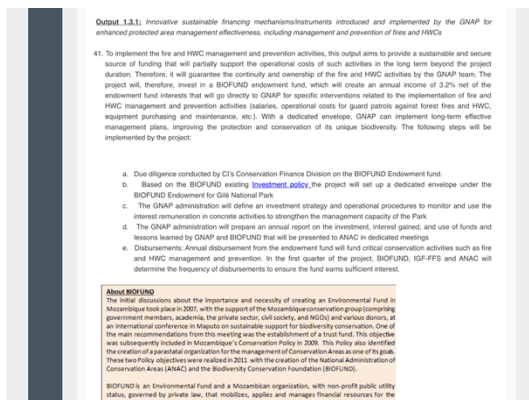
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- Please upload a list of Acronyms.

Agency Response

CI-GEF May 9, 2025

The box formatting has been corrected. Please see screenshot below as seen in the ?Review? module of the portal.



CI-GEF May 2, 2025

This has been rectified in the portal during resubmission. Also, see Box 2 under Paragraph 81 in the ProDoc.

CI-GEF April 23, 2025

The ToC has been updated to reflect the rephrased Outcome 3.1. as follows: *Outcome 3.1: Expansion and/or creation of new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), supported by a participatory and informed process.*

Addressed. The table of changes compared to PPG in project outline states 11,315, 50% women, the core Indicator sheet, Table 8 and Results Framework reflects the same

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

a.1. The proposed approach described from Paragraphs 44 to 48 in project document (in portal see section C. Project description), were it describes the causal pathway from how the output will address each barrier identified. We have adjusted subsection ?outcomes? and not it is ?outcomes and causal pathways? in paragraph 49 in project prodoc and in section project rationale in the portal, to reinforce the causal pathways between outputs, outcomes, barriers and MidTerm Outcomes (MTO).

1. Cannot was a typo and has been corrected. Adjusted under Paragraph 85 and in the portal.

? Section describing Outcome 2.1. in portal section, and in project document in Paragraph 84, has been updated to include measures that the project would put in place to ensure that prioritizing higher-production communities does not unintentionally widen socioeconomic disparities

- ? The Local Communities Plan has been adjusted to include measures that will ensure that the project investments in higher-production communities do not unintentionally widen socioeconomic disparities. Please see this as an annex uploaded in the portal.

2. a) Under the description of Output 2.1.2 (in prodoc see Paragraph 86 -point a), the following text has been added: *The selection of the 15 CNRMs will be based on the combination of several factors, namely: an assessment of the need for support in developing partnerships with the private sector (level of production, sales capacity, existence of links with local markets), the motivation of the communities to participate in these activities, the quality of relations between the communities and the Park's Community Department. The mapping exercise provided for in this output will be essential for cross-referencing these analysis factors. An elaborate criterion will be developed at the implementation phase and presented to the Project Steering Committee for input and approval?*

b. We confirm that there are 18 communities living in adjacent to the Gil? National Park, made of 29 CRNMs. Modifications have been made throughout the text.

d. 3.

(i) The project component section, specifically under the outcome 2.2 (in prodoc see Paragraph 87) has been updated to include the following: *Discussions about the Community Agreements and signatories will be discussed and negotiated with the local communities during the implementation phase using a FPIC Approach. Ideally, it is envisioned that the conservation agreements should be signed by the community and the project's sub-granting organization. In the case of this project, we anticipate that existing community-based organizations, such as the CNRMs and GNAP, would lead discussions on the terms of the agreements with the local communities. Nevertheless, communities will decide for themselves whether they wish to go through the CNRMs or another form of community organization and this will be determined at the implementation phase. From a project perspective, the conservation agreements will be signed between the community directly (or they can choose to go through the CRNMs) and FFS-IGF, under the guidance of CI, the GNAP administration and ANAC.*

(ii) The long-term commitment of communities and the sustainability of conservation agreements depend on communities receiving benefits from these agreements that improve their livelihoods. In this particular case, conservation agreements could focus on conservation agriculture, which would both increase income generation and promote sustainable agricultural practices. In addition, these conservation agreements could provide basic/small-scale equipment and infrastructure that will also contribute to improving livelihoods (such as posho mills, as requested by women during the field mission). As a payment for ecosystem services mechanism, conservation agreements will be successful in the long term if communities are involved from the outset and receive quick wins that improve their livelihoods. In project description section see **Box 1 (paragraph 56 in prodoc) which has been added highlighting how sustainability of interventions through conservation agreements will be ensured.**

e. To achieve Target 3, Mozambique can act on several fronts:

(i) Supporting the Expansion of Marine Protection in Mozambique's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ): A dedicated working group, led by the Ministry of Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries (MIMAIP) and the Oceanographic Institute of Mozambique (InOM), with support from WCS, is currently defining new MPAs and improving management tools. This project will align with and reinforce these efforts, targeting the areas identified by the working group. The MPAs benefiting from the project's support and frameworks will be reported under Sub-core Indicator 2.1. Notably, the government of Mozambique intends to expand its protected Exclusive Economic Zone by establishing marine protected areas (MPAs), as identified through the aforementioned ongoing work. While the creation of MPAs is a long-term process, this project will provide critical support to ongoing efforts, laying the groundwork for their establishment. By contributing to the protection of an additional 4,304,594 hectares of coastal and marine ecosystems—building on the 1,409,926 hectares already protected—the project will help Mozambique move toward its goal of protecting 10% of its EEZ. Although the project may not directly create MPAs, it will establish the necessary frameworks to initiate and support their development.

(ii) Increase the size of its network of protected areas: Of the 26% of the country's total area, only 2.1% of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is legally protected, despite the fact that Mozambique has a coastline of 2,700 km that is rich in biodiversity. The margin for progress to reach 30% of protected territory is therefore at the marine level, as illustrated by the creation of a dedicated working group to increase the size of the country's MPA network

(iii) Improve the efficiency of management of existing protected areas: Although Mozambique already has over 26% of its territory protected by law, some protected areas are not effectively managed, even though they cover ecosystems of great value to the country and the region. This is the case, for example, of GNAP, which covers a great area of Miombo forests, which are very important for the country, but has limited financial and human resources to cover all aspects of protected area management (law enforcement, community development, conservation, etc.). This is also the case for APAIPS, whose management plan is to be validated, but which does not yet have the resources to implement it; and finally, **improve the interconnection and integration of protected areas:** Given their geographical proximity and the common ecosystems they share, there is an ecological coherence to be worked on at the landscape level of Gil? and APAIPS.

These three elements are covered by the project and reflect the priorities of Objective 3.

i. Adjusted to 11,315 direct beneficiaries, of whom 50% women (core indicator 11). Changes have been made in portal and throughout the document particularly under Output target 2.2.2 to propose 50% of women as beneficiaries of these agreements. Adjustments reflected in the core indicator sheet under Core Indicator 11

Modifications have been made to the project document and prodoc.

General comments:

- Tables 5 and Table 7 have been removed to avoid duplicating information.

- Highlights have been removed and the ones remaining are only related to the areas where changes have been made to address the reviewers' comments.

- A list of Acronyms is on pages xii-xiii of the document

6.2 Institutional Arrangements and Coordination with Ongoing Initiatives and Project

a) Are the institutional arrangements, including potential executing partners, outlined on regional,

national/local levels and a rationale provided? Has an organogram and/or funds flow diagram been included?

b) Comment on proposed agency execution support (if agency expects to request exception). Is GEF in support of the request?

c) Is there a description of coordination and cooperation with ongoing GEF and non-GEF financed initiatives (e.g., government, other bilateral/multilateral).

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/29/2025

Cleared

4/8/2025

b. This appears to be not yet addressed.

3/11/2025

a. Cleared.

b. Please complete the document by responding to the question ?Will the GEF Agency play an execution role on this project??

C. Cleared.

Agency Response

CI-GEF April 23, 2025

b. The box has not been checked as the Agency will not be performing an execution role in this project.

Will the GEF Agency play an execution role on this project?

☐ Yes

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

a. a. No action required

b. This was an oversight at first submission, apologies. The box has been un ticked for CI-GEF Agency does not play an execution role on this project. (section before paragraph 146 in project document and in the portal)

6.3 GEF Core indicators and GBFF indicators

a) Are the identified GBFF and relevant GEF core indicators calculated using the methodology and adhering to the overarching principles included in the corresponding Guidelines (GEF/C.62/Inf.12/Rev.01)?

b) Are the project's targeted contributions to GEBs (measured through GBFF indicators, relevant GEF core indicators, and additional listed outcome indicators) reasonable and achievable?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/9/2025

Cleared.

5/2/2025

Thank you. We note that the METT scores have been added for the PA under C1.2, and for only one MPA under C2.2. Please confirm if this means that the METT scores for the remaining MPAs identified in C2.2 are yet to be available, and if so, please indicate the plan to secure baseline values.

4/29/2025

a.1. Cleared

a.3. Thank you, however, could you please add the METT scores for the identified protected areas in the GEF Core Indicators tables in the CEO project document of the portal. This is currently missing.

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)
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Gilé National Park	555705202	National Park	286,100.00	439,000.00						
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)	METT score (Baseline at CEO Endorsement)	METT score (Achieved at MTR)	METT score (Achieved at TE)	
Pomene National Reserve	555698170	Habitat/Species Management Area	5,000.00							
Bazaruto Archipelag	802	National Park	143,000.00							

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o National Park									
Cabo de São Sebastião Protection Zone	555698172	Habitat/Species Management Area	17,670.00						
Marromeu	4649	Habitat/Species Management Area	17,030.00						
Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve	555698168	Habitat/Species Management Area	67,800.00						
Primeiras and Segundas Islands Environmental Protection Area	342681	Protected Landscape/Seascape	835,730.00	1,040,926.00					
Quirimbas National Park	9035	Protected Landscape/Seascape	118,500.00						

4/8/2025

a.1. This is not addressed, please clarify in the project document the methodological approach and underlying logic for Sub-core Indicator 2.2 and Core Indicator 4.

a.2. Cleared.

a.3. Also, please, where possible, include the METT score for all protected areas included in CI 1 and 2. (Apologies this comment was not included in the first review)

3/11/2025

a.1. Please address the methodological approach and underlying logic for Sub-core Indicator 2.2 and Core Indicator 4.

a.2. On Core Indicator 2.1: Please clarify how the targeted area for new MPAs was estimated, given that the specific sites have not yet been identified.

Agency Response

CI-GEF May 9, 2025

We confirm that the METT scores for the remaining MPAs identified in C2.2 are yet to be available. Please refer to our justification in the ProDoc under paragraphs 153, 154, 155 and Table 7.

CI-GEF May 2, 2025

a.1 Noted

a.3 The METT scores for the identified protected areas have now been provided in the Portal.

CI-GEF April 23, 2025

a.1.. Additional information on the methodological approach for sub-core indicator 2.2 has been provided. Also, the explanation of the methodological approach for core indicator 4. These changes were on the portal section Core Indicators, in the text box "explain the methodological approach". Also, in Prodoc in in paragraph 156 ?160.

a.2. No action

a.3. To clarify, the METT Scores at CEO-Endorsement for the identified Protected areas are already provided in Tables 6 and 7 in the ProDoc. This information is also captured in the Biodiversity Tracking Tool.

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

a.1. The project interventions seek to improve the management effectiveness of the Primeiras and Segundas Environmental Protection Area (APAIPS) with support at the management level of the area. This area covers 1,040,926 hectares. Therefore, the target of the sub-core indicator 2.2 is 1,040,926 hectares.

The target for core indicator 2 is 5,345,520 Hectares of Marine protected areas created or under improved management.

The Government of Mozambique (GoM) has established a target of achieving 10% of designated Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) by 2030. Mozambique's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covers

about 57,145,200 hectares. Notably, there are currently 7 recognized MPAs in Mozambique that cover a surface area of 1,409,926 ha listed in the ProDoc. **[Note: Mozambique seeks to protect an area representing 10% of its EEZ (57,145,200). Therefore, $57,145,200 \times 10\% = 5,714,520$ ha. There are already 7 MPAs covering an area of 1,409,926ha, so the GoM still needs to protect an area of 4,304,594ha f to reach 10% of Mozambique's MPAs]**

The project might not result in the creation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs); however, with its interventions, it will lay the frameworks that will initiate and support the process of creating them. A dedicated working group led by the Ministry of Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries of Mozambique (MIMAIP), Oceanographic Institute of Mozambique (InOM) and supported by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), is currently defining new MPAs and improving management methods and tools for these areas. This project will align with and support this ongoing process, targeting the areas identified by this working group, thereby contributing to the creation of the identified MPAs. The proposed MPAs whose establishment will benefit from the support/frameworks developed by this project are what will be reported under Sub-core indicator 2.1. While the creation of MPAs is a long-term process, this project will provide critical support to ongoing efforts, laying the groundwork for their establishment. By contributing to the protection of an additional 4,304,594 hectares of coastal and marine ecosystems?building on the 1,409,926 hectares already protected?the project will help Mozambique move toward its goal of protecting 10% of its EEZ. Although the project may not directly create MPAs, it will establish the necessary frameworks to initiate and support their development.

6.4 Risks

- a) Is there a well-articulated assessment of risk to outcomes and identification of mitigation measures under each relevant risk category? Are mitigation measures clearly identified and realistic? Is there any omission?
- 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 assessed and rated and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

Cleared.

3/11/2025

a. Cleared.

b. (i) Please provide a rating for the fiduciary risk. (ii) In the fiduciary risk analysis, we note the statement: "As an accredited IA, the GEF has verified that WWF has the operational system and policies to monitor the project funding that will pass through to the supporting partners and local communities?". Please note that WWF-US is the GEF-accredited agency, not the World Wide Fund for Nature. Also, the analysis appears to use "WWF" and "WWF MCO" interchangeably, Please ensure consistency in referencing WWF MCO as the EA Support Partner throughout the document to avoid confusion.

c. Cleared.

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

a. No action required

b. Moderate rating provided. Text in the Risk table updated (Table 11)

Thanks for the clarification, WWF-MCO has been updated throughout the ProDoc and in the portal. Confusing language has been removed.

7 C. Alignment with Programming Strategies, Country/Regional Priorities

7.1 a) Is the project adequately aligned with the GBFF Action Areas and, for MTF projects, with Focal Area objectives?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

7.2 Is the project aligned with the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, National Biodiversity Finance Plans, and/or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities. For MTF projects, is the project aligned with other relevant country and regional priorities, policies, strategies and plans (including those related to the MEAs and relevant sectors)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

7.3 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 comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

Cleared.

3/11/2025

7.3. The CEO Endorsement document states that the project will contribute to 18 out of the 23 KMGBF targets. However, the links between specific targets and project outcomes are not clearly articulated, particularly for Targets 13, 17, and 18. Please revise to ensure precise alignment and keep the focus on targets the project will meaningfully contribute to.

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

Agreed. The following KMGBF targets have been removed: 8, 12, 13, 17, and 18. Changes have been made under Tables 1 and 12.

Table 12 in prodoc summarizes the contribution of the project to the following KMGBF objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

A justification of the project's contribution to each objective has been added.

8 D. Policy Requirements

8.1 Are the Policy Requirement sections completed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

8.2 Is the Gender Action Plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

8.3 Is the stakeholder engagement plan uploaded?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Yes.

Agency Response

8.4 IPLCs:

- a) Has the amount of GBFF project financing to support actions by IPLCs been sufficiently justified and have changes compared to PPG request stage, if any, been adequately justified?
b) If applicable, does Section C 'Project Description' describe the IPLCs who will benefit from the project and detail their role in the project? Have appropriate project tags related to IPLCs been selected?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

9 Annexes

Annex A: Financing Tables

9.1 GEF Financing Table and Focal Area Elements: Is the proposed GEF financing (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

9.2 Source of Funds

**If using GEFTF resources, does the sources of funds table match with the amounts in the OFP's LOE?
Note: the table only captures sources of funds from the country's STAR allocation**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

9.3 Confirmed co-financing for the project, by name and type:

Noting GBFF does not require but encourages co-financing, are the amounts, sources, and types of co-financing adequately documented and consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

e.g. Have letters of co-finance been submitted, correctly classified as investment mobilized or in-kind/recurring expenditures? If investment mobilized: is there an explanation below the table to describe the nature of co-finance? If letters are not in English, is a translation provided?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

Annex C: Project Results Framework

- 9.4 a) Have the GBFF indicators and relevant GEF core indicators been included?
b) Have SMART indicators been used; are means of verification well thought out; are the targets appropriate for the total project financing (too high? Too low?)
c) Are all relevant indicators sex disaggregated?
d) Is the Project Results Framework included in the Project Document pasted in the Template?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

Cleared

3/11/2025

9. Please identify the means of verification and responsible agency for data collection.

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

A Project Results M&E Plan is provided under Annex K in prodoc.

Annex D: Status of utilization of PPG

9.5 Is the use of PPG attached in Annex: Status of Utilization of Project Preparation Grant (PPG) properly itemized according to the guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/8/2025

Cleared.

3/11/2024

9.5. The activity ?Personnel Level of Effort ?? (in red rectangle below) is not an eligible activity as presented in Guidelines. Please amend.

ANNEX D: STATUS OF UTILIZATION OF PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)

Provide detailed funding amount of the PPG activities financing status in the table below:

Project Preparation Activities Implemented	GET/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)		
	Budgeted Amount	Amount Spent To date	Amount Committed
International Consultant – project design, stakeholder engagement, coordination	84,832.00	35,081.00	49,751.00
Personnel Level of Effort, project design, planning, workshop participation, stakeholder engagement	20,588.00	14,908.00	5,680.00
Travel, Meetings, Workshops and supplies e.g., banners, translation, etc.	44,580.00	18,735.00	25,845.00
Total	150,000.00	68,724.00	81,276.00

Agency Response

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

Noted. This section has been updated in portal and project document to clarify activities and how they fall within the PPG cost eligibility criteria.

Annex E: Project map and coordinates

9.6 Have geographic coordinates of project locations been entered in the dedicated table? Are relevant illustrative maps included?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

Annex F: Environmental and Social Safeguards Documentation and Rating

9.7 Have the relevant safeguard documents been uploaded to the GEF Portal? Has the safeguards rating been provided and filled out in the ER field below the risk table?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

3/11/2025

Cleared.

Agency Response

Annex G: GEF Budget template

9.8 a) Is the GEF budget template attached and appropriately filled out incl. items such as the executing partner for each budget line?

b) Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

c) Are TORs for key project staff funded by GEF grant and/or co-finance attached?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

5/9/2025

Thank you for the update.

5/2/2025

1. The re-uploaded budget is still unreadable (see the screenshot below). Please fix and if needed kindly contact the ITs Portal team at

<ITSOP_GEF_Portal_technical_team@worldbankgroup.org>

Implementer Category	Detailed Description	Component (2024)											Total (2024)	Responsible Entity				
		Component 1			Component 2			Component 3			Component 4 (BMC)				Sub-Total	BMC	FMC	
		Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total								
Personnel and Professional Services	Personnel Technical Lead	48,654	48,654	48,654	23,803	23,803	23,803	35,705	35,705	35,705	21,970	21,970	26,731	26,731				
	Personnel Finance and Grants Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,072	92,072				
	Personnel Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,718	78,718				
	Personnel Logistics and Transport	11,488	11,488	11,488	7,659	7,659	7,659	5,743	5,743	5,743	11,488	11,488	78,586	78,586				
	Personnel Logistics and Transport Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	Personnel Community Engagement Assistant	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	30,448	30,448	132,241	132,241				
	Personnel Sub-Total	99,967	125,303	53,276	84,859	84,859	84,859	99,867	99,867	99,867	161,289	823,211	90,960	1,031,964				
	Service Provider-Project Research Audit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,500	27,500				
	Service Provider-Communication strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,185	32,185	-	32,185				
	Service Provider-Honorary pre-processing house for local communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,000	33,000	-	33,000				
	Service Provider-Translation	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006	503	503	503	1,006	7,042	-	7,042				
	Service Provider-Project Research Audit (ANAC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,400	12,400				
	Service Provider-Mid-term Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000				
	Service Provider-Final Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000				
	Service Provider-sub-Total	1,006	1,006	1,006	34,866	34,866	34,866	503	503	503	35,121	72,227	80,900	182,327				
	Travel, Meeting and Workshop	Exposure visits between several consultation visits in Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,044	66,044	-	66,044				
		Consultation meeting between (2)2025 Government and Local Communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,929	15,929	-	15,929	15,929	27,885	27,885			
Consultation meeting between (2)2025 Government and Local Communities		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,205	9,205				
Training of local communities on livelihood activities (ANAC)		-	-	-	9,205	9,205	-	-	-	-	9,205	9,205	-	9,205				
Training for government executives, departments, and agencies (ANAC) to inspect the equivalent of the (2)2025 (11)		-	-	-	-	-	42,738	-	-	-	42,738	42,738	-	42,738				
Training on future livelihoods and Effective ANAC, ANAC, ANAC and other local activities (ANAC) for the national government		-	-	-	-	-	32,344	42,703	-	-	75,047	75,047	-	75,047				
Training on future livelihoods and Effective ANAC, ANAC, ANAC and other local activities (ANAC) for the national government		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Consultation meeting between (2)2025 Government and Local Communities		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
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Grants and Agreements		Exposure visits between several consultation visits in Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,044	66,044	-	66,044				
	Consultation meeting between (2)2025 Government and Local Communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,929	15,929	-	15,929	15,929	27,885	27,885				
	Consultation meeting between (2)2025 Government and Local Communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,205	9,205				
	Training of local communities on livelihood activities (ANAC)	-	-	-	9,205	9,205	-	-	-	-	9,205	9,205	-	9,205				
	Training for government executives, departments, and agencies (ANAC) to inspect the equivalent of the (2)2025 (11)	-	-	-	-	-	42,738	-	-	-	42,738	42,738	-	42,738				
	Training on future livelihoods and Effective ANAC, ANAC, ANAC and other local activities (ANAC) for the national government	-	-	-	-	-	32,344	42,703	-	-	75,047	75,047	-	75,047				
	Training on future livelihoods and Effective ANAC, ANAC, ANAC and other local activities (ANAC) for the national government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	Consultation meeting between (2)2025 Government and Local Communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
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4/29/2025

Please address the two comments below:

1. The revised budget CEO project document in the portal is unreadable. See the screenshot below. Please revise.

Implementer Category	Detailed Description	Component 1 (BMC)											Total (2024)	Responsible Entity
		Component 1			Component 2			Component 3			Component 4 (BMC)			
		Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total	Sub-Total			
												Sub-Total		
Personnel-Technical Lead	48,654	25,564	19,495	23,803	35,705	21,970	21,970	34,077	225,238	12,234	25,731	263,203	WWF	
Personnel-Finance and Grants Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,072	92,072		
Personnel-Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,718	78,718		
Personnel-Security and Technical Assistance	21,446	21,446	15,723	32,189	32,189	16,094	16,094	64,338	214,479	-	-	214,479		
Personnel-Logistics and Goods Support	11,488	11,488	7,459	11,488	11,488	5,743	5,744	11,488	76,586	-	-	76,586	ANAC	
Personnel-Community Engagement Assistant	-	66,406	-	-	-	38,471	38,472	80,939	124,687	-	-	124,687		
Personnel-Subtotal	79,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	17,399	30,448	132,241	-	-	132,241		
Service Provider-Project Research Audit	99,967	125,303	53,276	84,859	84,859	99,867	99,869	161,289	823,211	90,960	117,803	1,031,964		
Service Provider-Communication strategy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,500	27,500	WWF		
Service Provider-Honorary pre-processing house for Local Communities	-	-	-	33,000	-	-	-	-	33,000	-	33,000			
Service Provider-Translation	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006	503	503	1,006	7,042	-	-		7,042	
Service Provider-Project Research Audit (ANAC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,400	12,400			
Service Provider-Mid-term Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	40,000	Implementing agency		
Service Provider-Final Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	40,000			
Service Provider-Subtotal	1,006	1,006	1,006	34,006	1,006	503	503	35,121	72,227	80,900	40,100		182,327	
Exposure visits between several consultation areas in Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,044	66,044	-		66,044	

2. The footnote issue is not addressed. See below and kindly fix.

Footnote
on

Motocycle justification provided in ProDoc

All costs in the budget capture program delivery and operational expenses necessary for the implementation and management of the project to meet internal controls necessary to meet the GEF Minimum Financial Standards. These costs are available as part of the organization's internal processes and comply with best international standards. No operational expenses have been allocated to sub-grants, and the budget structure ensures effective program delivery.

The budget assumes a duration of 62 months (6 months implementation and 46 months actual project execution). 6 months Terminal Evaluation and closure.

Please explain any aspects of the budget as needed here

4/8/2025

a. Cleared.

b.1. Cleared.

b.2. Cleared.

c. Cleared.

- There seems to be an editorial error in the CEO endorsement Document (PDF) in the footnote inserted under the budget table. Please address.

3/11/2025

a. The CEO Endorsement Request Portal view includes two budget tables ? it looks like the budget tables have been attached twice. Please amend.

b.1. Costs related to the personnel responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation should be fully charged to the M&E.

Expense Category	Detailed Description	Component (US\$ (K))										Total (US\$ (K))	Executing Entity receives funds from the GEF Agency	
		Component 1			Component 2		Component 3		Component 4 (KM)	Sub-Total	M&E			PMC
		Outcome 1.1	Outcome 1.2	Outcome 1.3	Outcome 2.1	Outcome 2.2	Outcome 3.1	Outcome 3.2						

b.2. A technical lead has been charged to the component of the projects. Per Guidelines, the costs associated with the project's execution must be covered by the GEF portion and the co-financing portion allocated to PMC. When the situation merits (i.e. not enough co-financing funds), the project's staff could be charged to the project's components with ?clear Terms of Reference describing unique outputs linked to the respective component? (paragraph 4 ? page 42 of the Guidelines). It looks that a big portion of the TORs for the Technical Lead are focus on coordination ? please revise.

c. No, we couldn't find the attached TORs.

Agency Response

CI-GEF May 9, 2025

The screenshot of the budget has been updated and is now readable. Please see the screenshot below. Kindly ote that the GEF Portal itself restricts the resolution and width of the images being uploaded and that we received the same review for other projects and were cleared the same way that we did for this project.

ANNEX G: BUDGET TABLE

Please upload and paste below the budget table here. 

Please explain any aspects of the budget as needed here

Component	Detailed Description	Financials					Unit	Rate	Quantity	Amount	Comments
		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027					
Project	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Project Management	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
Investment	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
	Investment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				500,000	
Total	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	
	Total	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000				1,000,000	

CI-GEF May 2, 2025

1. Budget re-uploaded
2. Footnote removed

CI-GEF April 23, 2025

Apologies for the editorial error. The footnote has been rectified, and all the wordings have been captured. Please revise the new budget uploaded.

CI GEF - April 01, 2024:

- a. Amended.
 - b.1. 100% of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer costs are now charged on M&E.
 2. We believe this project merits an exception due to the lack of co-financing to directly support that position and the fact that this person will deliver components through their expertise. The overall co-financing proportionally supports PMC, including other PMC staff who are not charged to the GEF portion of funds. We are kindly requesting the GEF consider an exception and for such request have included the ToR to support.
 - b. ToR are included in the Prodoc. Tors were updated in the new Prodoc servion (within it see Annex M) and the term ?coordinate? has been removed from the technical lead?s terms of reference.

Annex H: Blended Finance Relevant Annexes

- 9.9 a) Does the project provide sufficient detail (indicative term sheet) to assess the following criteria: co-financing ratios, financial terms and conditions, and financial additionality? If not, please provide comments.
- b) Is the Agency eligible to administer concessional finance? If not, please provide comments.

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement RequestN/A

Agency Response
Additional Annexes
10. GEFSEC DECISION

10.1 GEFSEC Recommendation
Is the project recommended for approval?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

7/22/2025

Please address comments in the review sheet in section 1 and resubmit. Thank you.

06/25/2025

Please address comments from STAP and Council and resubmit. Thank you.

5/2/2025

Thank you for the resubmission. Please see the comments in this review sheet and resubmit.

4/29/2025

Thank you for the re-submission. Please address the outstanding issues highlighted in green in this review sheet and resubmit.

4/8/2025

Please address the remaining comments and resubmit.

3/19/2025

Not at this stage. Please address comments included in this review sheet and resubmit.

10.2 Additional Comments to be considered by the Agency during the inception and implementation phase

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

10.3 Review Dates

	CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	3/11/2025	4/1/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/8/2025	4/25/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	4/29/2025	5/2/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/2/2025	5/9/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	7/22/2025	7/11/2025