



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

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11626

Countries

Mozambique

Project Name

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

Agencies

CI

Date received by PM

4/24/2024

Review completed by PM

Program Manager

Jurgis Sapijanskas

Focal Area

Biodiversity

Project Type

GBFF

GEF-8 Project Preparation Grant request Review Sheet

1. General Project Information / Eligibility

- a) Does the project meet the criteria for eligibility for GBFF funding?
- b) Is the General Project Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

II. Indicative Project Overview

- a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?
- b) Are the components, outcomes and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective?

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Agency's Comments

- c) Are the components adequately funded?
- d) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional (only for Multi-trust Funds PPGs with BD from the GEF Trust Fund)?
- e) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for projects of more than \$2 million or 10% for projects of less than \$2 million? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

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III. Project Rationale

a. Does the project adequately describe the: (i) current situation/baseline conditions within the project geographic area or project thematic area; (ii) problem(s) that the project will address; (iii) goal and objectives of the project; and (iv) justification for the project intervention; and (v) expected results including the Global Environmental Benefits and an estimate of the project's contributions to the relevant biodiversity core indicators.

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Agency's Comments

IV. Project Description

a) Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?

b) Are the project components and activities identified in the theory of change adequately described.

c) Is a list of stakeholders that will be involved in the project and their roles in the design and implementation of the project provided?

d) Are the Specific Action Area(s) that the project is aligned with identified and an explanation provided on and how the project will support the achievement of the specific Action Area objective(s).

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Agency's Comments

V. Does the proposal adequately describe how the project meets the following criteria:

a) Potential to generate global environmental benefits (GEBs) (include a description of the GEBs the project will generate per the GEF-8 Core Indicators for biodiversity);

b) Alignment with the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and/or National Biodiversity Finance Plans or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities;

- c) **The level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector, and civil society that the project aims to support;**
- d) **Whether the project will mobilize the resources of the private sector and philanthropies'; and**
- e) **Whether and how the project will engage with and provide support to IPLCs.**

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Agency's Comments

VI. Project results indicators

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

Secretariat's Comments JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

VII. Project Financing Tables

- a) **Are all the tables correctly populated?**
- b) **Are the indicative expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines (only for projects with GEF TF components)?**

Secretariat's Comments JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

VIII. Project Endorsement

- a) **Has the project been endorsed by the country's(ies) OFP and has the OFP at the time of PPG request submission name and position been checked against the GEF database?**
- b) **Are the OFP endorsement letters uploaded to the GEF Portal (compiled as a single document, if applicable)?**
- c) **Do the letters follow the correct format and are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in the Portal?**

Secretariat's Comments JS 5/6/2024 - Cleared.

Agency's Comments

IX. GEFSEC Decision

a. Is the PPG recommended for technical clearance?

b. Additional comments to be considered by the Agency during project preparation

Secretariat's Comments

JS 5/6/2024 - This PPG request is recommended for technical clearance.

During PPG, please:

- Please refine the project objective so that it is as SMART as possible
- Please reconsider the budget allocation across components. The project promises significant results on MPAs, including improved management effectiveness of more than 1.2 million ha of existing MPAs and expansion of MPAs, when only \$1 million of GBFF funding and \$0.3 million of co-finance are allocated.
- consolidate targets on GEF core indicator. We notably note that the elaboration under the core indicator table mentions "the project will aim to contribute to half of the national objective to achieve at least 10% of marine conservation areas by 2030 in Mozambique. By achieving 5%, the project will contribute to putting 2,857,260 hectares of marine habitats under conservation status" but this is not reflected in the core indicator 2 target.
- Please ensure the CEO endorsement request, including the ToC, clarifies 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.
- better justify alignment with action areas 3 and 6 or remove and shift the programming of funds to more relevant action areas, which seems to be AA1 in this case.
- We note the project mentions the development of biodiversity offsets as a financial mechanism. Please note that offset mechanisms based on a no net loss objective are not eligible for GEF funding as they do not generate global environmental benefits, but at best no net biodiversity loss.
- Please make use of the lessons learnt and material generated by GEF ID 10916 - National Planning for an Inclusive and Effective Conservation Approach to Reaching

Global Biodiversity Framework Target 3 and ensure that any protected area expansion that is to be supported by the GBFF meets the criteria for biodiversity of global significance, e.g. the KBA criteria.

Agency's Comments

Review Dates

	PPG Request Review	Agency Response
First Review	5/6/2024	
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		