

Accessing the Benefits of Biodiversity for Pakistan?s IPLCs: Working Towards the National Legislation and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Review PPG Request and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID
12191

Countries
Pakistan

Project Name
Accessing the Benefits of Biodiversity for Pakistan?s IPLCs: Working Towards the National Legislation and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Agencies
WWF-US

Date received by PM
12/19/2025

Review completed by PM
3/10/2026

Program Manager
Benjamin Singer

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

Agency's Comments

II. Indicative Project Overview

a) Is the project objective presented as a concise statement and clear?

b) Are the components, outcomes and outputs sound, appropriate and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objective?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

c) Are the components adequately funded?

d) Are the GEF Project Financing and Co-Financing contributions to PMC proportional (only for Multi-trust Funds PPGs with BD from the GEF Trust Fund)?

e) Is the PMC equal to or below 5% of the total GEF grant for projects of more than \$2 million or 10% for projects of less than \$2 million? If the requested PMC is above the caps, has an exception (e.g. for regional projects) been sufficiently substantiated?

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

III. Project Rationale

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

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

IV. Project Description

- a) Is there a concise theory of change that describes the project logic, including how the project design elements will contribute to the objective, the expected causal pathways, and the key assumptions underlying these?
- b) Are the project components and activities identified in the theory of change adequately described.
- c) Is a list of stakeholders that will be involved in the project and their roles in the design and implementation of the project provided?
- d) Are the Specific Action Area(s) that the project is aligned with identified and an explanation provided on and how the project will support the achievement of the specific Action Area objective(s).

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

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

- a) Potential to generate global environmental benefits (GEBs) (include a description of the GEBs the project will generate per the GEF-8 Core Indicators for biodiversity);
- b) Alignment with the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and/or National Biodiversity Finance Plans or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities;
- c) The level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector, and civil society that the project aims to support;
- d) Whether the project will mobilize the resources of the private sector and philanthropies'; and
- e) Whether and how the project will engage with and provide support to IPLCs.

Secretariat's Comments

Agency's Comments

VI. Project results indicators

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

Secretariat's Comments

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

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

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

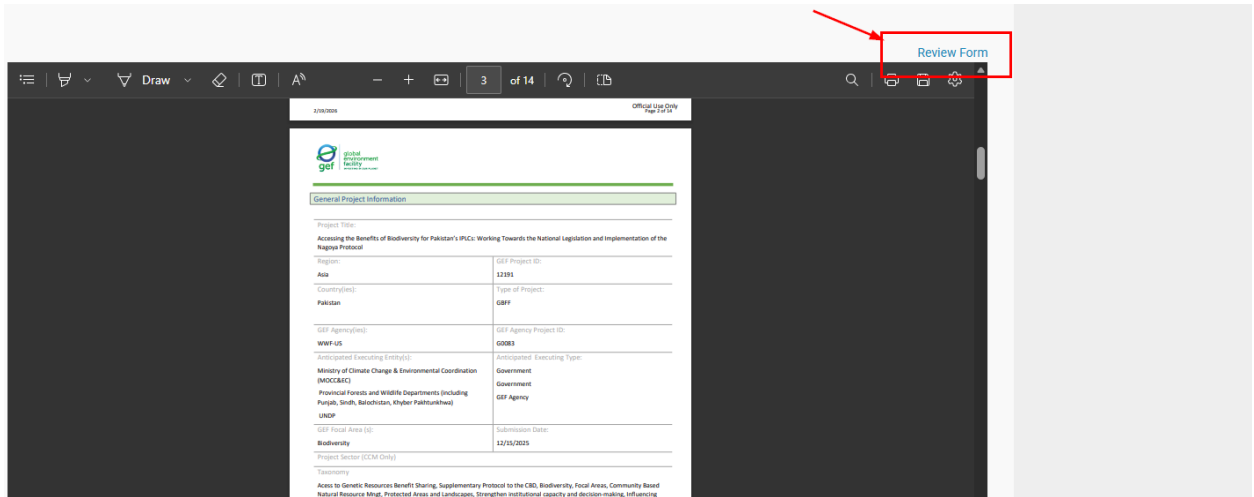
2025/12/19 Dear Colleagues, following the notification received today from the OFP of Pakistan, please resubmit this proposal with the new LOE as well as an adjusted project scope, description and budget.

2026/02/19 Dear Colleagues, thank you for this submission. For this project to be further considered in the selection round, please address the comments below and resubmit as soon as possible:

1. There are differences in project grant amount, fee, PPG and PPG fee between the LOE and Portal entry. Please correct these figures in the Portal or submit a revised LOE to ensure figures match.
2. FYI only and as a heads-up for PPG phase if this project is selected: we note WWF-US is the implementing agency while UNDP is listed as one among three executing partners. During the PPG phase, please make every effort to identify national institutions that would be adequate to execute the parts of the project currently planned for UNDP execution. If none are identified, please ensure the CEO endorsement requests includes a justification for a GEF Implementing Agency to have an execution role in the project.

Kindly note the project selection process remains ongoing.

2026/03/20 Dear Colleagues, the old LOE still appears in the "review form". Please make sure to upload the latest LOE (11 February) so that this is the one that appears in the review form. Thank you.



Agency's Comments

2025/12/19 Thank you, the proposal is now being resubmitted. A revised LOE will be shared shortly.

2026/02/19 The budget figures are consistent with the LOE dated 11 February. The second comment is well noted.

2026/03/20 The revised LOE has been uploaded, and hopefully now appears correctly in the review form. Thank you.

Review Dates

	PPG Request Review	Agency Response
First Review	12/19/2025	1/7/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/10/2026	2/19/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)	3/20/2026	3/20/2026
Additional Review (as necessary)		
Additional Review (as necessary)		