

Costa Rica's combined Fifth National Communication and Second Biennial Transparency Report (5NC/2BTR) and the Third Biennial Transparency Report (3BTR) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

GEF ID

11847

Countries

Costa Rica

Project Name

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Agencies

UNDP

Date received by PM

1/14/2025

Review completed by PM

1/21/2025

Program Manager

Esteban Bermudez Forn

Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

EA

Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)**Section I - Enabling Activity Summary****Funding elements.**

Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF funding elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF-8 Programming Directions? Is the General Enabling Activity Information table correctly populated?

Secretariat's Comments

1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments**Cost Ranges.**

If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Cleared. The project has no deviations in the cost range. The costing is in line with Information Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15 - <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-15>

Agency's Comments

Enabling activity summary.

Is the enabling activity summary clear? Are the components in Table B and as described in the enabling activity request sound, appropriate, and sufficiently clear to achieve the project objectives?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Section 2 - Enabling Activity Supporting Information

Eligibility Criteria.

Is this enabling activity eligible for GEF funding?

Secretariat's Comments

2/5/2025:

1. Noted. Cleared.
2. Cleared.
3. Cleared.

1/27/2025:

1. Regarding acronyms or abbreviations, to avoid confusion, please spell them out the first time they are mentioned. For example, SINAMECC in P.18.
2. We couldn't find an explicit mention to the submission of the first BTR, supported by the GEF under project GEF ID 11847. Please include a short mention and indicate when the first BTR was submitted to the UNFCCC.
3. Are there lessons learned from the preparation and submission of the first BTR that will be taken into consideration in the current EA project. If so, please include a brief mention.

Agency's Comments

1. 1. Acronyms are corrected. (SINAMECC: The National Climate Change Metric System).
2. 2.The first BTR submission and date are both mentioned.
3. A brief mention of the lessons learned from the preparation and submission of the first BTR is included.

Institutional framework.

Are the institutional arrangements for implementation adequately described?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Monitoring and Evaluation.

Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: \$10,000 are budgeted for M&E-related activities. Please ensure under M&E that gender-related results are monitored and reported on.

Agency's CommentsM&E team will ensure gender related results are monitored and reported on and a brief mention is included.

Section 3. Information Tables

GEF resource availability.

Is the proposed GEF financing in Table F (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?

Secretariat Comment at PIF/Work Program Inclusion1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency Response

Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):
STAR allocation?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Rio Markers.

Are the Rio Markers for CCM ,CCA, BD and LD presented?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Country endorsement.

Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point at the time of the EA submission and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database? Are the endorsed amounts consistent with the amounts included in Portal

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Yes, the letter of endorsement is signed by the country's GEF OFP, Ms. Enid Chaverri and the endorsed amounts are consistent with the amounts in the Portal.

Agency's Comments

Response to Comments

Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)
Gef Secretariat comments

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
Other Agencies comments

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
Council comments

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
STAP comments

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
CSOs comments

Secretariat's CommentsN/A

Agency's Comments
Project Budget Table.

Is the project budget table attached? Are the activities / expenditures reasonably and accurately charged to the three identified sources (Components, M&E and PMC)?

Secretariat's Comments1/27/2025: Yes. Cleared.

Agency's Comments

Environmental and Social Safeguards.

If there are screening documents or other ESS documents available, have these been attached? (only as applicable)

Secretariat's Comments 1/27/2025: Yes. ESS documents have been attached. The overall project risk is categorized as low risk.

Agency's Comments

GEFSEC DECISION

RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/ approval recommended?

Secretariat's Comments

2/5/2025: Comments have been addressed. The PM recommends the project for further processing.

1/27/2025: Please address the comments above and resubmit. Please highlight **in yellow** the changes you make to the portal form for ease of revision.

REVIEW DATE(S)

	Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	1/27/2025	2/5/2025
Additional Review (as necessary)	2/5/2025	
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