

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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Consultant(s):

I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 5338

PROJECT DURATION : 5

COUNTRIES : Argentina

PROJECT TITLE: Mainstreaming Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Production Practices of Small Producers to Protect the Biodiversity of High Value Conservation Forests in the Atlantic Forest, Yungas and Chaco

GEF AGENCIES: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Secretariat for Environment and Sustainable Development (SAyDS)

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

1. STAP welcomes this excellent proposal that will apply mainstreaming approaches to achieve global and national biodiversity benefits in the high value conservation forests of Argentina.
2. The proposal is clear and comprehensive in its design and description, and provides a convincing case for the requested investments which address opportunities for social, cultural, economic and environmental gains. It focuses on technical and operational barriers in a targeted programme of knowledge-and capacity building initiatives; it addresses market and financial barriers to improve local communities ability to benefit from a sustainable use of NTFPs; and it addresses the institutional and regulatory weaknesses that must be strengthened to achieve its goals.
3. The project responds to several key Aichi goals and to national priorities in a well-focused programme of actions. It promises to serve as a strong mainstreaming intervention that could serve as a model for wider application.

Further guidance from STAP

4. Given the existence of several PES projects in the region, it STAP suggests that during PPG, mechanisms to coordinate activities with these and seek synergies with other mainstreaming initiatives in the area be developed.

5. Further, STAP recommends that the following GEF/STAP advisory documents be considered during the development of the full project brief - "Payments for Environmental Services and the Global Environment Facility" Wunder et al. 2010; and Environmental Certification and the Global Environmental Facility "Blackman and Rivera 2010; Experimental Project designs in the Global Environment facility" Ferraro 2012.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved. Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development.

	<p>Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.
<p>3. Major revision required</p>	<p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.