

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

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

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 5091

PROJECT DURATION : 5

COUNTRIES : Brazil

PROJECT TITLE: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into NTFP and AFS Production Practices in Multiple-Use Forest Landscapes of High Conservation Value

GEF AGENCIES: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: EMBRAPA

(Brazilian Agricultural Research Agency)

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

STAP welcomes this ambitious project proposal that has two objectives:

(i) To improve the governance and capacity building framework of Non-Timber Forest Products and Agro-Forestry Systems in forest landscapes for sustainable production of biodiversity products; and

(ii) Enhance market access to and increase production viability of at least 12 biodiversity products as conservation compatible land use in priority areas of multiple use forested landscapes of three globally significant biomes.

The proposal is comprehensive, informed and uses strong and well formulated approaches to this ambitious mainstreaming initiative. The proposal relies on the hypothesis that sustainable use of NTFP and AFS reduces deforestation rates. It cautions that their mainstreaming into the formal economy without proper safeguards could pose a risk to biodiversity due to overharvesting or farmers returning to other land uses if the products fail to provide sustained profits. To ensure that the project brings global environmental benefits, STAP wishes to request that during project development more information on safeguards be given, including the following:

- Establishment of safeguards should be based on scientific data collection and analysis to firmly establish the levels and criteria used to ensure "sustainable harvest" in the three biomes;
- Safeguards should also include assessment of socio-economic conditions;
- What process will be taken to ensure community participation in the development of the safeguards?

<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. Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency:

	<p>(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>
<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> <p>(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.</p>