



## GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS\* THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	4739		
Country/Region:	Cameroon		
Project Title:	Participative Integrated Ecosystem Services Management Plans for Bakassi Post Conflict Ecosystems PINESMAP BPCE		
GEF Agency:	UNEP	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Biodiversity
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	BD-2; Project Mana;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$2,652,968
Co-financing:	\$10,500,000	Total Project Cost:	\$13,152,968
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
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Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible? 2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	Addressed.  A letter in date of November 28, 2011 is available. The letter is signed by the Operational Focal Point. The name of the project, the Agency, and the project amount are included. A total of \$4,88 million is mentioned. - Please, note that the fee calculation in the letter is wrong. - The letter mentions the use of STAR allocations (BD:\$3,51 million LD: \$0,37m) and the SFM incentive programme (\$1 million). Please, note that only \$40,000 are available under the LD allocation. This situation will impact the amount of resources that can be leveraged from the SFM programme. - Please note that with the GEF	

		<p>PPG can reach \$100,000 including the fees, and not \$110,000, as it is proposed. However, with all the changes that are needed (limited LD resources, reduced SFM budget), the PPG amount will have probably to be updated.</p> <p>April 3, 2011 A new letter has been included. The use of STAR allocations is clarified. However, further concerns related to this project would need an updated letter.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 Due to the re-formulation of the project, a new letter, dated of 28 June 2012, has been provided. A total of US\$3M from the BD STAR will be allocated to this Biodiversity project, including the PPG and agency fees.</p>	
<p>Agency's Comparative Advantage</p>	<p>3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?</p>	<p>The Agency's comparative advantage is described and supported: see chapter D, section 24 and 25.</p> <p>We understand that UNEP has a significant experience in post conflict situations and has on-going commitments with Cameroon. However, if we understand the role of UNEP in Cameroon and in the region through on-going projects and initiatives (LifeWeb Initiative, Great Ape Survival Partnership, biosafety, enabling activities), we are not sure to understand how the other UNEP's branches will play a role.</p> <p>Please describe the role and the cofinancing of the UNEP's Post-Conflict and the Marine and Fresh water branches.</p>	

roles and added values, the comparative advantage of UNEP still has to be demonstrated.

April 3, 2012

The roles of UNEP Disaster and Conflict Branch and Fresh Water Unit have been clarified. However, the comparative advantage of UNEP will have to be re-evaluated after the potential changes in scope of the project.

November 20, 2012

Further information has been provided on UNEP experience in the country and in ecosystem evaluation. However, further detail on the potential activities that could be developed by the Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch and the Freshwater Unit should be provided. As mentioned in the proposal, the Post-conflict branch will be instrumental in this project.

However, p21, we understand that the involvement of the Disaster and conflict branch is not guarantee yet. Therefore, please confirm that the project proposal, including post-conflict activities, has already been shared with all the concerned stakeholders and received an agreement in principle.

February 19, 2013: The involvement of the Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch has been confirmed. Further information on the activities which will be developed by the Post Conflict and Disaster Management Branch and Freshwater

	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	NA	
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	<p>The project fits with the UNEP project portfolio and is in line with the UNEP programme of work. UNEP has no office in Cameroon, but provides support through its regional office in Africa.</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Additional information is provided on the role of CSO and the University of Dchang that are direct UNEP partners: they have physical presence in the project site and execute activities.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 The project is in line with the UNEP portfolio in Cameroon. UNEP has no staff in the country, however, the regional office will have an active role in ensuring that the initiative is fully embedded in a global UNEP wide support to Cameroon. Despite the change of the project scope, the involvement of the CSO in the project implementation is confirmed. We understand that the local partners including OPED, CHEDE will ensure the project execution on the ground. Cleared.</p>	
Resource Availability	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the STAR allocation?</li> </ul>	The project is within the BD STAR resources available for Cameroon.	

		<p>allocation of \$10,31 million.</p> <p>The request is exceeding the available LD allocation. Actually, Cameroon as a LD allocation of \$1,660,000, but \$1,620,000 were assigned for the Lake Chad Program. Only \$40,000 are still available while \$336,364 are requested. Please, reduce the amount.</p> <p>Please, correct table D, p.6: the Agency fee is not correct (10 percent fees give \$434,545 and not \$434,534).</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Addressed.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 The project will use US\$3 million of the BD STAR allocation.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the focal area allocation?</li> </ul>	<p>The proposed grant is within the available focal area allocations.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 Yes, the resource is available under the BD STAR Allocation.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LDCF under the principle of equitable access</li> </ul>	NA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?</li> </ul>	NA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund</li> </ul>	NA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project is leveraging the SFM/REDD+ incentive (\$900,000) for a ratio below the 3:1 rule.</li> <li>- Please, revise the ratio once the LD allocation will have been reduced.</li> <li>- Please describe the Global Environment Benefits, notably those linked to forests.</li> </ul>	

dependant on the cost-effectiveness of what is proposed. Please provide numbers and the methods (ha and C02).

- If we can understand the rationale for a landscape approach in the Southern region that is considered, please confirm that the project is SFM/REDD+ oriented. From what we understand, we do not find enough elements to make this project eligible under the SFM/REDD+. Please, justify or remove the SFM/REDD+ incentive.
- Based on the information we understand, we will suggest either to restructure the PIF to focus on mangroves to justify the use of SFM resources, or to remove SFM and LD resources to focus on the mainstreaming of Biodiversity in sectors and landscapes.

April 3, 2012

After thorough analysis of the revised PIF and the clarifications provided, we invite the agency to remove the SFM part from this project. First, the contribution from the LD focal area is really small and the contributions from the two STAR allocations are too disproportionate; second, the core of the project is a landscape approach on a mosaic of various landscapes, but it is rather hard to define the project as a SFM/REDD+ project.

You may either maintain the PIF as a MFA project or, more reasonably, propose a BD project.

November 20, 2012

The SFM/REDD+ incentive is no longer

Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	<p>The project is aligned with the focal area result framework (table A).</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Please note that the sum does not match with the breakdown (the management costs are apparently not counted). Please revise.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 The project is aligned with the BD results framework.</p>	
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/ multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	<p>The relevant GEF5 focal area objectives are identified.</p> <p>April 3, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After revision of the budget, the removal of the SFM/REDD+ incentive, and possibly the withdrawal of the LD money, please revise accordingly the result framework.</li> <li>- In the proposed project, it is proposed to contribute to the outcome 2.1 in developing sub-national land-use plans that incorporate biodiversity and ecosystem service valuation. Please, justify and develop further the activities, notably those that will contribute to the integration of the ecosystem services valuation.</li> <li>- Please, clarify if certification processes will be undertaken.</li> <li>- According to the table B, the proposed GEF-BD grant will contribute to the gazettement of protected areas. However there is no mention of the related activities in the narrative part of the PIF. Please, confirm this output and provide further detail on its implementation.</li> </ul>	

		<p>in including BD-objective1/output1.</p> <p>November 20, 2012  Yes, the relevant GEF-5 BD objectives have been identified. The project will address BD objectives 1 and 2. Detailed comments are provided under item 14. Cleared.</p>	
	<p>9. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, or NAP?</p>	<p>The project idea was included in the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise. Cleared.</p>	
	<p>10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?</p>	<p>We understand that the project is looking for the sustainability of the approach by mainly securing mainstreaming of biodiversity in productive sectors and within different planning tools. Financing mechanisms should also be tested and established to support the implementation of management plans.</p> <p>At CEO endorsement, please develop the sustainability of project outcomes.  November 20, 2012  A significant part of the project is dedicated to capacity building, including the development of a learning framework, information kits, and guidelines. Furthermore, to sustain the activities developed under the project, a financial mechanism will be set-up. Regarding the financial mechanism, further information about its status, its capitalization, and the involvement of GEF money has to be provided. For CEO endorsement, quantifiable indicators will have to be presented.  February 19, 2013: Preliminary</p>	



has been provided. Table B mentions the establishment of a financial mechanism to support the implementation of the IESM. P16, one paragraph explains that the project will focus on an assessment of the opportunities which could eventually lead to the creation of the appropriate financial mechanism. The following paragraph introduces a different scenario, where a financial mechanism will be developed. The creation of a regional agency of environment financing is also mentioned in this paragraph. Please be explicit on what the project expect to do regarding the financial mechanism, which seems to be a core activity of the project. Please, explain also how the two PES activities will feed or be fed by this process. Regarding PES, same comment. The text does not provide the rational to develop two PES, and what will be the specific activity developed under the project. Please, highlight the sustainability of these expected outcomes.

It is noted that the GEF money will only be used to develop analysis and studies helping to put in place the financial mechanism.

April 4, 2013:

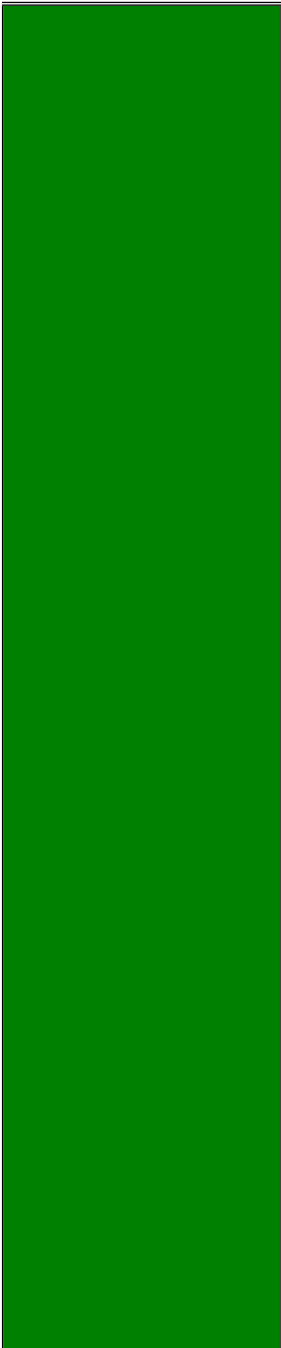
Further information regarding the Financial Mechanism has been provided. It is noted that the financing mechanism will build on the baseline constituted by the SOWEDA. Does it mean that SOWEDA will be the legal institution managing the fund? Does SOWEDA have a biodiversity oriented

mentioned that this mechanism will be used to channel the project financial support to ground activities. This mention does not appear anymore. If the project does not use the SOWEDA/financial mechanism anymore; what is the rational to finance the legal and institutional set-up of this mechanism? If the project will use SOWEDA to channel project financial support to ground activities, the kind of financial mechanism has to be known at PIF stage. Finally, it is noted that the project will build on the experience of different CTF such as Madagascar, DRC CTF. The set-up of a Trust Fund is a project by itself; which can not be listed as an activity of a project. Therefore please, (i) provide the rational to support the set-up of the SOWEDA financial mechanism , (ii) provide information regarding the SOWEDA biodiversity mainstreaming strategy.

04/26/2013: The response regarding the TF has to be included in the PIF. It is noted that SOWEDA will not manage GEF funds. Therefore what is the rational to support the institutional, legal and technical capacities development of SOWEDA? Does SOWEDA will support biodiversity projects? Does SOWEDA have a biodiversity oriented strategy? Does the TF will be dedicated to biodiversity conservation? Please, respond to these questions into the PIF.

06/07/2013: Clarification has been provided. All the information regarding the financial mechanism that will be set-

		provided at CEO endorsement. Cleared.	
Project Design	<p>11. Is (are) the baseline project(s), including problem (s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to address, sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?</p>	<p>The current situation is well described, as well as the problem encountered in the area. However, if we understand that UNEP is leading other conservation projects, it is quite difficult to figure out the incremental reasoning and how GEF resources will be used on the top of the cofinancing projects for Global Environment Benefits. Please, clarify the reasoning, detail what the baseline projects are doing, and update the result framework. Please remove all activities that sound "business-as-usual" and should be financed under the baseline or over the project preparation (outputs 1.1, 1.5, 3.3).</p> <p>April 6, 2012 - The baseline projects still need to be develop depending of the new project focus, as well as the problems and barriers that the project will address.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 Regarding the global significance of Bakassi, a reference is made to the fourth CBD National report, but there is no specific mention about the area in this report (except about the project of MPA). Therefore, please describe the biodiversity richness of this site (superficy of mangrove, endangered species of the area, regional breeding site).</p> <p>We understand that several projects from the government and with the support of bilaterals cooperation are on-going and planned Please provide an</p>	



programmes represent for the CEO endorsement.  
Page 9, it is difficult to distinguish which programme is part of the baseline and which programme will co-finance the project. Therefore, please clarify, and under the baseline section, mention only the baseline programmes.

February 19, 2013  
Information regarding the Global significance of this area has been included. We understand that the targeted area cover 50% (100,000ha) of the most important mangrove forest in central Africa.  
Incremental reasoning is still difficult to assess at the moment given the baseline and component description. If the GEF activities aims to develop and implement PA and IESMP, please be more specific in the description of the current situation (baseline). Page 10-13, it is still difficult to distinguish which programme is part of the baseline and which programme will co-finance the project.  
A tentative budget of the baseline activities is expected at CEO endorsement stage.

04/10/2013  
The baseline has been significantly improved. Please, provide the tentative budget of the major investment project on smoked fish, in which CHEDE is involved and the LIFEWeb initiative budget for Cameroon activities.

04/26/2013: Cleared. A comprehensive

		at CEO endorsement stage.	
	12. Has the cost-effectiveness been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design approach as compared to alternative approaches to achieve similar benefits?		
	13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/additional reasoning?	<p>- The incremental reasoning has to be completely revised (see C.2).</p> <p>- Is the mention of Bamenda Highlands relevant? Is the project extended to this part of the country?</p> <p>- Based on the analysis of the current situation (well described before), develop what the baseline projects are going to do in terms of capacity development and activities on the ground.</p> <p>- Then, describe a scenario with the GEF and what will happen without the GEF.</p> <p>April 6, 2012 Most of the comments are still valid.</p> <p>- Project sites: We see two different projects in the proposal: one for Bakassi coastal ecosystems in a post-conflict context and one for the protected areas and protected forests that are threatened by large scale agriculture developments. The only rationale we see to keep working on these two different landscapes is they are all included in the South-Western region. Please, develop a convincing reasoning or concentrate the efforts on one landscape.</p> <p>November 20, 2012</p>	

further developed. There isn't enough information on how the project will built on the activities developed by the co-financiers and on-going UNEP projects (LifeWeb, Fisheries, and post-conflict resolution) to address Global Environment Benefits. Further description of the activities developed by the co-financiers and, on the top of them, how the project will developed its proposed activities could help to better understand.

We understand that the project will help to bring together the fragmented initiatives, and will address issue not sufficiently covered, like the mangrove conservation, which is interesting. Addressing the long term sustainability of the activities is also interesting. However, please provide further information on the financing mechanism, and on the PES and valuation mechanism. How these activities will be undertaken? What is the expected outcomes? Which structure will be in charge of their functioning?

February 19, 2013

The above comment is still valid. A long list of activity is suggested but their complementary and the rational to develop them is still missing. The project should focus on few and clear outputs and define well the process to achieve them.

April 12, 2013

The above comment is still valid. As mentioned in the baseline, the government institutional capacity, the

in Bakassi are weak. Therefore, as suggested in previous review, please limit the number of outputs/ activities and define well the process to achieve them. Among the following activities/ outputs; which the project suggests to undertake, please select the three/four top priorities and build the project proposal on these three/four top priorities only: policy and regulatory framework, conflicts and risk mitigation framework, IESM Plan, package of pilot activities on IESMP, Protected Area, 3 pilot of livelihood options tested in 3 different sites, a financial mechanism established, PES development, a sustainable multi-stakeholder consultation, forum to stimulate Private sector and donor investment, a learning framework established, Information kits, capacity building of at least 30 key stakeholders.

04/26/2013: The updated proposal focuses on a smaller number of outputs; which is fine.

Table A expected outcome 1.2 is to increase the revenue of PA system to meet total expenditure required for PA management, with the following expected outputs: "one financial mechanism/ sustainable financing plans": there is no reference of these outcomes and outputs in the project development. Please, clarify. If the project does not create PA, or sustain PA system; the BD-1 will have to be removed.

The text makes reference to certification activity p.5. This element is not include

		<p>Please, update accordingly.</p> <p>06/07/2013: Clarification has been provided on the certification activity. The project will focus on BD-2 only. Cleared.</p>	
	<p>14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?</p>	<p>All comments on the project framework are based on our understanding of the situation and the baseline projects. The framework has to be simplified and focused to produce impacts on the ground and transformational changes. With a \$4,3 million project, the GEF cannot spread its resources in too many components, outcomes, and outputs. The framework gives an impression of a stand-alone project without any other real investments. Many of these activities should be financed by the cofinancing.</p> <p>- We cannot support this project with \$2.5 million spent for capacity building, representing almost 60 percent of GEF resources. The component 1 should dramatically be reduced. All activities linked to improve the enabling environment, capacities, institutions should be gathered together (including the output 2.1 gazettelement, the outputs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6 linked to training, the preparation of a strategic document, and the establishment of a financial mechanism, and 4.2 on guidelines for environment and socioeconomic impacts).</p> <p>- The number of studies, planning exercises, and strategies should be reduced and included in a PPG (1.2 economic situation, 1.5 key activities</p>	



options, ).

- A component 2 devoted to results on the ground is welcome (with the outputs 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, eventually 3.4). To produce significant impacts, this component should reach at fifty percent or two-third of the project grant. Please remove the output 2.1 on gazetment. Express the outputs in terms of very operational results on the ground to improve biodiversity mainstreaming in sectors. It seems that agriculture, logging, and mining are key sectors where the GEF might be instrumental for mainstreaming BD.

- The component 3 (communication) and 4 (monitoring) should be merged.

- A component devoted to Knowledge Management and monitoring is possible (bringing together all outputs related to these topics: 1.4. "tools, methodologies and good practices developed", 2.4 "learning system", 3.5 "information kits", 4.1 "impact and monitoring indicators", 4.4 "project monitoring and evaluation"). This component should not exceed 5 percent of the project grant.

April 6, 2012

- If the option to develop a BD project is maintained, the activities must fit with GEF5 BD objectives, outcomes, and outputs.

- The proposed objective of securing biodiversity mainstreaming within planning tools might be acceptable and developed in a revised proposal.

other potential options to include in the revised framework (financial mechanism to implement Integrative Ecosystem Service Management plans, sustainability of alternative livelihoods, co-management of protected areas, etc.).

- The ratio of training, information kit, guidelines is too high in comparison to the expected pilot activities for dissemination/ scale-up. Please, revise.
- Please, explain clearly how the targeted outputs will filled the gaps identified in the baseline;
- Please justify the site selection and justify the added-value of working in two different ecosystems with different socio-economic contexts.
- See if activities responding to BD1 objective might not be relevant.
- Regarding the activity developed in Bakassi as a post-conflict area, please provide more detail on the approach, the methodology, and the expected activities. If some information are missing, please use lessons acquired in other experiences (Sierra Leone i.e.).

November 20, 2012

The three components (support to policy development, support to on-the-ground pilot activities, and knowledge management/ capacity building) are relevant and coherent.

Some activities, like in component 1, are supposed to be developed during the PPG. Therefore, please update accordingly.

The project framework doesn't show how the post-conflict activities will support the IESMP activities. Therefore,

proposed "post-conflict" activities. Measurable indicator for each FA outcomes and quantifiable outputs have to be defined at CEO endorsement. Regarding the PA activities, please mentions the proposed number of new PA that the project will create. Please, also clarify the scope of the project (only gazetted or involvement in their development).

February 19, 2013

Further information has been provided regarding PA, however, as mentioned in previous item, please be more specific e.g nb of hectare, status, location. As mentioned in item 13, information regarding the baseline and partner programs has been added, however the project objective and added-value is still unclear. Please, better demonstrate how the activities suggested by the project will complement the on-going programs developed by partners and will effectively address the threat/pressure described in the baseline. The project proposal has to focus on activities that will reduce/ eradicate threats to globally significant biodiversity.

April 12, 2013:

The comments are still valid. Please (i) as suggested in Item 13; select the 3/4 top priorities, (ii) demonstrate how these 3/4 priorities will complement the on-going programs and will effectively address the threat/pressure described in the baseline, (iii) develop metrics/ indicators for each of the outputs (final indicator/ metric can be provided at

		<p>04/26/2013:  The project is more focused. The demonstration of how the projects outputs will complement the on-going programs and will effectively address the threat/pressure described in the baseline will have to be reinforced at CEO endorsement stage.  The development of metrics/ indicators for each of the outputs and outcomes will have to be provided at CEO endorsement stage.  From the information in Table B and the text, we understand that the project will only support the framework development, consultation, and capacity building regarding financial mechanism, and the certification. Therefore, most of the budget of component 2 will be dedicated to the three livelihood options. Dedicating about US\$1,5 million to these 3 livelihood options will have to be very well explain and justify at CEO endorsement stage. Cleared.</p>	
	<p>15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?</p>	<p>No. Please describe the Global Environment benefits and how they will be measured (indicators).</p> <p>November 20, 2012  see comment on Item 13.</p> <p>February 19, 2013  As noted on Item 13 and 14, the proposal is still weak.</p> <p>April 12,2013  Please revise the proposal as suggested on Item 13 and 14.</p>	

	<p>16. Is there a clear description of: a) the socio-economic benefits, including gender dimensions, to be delivered by the project, and b) how will the delivery of such benefits support the achievement of incremental/ additional benefits?</p>	<p>See section B.3. The socio-economic benefits are described. A particular attention will be paid to women. Cleared.</p> <p>November 20,2012 Preliminary information is provided. Further information (including measurable indicators) will be provided at CEO endorsement.</p>	
	<p>17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?</p>	<p>The key stakeholders on the ground are identified, including CSOs and local communities. However, there is no mention of indigeneous people. Please, complete.</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Cleared.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 Preliminary information is provided. Further information (including measurable indicators) will be provided at CEO endorsement.</p>	
	<p>18. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change and provides sufficient risk mitigation measures? (i.e., climate resilience)</p>	<p>- There is a preliminary list of risks. - However, some important risks seem missing. In the description of the baseline situation and the problems to address, there is mention of planned mining activities, non sustainable exploitation of mangroves and aquatic live forms (with the use of dynamite, poisons, and non-homologated nets), the expansion of large scale agriculture, poaching, illegal logging... All these sectors and the difficulties to integrate biodiversity issues should be included in the reasoning. Please, revise.</p>	

		<p>analysis at CEO endorsement.</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Addressed.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 Addressed</p>	
	<p>19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?</p>	<p>- The project can be justified on the top of other UNEP interventions mainly on conservation issues in the South Western regions of Cameroon (other UNEP interventions from the Marine and Fresh Water Branch and the Conflict and Disaster Risk management branch should be better described).</p> <p>- However, we did not capture the sources of funding, the role and the activities or other cofinancing partners (local governments, OPED, FFI, University of Dschang, CAMECO, CHEDE, other programs tbd). Please, clarify.</p> <p>- The coordination with other GEF projects in Cameroon (Ngoyla Mintom, PNDP, FDEPG) or in the Congo Basin under the GEF4 Strategic Program is well noted.</p> <p>- The collaboration with local stakeholders and initiatives is also well noted (OPED, CHEDE), as well as the potential partners active in and around the Cross River National Park (GFA/DFS, GIZ, WCS, WWF).</p> <p>April 6, 2012 Please revise this part depending on the project adjustments.</p>	

		<p>In this section, please, mention only the related initiatives and not the co-financing partners. The information related to co-financing partners has to be include into the section presenting the project components.</p> <p>February 19, 2013 Additional information is provided, however there is no specific mention regarding the coordination with these initiatives, which could be highly beneficial to the project e.g coordination with GEF project on conservation of mangrove ecosystem in Cameroon.</p> <p>April 12, 2013 Please provide additional information regarding the coordination with the related initiatives at CEO endorsement.</p>	
	<p>20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?</p>	<p>In the section B5, we understand that UNEP has already identified most of the local partners. The Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection will be the Executing Agency of the project. Cofinancing partners will be associated in the execution.</p> <p>At CEO endorsement, please detail the execution arrangements.</p> <p>April 6, 2012 - The current proposal involves several NGOs and scientific partners in the project implementation. Please, develop their roles in the implementation arrangements.</p> <p>- Clarify the implementation arrangements with the local and regional</p>	

		<p>November 20, 2012  The Ministry of Environment and nature Protection will be the national Executing Agency. Several CSO will be executing partners. Further detail on the project arrangement will be provided at CEO endorsement.</p>	
	21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		
	22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?		
Project Financing	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	<p>The management costs reach 5 percent of the project grant.</p> <p>November 20, 2012  The Project Management cost is about 5% of the project grant, which is fine.</p>	
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	<p>See cell. 14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No comment can be done on the cofinancing per objective without a better understanding of this cofinancing. Please, clarify.</li> <li>- Component 1 on the enabling environment/strategies/capacity development: reduce the amount.</li> <li>- Component 2 on mainstreaming biodiversity on the ground: assign 50 percent or 2/3 of resources to this component.</li> <li>- A component 3 on Knowledge Management, monitoring, and evaluation is acceptable. Please reduce the budget under 5 percent.</li> <li>- A component 4 for management costs is possible (5 percent).</li> </ul>	



		<p>November 20, 2012 The funding and co-financing per objective is appropriate.</p>	
	<p>25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.</p>	<p>- There is a proposed ratio of 1:4.69. - However, please explain what is the idea behind "other projects and programmes for \$9 million". Are you referring to bilateral aid agencies and NGO support to the Cross River National park? - We are relatively surprised by the high amounts of cofinancing brought by the civil society (NGO and universities) as well as by the local governments. Please explain.</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Depending on the new orientations of the project, please clarify the sources and the role of cofinancing partners.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 The co-financing ratio is about 1:4; which is fine. However, clarification on the co-financing of one million by the local CSO OPED and five million co-financing from the bilateral cooperation projects will be appreciated. There is a difference between the co-financing amount presented in Table A and Table B and C, please modify accordingly. Table C, please use one line for each type of indicative co-financing.</p> <p>February 19, 2013 Table C, please use one line for each type of indicative co-financing.</p> <p>April 12, 2013 The comment is still valid.</p>	

		<p>04/26/2013: Comment is still valid. Please use one line per bilateral cofinancier. One line for Japan, one line for French Development Agency, one line for IFAD.</p> <p>06/07/2013: Cleared.</p>	
	<p>26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?</p>	<p>UNEP is providing cofinancing from its main activities in the area of Bakassi (LifeWeb, GRASP, PoW). Please describe the cofinancing brought by other UNEP's branches.</p> <p>April 3, 2012 Addressed</p> <p>November 20, 2012 UNEP through its Disaster and Conflict and Fresh water branches will provide US\$ 950,000; in kind. UNEP/LifeWeb projects could provide US\$400,000; the co-financing will be confirmed at CEO endorsement stage.</p> <p>February 19, 2013 UNEP co-financing has been reduced. UNEP/LifeWeb projects could provide US\$ 400,000. Please specify if this financing will be either in cash or in kind.</p> <p>April 12, 2013 Cleared.</p>	
<p>Project Monitoring and Evaluation</p>	<p>27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?</p>		
	<p>28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&amp;E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?</p>		

	adequately to comments from:		
	• STAP?		
	• Convention Secretariat?		
	• Council comments?		
	• Other GEF Agencies?		

**Secretariat Recommendation**

<p>Recommendation at PIF Stage</p>	<p><b>30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?</b></p>	<p>The project cannot be recommended yet. Please address the comments above.</p> <p>April 4, 2012 The project cannot be recommended yet. Please, address the comments above.</p> <p>May 8, 2012 The PIF cannot be recommended. Additional information and clarification have been provided however most of the comments of the review sheet are still valid. Therefore, significant improvement on the scope and targeted areas has to be done before new submission.</p> <p>- The rationale to work on two very different landscapes (in one hand a coastal ecosystem in a post conflict context and in another hand a forest area threatened by large scale agriculture development) is not convincing therefore please either focus the effort on one area or submit two different projects</p> <p>- The project should build on the experience from disaster and Conflict Branch and Fresh Water Unit and in the context of the project under development by UNEP Marine and Fresh Water Branch.</p> <p>- Depending on the orientations of the future project, but the involvement of</p>	<p></p>
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enhanced.

- The ratio of activities for training, development of guidelines, tools and information kits has to be reasonable in comparison to the pilot activities for dissemination, scale-up.

The baseline project will be adjusted depending of the new project focus, as well as the problems and barriers that the project will address. The incremental reasoning and how GEF resources will be used on the top of the cofinancing projects for Global Environment Benefits will have to be further developed.

November 20, 2012

The project cannot be recommended at this stage. Please, address the issues raised above.

February 19, 2013:

The project cannot be recommended at this stage. The issues raised have not been satisfactorily addressed.

April 4, 2013

The quality of the document has been improved; however the project proposal cannot be recommended at this stage. Please, address the issues raised in the above items.

April 26, 2013

Please address the remaining issues listed in the above items.

May 29, 2013

The PIF is technically cleared and is recommended for inclusion in an

	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please, include a comprehensive risk analysis.</li> <li>- Include the incremental reasoning, and include one scenario with the GEF and another without the GEF.</li> <li>- Please detail partnerships on the ground, and how indigenous people issues will be addressed.</li> <li>- Confirm the same cofinancing ratio.</li> <li>- Develop the execution arrangements.</li> <li>- Explicitly explain the governance, objectives of the financing mechanism.</li> <li>- Develop a Monitoring Plan, including the indicators to measure the Global Environment Benefits.</li> <li>- Include the Tracking tools (Excel tables).</li> </ul>	
Recommendation at CEO Endorsement/ Approval	32. At endorsement/approval, did Agency include the progress of PPG with clear information of commitment status of the PPG?		
	<b>33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?</b>		
Review Date (s)	First review*	December 08, 2011	
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 06, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	May 08, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	November 20, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	February 19, 2013	

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#### REQUEST FOR PPG APPROVAL

Review Criteria	Decision Points	Program Manager Comments
PPG Budget	1. Are the proposed activities for project preparation appropriate?	November 20, 2012 The proposed activities should focus on gathering data, consultation, and the

		<p>co-financing letters should not be "funded" by the PPG budget. Measurable indicators have to be developed in parallel of the outcomes/ outputs development.</p> <p>Some proposed activities are also included as activities in the project proposal (like the advocacy guidelines), therefore, please clarify.</p> <p>The analysis of post conflict opportunities and challenges has to be done at the PIF stage and nourish the project proposal. Further analysis related to activity development can be, then, undertaken by the PPG. Therefore, please adjust the proposal.</p> <p>May 29, 2013: cleared.</p>
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	The itemized budget is justified.
Secretariat Recommendation	<b>3. Is PPG approval being recommended?</b>	<p>We did not review the PPG due to significant changes that are needed on the project budget that will impact the available resources for the PPG. Moreover, due to significant changes requested in the reasoning and the result framework, the PPG has to be rethought. Thanks.</p> <p>April 3, 2012 The PPG is not recommended. Significant changes are still expected on the PIF and the PPG will have to be deeply revised.</p> <p>November 20, 2012 The PPG cannot be recommended at this stage. Please, address the issues raised above.</p> <p>May 29, 2013: Cleared</p>
	4. Other comments	
Review Date (s)	First review*	November 20, 2012
	Additional review (as necessary)	May 29, 2013

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