



GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO ENABLING ACTIVITY

GEF ID:	4943		
Country/Region:	Congo		
Project Title:	Support to Congo for the Revision of the NBSAPs and Development of Fifth National Report to the CBD		
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):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$220,000
Co-financing:	\$212,000	Total Project Cost:	\$432,000
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
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Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	04/12: Yes, Congo is eligible for funding.
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?*	04/12: Yes, in a letter dated July 7, 2011 for \$220,000.
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported? *	
	4. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?*	04/12: Yes. Support will be provided by the UNEP headquarter, in Nairobi. UNEP staff will provide project oversight, including coordination of the PSC, and monitoring and evaluation.
Resource Availability	5. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	• the STAR allocation?	04/12: N/A
	• the focal area allocation?	04/12: N/A
	• focal area set-aside?	04/12: Yes. The project is requesting \$220,000. However, table C shows a total request of \$242,000. Thus, there is a discrepancy of figure between the OFP letter and Table C. Please, update Table C accordingly. Finally, Table C, Fourth column, please, replace "Congo" with "Congo"

		<p>05/08: No. In its letter dated of July 7, the OFP excepts to receive up to \$220,000 therefore the total amount of the request cannot exceeded \$220,000 (project and fees included). Therefore, please update accordingly.</p> <p>07/26: Addressed.</p>
Project Consistency	6. Is the project aligned with the focal areas results framework?	04/12: Yes, the project is well aligned with the BD results framework.
	7. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal areas objectives identified?	04/12: Yes, the project will contribute to the GEF BD objective 5: "Integrate CBD obligations into National Planning Processes through Enabling Activities".
	8. 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?	04/12: Yes, the EA is consistent with recipient country's national strategies and on-going projects.
	9. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	04/12: Yes, the EA will involve national staff and stakeholders to develop their own capacities for planning and strategizing for conservation. Use of international consultants will be minimal.
	10. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	04/12: Yes. All activities required by COP are included.
	11. Is there a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation?	04/12: Yes, the gender dimension is well included in the proposal.
	12. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	04/12: Yes, the public participation is well taken into consideration in the proposal.
	13. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	04/12: Yes, a comprehensive list of on-going projects related to the EA has been provided. However, please give more information on the coordination arrangement.

	14. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	04/12: Yes. The Ministry of Sustainable Development will be the national executing agency and will host the project management unit composed of a project manager and a financial assistant. The project manager will be supervised by a senior level manager and the GEF operational focal point.
Project Financing	15. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	04/12: The project management cost is 10%; which is fine. However, there is a discrepancy between Table D and the Annex on the total budget for project officers. In Table D, the total budget for project officers is \$17,000 and in Annex the budget calls for \$27,000 from the GEF. Therefore, please clarify. Finally, \$83,000 is requested for country stakeholder workshops, which seems excessive. Therefore, please, clarify. 05/08: Addressed.
	16. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	04/12: Yes.
	17. Is indicated co-financing appropriate for an enabling activity?	04/12: The Government of Congo will provide \$212,000 of co-financing.
	18. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?*	04/12: Please, confirm that UNEP will not bring co-financing to this EA. 05/08: Noted, UNEP will not provide any cofinancing.
Agency Responses	19. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:*	
	• STAP?	
	• Convention Secretariat?	
	• Other GEF Agencies?	

Secretariat Recommendation		
Recommendation	20. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?	04/12: No. Please, address the issues raised in the review sheet. 05/08: No. Please, address the remaining issue item 5. 07/26: Yes, the EA is recommended for CEO approval.
Review Date (s)	First review**	April 12, 2012
	Additional review (as necessary)	May 08, 2012
	Additional review (as necessary)	

**** This is the first time the Program Manager provides full comments for the project. Subsequent follow-up reviews should be recorded. For specific comments for each section, please insert a date after comments. Greyed areas in each section do not need comments.**