



REQUEST FOR CEO APPROVAL

PROJECT TYPE: MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECT

TYPE OF TRUST FUND: GEF TRUST FUND

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PART I: PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Gambia Protected Areas Network and Community Livelihood Project			
Country(ies):	The Gambia	GEF Project ID: ¹	5529
GEF Agency(ies):	UNDP	GEF Agency Project ID:	5000
Other Executing Partner(s):	Department of Parks and Wildlife Management, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Water Resources & Wildlife	Submission Date:	March 24, 2015
GEF Focal Area (s):	Biodiversity	Project Duration(Months)	48
Name of Parent Program	NA	Project Agency Fee (\$):	125,809

A. FOCAL AREA STRATEGY FRAMEWORK²

Focal Area Objectives	Expected FA Outcomes	Expected FA Outputs	Trust Fund	Grant Amount (\$)	Cofinancing (\$)
BD-1: Improve sustainability of protected area systems	Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness of existing and new protected areas.	Output 1.1. New protected areas and coverage of unprotected ecosystems	GEF TF	1,214,310	797,455
BD-2: Mainstream Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into Production Landscapes, Seascapes and Sectors	Outcome 2.1: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes and seascapes that integrate biodiversity conservation.	Output 2.1. Policies and regulatory frameworks for production sectors.	GEF TF	110,000	3,893,454
Total project costs				1,324,310	4,690,909

B. PROJECT FRAMEWORK

Project Objective: <i>To expand and strengthen the management of priority protected areas in The Gambia, including through enhanced community-based natural resource management</i>						
Project Component	Grant Type	Expected Outcomes	Expected Outputs	Trust Fund	Grant Amount (\$)	Confirmed Cofinancing (\$)
1. Strengthen national PA network planning and PA management effectiveness in a cluster of priority PAs	TA / Inv	1. Gazettement of a c. 5000 ha expansion of JNP to connect to BBWR, and of a c. 10,000 ha expansion of KWNP	1.1 – Revised PA Programme of Work and Action Plan	GEF-TF	865,000	634,545
			1.2 – Gazettement of the two PA expansions (JNP expansion to connect with BBWR and expansion of KWNP)			
		2. Enhanced management effectiveness in both existing and added PA	2.1 – Strengthened institutional and technical capacities in the target PAs to address existing and emerging threats			

¹ Project ID number will be assigned by GEFSEC.

² Refer to the [Focal Area Results Framework and LDCF/SCCF Framework](#) when completing Table A.

		areas				
2. Improve land and natural resource management in and around the targeted cluster of priority PAs	TA / Inv	3. Improved forest cover, habitat integrity and connectivity across the targeted PA cluster and surrounding landscapes (c. 60,000 ha)	3.1 – Biodiversity as well as PA aspects as well as sustainable land and natural resources management effectively mainstreamed into the large-scale National Agricultural Land and Water Management Development Project (NEMA)	GEF-TF	332,310	3,836,364
			3.2 – Recommended NRM and SLM practices implemented by local communities under the community-based management agreements, with extension support provided			
			3.3 – A monitoring system in place in the target areas			
		4. Enhanced diversity, sustainability and reliability of community livelihoods	4.1 – Agreements with local communities secured for community-based sustainable land and natural resources management, and related plans, developed			
Subtotal					1,209,310	4,470,909
Project management Cost (PMC) ³				GEF-TF	127,000	220,000
Total project costs					1,324,310	4,690,909

C. SOURCES OF CONFIRMED COFINANCING FOR THE PROJECT BY SOURCE AND BY NAME (\$)

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Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier (source)	Type of Cofinancing	Cofinancing Amount (\$)
National Government	Ministry of Agriculture, NEMA Project	Cash	2,636,364
National Government	Ministry of Agriculture, NEMA Project	In-kind	1,000,000
National Government	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Water and Wildlife	In-kind	734,545
National Government	Ministry of Fisheries	In-kind	200,000
GEF Implementing Agency	UNDP	Cash	120,000
Total Co-financing			4,690,909

D. TRUST FUND RESOURCES REQUESTED BY AGENCY, FOCAL AREA AND COUNTRY

GEF Agency	Type of Trust Fund	Focal Area	Country Name/ Global	(in \$)		
				Grant Amount (a)	Agency Fee (b) ²	Total c=a+b
UNDP	GEF	Biodiversity	Gambia	1,324,310	125,809	1,450,119

E. CONSULTANTS WORKING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENTS:

Component	Grant Amount (\$)	Cofinancing (\$)	Project Total (\$)
International Consultants	120,000	100,000	220,000
National/Local Consultants	148,000	840,000	988,000

F. DOES THE PROJECT INCLUDE A “NON-GRANT” INSTRUMENT? No

³ PMC should be charged proportionately to focal areas based on focal area project grant amount in Table D below.

PART II: PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

A. DESCRIBE ANY CHANGES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PROJECT DESIGN OF THE ORIGINAL PIF⁴

A.1 National strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, if applicable, i.e. NAPAS, NAPs, NBSAPs, national communications, TNAs, NCSA, NIPs, PRSPs, NPFE, Biennial Update Reports, etc.

N/A. The project continues to reflect PIF *Section B.1: National strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions*.

A.2. GEF focal area and/or fund(s) strategies, eligibility criteria and priorities.

N/A. The project retains the same thrust, building on PIF *Section B2: GEF focal area and/or fund(s) strategies, eligibility criteria and priorities*.

A.3 The GEF Agency's comparative advantage:

N/A.

A.4. The baseline project and the problem that it seeks to address:

There has been no departure from the PIF but ProDoc *Section 1.4: The Gambia's response – the Baseline Project* provides additional detail.

A. 5. Incremental /Additional cost reasoning: describe the incremental (GEF Trust Fund/NPIF) or additional (LDCF/SCCF) activities requested for GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF financing and the associated global environmental benefits (GEF Trust Fund) or associated adaptation benefits (LDCF/SCCF) to be delivered by the project:

ProDoc *Section 2.1.1: The GEF alternative and incremental reasoning* (pp. 27-28) and most notably *Table 7. Project activities addressing remaining challenges incremental to the baseline* present the incremental rationale, building on the PIF. The GEF budget for Component 2 has increased, in reflection of the fact that some of the community-based actions are now more geared at PA and biodiversity conservation, not only to SLM.

A.6 Risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved, and measures that address these risks:

ProDoc *Section 2.3: Assumptions and Risks* (pp. 44-45) has confirmed the table in the PIF *Section A.3: Risks* as the potential threats and respective mitigation measures for the project.

A.7. Coordination with other relevant GEF financed initiatives

There has been no departure from the PIF. Coordination with other relevant GEF financed initiatives is outlined in ProDoc *Section 2.8: Coordination with other relevant GEF financed and other initiatives* (pp. 48).

B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT ADDRESSED AT PIF STAGE:

B.1 Describe how the stakeholders will be engaged in project implementation.

The ProDoc discusses the roles to be played by stakeholders and other partners in *Section 2.1.3 Stakeholder analysis* (pp. 34-37). Please refer to this section and most notably to *Table 9. Stakeholder participation in project implementation*.

⁴ For questions A.1 –A.7 in Part II, if there are no changes since PIF and if not specifically requested in the review sheet at PIF stage, then no need to respond, please enter “NA” after the respective question.

B.2 Describe the socioeconomic benefits to be delivered by the Project at the national and local levels, including consideration of gender dimensions, and how these will support the achievement of global environment benefits (GEF Trust Fund/NPIF) or adaptation benefits (LDCF/SCCF):

For local and national benefits (including socio-economic benefits) please refer to § 203-206 in *Section 2.5 Expected Global, National and Local Benefits* of the ProDoc.

For consideration of gender dimensions, and how these will support the achievement of global environment benefits, please refer to § 209-211 and Table 12. *The involvement of women in project implementation* in *Section 2.6 Gender strategy* of the ProDoc.

B.3. Explain how cost-effectiveness is reflected in the project design:

Please refer to § 199-202 in *Section 2.4 Cost effectiveness* of the ProDoc.

C. DESCRIBE THE BUDGETED M & E PLAN:

Please refer to *Section 6 MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND EVALUATION* (§ 247-265 and *Table 14: M& E workplan and budget*) of the ProDoc.


PART III: APPROVAL/ENDORSEMENT BY GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT AND GEF AGENCY

A. RECORD OF ENDORSEMENT OF GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT(S) ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT(S): :
(Please attach the [Operational Focal Point endorsement letter\(s\)](#) with this form.

NAME	POSITION	MINISTRY	DATE
Ndey Sireng Bakurin	Ag Executive Director & GEF Operational Focal Point	National Environment Agency	12 Dec 2013

B. GEF AGENCY CERTIFICATION

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF policies and procedures and meets the GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF criteria for CEO endorsement/approval of project.

Agency Coordinator, Agency Name	Signature	Date	Project Contact Person Telephone Email Address
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ANNEX A: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK (either copy and paste here the framework from the Agency document, or provide reference to the page in the project document where the framework could be found).

Please refer to *Section 3 PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK* in the Project Document.

ANNEX B: RESPONSES TO PROJECT REVIEWS (from GEF Secretariat and GEF Agencies, and Responses to Comments from Council at work program inclusion and the Convention Secretariat and STAP at PIF).

No comments were received upon PIF approval (whether by GEF SEC, GEF Council or STAP) that needed to be separately addressed during PPG.

ANNEX C: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES AND THE USE OF FUNDS⁵

A. PROVIDE DETAILED FUNDING AMOUNT OF THE PPG ACTIVITIES FINANCING STATUS IN THE TABLE BELOW:

PPG Grant Approved at PIF: \$30,000			
<i>Project Preparation Activities Implemented</i>	<i>GEF/LDCF/SCCF Amount (\$)</i>		
	<i>Budgeted amount</i>	<i>Amount spent to date</i>	<i>Amount committed</i>
Technical review and Stakeholder Consultations	10,000	0	10,000
Institutional arrangements, co-financing investments and financial planning	10,000	0	10,000
Finalisation and Validation of Key Outputs	10,000	0	10,000
Total	30,000	0*	30,000
BALANCE	0		

*: UNDP co-financing was used for the initial payments. Outstanding payments will be made with GEF PPG resources, and a rest will be spent during the project inception phase.

⁵ If at CEO Endorsement, the PPG activities have not been completed and there is a balance of unspent fund, Agencies can continue undertake the activities up to one year of project start. No later than one year from start of project implementation, Agencies should report this table to the GEF Secretariat on the completion of PPG activities and the amount spent for the activities.