



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

GEF ID:	4892		
Country/Region:	Indonesia		
Project Title:	Transforming Effectiveness of Biodiversity Conservation in Priority Sumatran Landscapes		
GEF Agency:	UNDP	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-1; BD-2;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$100,000	Project Grant:	\$9,000,000
Co-financing:	\$53,450,000	Total Project Cost:	\$62,550,000
PIF Approval:	April 17, 2012	Council Approval/Expected:	June 07, 2012
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Charlotte Gobin	Agency Contact Person:	Midori Paxton

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Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	03/23/2012: Yes	01/26/2015: Yes
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	03/23/2012: Yes, in a letter dated March, 19, 2012. However, please send a updated letter clarifying if the total financing requested from the GEFTF for this project is US\$9,000,000 (including PPG, and agency fees) as presented in the narrative part of the letter or US\$10,000,000; as presented in the table of the letter. The fees amount in the table will have be to updated too. Furthermore, the budget into the PIF will have to be consistent with the amount requested in the OFP letter. 04/05: The WB provided the following	

*Some questions here are to be answered only at PIF or CEO endorsement. No need to provide response in gray cells.

¹ Work Program Inclusion (WPI) applies to FSPs only . Submission of FSP PIFs will simultaneously be considered for WPI.

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		<p>information: "Previously, there was a discrepancy between the first PIF submitted and the GEF Focal Point's endorsement letter. The STAR allocation for this project is expected to be \$10 million (including fees) as verbally communicated by the Focal Point and we are currently seeking a revised letter of support". However, a letter of endorsement with consistency in the numbers is needed for the approval process.</p> <p>4/13/2012: Addressed. The OFP endorsed the project in a letter dated April, 9, 2012 for \$10,000,000 inclusive of PPG, Agency fees.</p>	
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	03/23/2012: Yes.	01/26/2015: Yes.
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	03/23/2012: N/A	01/26/2012: N/A
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	03/23/2012: The project fits well under the Country Partnership Strategy and the Global Tiger Initiative, in improving the management effectiveness of natural resources. The staff capacity and expertise in the country office are adequate.	01/26/2015: Yes, the project fits into the Agency's program. Cleared.
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"> the STAR allocation? 	03/23/2012: yes, however there is some discrepancies between the OFP letter and PIF proposed budget, therefore, please clarify and update accordingly.	01/26/2015: Yes. Cleared.

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		<p>04/05/2012: Thank for the update, however, please make sure it will be coherent with the OFP updated letter (see Item2).</p> <p>04/13/2012: The PIF is consistent with the amounts stated in the OFP updated letter. Cleared.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the focal area allocation? 	03/23/2012: N/A	01/26/2015: Yes. Cleared.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the LDCF under the principle of equitable access 	03/23/2012: N/A	01/26/2015: N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)? 	03/23/2012: N/A	01/26/2015: N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund 	03/23/2012: N/A	01/26/2015: N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focal area set-aside? 	03/23/2012: N/A	01/26/2015: N/A
Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	03/23/2012: The project is well aligned with the BD result framework.	01/26/2015: The project is well aligned with the BD result framework.
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/ multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	03/23/2012: Yes, the project will contribute to the objectives BD-1 and BD-2 of the GEF-5.	01/26/2015: Yes, the project will contribute to the objectives under BD-1 outcomes 1.1 and 1.2. Cleared.
	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>03/23/2012: Yes, the project is consistent with the Policy on Wildlife. Please, confirm the alignment of the project with Sumatra Vision 2020.</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed.</p>	<p>01/26/2015: We acknowledge that the project is fully in line with the country national conservation strategy however, could you please clearly state it in the project document.</p> <p>02/02/2015; Addressed.</p>
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	<p>03/23/2012: Initial information is provided however, please give more details on the type of capacities developed and the targeted actors (including figures).</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed.</p>	01/26/2015: All the project activities are strategically focused on building capacity. The project will also seek to raise public awareness on the value and importance of the ecosystem services. Cleared.

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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>03/23/2012: Preliminary information has been provided, however, please give a main summary of elements on past and on-going activities in the area targeted, including an insight of the funding amount, and indicate clearly where the gaps are. Furthermore, in order to strengthen the baseline, please provide more details on: - the threats - the role of the provincial government in the project</p> <p>04/05/2012: Information has been provided. However, please give an insight of the baseline funding amount in the area targeted.</p> <p>04/13/2012: The baseline funding is approximately \$28 million. Addressed.</p>	<p>01/26/2015: The baseline project is comprehensive, providing detailed on the major policies led by the government and the support it receives from key partners, including WCS, FFI, ZSL. The anchor of this project into the global initiative for Tiger conservation is relevant and will provide good opportunity for the project to report and share experience at the global level. Cleared.</p>
	<p>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?</p>		<p>01/26/2015: Yes, the project will focus on taking into account existing best practice experiences delivered in other regions and transferring these in other landscapes in order to extend their impact and raise overall standard. The project will also review how available resources can be used most efficiently through conducting a financial sustainability analysis and related financial planning to improve cost-effectiveness and disbursement mechanisms for the targeted PAs. The overall GEF investment in strengthening management effectiveness for the targeted national parks in Sumatra will average around US\$0.56 per hectare per year. Cleared.</p>

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	<p>13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/additional reasoning?</p>	<p>03/23/2012: Please, explain clearly how the baseline gaps will be filled leading to the justification of the components, which need to have an integrated approach. As they stand, they present a piecemeal approach. Please, justify also the sites selected and the nature of the activities.</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed.</p>	<p>01/26/2015: Yes, the project will focus on taking existing best practice experiences delivered in specific landscapes and transferring these in other landscapes in order to extend their impact and raise overall standards. In the targeted areas, the project will built on existing initiatives led by both NGOs (e.g. ZSL, WCS) and private sector (e.g. APRIL). Cleared.</p>
	<p>14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?</p>	<p>03/23/2012: With regards to the allocated budget, it is expected to have a focus on districts/government to develop and implement a pilot inter-sectoral governance system. Clear expected targets on biodiversity conservation status will have to be defined for the outcomes.</p> <p>Concerning component 1 and 3, the project should implement a financing plan in at least one PA. Please, further explain how can activities of component 3 be a pilot for dissemination.</p> <p>With regards to component 2, please explicitly detail the activities related to the innovative forest/biodiversity projects and the essential activities leading to the scale-up of REDD+ schemes.</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed at PIF stage.</p>	<p>01/26/2015: The project framework is clear and supported by relevant SMART indicators. Cleared.</p>
	<p>15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?</p>	<p>03/23/2012: yes, however with regards to the WB expertise and the multiplicity of pilot projects in Sumatra, please confirm that the SMART-based patrolling is a method approved at</p>	<p>01/26/2015: The focus on consolidating the PA network management and ensuring the long term financing for these areas sound, especially because it is developed with complementary</p>

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		<p>national level and implemented in other areas and please describe on which previous and on-going experiences in the region the financing mechanism proposal will built.</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed.</p>	<p>actions in the adjacent ecosystems to achieve sustainable landscape management. It is expected that this project will lead to dissemination of this approach in other high biodiversity areas. Cleared.</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>03/23/2012: Preliminary information is provided, however more information has to be given on the involvement of the local communities and local authorities and how they will benefit from the project. At CEO endorsement stage, more detailed and accurate data is expected.</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed. At CEO endorsement stage, more detailed and accurate data is expected.</p>	<p>01/26/2015: The socio-economic benefits at the national level of well-protected forest and its ecosystem services is well described. The project provides detail information on how the local communities, including women will be involved in the project. However, the the benefit that they will gain from this engagement is not detailed enough. For example, it would interesting to provide insight on how the local communities will gain to be involved in the development of conservation agreements. In the case where conservation actions will lead to reduce local communities business opportunities, what will be the mitigation plan develop by the project?</p> <p>02/02/2015: Adressed.</p>
	<p>17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?</p>	<p>03/23/2012: Please futher detail this item, notably with regards to the activities developed under component 2 with local communities and authorities.</p> <p>04/05/2012: Addressed.</p>	<p>01/26/2015: Yes, public participation, including CSOs, indigeneous people, is well taken into consideration. During the inception phase, a full staskeholder implementation plan will be developed. However, it has been already agreed that stakeholder will be invited to the Project Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. The project committed to put emphasize on active participation of the local</p>

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			communities, where appropriate. Cleared.
	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)	03/23/2012: The key risks are identified and adequate mitigations are proposed at PIF stage.	01/26/2015: The key risks are identified and adequate mitigations are proposed. Cleared.
	19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	03/23/2012: Information is provided on some related initiatives, however, please give a better overview of the on-going and future initiatives and how the project will coordinate with, among others, the CEPF, the Tropical Forest Conseration Action, the Sumatran Tiger Trust, the WWF Indonesia programs and, the future GEF Project aiming to enhance PA system in Sulawesi (E-PASS). 04/05/2012: Addressed.	01/26/2015: Yes, the project is consistent and properly coordinated with other related GEF initiatives (e.g. RIMBA, E-Pass, REDD+) as well as with other partners, such as the Global Tiger Initiative, ADB Forest investment program, and the IUCN tiger conservation program. Cleared.
	20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	03/23/2012: Yes, the project will be led by the Ministry of Forestry and implementation will be coordinated by an advisory board, however, please explain how the local communities and local authorities will be involved, represented. 04/13/2012: Preliminary information has been included to the document. However, further explanation on how the local communities and local authorities are involved/represented will be requested at CEO endorsement.	01/26/2015: Yes. The Department for Forest Protection and Nature Conservation will take overall responsibility for the overall project implementation. Landscape level project management will be led by the National Park of each of the target landscape. Cleared.

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	21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		01/26/2015: The project structure is closed to what was presented at PIF. A stronger focus will be on strengthening the management effectiveness and financial sustainability of the five targets protected areas. The activities addressing the wider landscape will focus on strengthening inter-agency coordination for habitat and wildlife protection. Cleared.
	22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?		01/26/2015: N/A
Project Financing	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	03/23/2012: the GEF funding level for the project management cost is about 4.7%, which is appropriate. 04/13/2012: The GEF funding level for the project management cost is about 4.81%, which is still appropriate.	01/26/2015: The GEF funding level for the project management cost is about 4.7%; which is appropriate. Cleared.
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	03/23/2012: The funding for the expected outputs of the 3 components seems excessive, therefore, please reduce or better justify these allocations. Furthermore, please provide the budget breakdown by expected outcomes. 04/05/2012: Thank for the information. However, justification is still lacking. Therefore, as requested in item 11, please provide an insight of the baseline funding. 04/13/2012: Addressed.	01/26/2015: Yes, the funding and co-financing per objective is appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs. Cleared.
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if	03/23/2012: The indicative co-financing ratio is 1:4.45. Please, clarify if possible, the type of Ministry co-financing.	01/26/2015: The co-financing ratio is 1:5.9; which is very good regarding the scope of the project. However, could

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	confirmed co-financing is provided.	04/05/2012: The indicative co-financing ratio is now about 1:5.79. Following your comment, please update Table C accordingly. 04/11/2012: The indicative co-financing ratio is now about 1:5.85. Addressed.	you please confirm that the co-financing bring by MOEF-PHKA doesn't include any double counting of GEF funding. 02/02/2015: Addressed.
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	03/23/2012: The WB will contribute at a level of US\$500,000, in grant.	01/26/2015: The agency fees cap for project above 2 million is 9.5%; please adjust accordingly. UNDP will contribute at a level of \$150,000; in cash. This is rather limited with regards to the role that the Agency wants to play. 02/02/2015: Cleared.
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		01/26/2015: Yes, the appropriate TT have been included with information for all relevant indicators. Cleared.
	28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		01/26/2015: Yes, the project includes a budgeted M&E plan that monitors and measures results. Cleared.
Agency Responses	29. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:		
	• STAP?		
	• Convention Secretariat?		
	• Council comments?		
	• Other GEF Agencies?		
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?	03/23/2012: The PIF can not be recommended at this stage, please address the mentioned issues. 04/05/2012: Please, address the remaining issues raised in the review	

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		<p>sheet. The PIF will not be recommended for CEO approval without the updated OFP letter clarifying the total financing requested from the GEF TF.</p> <p>04/13/2012: Yes, the PIF is being recommended for clearance.</p>	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	<p>03/23/2012: Please, ensure that the following issues are addressed at the Request for CEO Endorsement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear and measurable outputs and outcomes are defined - Co-financing is confirmed - Implementation arrangements with partners and local authorities are well set-up - CSOs and private sector are well involved in the project implementation - A full risk analysis - GEF TT are included - Strong evidence of Global Environmental Benefits and GEF incremental value are presented 	
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?		01/26/2015: Yes. Cleared.
	33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?		<p>01/26/2015: The project cannot be recommended for CEO approval at this stage, please address the few remaining items.</p> <p>02/02/2015: The project is technically cleared and recommended for CEO approval.</p>
Review Date (s)	First review*	March 23, 2012	January 26, 2015
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 05, 2012	February 02, 2015
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 13, 2012	

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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?	
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	
Secretariat Recommendation	3. Is PPG approval being recommended?	04/01/2014: Yes, the PPG amount fits under the threshold. PPG is recommended for approval.
	4. Other comments	
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	Additional review (as necessary)	

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