



## Basic Project Data

Project GEF ID:

<u>Staff</u>		<u>Processing Status</u>	<u>Date</u>
Program Manager	Acquay	Processing Stage	
Implementing Agency	World Bank	Concept Pipeline Discussion	11/9/99
Regional Coordinator	Shobha Shetty	PDF A - Agency Approval	
Executing Agency	National Government	PDF B - CEO Approval	
		Bilateral Project Review Meeting	
		Work Program Submission and Approv	
		CEO Endorsement	
		Agency Approval	
		Project Completion	

## Cost Summary

Cost Item	Years	Amount (USD'000)
<u>Preparation</u>		
- PDF A		
- PDF B		
- PDF C		
<u>Project Allocation</u>		
- Executing Agency Fees and Costs		\$0.00
- Project Management Costs		\$0.00
- Other Incremental Costs		\$0.00

## Completeness of Documentation

Focal Point.....  Budget.....  Logical Framework.....   
STAP Review.....  Increment Cost.....  Length.....   
Disclosure of Administration Cost.....  Complete Cover Sheet....

## **1. Country Ownership**

### ***Country Eligibility***

Jordan is eligible for GEF funding because it is a party to the CBD. It ratified the Convention on 12 November 1993.

(Please correct the date in the PDF proposal)

### ***Evidence of Country Ownership/Country-Drivenness***

- (a) The PDF proposal has been endorsed by the GEF operational focal point (in a letter dated 27 September 1999);
- (b) The Government would provide \$50,000 (11% of total preparation costs) towards project preparation.

We request information on how the proposed project's objectives are consistent with national priorities (e.g. national strategies or action plan)

## **2. Program and Policy Conformity**

### ***Portfolio Balance***

The proposed PDF would help to increase the number of "sustainable use" projects in the biodiversity portfolio which is dominated by protected area management projects.

### ***Program Conformity***

The PDF proposal is consistent with the objectives of OP#1 because it focuses on the conservation and sustainable use of medicinal and herbal plants.

### ***Replicability***

To be provided at Work Program Inclusion

### ***Potential Global Environmental Benefits of Project***

Jordan has a rich diversity of medicinal and aromatic plants, herbs, spices, including about 100 endemic species. In view of the increasing demand for these plants, their conservation would help to protect species of global and national importance.

### ***Sustainability***

We request information on broader policy and/or institutional conditions in Jordan that may adversely affect the sustainability of project activities.

More specific factors that may affect the sustainability of the project should be provided at Work Program Inclusion

### ***Baseline Course of Action***

We request information on the baseline course of action

### ***Alternative Action Supported by project***

We request information on how the GEF alternative actions would improve the baseline situation to achieve global environmental benefits

We request a clearer and more specific description of the indicative project components, at least at the

conceptual level, and how they would complement each other to achieve the overall objective of the proposed project.

***Conformity with GEF Public Involvement Policy***

We request details on how various stakeholders, including local communities and the private sector, if applicable, would be involved in project preparation.

***Private Sector Involvement***

**3. Appropriateness of GEF Financing**

***Incremental Cost***

To be provided at Work Program Inclusion

***Appropriateness of Financial Modality Proposed***

To be assessed at Work Program Inclusion

***Financial Sustainability of the GEF-Funded Activity***

Information to be provided at Work Program Inclusion

***Absorptive Capability***

To be assessed at Work Program Inclusion

***Cost Effectiveness***

**4. Coordination with Other Institutions**

***Collaboration***

We request information on how local stakeholders, donors, etc. already working on this issue or in the proposed project area can contribute to project development (this point is related to the one under "Conformity with GEF Public Involvement Policy).

***Complementarity with Ongoing Activities***

We request a clearer description of how on-going activities listed in the proposal would complement activities envisaged under the proposed project.

**5. Responsiveness to Comments and Evaluations**

***Core Commitments***

***Linkages***

***Consultation and Coordination***

***Consistency w/previous upstream consultations, project preparation work, and processing conditions***

*Monitoring & evaluation: Minimum GEF Standards, ME plan, proposed indicators, lessons from PIRs and Project Lessons Study*

*Indicators*

*Implementing Agencies' Comments*

*STAP Review*

*Council members' Comments*

*Technical Assurances*

*Convention Secretariat*

*Other Technical Comments*

We request a detail implementation schedule for the PDF.

**Further Processing**

The proposed project which focuses on the conservation and sustainable use of medicinal and aromatic plants is eligible for GEF financing. However, additional information is needed to make a decision on pipeline entry and the PDF request.

Program Manager, therefore, recommends re-submission of the PDF proposal, taking into account the information requested (see details above).

The above recommendation was discussed and agreed to at a bilateral meeting on November 10, 1999.