



REQUEST FOR PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)
PROJECT TYPE: Full-sized Project
THE GEF TRUST FUND

Submission date: 19/03/2012

GEF PROJECT ID¹:

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: 00823

COUNTRY(IES): Mexico

PROJECT TITLE: Integrating the Management of Protection and Production Areas for Biodiversity Conservation in the Sierra Tarahumara, Chihuahua, Mexico

GEF AGENCY(IES): UNEP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): CONANP, WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (WWF)-MEXICO

GEF FOCAL AREA(s): Biodiversity

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(s): BD-SP1 PA Financing

NAME OF PARENT/PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT (if applicable): N/A

A. PROJECT PREPARATION TIMEFRAME

Start date of PPG	July 2012
Completion date of PPG	March 2013

B. PAST PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES (\$)

List of Past Project Preparation Activities	Output of the Activities	Project Preparation Amount (a)	Co-financing (b)	Total c = a + b
N/A				
Total Project Preparation Financing				

C. PROPOSED PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES (\$)

Describe the PPG activities and justifications:				
List of Proposed Project Preparation Activities	Output of the PPG Activities	Project Preparation Amount (a)	Co-financing (b)	Total c = a + b
1) Information system for prioritization of landscape units and habitat types conforming biological corridors	i) Geographic Information System regarding ecosystem types, landscape units, river basins, species inventories and existing information voids ii) Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA) of the project area in Sierra Tarahumara; identification of drivers and pressures of environmental change, the state and trends of the environment and options for actions and plans. iii) Identification of target areas for the integration of production and protection frameworks iv) Identification of target species and ecosystems, based on importance, distribution and vulnerability.	26,400	40,000	66,400

¹ Project ID number will be assigned by GEFSEC. If PIF has already been submitted, please use the same ID number as PIF.

2) Review of policy context and regulations related to environmental protection and multi-sectorial collaboration	i) Review of existing environmental regulations for the implementation of a regional-scale program to achieve sustainable production and improve management of protected areas ii) Identification of voids in legislation and recommendation of a project strategy to promote improvements	18,400	40,000	58,400
3) Review of capacities among institutional stakeholders to participate in the development and implementation of the Regional Action Plan (RAP)	i) Stakeholder map and participation plan ii) Analysis of capacities of relevant institutions for collaboration and project implementation iii) Capacity development strategies and corresponding resources needs for the development and implementation of the RAP iv) Comprehensive analysis of baseline investments and securing of cofinancing commitments	18,400	40,000	58,400
4) Engagement and capacity development for local communities and grassroots organizations	i) Participatory program to socialize project goals and build support from local communities and organizations to the development of the Regional Action Plan including an environmental and social impact assessment. ii) Strategy to build community capacities for planning, project implementation, incidence in public policy and resource mobilization. iii) Recommendations of management strategies and pilot projects to be implemented by local communities, based on analyses of and the financial, logistical and human resources available to the communities, best management practices and the recommendations derived from the GIS and biological/ecological studies and integrated environmental assessments	18,400	40,000	58,400
5) Development of monitoring and evaluation strategy	i) Analyses of existing M&E systems of participating institutions to assess compatibility and consistency of indicators used to measure conservation impacts and financial sustainability; ii) Project M&E plan building on and complementing existing systems, including baseline levels, key biodiversity indicators, methodologies and targets to track project progress and effectiveness	18,400	40,000	58,400
Total Project Preparation Financing		100,000	200,000	300,000

D. FINANCING PLAN SUMMARY FOR PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT: (\$)

	Project Preparation	Agency Fee
GEF financing	100,000	10,000
Co-financing	200,000	
Total	300,000	10,000

E. PPG REQUESTED BY AGENCY(IES), FOCAL AREA(S) AND COUNTRY(IES)¹

GEF Agency	Focal Area	Country Name/ Global	(in \$)		
			PPG (a)	Agency Fee (b)	Total c = a + b
UNEP	Biodiversity	Mexico	100,000	10,000	110,000
Total PPG Requested			100,000	10,000	110,000

¹ No need to provide information for this table if it is a single focal area, single country and single GEF Agency project.


F. PPG BUDGET REQUEST

Cost Items	Total Estimated Person Weeks (PW)	GEF (\$)	Co-financing (\$) *	Total (\$)
Local consultants	76	49,000	104,000	153,000
International consultants	0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Travel		25,000	40,000	65,000
Activity coordination	56		16,000	16,000
Miscellaneous				
1) Consultation fora		9,000	10,000	19,000
2) Information and logistical support		17,000	30,000	47,000
Total PPG Budget		100,000	200,000	300,000

* Annex A for Consultant cost details should be prepared first before completing this table. See notes on Annex A for the required detailed information. This table is the sum of all local and international consultants presented in Annex A.

G. GEF AGENCY(IES) CERTIFICATION

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF policies and procedures and meets the GEF criteria for project identification and preparation.

Agency Coordinator, Agency name	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Project Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
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Annex A

Consultants Financed by the Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

Position / Titles	\$/ Person Week ¹	Estimated PWs ²	Tasks to be performed
Local			
GIS specialist and expert in Integrated Environmental Assessments	550	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIS analyses bioassessment reporting mechanism with thematic layers that include: ecosystem types, landscape units, river basins, species inventories and prioritization of landscape units and habitat types conforming biological corridors. - Identification and analysis of information voids and development of a framework to integrate the information as it becomes available, based on inputs from biological specialists
Biologist/ecologist	550	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition of the priority species, ecosystems and communities and recommendations to secure proper connectivity.
Policy analyst	550	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Generation of recommendations of improvements to the policy and regulatory context required to facilitate multi-stakeholder collaboration for project implementation - Generation of recommendations of project strategies for promoting the required improvements
Institutional capacity analyst	550	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholder map and participation plan - Analysis of capacities of relevant institutions for collaboration and project implementation - Recommendations of capacity development strategies and corresponding resource needs during the project
Community engagement specialist	550	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of participatory workshops to socialize the project and build community support and participation - Recommendations on capacity building needs for local communities and organizations <p>Recommendations of management strategies and pilot projects to be implemented by local stakeholders, based on analyses of and the financial, logistical and human resources available to the communities, best management practices and the recommendations derived from the GIS and biological/ecological studies. Recommendations of strategies for involving local institutions in the adaptation of communities to climate change.</p>

Project Budget preparation specialist	536	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oversee project budget preparation activities - Coordinate with CONANP and WWF for the development and integration of the full budget - Perform analysis of existing WWF policies & procedures to assess - Outline project budget plan by budget line vs. component year by year - Calculate detail costs of staff salaries, consultancies, travel, workshops, studies & publications
Project preparation coordinator	1000	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oversee project preparation activities and integrates information generated by consultants - Coordinate with CONANP and WWF for the development and integration of the full project - Perform analysis of existing M&E systems of participating institutions to assess compatibility and consistency of indicators; - Outline project M&E plan including baseline levels, indicators, methodologies and targets to track project progress and effectiveness.

¹ Provide dollar amount per person week.

² Provide person weeks needed to carry out the task and corresponds to the dollar amount per person week in the previous column.