



## GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO ENABLING ACTIVITY

GEF ID:	<b>4853</b>		
Country/Region:	<b>Morocco</b>		
Project Title:	<b>National Biodiversity Planning to Support the Implementation of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan in Morocco</b>		
GEF Agency:	<b>UNDP</b>	GEF Agency Project ID:	<b>4853 (UNDP)</b>
Type of Trust Fund:	<b>GEF Trust Fund</b>	GEF Focal Area (s):	<b>Biodiversity</b>
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	<b>\$0</b>	Project Grant:	<b>\$220,000</b>
Co-financing:	<b>\$150,000</b>	Total Project Cost:	<b>\$370,000</b>
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	<b>Charlotte Gobin</b>	Agency Contact Person:	

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	04/02/2012: Yes, the country is eligible for funding.
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project? * <sup>1</sup>	04/02/2012: Yes, There is a letter of endorsement from the GEF operational focal point, requesting US\$ 242,000 from the GEF TF.
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported? *	04/02/2012: Yes
	4. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country? *	04/02/2012: Yes, the project is in line with the UNDP Morocco's Country Programme Document 2012-2016. UNDP has an established national office with three professional staff directly in charge of the environment portfolio.
Resource Availability	5. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	• the STAR allocation?	04/02/2012: N/A
	• the focal area allocation?	04/02/2012: N/A

<sup>1</sup> Questions 2, 3, 4, 18 and 19 are applicable only to EAs submitted through Agencies.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>	<p>04/02/2012: Yes, the project is requesting US\$242,000, including Agency fees. Could you please update table C in replacing Morocco for Global.</p> <p>04/13/2012: Addressed.</p>
Project Consistency	6. Is the project aligned with the focal areas results framework?	04/02/2012: yes
	7. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal areas objectives identified?	04/02/2012: Yes, the project will contribute to the achievement of 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?	04/02/2012: Yes, the project will build on previous biodiversity planning processes and on the National Environment and Sustainable Development Charter.
	9. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	04/02/2012: Yes, training will be undertaken and staff from the MEMWE will be assigned to the project. Furthermore, it is noted that only 16% of the total budget will be used for international consultants.
	10. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	04/02/2012: Yes, all activities required by COP are included, such as the technology needs assessment and resource mobilization strategy.
	11. Is there a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation?	04/02/2012: Yes, the gender dimension is fully integrated into the project and monitoring of women's involvement will be undertaken.
	12. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	04/02/2012: yes, the project design will ensure CSO participation at each stage of the project. A first comprehensive list of key stakeholders has been provided.
	13. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	04/02/2012: yes
	14. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	04/02/2012: Yes, the Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment will be responsible for the implementation of the project. A Project Steering Committee will be set-up. A Project Coordination Unit will be in charge of the day-to-day administration of the project. An UNDP staff member will be assigned for the day-to-day management and control of project finance.
	15. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	04/02/2012: Yes, the project management cost is about 1.18% of the GEF funding. However, all the activities of management have to be included under the project management cost. Therefore, please specify

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Project Financing		the management activities that will be undertaken by the consultant under the budget note c, Annex C, and clarify why these activities will not be redundant with the management undertaken by the NBSAP National project manager. Please, provide the ToR for the NBSAP National project manager.  04/13/2012: Cleared.
	16. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	04/02/2012: Yes, the funding requested is US\$ 242,000, which is adequate.
	17. Is indicated co-financing appropriate for an enabling activity?	04/02/2012: Co-financing will be provided by the Government of Morocco and UNDP of about US\$ 150,000. Thus, the co-financing ratio amounts to only 1:0,68. We would welcome a greater contribution from these and other sources for the purpose of cofinancing, although this is not a requirement.  04/13/2012: Cleared.
	18. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?*	04/02/2012: Yes, UNDP is providing US\$ 50,000 in grant.
Agency Responses	19. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:*	
	• STAP?	
	• Convention Secretariat?	
	• Other GEF Agencies?	

Secretariat Recommendation		
Recommendation	<b>20. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?</b>	<p>04/02/2012: The project cannot be recommended at this time. Please address the issues raised in the review sheet.</p> <p>04/13/2012: Adequate justifications and clarifications have been provided and the EA is being recommended for clearance.</p>
Review Date (s)	First review**	April 02, 2012
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 13, 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.**