

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 4729

PROJECT DURATION : 4

COUNTRIES : Namibia

PROJECT TITLE: Strengthening the Capacity of the Protected Area System to Address New Management Challenges

GEF AGENCIES: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Environment and Tourism

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP welcomes the proposed project to strengthen the management capacity for the protected area estate in Namibia. As this project will address well understood issues related to PA management effectiveness as well as fire management in sub-Saharan Africa, STAP has no comments to offer on the scientific or technical aspects of the project.

STAP notes that the project implicitly addresses future climate variability through improved fire management techniques. As the project develops, STAP would recommend that project staff collect data on the frequency and extent of fires and correlate these data with climate and meteorological data as part of the project monitoring framework. In addition, STAP encourages the proponents to work closely with staff in the UNDP led protected areas project in Zambia (GEF ID 4639) approved in the last work program which has a significant fire management component

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include: (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.
3. Major revision required	STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement. The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.