

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel



The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility (Version 5)

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

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I. PIF Information

GEF PROJECT ID: 4090 **PROJECT DURATION:** 63 months

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: 2047

COUNTRY: Nigeria

PROJECT TITLE: SPWA- Niger Delta Conservation Project

GEF AGENCY: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): Federal Ministry of Environment (MoE) in collaboration with the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs (MNDA) and support from the NGO Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme (BDCP)

Other partners: Shell, Total and other O&G companies to be engaged, National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), National Environmental Standards and Regulation Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Nigerian Conservation Foundation, Niger Delta Wetlands Centre, UNDP-Shell Local Government Development Programme, European Commission, British Council, Canadian Development Agency (CIDA), Nigerian Office of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(s): BD-SO2 (Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Production Landscapes/Seascapes and Sectors) - SP4 (Strengthening the Policy & Regulatory Framework for Mainstreaming Biodiversity)

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: GEF's Strategic Program for West Africa (SPWA)

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

1. Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency:
Consent

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP notes this project under the Strategic Program for West Africa¹ and refers the World Bank to its general advice on this programmatic approach².
3. The use of IBAT could form part of the co-financing offered by CI and other partners, with training sufficient to prepare Nigerian researchers to add to and implement the use of the tool.

STAP advisory response	Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed
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.

¹ http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/PFD_BD_3785_SPWA_West-Afr_BD.pdf

² [http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/Stap%20review\(17\).pdf](http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/Stap%20review(17).pdf)