



PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF)

PROJECT TYPE: MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECT

THE GEF TRUST FUND

Submission Date: 12/15/2009

PART I: PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

GEF PROJECT ID:

PROJECT DURATION: 1 year

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: P120623

COUNTRY: Russian Federation

PROJECT TITLE: Support to the Global Tiger Summit Hosted by the Russian Federation

GEF AGENCY: WORLD BANK

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: ALL-RUSSIA NATURE

CONSERVATION INSTITUTE AND WWF-RUSSIA

GEF FOCAL AREAS: Biodiversity

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAMS: BD-SP1, BD-SP3, BD-SP4, BD-SP8, SFM-SP1, SFM-SP2, SFM-SP4

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: n/a

INDICATIVE CALENDAR	
Milestones	Expected dates mm/dd/yyyy
Work Program (for FSP)	n/a
CEO Endorsement/Approval	03/31/2010
Agency Approval Date	04/16/2010
Implementation start	04/30/2010
Mid-term evaluation оценка	n/a
Project closing date	04/30/2011

A. PROJECT FRAMEWORK

Project Objective: Provide support for the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit hosted by the Russian Federation to bring together Heads of Governments in order to launch the Global Tiger Conservation and Recovery Program.								
Project Components	Investment (I), technical assistance (TA), scientific & technical analysis (STA)	Expected outcomes	Expected outputs	GEF Financing		Co-financing		Total (US\$)
				(US\$)	%	(US\$)	%	
1. Preparing and holding the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit to launch a Global Tiger Conservation and Recovery Program, including:	AW, TA	High-level and measurable commitments for tiger and habitat conservation in the range states	(i) Expertise and analytical support for the Summit preparation provided (ii) Organisational and logistic support for the Summit preparation provided (iii) Information campaign to highlight the Summit and promote its goals delivered	510,000	45.0%	625,000	55%	1,135,000
2. Project management, including audit	TA			50,000	45.4%	60,000	55%	110,000
Total project costs				560,000	45.0%	685,000	55%	1,245,000

B. INDICATIVE CO-FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT BY SOURCE AND BY NAME (US\$)

Source of co-financing	Type of co-financing	Project
Project Government Contribution (Public budget of the Russian Federation)	cash	440,000
GEF Agency (World Bank)	mixed	85,000
NGO (WWF-Russia)	mixed	110,000
Others (Save the Tiger Fund)	mixed	50,000
Total co-financing		685,000

C. INDICATIVE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE PROJECT (US\$)

	Previous project preparation amount (a)	Project (b)	Total c = a + b	Agency Fee
GEF financing	-	560,000	560,000	56,000
Co-financing	-	685,000	685,000	
Total	-	1,245,000	1,245,000	

D. GEF RESOURCES REQUESTED BY AGENCIES (IES), FOCAL AREA(S), AND COUNTRY (IES): It is a single focal area and single GEF Agency (World Bank) project implemented in one country.

PART II: PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

A. ISSUES, HOW THE PROJECT SEEKS TO ADDRESS THEM, AND THE EXPECTED GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS TO BE DELIVERED:

The overall goal of the project is to enable the Russian Federation (which accounts for 11% of the global wild tiger population) to make an effective and meaningful contribution into the development and adoption of a Global Tiger Conservation and Recovery Program, i.e. an action plan to be developed by Tiger Range Countries and GTI partners prior to the Tiger Summit containing a set of coherent transformational measures to prevent extinction of tigers and restore their population in the wild to sustainable levels, which would symbolise a transition to an environmentally responsible policy for the benefit of biodiversity as a whole. This goal will be attained through addressing the following objective: preparing and holding the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit in Vladivostok (Russia) in September 2010 to bring together Heads of Governments in order to launch the Global Tiger Conservation and Recovery Program.

The project is designed to:

- (a) provide expertise and analytical support for the Summit preparation;
- (b) provide organisational and logistic support for the Summit preparation;
- (c) deliver an information campaign to highlight the Summit, promote its goals and commitments.

The project is expected to produce the following global environmental benefits: mobilised and confirmed political will of the global community to take effective transformational joint measures to prevent extinction of tigers and restore their population in the wild to sustainable levels.

B. CONSISTENCY OF THE PROJECT WITH NATIONAL/REGIONAL PRIORITIES/PLANS:

The project will support the on-going National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy of Russia and complement on-going federal and regional programs designed to ensure conservation of the Amur tiger and its habitats, sustain its prey base, support federal and regional networks of PAs, and strengthen wildlife law enforcement. The project will address preparation and launch of the updated National Strategy of Amur Tiger Conservation in Russia and its respective National Action Plan. It will also help Russia to meet its international commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity, and CITES.

Russia is the only tiger range country where the population of this species has increased since the middle of the last century, and over the recent 15 years, it has been stable with a trend to grow. This became possible owing to conservation efforts made in the 1950s-1980s, including the full prohibition of killing and catching tigers, establishment of a PA network, and implementation of a research program. In the 1990s, international and Russian civil society organisations got proactively involved into Amur tiger conservation and raised significant funds to support nature reserves, fight poaching, and undertake research activities. In 1998, the Russian National Amur Tiger Conservation Strategy was developed and adopted. In 2006-2008, support from leaders of the Russian Government resulted in the establishment of 3 national parks and a federal special-purpose nature reserve to expand the area of tiger habitat protection by 770,000 ha (ultimately, over 20% of Amur tiger habitats are now under protection); and in

August 2008, a national Amur tiger research program was initiated. As part of its preparation for the Tiger Summit, Russia will evaluate and update the existing Tiger Strategy and develop a National Action Plan for the next decade.

Russia has been an active participant of the GTI since its launch in 2008. In March 2009, WWF-Russia submitted its proposal to the Chairman of Government of the Russian Federation to hold the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit in Vladivostok in September 2010, in view of the fact that the Primorsky Krai contains the habitat of the largest contiguous population of wild tigers in the world. The proposal was agreed with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation (MNR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation and the Administration of the Primorsky Krai. In July 2009, the MNR forwarded to the World Bank (as the GTI Secretariat) an official proposal. In his letter of September 11, 2009 the President of the World Bank supported Russia's initiative to hold/host the Summit of Heads of Governments. At the Kathmandu Global Tiger Workshop (October 2009), this proposal from Russia was supported by all GTI participating countries and organisations.

C. CONSISTENCY OF THE PROJECT WITH GEF STRATEGIES AND STRATEGIC PROGRAMS:

The Year-of-the-Tiger Summit will promote increased support for Protected Areas, conservation financing and other strategic objectives of the GTI. The project is consistent with the Biodiversity GEF Focal Area, including the following strategic programs: BD-SP1 – PA financing, BD-SP3 – PA Networks, BD-SP4 – Policy, and BD-SP8 – Capacity Building. As regards supporting tiger habitat conservation, the project is also consistent with the Sustainable Forest Management Focal Area, including the following programs: SFM-SP1 – Financing, SFM-SP2 – PA Networks, and SFM-SP4 – Policy. For example, as part of assisting with the development of the Summit documents such as the Global Tiger Stabilization and Recovery Program (GTSRP), the project will promote innovative financial tools for tiger habitat conservation and sustainable management, which is consistent with BD-SP1 and SFM-SP1. It will support adoption of policy and programmatic tools for optimisation and development of regional forested PA networks which is in line with BD-SP3, SFM-SP2. By focusing high-level decision-makers' attention on strengthening legal and regulatory framework and mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into economic development, the project will address issues covered in BD-SP4 и SFM-SP4, and consolidation of wildlife enforcement and governance measures within the GTSRP will contribute to BD-SP5. The project will also assist with resource mobilization for capacity building for law enforcement to protect the tiger (as a rare species) and its habitats (BD-SP8) and be instrumental in the development of a relevant Programmatic Framework for effective coordination and routine cooperation among stakeholder countries, agencies and organisations.

D. JUSTIFICATION OF THE TYPE OF FINANCING SUPPORT PROVIDED WITH THE GEF RESOURCES:

The project objectives can be successfully achieved with the help of a medium-sized grant (MSP). Timely provision of GEF incremental resources is necessary to complete proper preparation and delivery of the global aspects of the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit in Vladivostok (scheduled for September 2010).

E. COORDINATION WITH OTHER RELATED INITIATIVES:

The project will support Russia's active involvement in the Global Tiger Initiative (see Section A). In parallel with implementation of this project, Russia will update its National Tiger Conservation Strategy and Action Plan as part of its technical preparation for hosting the Tiger Summit. This will derive significantly from the results and outputs from both completed GEF operations – Biodiversity Conservation Project (P008801) and the project titled *Regional Protected Areas Network for Sikhote-Alin Mountain Forest Ecosystems Conservation in Khabarovsk Krai* (P071337), as well as on-going GEF biodiversity projects in Russia implemented by UNDP and the ecotourism project implemented by UNEP. The project will also cooperate closely with another medium-sized GEF project: *Future for the Tiger: Conservation of Large Landscapes* (P112108) already under implementation by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), which has a subcomponent directed at facilitating international inputs into the Tiger Summit preparation.

F. VALUE-ADDED OF GEF INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT:

Without the GEF grant, the organisation of the Vladivostok Tiger Summit-2010 will proceed in accordance with the earlier adopted decisions of the Russian Government. However, in the course of the preparations, it will not be possible to conduct an in-depth analysis of some issues directly related to global environmental benefits, and, in particular, such issues as conservation of trans-boundary tiger habitats, coordination of tiger range countries' actions

in law enforcement, measures to address illegal wildlife trade, mobilization of political will in the global community to take measures to increase in-situ conservation and reduce the demand for tiger parts, etc.

G. RISKS, INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS, THAT MIGHT PREVENT THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES FROM BEING ACHIEVED, AND RISK MITIGATION MEASURES:

Potential risks for the project are primarily related to the country’s political commitment to address such issues as strengthening of law enforcement and optimisation of tiger habitat management. These risks will be addressed through increasing the visibility of tiger conservation needs for top decision-makers in Russia as the host country of the Tiger Summit and a global leader in tiger conservation using Amur Tiger as a flagship species. The project is specifically expected to increase the commitment of the range countries’ political leaders to wildlife conservation and sustainable natural resource management in the tiger habitats (through an information campaign in mass media, workshops, a pre-Summit Conference and the Tiger Summit). No risks related to climate change have been identified for this project. The global climate change agenda offers new opportunities for supporting the protection of forest habitats.

H. EXPECTED COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT:

The project is cost-effective for achieving the GEF objectives for the following reasons: (i) an emphasis on activities aimed at conservation of the tiger as a ‘flagship’ species will enable the project to address more substantive objectives of integrated wildlife conservation in the tiger range; (ii) the project will target resources to assure a high quality of the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit and as such lead to substantive and measurable commitments to tiger conservation by top political leaders; (iii) it will provide additional impetus to the GTI through engaging top policy makers from all Tiger Range Countries under the convening power of the Russian Government, the World Bank and the GEF; and (iv) it will be a high-level signature event in the International Year of Biodiversity.

I. COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE OF GEF AGENCY:

The World Bank is the coordinator of the Global Tiger Initiative and can ensure proper links of the projects with other GTI activities, particularly, under the preparation for the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit, development of the Global Tiger Conservation and Recovery Program and mobilisation of financial resources for its implementation. In addition to its role in the GTI, the World Bank is a recognized leader in funding biodiversity conservation, with unparalleled convening power. It possesses strong experience in other conservation projects, including national projects and CEPF activities that have benefitted tigers in the Tiger Range Countries.

PART III: APPROVAL/ENDORSEMENT BY GEF OPERATIONAL LOCAL POINT AND GEF AGENCY

A. RECORD OF ENDORSEMENT OF GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT:
(The Country Endorsement Letter is attached).

NAME	POSITION	MINISTRY	DATE
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B. GEF AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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