



GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO ENABLING ACTIVITY

GEF ID:	5196		
Country/Region:	Somalia		
Project Title:	Support to Somalia for the Development of its first NBSAP and Fifth National Report to the CBD		
GEF Agency:	FAO	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Biodiversity
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$332,500
Co-financing:	\$470,000	Total Project Cost:	\$802,500
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
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Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	11-19-12 Yes. Somalia's accession to the Convention on Biological Diversity makes it eligible for GEF funding. Cleared
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?*	11-19-12 No. There is no LoE from the OFP. 3-21-13 Cleared
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported? *	11-19-12 FAO will support the implementation of the enabling activity through the FAO Somalia Country Office. Cleared
	4. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?*	11-19-12 FAO does not have a country office in Somalia. FAO will be supporting Somalia's NBSAP with staff based in the Somalia office of FAO in Nairobi, and the FAO sub regional office for Eastern Africa (SFE) in Addis Ababa. Cleared

Availability	within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the STAR allocation? 	NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the focal area allocation? 	NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focal area set-aside? 	<p>11-19-12 The request for \$500,000 is too high. The benchmark for NBSAPs is \$220,000. Suggestions on where to look for savings are provided under item 17.</p> <p>3-21-13 The revised EA has a Total Cost of \$332,500. Cleared</p>
Project Consistency	6. Is the project aligned with the focal areas results framework?	<p>11-19-12 Yes. Cleared</p>
	7. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal areas objectives identified?	<p>11-19-12 Yes. The project is in line with BD Objective 5 "Integrate CBD Obligations into National Planning Processes through Enabling Activities". Cleared</p>
	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?	<p>11-19-12 As stated in the EA, "Being Party to the CBD requires Somalia to develop a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) for implementing the Convention at the national level, and to integrate conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral activities". Cleared</p>
	9. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	<p>11-20-12 Yes. This is included in Component 3. Cleared</p>
	10. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently	<p>11-19-12 Yes. The project has the following components:</p>

		<p>2. Identification of priorities for biodiversity conservation and Development of National Biodiversity Strategy consistent with the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.</p> <p>3. Development of National Implementation plans and reporting.</p> <p>Cleared</p>
	11. Is there a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation?	<p>11-20-12 No. Please address as appropriate. Thanks.</p> <p>3-21-13 Adequate information provided in the Response to GEF comments. Cleared</p>
	12. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigeneous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	<p>11-20-12 No. Please address as appropriate. Thanks.</p> <p>3-21-13 Adequate information provided in the Response to GEF comments. Cleared</p>
	13. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	<p>11-20-12 As stated in the EA, this project is the first GEF BD project in the country and aims at developing the first NBSAP consistent with the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Cleared</p>
	14. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	<p>11-20-12 Yes. The project will be executed by the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine, Resources & Environment. FAO will support the implementation of the enabling activity through the FAO Somalia Country Office. Project execution will be supervised by a National Project Coordinator (NPC), a senior level director at the ministry designated by the GEF Operational Focal Point (Minister). Cleared</p>
Project Financing	15. Is the itemized budget (including consultant fees, travel, office facilities, etc) justified?	<p>11-19-12 The budget for consultants and training is too high. Please address this matter.</p> <p>3-21-13 Adequate information provided in the Response to GEF comments. See also entry into item 5. Cleared</p>
	16. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	<p>11-19-12 The project management cost is 10% of the GEF contribution to the</p>

		Cleared
	17. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	<p>11-19-12 While understanding that the situation in Somalia is sui generis, the funding + co-funding for the EA is too high. Please review the budget allocations to the three components. Budget allocation for the three components should be reduced 25% to 50%. Please use the following benchmarks as guidance for the cost of individual components: I. Stocktaking and Assessment \$30,000, II. Setting national targets, principles, & main priorities of the strategy \$25,000, III. Strategy and action plan development \$85,000, IV. Development of Implementation plans and related activities \$30,000, V. Institutional, monitoring, reporting and exchange (including CHM & 5th Report) \$50,000</p> <p>3-21-13 Adequate adjustments to the budget were made in the revised EA. Total EA Cost = \$332,500. Cleared</p>
	18. Is indicated co-financing appropriate for an enabling activity?	<p>11-19-12 The co-financing is \$470,000 and sufficient, assuming the in-kind contributions become effective. Cleared</p>
	19. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?*	<p>11-19-12 FAO is bringing \$270K in co-financing. Cleared</p>
	20. Comments related to adequacy of information submitted by country for financial management and procurement assessment.	
Agency Responses	21. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:*	
	• STAP?	
	• Convention Secretariat?	
	• Other GEF Agencies?	

Secretariat Recommendation		
Recommendation	22. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?	11-20-12 No. Please address the outstanding issues under items 2, 5, 11, 12, 15 and 17. Thanks. 3-21-13 This EA is recommended for approval.
Review Date (s)	First review**	November 20, 2012
	Additional review (as necessary)	March 21, 2013
	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.**