



PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT (PPG)

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TYPE OF TRUST FUND: GEF Trust Fund

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GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: 00659

COUNTRY(IES): Global

PROJECT TITLE: Standardized Methodologies For Carbon Accounting And Ecosystem Services Valuation Of Blue Forests

GEF AGENCY(IES): UNEP, (select), (select)

GEF FOCAL AREA(S): International Waters

A. PROJECT PREPARATION TIMEFRAME

Start date of PPG	11/01/2011
Completion date of PPG	06/01/2012

B. PROPOSED PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES (\$)

Describe the PPG activities and justifications:

The Blue Forest FSP is a direct response to an urgent priority identified in GEF-5 under the International Waters Focal Area which states that “stopping the loss of the ocean’s —blue forests (which some studies show exceed carbon absorption of the land) is an urgent priority for coastal management to protect these important carbon sinks”. In Objective 3 of the IW strategy, a core output is identified as ‘demo-scale local action implemented... to restore/protect coastal —blue forests’.

There is however a clear need (1) to fill out gaps in knowledge concerning the carbon fluxes, storage, possible greenhouse gas emissions from habitat degradation and ecosystem service values of these ecosystems, (2) develop standardized methodologies to measure these values consistently, and (3) to advise international policy in order to create international mechanisms for protecting these values and to ensure that GEF IW projects have tools available for understanding the values of coastal ecosystems. Therefore, a PIF has been designed and submitted to GEF Sec. However the baseline information is not currently sufficient to design the most effective intervention. Therefore, all PPG activities proposed below are needed contribution to elaborate the PIF into a Project Document. The following activities to be undertaken during the preparatory phase will support work on preparing background information for the envisioned FSP activities.

Component 1 - Agenda for Blue Forest working groups.

In support of Component 1 of the FSP, preparation of terms of reference and work programmes for 3 experts working groups. The 3 working groups will focus on (a) science of carbon sequestration, storage, greenhouse gas emissions and flux of 3 blue forest ecosystems (mangroves, seagrass, saltmarsh), (b) economic valuations of ecosystem services of blue forest ecosystems, and (c) market and policy options for blue forests within international climate change negotiations and markets.

Component 2 - Small Scale interventions

In support of component 2 of the FSP, development of selection criteria, related terms of reference for and selection of 5 small-scale interventions.

This will include preparation of documentation for small-scale interventions, including clear objectives, outcomes, outputs and activities, budgets, workplans and log frames, as well as M&E plans with SMART indicators and stakeholder participation plans. Furthermore, desktop studies for each selected small-scale intervention will be conducted in order to establish baseline conditions. TORs for a replication strategy will be prepared for each small-scale intervention.

Component 3 - Planning in support of component 3 of the FSP

This will include (1) an analysis of the current state of knowledge and crucial gaps in knowledge for blue forest carbon sequestration, storage, emissions and fluxes, as well as wider ecosystem services and (2) the identification of institutions, scientists and projects to address gaps in knowledge.

Component 4 - Inception and validation workshops

Given the global scope of the FSP, and the critical need to secure full engagement of the FSP consortium of executing partners, a PPG inception and validation workshops will help build consensus and finalize agreement on resources and roles of the respective project partners. Given that one of the key elements of the FSP is to reach a consensus for globally-standardized and independently-approved methodologies for measuring, verifying, reporting and monitoring carbon as well as for economic valuation of ecosystem services for coastal blue forest ecosystems such as mangroves, seagrass or saltmarsh, stakeholder consultation during the preparation phase will be paramount to ensure success of the FSP. Such engagement will illustrate synergistic benefits of a solid consortium of executing partners in support of the FSP and maximize opportunities for co-financing.

List of Proposed Project Preparation Activities	Output of the PPG Activities	Trust Fund	Grant Amount (a)	Co-financing (b)	Total c = a + b
Component 1 - Agenda for Blue Forest expert working groups	Terms of reference for 3 expert working groups as described above. Fully documented and costed planning strategy for the conduct of the 3 experts working groups.	(select)	10,000	15,000	25,000
Component 2 - Develop criteria and terms of reference for selection of small-scale interventions and actual selection of sites for small-scale interventions	Five small-scale intervention documentation, including clear objectives, outcomes, outputs and activities, budget, workplan and log frame, as well as M&E plan with SMART indicators and stakeholder	(select)	15,000	10,000	25,000

	<p>participation plan.</p> <p>Sites selection and baseline desktop surveys for small-scale interventions</p> <p>TORs for a replication strategy for each small-scale intervention</p>				
Component 3 - Strategy for fillings knowledge gaps	<p>Analysis of knowledge gaps.</p> <p>Analysis of institutions, scientists and projects to address gaps in knowledge base</p> <p>A documented costed strategy including detailed TORs for supporting the execution of component 3 of the FSP.</p>	(select)	10,000	10,000	20,000
Component 4: Inception and validation workshops	<p>Validated project proposal with roles, responsibilities and budget defined.</p> <p>Detailed project organigram and decision flow chart, as well as Terms of Reference for the staff in charge of project execution and management.</p>	(select)	40,000	35,000	75,000
		(select)			0
		(select)			0
		(select)			0
Total Project Preparation Financing			75,000	70,000	145,000

C. FINANCING PLAN SUMMARY FOR PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT: (\$)

	Project Preparation	Agency Fee
Grant Amount	75,000	7,500
Co-financing	70,000	
Total	145,000	7,500

D. PPG AMOUNT REQUESTED BY AGENCY(IES), FOCAL AREA(S) AND COUNTRY(IES)¹

Trust Fund	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Country Name/ Global	(in \$)		
				PPG (a)	Agency Fee (b)	Total c = a + b
(select)	UNEP	International Waters	Global	75,000	7,500	82,500
(select)	(select)	(select)				0
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(select)	(select)	(select)				0
Total PPG Amount				75,000	7,500	82,500

¹ No need to provide information for this table if it is a single focal area, single country and single GEF Agency project.


E. PPG BUDGET

Cost Items	Total Estimated Person Weeks for Grant (PW)	Grant Amount (\$)	Co-financing (\$)	Total(\$)
Local consultants *				0
International consultants*	28	35,000	35,000	70,000
Travel				0
Inception and validation workshops		40,000	35,000	75,000
				0
				0
Total PPG Budget		75,000	70,000	145,000

* Annex A for Consultant cost details should be prepared first before completing this table. See notes on Annex A for the required detailed information. This table is the sum of all local and international consultants presented in Annex A.

F. GEF AGENCY(IES) CERTIFICATION

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF policies and procedures and meets the GEF LDCF/SCCF Trust Fund criteria for project identification and preparation.

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Annex A

Consultants Financed by the Project Preparation Grant (PPG)

Type of Consultant	Position / Titles	\$/ Person Week¹	Estimated PWs²	Tasks to be Performed
International	Technical Assistance In Support Of The Selection And Design Of Small Scale Interventions In Support Of Component 2 Of The PPG As Described Above.	1250	12.00	Responsible for (1) technical review of small-scale intervention documentation, including clear objectives, outcomes, outputs and activities, budget, workplan and log frame, as well as M&E plan with SMART indicators and stakeholder participation plan; (2) review of baseline desktop surveys for small-scale interventions, and (3) preparation of TORs for a replication strategy for each small-scale interventions.
International	Technical Assistance Supporting The Formulation Of An Agenda For Blue Forest Expert Working Groups And The Design Of A Strategy For Filling Knowledge Gaps In Support Of Ppg Components 1 & 3 As Described Above.	1250	16.00	Responsible (1) for the preparation of detailed TORs for the experts working groups , (2) identification of institutions, scientists and projects to address gaps in knowledge, and (3) preparation of documentation, including clear objectives, outcomes, outputs and activities, budgets, workplans and log frames, as well as M&E plans with SMART indicators and stakeholder participation plans for projects addressing gaps in knowledge identified.
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¹ Provide dollar amount per person week.

² Provide person weeks needed to carry out the task

