

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

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Screener: Douglas Taylor, STAP Secretary

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GEF PROJECT ID¹: 3990 **PROJECT DURATION:** 24 months

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:

COUNTRY(IES): Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, and Tunisia. The Palestinian Authority also participates.

PROJECT TITLE: Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean.

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

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): UNEP Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), MAP's Regional Activity Centers (RACs): Priority Actions Programme (PAP/RAC) and Blue Plan (BP/RAC); and Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): International Waters

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): SP1, SP3

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT (if applicable): Mediterranean Sustainable Development Program, ("Sustainable Med")

Full size project GEF Trust Fund

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(ies): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. This PIF described a well-founded project backed by good knowledge of the biophysical and socio-political circumstances facing the Mediterranean, and supported by a new international agreement (the Madrid ICZM Protocol to the Barcelona Convention, the implementation of which the project will support.
3. The project is ambitious, however, especially in its 2 year timeframe. STAP stresses the importance of strong linkages with the GEF-WB Sustainable Med program.
4. The project proponents have interpreted GEBs in a non-standard way – the linking of knowledge. This should be revisited.

<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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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.