

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

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I. PIF Information

Full size project **GEF Trust Fund**

GEFSEC PROJECT ID: 3831

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: BO-X1001

COUNTRY(IES): Bolivia

PROJECT TITLE: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and Land in the Andean Vertical Ecosystems

GEF AGENCY(IES): IADB

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): Ministerio de Desarrollo Rural Agropecuario y Medio Ambiente (MDRAyMA)

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): Biodiversity, Land Degradation

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): BD-SP4, LD-SP1

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT:

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):
Minor revision required

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. The majority of the GEF investment in this project (\$4.6 million out of \$6 million) appears to be for a large-scale demonstration of technologies, including traditional methods, for sustainable land management with co-benefits of biodiversity conservation. The project will be highly integrated with related GEF and other projects and programs that fund components on (agricultural) genetic resource conservation and use. Therefore, STAP asks that the full project document developed for endorsement indicate in more detail:
 - a. The kinds of conservation technologies that may be applied
 - b. The proposed methodology for calculating the marginal cost of these technologies (para 21)
 - c. The global environmental benefits expected for biodiversity and land degradation outcomes not funded by related projects and programs.

<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.