



# GEF-6 REQUEST FOR PROJECT ENDORSEMENT/APPROVAL

PROJECT TYPE: Full-sized Project

TYPE OF TRUST FUND: GEF Trust Fund

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## PART I: PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Restoring ecological corridors in the Mayo-Kebbi Ouest, Chad, to support multiple land and forests benefits - RECONNECT			
Country(ies):	Chad	GEF Project ID: <sup>1</sup>	9417
GEF Agency(ies):	IUCN (select) (select)	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Other Executing Partner(s):	Ministry of the Environment, Republic of Chad	Submission Date:	
GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi-focal Areas	Project Duration (Months)	60
Integrated Approach Pilot	IAP-Cities <input type="checkbox"/> IAP-Commodities <input type="checkbox"/> IAP-Food Security <input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Program: SGP <input type="checkbox"/>	
Name of Parent Program	[if applicable]	Agency Fee (\$)	483,028

### A. FOCAL AREA STRATEGY FRAMEWORK AND OTHER PROGRAM STRATEGIES<sup>2</sup>

Focal Area Objectives/Programs	Focal Area Outcomes	Trust Fund	(in \$)	
			GEF Project Financing	Co-financing
(select) CCM-2 Program 4 (select)	Policy, planning and regulatory frameworks foster accelerated low GHG development	GEFTF	2,683,486	4,720,756
LD-3 Program 4 (select) (select)	Integrated landscape management practices adopted by local communities based on gender sensitive needs	GEFTF	894,495	1,645,585
(select) (select) SFM-3	Integrated landscape restoration plans to maintain forest ecosystem services are implemented at appropriate scales by government, private sector and local community actors, both women and men	GEFTF	1,788,991	2,786,366
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(select) (select) (select)		(select)		
<b>Total project costs</b>			5,366,972	9,152,707

### B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

<b>Project Objective: To improve the sustainable management of natural resources, and forest resources in particular, in order to reduce CO2 emissions and maintain ecosystem services</b>						
Project Components/ Programs	Financing Type <sup>3</sup>	Project Outcomes	Project Outputs	Trust Fund	(in \$)	
					GEF Project Financing	Confirmed Co-financing
Component 1: Local governance and capacity building	TA	Outcome 1.1 Improvement in the commitment and capacity of various stakeholders for the long-term, joint	Output 1.1.1. Capacity of 13 existing orientation and decision-making authorities (ILOD) and 9 existing local development	GEFTF	520,368	0

<sup>1</sup> Project ID number remains the same as the assigned PIF number.

<sup>2</sup> When completing Table A, refer to the excerpts on [GEF 6 Results Frameworks for GETF, LDCF and SCCF](#) and [CBIT programming directions](#).

<sup>3</sup> Financing type can be either investment or technical assistance.

		community-based sustainable management of natural resources.	<p>association (ADC) in the institutional governance of natural resources improved with a view to restoring forest ecosystems in the project area.</p> <p>Output 1.1.2. Capacity for forest restoration and management of 151 community-based organizations improved.</p> <p>Output 1.1.3. Capacity for natural resources management of local MEP services in the project area improved.</p> <p>Output 1.1.4. Transhumant / semi-nomadic pastoralists engaged in the long-term, joint community-based sustainable management of natural resources in the project area</p>			
Component 2: Maintenance of ecological continuities of forest blocks	Inv	Outcome 2.1: Increase in the capacity for CO2 sequestration through the sustainable management of forest ecosystems over 21 600 ha	<p>Output 2.1.1. Critical forest blocks identified</p> <p>Output 2.1.2. Operational and technical means of 151 community-based organizations to implement natural resources management established.</p> <p>Output 2.1.3. Operational and technical means of local MEP to implement natural resources management established.</p> <p>Output 2.1.4. Management documents (Charter, Convention and SAT) for the regulation of forest blocks developed, endorsed, implemented, enforced and monitored.</p>	GEFTF	1,889,778	2,092,000

			Output 2.1.5. Sustainable financing mechanisms for the long-term community-based management of natural resources established, as laid out in the 20 updated Local Development Plans (PDL).			
Component 3: Integrated management and increase in productivity of natural resources	Inv	Outcome 3.1: Sustainable use of natural resources, development of sustainable income-generating activities and strengthening of the communities' overall resilience to climate change.  Outcome 3.2: Increase the production of degraded soils.	Output 3.1.1. Techniques for the sustainable use of timber and non-timber forest products developed and implemented.  Output 3.1.2. Fishery sustainable management systems strengthened.  Output 3.1.3. Human-Wildlife conflicts prevention and mitigation measures implemented.  Output 3.1.4. Market chains for natural resources-based products developed.  Output 3.2.1. Promotion of agroforestry for the restoration of degraded soils.  Output 3.2.2. Promotion of sustainable pasture management measures.	GEFTF	2,267,014	5,723,207
Component 4: Monitoring, evaluation, knowledge management and sharing.	TA	Outcome 4.1: Project implemented based on RBM, and lessons learned/best practices documented and disseminated.	Output 4.1.1. Assessment and Strengthening of the communities' resilience to climate change implemented as a driving principle of the project.  Output 4.1.2. A set of 5 manuals or guidelines for use by community-based organizations and other relevant stakeholders that capture and describe improved practices, measures and technologies	GEFTF	434,242	987,500

			Output 4.1.3. A communication strategy is developed and implemented.			
			Output 4.1.4. Project Monitoring & Evaluation Plan and system in place.			
			Output 4.1.5. Mid-term and Final Project Evaluations.			
			Output 4.1.6. The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is developed and implemented.			
	(select)			(select)		
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	(select)			(select)		
Subtotal					5,111,402	8,802,707
Project Management Cost (PMC) <sup>4</sup>				GEFTF	255,570	350,000
<b>Total project costs</b>					<b>5,366,972</b>	<b>9,152,707</b>

**C. CONFIRMED SOURCES OF CO-FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT BY NAME AND BY TYPE**

Please include evidence for co-financing for the project with this form.

Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier	Type of Cofinancing	Amount (\$)
Donor Agency	BMZ/GIZ Germany	In-kind	2,792,000
Donor Agency	BMZ/EU TFA/GIZ Germany	In-kind	5,584,000
GEF Agency	IUCN/MEP	In-kind	776,707
(select)		(select)	
(select)		(select)	
(select)		(select)	
(select)		(select)	
(select)		(select)	
(select)		(select)	
<b>Total Co-financing</b>			<b>9,152,707</b>

<sup>4</sup> For GEF Project Financing up to \$2 million, PMC could be up to 10% of the subtotal; above \$2 million, PMC could be up to 5% of the subtotal. PMC should be charged proportionately to focal areas based on focal area project financing amount in Table D below.

**D. TRUST FUND RESOURCES REQUESTED BY AGENCY(IES), COUNTRY(IES), FOCAL AREA AND THE PROGRAMMING OF FUNDS**

GEF Agency	Trust Fund	Country Name/Global	Focal Area	Programming of Funds	(in \$)		
					GEF Project Financing (a)	Agency Fee <sup>a)</sup> (b) <sup>2</sup>	Total (c)=a+b
IUCN	GEF TF	Chad	Climate Change	(select as applicable)	2,683,486	241,514	2,925,000
IUCN	GEF TF	Chad	Land Degradation	(select as applicable)	894,495	80,505	975,000
IUCN	GEF TF	Chad	(select)	SFM	1,788,991	161,009	1,950,000
(select)	(select)		(select)	(select as applicable)			0
(select)	(select)		(select)	(select as applicable)			0
(select)	(select)		(select)	(select as applicable)			0
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(select)	(select)		(select)	(select as applicable)			0
<b>Total Grant Resources</b>					<b>5,366,972</b>	<b>483,028</b>	<b>5,850,000</b>

a ) Refer to the Fee Policy for GEF Partner Agencies

## E. PROJECT'S TARGET CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS<sup>5</sup>

Provide the expected project targets as appropriate.

Corporate Results	Replenishment Targets	Project Targets
1. Maintain globally significant biodiversity and the ecosystem goods and services that it provides to society	Improved management of landscapes and seascapes covering 300 million hectares	<i>hectares</i>
2. Sustainable land management in production systems (agriculture, rangelands, and forest landscapes)	120 million hectares under sustainable land management	<i>21600 hectares</i>
3. Promotion of collective management of transboundary water systems and implementation of the full range of policy, legal, and institutional reforms and investments contributing to sustainable use and maintenance of ecosystem services	Water-food-ecosystems security and conjunctive management of surface and groundwater in at least 10 freshwater basins;	<i>Number of freshwater basins</i>
	20% of globally over-exploited fisheries (by volume) moved to more sustainable levels	<i>Percent of fisheries, by volume</i>
4. Support to transformational shifts towards a low-emission and resilient development path	750 million tons of CO <sub>2e</sub> mitigated (include both direct and indirect)	<i>705,685 metric tons</i>
5. Increase in phase-out, disposal and reduction of releases of POPs, ODS, mercury and other chemicals of global concern	Disposal of 80,000 tons of POPs (PCB, obsolete pesticides)	<i>metric tons</i>
	Reduction of 1000 tons of Mercury	<i>metric tons</i>
	Phase-out of 303.44 tons of ODP (HCFC)	<i>ODP tons</i>
6. Enhance capacity of countries to implement MEAs (multilateral environmental agreements) and mainstream into national and sub-national policy, planning financial and legal frameworks	Development and sectoral planning frameworks integrate measurable targets drawn from the MEAs in at least 10 countries	<i>Number of Countries:</i>
	Functional environmental information systems are established to support decision-making in at least 10 countries	<i>Number of Countries:</i>

## F. DOES THE PROJECT INCLUDE A “NON-GRANT” INSTRUMENT? No

(If non-grant instruments are used, provide an indicative calendar of expected reflows to your Agency and to the GEF/LDCF/SCCF/CBIT Trust Fund) in Annex D.

## PART II: PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

### A. DESCRIBE ANY CHANGES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PROJECT DESIGN WITH THE ORIGINAL PIF<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Update the applicable indicators provided at PIF stage. Progress in programming against these targets for the projects per the *Corporate Results Framework* in the [GEF-6 Programming Directions](#), will be aggregated and reported during mid-term and at the conclusion of the replenishment period.

<sup>6</sup> For questions A.1 –A.7 in Part II, if there are no changes since PIF, no need to respond, please enter “NA” after the respective question.

A.1. *Project Description*. Elaborate on: 1) the global environmental and/or adaptation problems, root causes and barriers that need to be addressed; 2) the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects, 3) the proposed alternative scenario, GEF focal area<sup>7</sup> strategies, with a brief description of expected outcomes and components of the project, 4) [incremental/additional cost reasoning](#) and expected contributions from the baseline, the GEFTF, LDCF, SCCF, CBIT and [co-financing](#); 5) [global environmental benefits](#) (GEFTF) and/or [adaptation benefits](#) (LDCF/SCCF); and 6) innovativeness, sustainability and potential for scaling up.

1) Global environmental problems, root causes and barriers identified at PIF stage were confirmed by the field investigations and local and national consultations led during the PPG mission. These sections have been further detailed and illustrated in the Project Document.

2) The baseline scenario and projects remain consistent with the one in the PIF. The only significant addition is the new PRCPT project, funded by the European Union and implemented by GIZ. This project is highly significant to the present RECONNECT project and constitutes a major pillar on which the incremental reasoning is built. See section 3.5 and 4.7 of the Project Document for further details.

3) The proposed alternative scenario and GEF focal areas strategies remain the same than the one proposed at PIF stage. Expected outcomes and outputs have been refined within each components, the latter remaining unchanged compared to the PIF. The changes introduced in the outcomes and outputs aim to match the stakeholder needs identified during the consultations and to adapt to the environmental and socio-economic situation in MKO region, as understood during the field investigations. Please refer to sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of the Project Document for further details.

4) The incremental reasoning was built based on the updated baseline. It remains globally consistent with the one proposed in the PIF, and it was refined regarding the activities of the baseline and co-financing projects and the value-added of the RECONNECT project. The co-financing are all in-kind. The equivalent amounts were refined directly with the corresponding project team leaders at GIZ, KfW, etc. The equivalent amounts proposed at CEO endorsement stage were reduced because the co-financing project team leaders considered that they should only provide the activities actually implemented in MKO or Chad as a co-financing, and not the activities implemented in Cameroon or in other countries, which may be interested in benefiting from these co-financing for their own national projects.

5) No change introduced.

6) See section 4.8 of the Project Document

A.2. *Child Project?* If this is a child project under a program, describe how the components contribute to the overall program impact.

N/A

A.3. *Stakeholders*. Elaborate on how the key stakeholders engagement, particularly with regard to [civil society organizations](#) and [indigenous peoples](#), is incorporated in the preparation and implementation of the project.

During the PPG mission, community organizations and civil society were extensively consulted on the issue of natural resource management, their perspectives and the design of the project. These included canton development associations (Associations de Développement du Canton - ADC); local associations coordinating natural resource management (Instances Locales d'Orientation et de Décision - ILOD); management committees (Comités de Gestion - CG); village safeguard committees (Comités Villageois de Surveillance - CVS); and community-based organizations. Additional attention was paid on how to integrate vulnerable groups (women and transhumant pastoralist). These considerations were integrated into the project components and are detailed in sections 3.4 and 6 of the Project Document.

A.4. *Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment*. Elaborate on how gender equality and women's empowerment issues are mainstreamed into the project implementation and monitoring, taking into account the differences, needs, roles and priorities of women and men.

The project recognizes that women are under represented in positions of responsibility within civil society organizations and local institutions, including as concerns land planning and natural resource management, and face significant barriers to securing resource rights. Women's groups and vulnerable populations have been involved systematically in discussions linked to the definition of the activities that are to be financed by the project and during the PPG field mission, efforts were made to meet with women. All consultations were required to be done in the presence of men. The activities proposed have been defined taking into account the social and cultural characteristics peculiar to the project

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<sup>7</sup> For biodiversity projects, in addition to explaining the project's consistency with the biodiversity focal area strategy, objectives and programs, please also describe which [Aichi Target\(s\)](#) the project will directly contribute to achieving.

intervention area, while bearing in mind the need to involve men and women equally. They include activities to raise awareness on these issues and promote actions that will raise the economic power of women, including potentially activities to enhance their skills and knowledge, promote social organization, the provisioning of equipment, investments in income-generating activities and providing access to credit. Many of the indicators proposed to monitor the impacts of the project are disaggregated between men and women to better track the project's success at addressing the roles and priorities of women. See section 4.9 of the Project Document for further details.

*A.5 Risk.* Elaborate on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved, and, if possible, the proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation.(table format acceptable):

A comprehensive risk analysis was conducted based on the field visits and the consultations carried out during the PPG mission. A comprehensive risk analysis matrix is provided in section 4.4 of the Project Document. Please also refer to field mission report, attached as Appendix 13 to the ProDoc, for further details.

*A.6. Institutional Arrangement and Coordination.* Describe the institutional arrangement for project implementation. Elaborate on the planned coordination with other relevant GEF-financed projects and other initiatives. The execution of the project will be under the responsibility of the Ministry of the Environment and Fisheries Resources (MEP), Republic of Chad. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is the project's implementing agency. IUCN will support the MEP to ensure execution of administrative and financial matters and will assist in key technical and scientific issues. A national Steering Committee (SC) in an advisor capacity for implementation activities. The Project Management Unit (PMU) will be responsible for planning operational and day-to-day implementation of the project components. Additional details on the institutional arrangements can be found in Section 5 of the Project Document.

The project is structured to align with and reinforce the practices for local governance of natural resources implemented by the Government of Chad in partnership with GIZ via the PRODALKA project and the European Union via PADLGRN and PRCPT, as well as numerous other past and ongoing initiatives. Additional details on these projects can be found in Sections 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 of the Project Document.

The proposed project is consistent with GEF-6 focal area strategies for land degradation (LD), climate change mitigation (CCM) and sustainable forest management (SFM) and will be implemented in close coordination with multiple current and past GEF interventions related to these three targeted focal area strategies in Chad. A full list of these initiatives is provided in Section 3.5.3 of the Project Document..

Additional Information not well elaborated at PIF Stage:

*A.7 Benefits.* Describe the socioeconomic benefits to be delivered by the project at the national and local levels. How do these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of global environment benefits (GEF Trust Fund) or adaptation benefits (LDCF/SCCF)?

The project will focus on the adoption of best practices in forestry and the management of agro-sylvo-pastoral systems. These systems are the foundation of local communities' survival and livelihoods. In establishing best practices, the project will deliver a multiplication of sustainable co-benefits. These include benefits associated with production and yield, as well as maintaining the ecosystems' capacity to provision non-timber forest products, fodder and building material. Many of these co-benefits have the potential to increase food security and support livelihoods.

*A.8 Knowledge Management.* Elaborate on the knowledge management approach for the project, including, if any, plans for the project to learn from other relevant projects and initiatives (e.g. participate in trainings, conferences, stakeholder exchanges, virtual networks, project twinning) and plans for the project to assess and document in a user-friendly form (e.g. lessons learned briefs, engaging websites, guidebooks based on experience) and share these experiences and expertise (e.g. participate in community of practices, organize seminars, trainings and conferences) with relevant stakeholders.

Knowledge management is an integral part of the project design (see Component 4). As stated above, the project also builds heavily on previous initiatives and projects implemented in the MKO, as detailed in Section 3.5.1. Consequently, during the PPG mission, particular attention was paid to assessing the outcomes of these projects. Initiatives, actions



and activities that did not produce the desired results have been analysed to avoid repeating mistakes, and project managers of these past or on-going initiatives were extensively consulted during the scoping and the field missions of the PPG phase.

**B. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSISTENCY OF THE PROJECT WITH:**

B.1 *Consistency with National Priorities.* Describe the consistency of the project with national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions such as NAPAs, NAPs, ASGM NAPs, MIAs, NBSAPs, NCs, TNAs, NCSAs, NIPs, PRSPs, NPFE, BURs, INDCs, etc.:


See section 4.5 of the Project Document.

**C. DESCRIBE THE BUDGETED M & E PLAN:** See section 7. of the Project Document.

**PART III: CERTIFICATION BY GEF PARTNER AGENCY(IES)**

**A. GEF Agency(ies) certification**

This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF policies<sup>8</sup> and procedures and meets the GEF criteria for CEO endorsement under GEF-6.

<b>Agency Coordinator, Agency Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date (MM/dd/yyyy)</b>	<b>Project Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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<sup>8</sup> GEF policies encompass all managed trust funds, namely: GEFTF, LDCF, SCCF and CBIT  
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**ANNEX A: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK** (either copy and paste here the framework from the Agency document, or provide reference to the page in the project document where the framework could be found).

See Section 2. in the Project Document

**ANNEX B: RESPONSES TO PROJECT REVIEWS** (from GEF Secretariat and GEF Agencies, and Responses to Comments from Council at work program inclusion and the Convention Secretariat and STAP at PIF).

See Annex B in a separate Word Document.

**ANNEX C: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT PREPARATION ACTIVITIES AND THE USE OF FUNDS<sup>9</sup>**

A. Provide detailed funding amount of the PPG activities financing status in the table below:

<b>PPG Grant Approved at PIF: USD 150,000</b>			
<b><i>Project Preparation Activities Implemented</i></b>	<b><i>GETF/LDCF/SCCF/CBIT Amount (\$)</i></b>		
	<b><i>Budgeted Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Spent To date</i></b>	<b><i>Amount Committed</i></b>
Firm contract (incl. ESMS, Travels, Meeting cost, Translation)	117,615	82,060	29,285
IUCN missions	15,000	8,462	
Workshops	5,000	9,478	
Agency fee	12,385	9,309	3,075
<b>Total</b>	150,000	109,309	32,360

<sup>9</sup> If at CEO Endorsement, the PPG activities have not been completed and there is a balance of unspent fund, Agencies can continue to undertake the activities up to one year of project start. No later than one year from start of project implementation, Agencies should report this table to the GEF Secretariat on the completion of PPG activities and the amount spent for the activities. Agencies should also report closing of PPG to Trustee in its Quarterly Report.

**ANNEX D: CALENDAR OF EXPECTED REFLOWS (if non-grant instrument is used)**

Provide a calendar of expected reflows to the GEF/LDCF/SCCF/CBIT Trust Funds or to your Agency (and/or revolving fund that will be set up)

N/A