



## GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS\* THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	5560		
Country/Region:	Colombia		
Project Title:	Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon		
GEF Agency:	World Bank	GEF Agency Project ID:	144271 (World Bank)
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi Focal Area
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	BD-1; CCM-5; SFM/REDD+-2; BD-2;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$1,000	Project Grant:	\$10,400,000
Co-financing:	\$32,874,988	Total Project Cost:	\$43,276,988
PIF Approval:	September 12, 2013	Council Approval/Expected:	November 07, 2013
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
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Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion <sup>1</sup>	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating <b>country eligible</b> ?	8/19/2013 Yes. Colombia is a party to CBD, and UNFCCC.	
	2. Has the <b>operational focal point</b> endorsed the project?	8/19/2013 Yes. Endorsement letter dated July, 19, 2013 has been received.	
Resource Availability	3. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the <b>resources available</b> from (mark all that apply):		
	• the STAR allocation?	8/19/2013 Yes. The requested amount is available.	
	• the focal area allocation?	Yes	
	• the LDCF under the principle of equitable access		

\*Some questions here are to be answered only at PIF or CEO endorsement. No need to provide response in gray cells.

<sup>1</sup> Work Program Inclusion (WPI) applies to FSPs only. Submission of FSP PIFs will simultaneously be considered for WPI.

FSP/MSP review template: updated January 2013

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focal area set-aside?</li> </ul>		
Strategic Alignment	<p>4. Is the project aligned with the focal area/multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF <b>results framework and strategic objectives</b>?</p> <p><i>For BD projects: Has the project explicitly articulated which Aichi Target(s) the project will help achieve and are SMART indicators identified, that will be used to track progress toward achieving the Aichi target(s).</i></p>	<p>8/19/2013</p> <p>Yes. The project PCN and the GEF datasheet have clearly indicated the BD, CCM and SFM strategic objectives. The project will be contributing to BD-1, BD-2, CCM-5 and SFM-2. The project will help achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets, particularly 7, 11 and 15.</p>	
	<p>5. Is the project consistent with the recipient <b>country's national strategies and plans</b> or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, NBSAP or NAP?</p>	<p>8/19/2013</p> <p>Yes. Protection and conservation of the Chiribiquete Land Use Planning Area, the focus of the proposed project, is reflected in the National Development Plan 2010-2014 as well as in the National Strategy for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+). The project also responds to the National Forest Strategy for Prevention, Monitoring and Law Enforcement.</p>	
	<p>6. Is (are) the <b>baseline project(s)</b>, including problem(s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to address, sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?</p>	<p>8/19/2013</p> <p>Yes. The PCN identifies agricultural expansion, illicit crops, settlement / displacement of populations, infrastructure, mining, removal of timber for sale or personal consumption, and wildfires as the main threats to the Chiribiquete National Park and the surrounding forests. As a UN-REDD</p>	

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Project Design		partner Colombia has prepared a REDD+ strategy and also important protocols for monitoring deforestation have been developed and validated.	
	7. Are the components, outcomes and outputs in the <b>project framework</b> (Table B) clear, sound and appropriately detailed?	8/19/2013 Yes. The GEF datasheet consists of project framework with project components and respective outcomes and outputs as requested in the PCN review meeting and the subsequent meetings with the WB project team.	
	8. (a) Are global environmental/ adaptation benefits identified? (b) Is the description of the incremental/additional reasoning sound and appropriate?	8/19/2013 Yes. The project will enable effective management of the expanded Chiribiquete National Park and will maintain connectivity in the whole area. The project intends to reduce emissions of 1.164 Mtonnes CO2e and contribute towards robust monitoring.	
	9. Is there a clear description of: a) the <b>socio-economic benefits</b> , including gender dimensions, to be delivered by the project, and b) how will the delivery of such benefits support the achievement of incremental/ additional benefits?		
	10. Is the role of public participation, including CSOs, and indigenous peoples where relevant, identified and explicit means for their engagement explained?	8/19/2013 Yes for PCN stage. The PCN notes that local governments, NGOs and indigenous people will be involved in the project. The details are expected to be provided by QER stage.	
	11. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change, and describes sufficient risk mitigation measures? (e.g.,	8/19/2013 Yes. The project identifies risks due to limited institutional capacity, social and environmental risk related to REDD+ activities. More details and elaboration	

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	measures to enhance climate resilience)	on potential mitigation measures are expected by QER stage.	
	12. Is the <b>project consistent and properly coordinated</b> with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	8/19/2013 Yes for PCN stage. Other projects with complementary goals have been identified. Details regarding consistency and mechanisms for coordination are expected by QER stage.	
	13. Comment on the project's <b>innovative aspects, sustainability, and potential for scaling up.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess whether the project is innovative and if so, how, and if not, why not.</li> <li>• Assess the project's strategy for sustainability, and the likelihood of achieving this based on GEF and Agency experience.</li> <li>• Assess the potential for scaling up the project's intervention.</li> </ul>	8/19/2013 The project aims to address biodiversity and climate change mitigation objectives and utilizes the SFM incentive to bring out the synergies in the project.  Innovativeness: The project targets 2.7m hectares and the surrounding areas of the "Heart of the Amazon" area and the expanded Chiribiquete National Park. It strategically focuses also on maintaining connectivity to ensure the ecological integrity of the network of protected areas and between the Andes and the Amazon. In order to have sustainable results that contribute towards reduction in degradation and deforestation, the project identifies the main drivers of deforestation and intends to establish cross-sectoral agreements among them for sustainable use of the forest products and biodiversity within. There is a clear effort made in the project to strengthen the monitoring, reporting and verification of GHG emissions from the target project sites. Building on the national level REDD-plus strategy and validated protocols, the project will	

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		<p>monitor carbon stocks in accordance with the National Forest and Carbon monitoring system. Project measures to improve management of the national parks and the surrounding areas will thus be clearly linked to national level gains made towards reducing GHG emissions.</p> <p>Sustainability: Local communities including indigenous groups will be involved in project implementation related to sustainable land use practices and forest governance. Agreements among cross-sectoral drivers of deforestation will contribute long term conservation of national parks and the surrounding areas beyond the project life.. The forest and carbon monitoring aspects of the project builds on initial effort the country's Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies and enables the implementation of the national REDD+ strategy. The consolidation of the MRV system in the Amazon will enhance implementation of a Payment for Results in Reducing Deforestation program with other potential donors as well.</p>	
	14. Is the project structure/design sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		
	15. Has the cost-effectiveness of the project been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design as compared to alternative approaches to achieve similar		

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	benefits?		
Project Financing	16. Is the GEF funding and co-financing as indicated in Table B appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	8/19/2013 Yes. More information related to co-financing is expected by QER phase.	
	17. <u>At PIF</u> : Is the indicated amount and composition of co-financing as indicated in Table C adequate? Is the amount that the Agency bringing to the project in line with its role? <u>At CEO endorsement</u> : Has co-financing been confirmed?	8/19/2013 Yes. The World Bank is not providing any co-financing to the project. By QER phase it is requested that the World Bank contributes adequate co-financing resources towards the project.	
	18. Is the funding level for <b>project management cost</b> appropriate?	8/19/2013 Yes.	
	19. <u>At PIF</u> , is PPG requested? If the requested amount deviates from the norm, has the Agency provided adequate justification that the level requested is in line with project design needs? <u>At CEO endorsement/ approval</u> , if PPG is completed, did Agency report on the activities using the PPG fund?	8/19/2013 No PPG has been requested.	
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	21. Have the appropriate <b>Tracking Tools</b> been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		

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	22. Does the proposal include a <b>budgeted M&amp;E Plan</b> that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		
Agency Responses	23. Has the Agency adequately responded to comments from:		
	• STAP?		
	• Convention Secretariat?		
	• The Council?		
	• Other GEF Agencies?		
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	<b>24. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?</b>	8/19/2013 Yes. All the comments raised during the PCN review have been addressed. The project is technically cleared and may be included in a subsequent work program.	
	25. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	1. Details of public and other groups' participation. 2. Expanded analysis of risks and mitigation. 3. Coordination with other initiatives. 4. Levels of co-finance.	
Recommendation at CEO Endorsement/Approval	<b>26. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?</b>		November 5, 2014  After extensive discussions and consultations with the Bank, the project is being recommended for CEO endorsement, as all outstanding issues have been resolved.
	First review*	August 19, 2013	November 05, 2014
Review Date (s)	Additional review (as necessary)		
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\* **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.**