

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 *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 9037

PROJECT DURATION : 5

COUNTRIES : Kyrgyz Republic

PROJECT TITLE: Sustainable Forest and Land Management Project

GEF AGENCIES: World Bank

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic

GEF FOCAL AREA: Multi Focal Area

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies):
Concur

III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP acknowledges the World Bank's proposal in the Kyrgyz Republic on "Sustainable Forest and Land Management Project". STAP appreciates that the project will be informed by a technical study on the Kyrgyz Republic's forests ("The Development Potential of Forests in the Kyrgyz Republic"), and by a second study on the institutional and legal capacity needs for improved forest management ("Understanding Communities Roles in the Governance of Forests and Pastures in Kyrgyzstan"). The outcomes of these studies will provide valuable sources of information for designing the project. STAP looks forward to reading the complete proposal, and learning more about the studies and their connections with the project.

STAP is satisfied with the quality of the proposal and encourages the World Bank to develop it with same rigor. In particular, STAP recommends for the World Bank to define explicitly the global environmental benefits, the indicators and methodologies that will be used to measure and monitor each benefit. STAP also highly encourages defining the forest ecosystems and socio-economic characteristics of the target sites, given these factors are of equal importance to sustainable forest management. Additionally, STAP encourages the World Bank to develop principles, criteria and indicators for evaluating sustainable forest management, based on a sound conceptual framework. This information and process will assist in defining the stakeholders' similarities and differences regarding forest management at different scales (e.g. field level, community level), as well as assist in developing policies that are suitable to the stakeholders. The World Bank may want to refer to the following paper and references for this task: Jalilova, G. et al. "Developing criteria and indicators for evaluating sustainable forest management: A case study in Kyrgyzstan". Forest Policy and Economics 21 (2012) 32-43.

At any time during the development of the project, the World Bank is invited to approach STAP to consult on the design.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Concur	In cases where STAP is satisfied with the scientific and technical quality of the proposal, a simple "Concur" response will be provided; the STAP may flag specific issues that should be pursued rigorously as the proposal is developed into a full project document. At any time during the development of the project, the proponent is invited to approach STAP to consult on the design prior to submission for CEO endorsement.

<p>2. Minor issues to be considered during project design</p>	<p>STAP has identified specific scientific /technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the project proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. The proponent may wish to:</p> <p>(i) Open a dialogue with STAP regarding the technical and/or scientific issues raised. (ii) Set a review point at an early stage during project development, and possibly agreeing to terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>3. Major issues to be considered during project design</p>	<p>STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical methodological issues, barriers, or omissions in the project concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. The proponent is strongly encouraged to:</p> <p>(i) Open a dialogue with STAP regarding the technical and/or scientific issues raised; (ii) Set a review point at an early stage during project development including an independent expert as required.</p> <p>The GEF Secretariat may, based on this screening outcome, delay the proposal and refer the proposal back to the proponents with STAP’s concerns.</p> <p>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.</p>