

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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

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Consultant(s):

I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 6940

PROJECT DURATION : 6

COUNTRIES : Lao PDR

PROJECT TITLE: Sustainable Forest and Land Management in the Dry Dipterocarp Forest Ecosystems of Southern Lao PDR

GEF AGENCIES: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:

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 welcomes UNDP's proposal "Sustainable Forest and Land Management in the Dry Dipterocarp Forest Ecosystems of Southern LAO PDR". The proposal is logically designed and the different sections "the problem statement, objective, components, global environmental benefits, and the incremental cost reasoning " are coherently linked. Additionally, the integrated nature between biodiversity conservation and forest landscape management is well described throughout the proposal " with the stakeholders' roles defined thoroughly in relation to components and the multiple global environmental benefits. STAP appreciates the measures proposed, and encourages the proponent to consider carefully the outcomes that can be realistically achieved during the project period. The development of sustainable alternative livelihoods will be critical to the success of all project components, so STAP encourages the proponent to pay particular attention to this aspect. STAP is satisfied with the scientific and technical quality of the proposal, and encourages the proponent to develop it with the same rigor. At any time during the development of the project, the proponent 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. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved. Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development. Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency: (i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.
3. Major revision required	STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design. Follow-up:

	<p>(i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p>
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