



# Global Environment Facility

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Mr. Steve Gorman  
GEF Executive Coordinator  
The World Bank  
1818 H St., NW  
Room MC 4-111  
Washington, DC 20433

Dear Mr. Gorman:

After reviewing the Project Identification Form (the "PIF") submitted for *Tunisia: Ecotourism and Conservation of Desert Biodiversity under the Regional: MENARID Integrated Nature Resources Management in the Middle East and North Africa Region*, I am pleased to clear the PIF for an indicative amount of \$4,272,300 for possible inclusion in the next work program scheduled for review by the GEF Council. All PIFs cleared for inclusion in the work program will be posted on the website for four weeks prior to Council approval.

PIF clearance authorizes you to begin preparation of the project proposal, taking into account the attached comments made by the GEF Secretariat, which are based on the project concept's eligibility under the GEF Trust Fund and which ensure conformity with GEF focal area strategies.

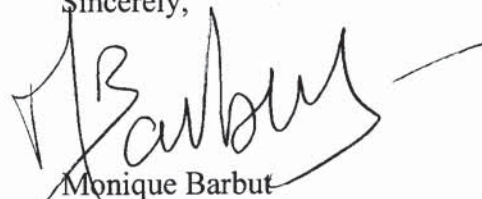
Please note that the final grant amount will be confirmed at the time of CEO endorsement of your final project document. The endorsement will be based on the Secretariat's review of the final project document's consistency with GEF policies and procedures, particularly the cost-effectiveness of the financing plan.

Should Council Members raise significant policy or strategic concerns about the concept, the Secretariat will undertake consultations with the beneficiary country and your Agency about either revisions to address the Council Members' concerns or whether to cancel the project proposal and possibly the associated PPG, if any.

It is our expectation that your Agency will submit a final project document for endorsement no later than December 2009. You are requested to inform the Secretariat at least one month in advance if this timeline cannot be met. We will then consult with the beneficiary country and your Agency prior to reaching a decision on whether to establish a new timeline or to cancel the concept.

I am attaching a copy of the project tracking sheet and review sheet for your records.

Sincerely,



Monique Barbut  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: GEF Project Tracking Sheet, GEFSEC Review Sheet

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, STAP, Trustee

Multi Focal Area  
OP: Oper Program

PMIS Project ID: 4035  
World Bank

GEF Project Tracking System  
Project Clearance/Approval

**Tunisia: Ecotourism and Conservation of Desert Biodiversity**

Authority	GEF Contribution (US\$)	Total Cost (US\$)	Requested Action	Signature	Date
<b>PIF Clearance</b>					
Program Manager	<b>\$4,272,300</b>	<b>\$7,572,300</b>	Recommendation	<u>Mohamed Bakarr</u>	8/24/09
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	8/24/09
CEO			Approval	<u>Monique Barbut</u>	
<b>PPG Approval</b>					
PPG Fees					
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Mohamed Bakarr</u>	
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	
CEO			Approval	<u>Monique Barbut</u>	
<b>Work Program Inclusion</b>					
Agency Fee (at WPI)	<b>\$474,700</b>	<b>\$4,272,300</b>	<b>CEO Clearance</b>	<b>Council Circulation</b>	
<b>Council Approval</b>					
<b>Endorsement w/o PPG</b>					
Agency Fee (at CEO Endorsement)					
Program Manager			Recommendation	<u>Mohamed Bakarr</u>	
Team Leader			Clearance	<u>Gustavo Alberto Fonseca</u>	
CEO			Council Notification		
CEO			Approval	<u>Monique Barbut</u>	