



GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO ENABLING ACTIVITY

GEF ID:	5875		
Country/Region:	Madagascar		
Project Title:	Development of Minamata Initial Assessment in Madagascar		
GEF Agency:	UNEP	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	POPs
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$182,648
Co-financing:	\$200,000	Total Project Cost:	\$382,648
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Ibrahima Sow	Agency Contact Person:	Jorge Ocaña

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	Yes. Madagascar has signed the Minamata Convention.
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project? * ¹	Yes.
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported? *	Yes. UNEP coordinates a number of EA projects and is leading the Global mercury partnership on mercury and has developed among other tools, the UNEP mercury tool kit, which is used in many countries to develop a comprehensive description of all mercury sources, as well as provide quantitative analysis of mercury.
	4. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country? *	Yes.
Resource Availability	5. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the STAR allocation? • the focal area allocation? 	

¹ Questions 2, 3, 4, 18 and 19 are applicable only to EAs submitted through Agencies.
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	• focal area set-aside?	Yes
Project Consistency	6. Is the project aligned with the focal areas results framework?	Yes.
	7. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal areas objectives identified?	Yes. The project should facilitate the ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention.
	8. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, or NAP?	Yes
	9. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	Yes
	10. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	Yes
	11. Is there a clear description of how gender dimensions are being considered in the project design and implementation?	Yes.
	12. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	Yes.
	13. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	Yes. A national Coordination Mechanism will be established and should build on the work undertaken through the Minamata National Committee created in December 2012.
Project Financing	14. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	Yes.
	15. Is the itemized budget (including consultant fees, travel, office facilities, etc) justified?	Yes.
	16. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	Yes, @ 9.1 % is within guidelines.
	17. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	Yes.
	18. Is indicated co-financing appropriate for an enabling activity?	This is an EA. Co-financing is not a requirement. However, Madagascar will contribute \$ 200,000 to the project
	19. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?*	Yes.

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	20. Comments related to adequacy of information submitted by country for financial management and procurement assessment.	
Agency Responses	21. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:*	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAP? 	None received.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Secretariat? 	None received.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other GEF Agencies? 	None received.

Secretariat Recommendation		
Recommendation	22. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?	Yes. EA is recommended for approval.
Review Date (s)	First review**	June 07, 2014
	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.**