

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: 5314

PROJECT DURATION : 5

COUNTRIES : Sri Lanka

PROJECT TITLE: Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs Wastes and PCB Contaminated Equipment in Sri Lanka

GEF AGENCIES: UNIDO

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy of Sri Lanka

GEF FOCAL AREA: POPs

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): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

PIF Information: The project objective is stated as: "To assist countries to review and update the National Implementation Plan (NIP) in order to comply with reporting obligations (Article 15) and updating of National Implementation Plans (Article 7) under the Stockholm Convention"

STAP Comments:

Based on the information in the PIF about the handling and disposition of PCB oils in Sri Lanka, there needs to consideration of substantive elevation of the envisaged public awareness campaign as a Project Component in the final project documentation. It seems that there exists an opportunity to limit the entry of oils into the general society and environment by increased public awareness, since essentially there is one unlicensed body auctioning contaminated oil to small business and the general public for domestic use.

- a) As a reminder, the STAP hopes that the eventual project document will also consider all of the elements that constitute environmentally sound disposal. The STAP Advisory document on POPs Disposal Technology in GEF Projects focuses on what exactly constitutes environmentally sound disposal of POPs, and what disposal technologies can achieve it.
- b) The amount of PCB waste to be disposed of (at least 1000 tons) should be mentioned in the Indicative Project Framework.
- c) Climate change may pose a risk larger than "none" in the table in A3. Floods, fires, droughts, etc, could hinder and delay the project, and impact on selection of interim storage sites, transportation routes et. al..

<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	STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development.

<p>required.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Major revision required</p>	<p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up: (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. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p>