

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

Full size project GEF Trust Fund

GEF PROJECT ID: 3819 PROJECT DURATION: 4 years

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: 606414

COUNTRIES: Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu and Niue

PROJECT TITLE: Forestry and Protected Area Management in Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu and Niue

GEF AGENCY: FAO

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment (Fiji), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Samoa), Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (Vanuatu), Department of Environment (Niue) and other appropriate government departments and NGOs in these four countries.

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAMS: BD SP-1, BD SP-2, BD SP-3, BD SP-4, BD SP-5

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: Pacific Alliance for Sustainability

PROJECT PROMOTES SOUND CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT (if applicable): yes ☐ no ☒

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

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

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP acknowledges this project under the Pacific Alliance for Sustainability (GEF-PAS) programmatic approach. The program is led by the World Bank, with participation from the ADB, UNEP and UNDP and consists of 24 proposed projects from various focal areas (BD, CC, IW and POPs). Please note that STAP is written into the advisory structure of the GEF-PAS (pp. 13, 25 of the Program Framework Document) with reference to more specifically identifying the global environmental benefits.
3. The project aims to review the opportunities for income generation from Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES). STAP has undertaken to produce a guidance document indicating the ways in which the GEF can be supporting initiatives on Payments for Environmental Services (supplemented by a brief summary of the empirical evidence to date on effectiveness)¹. This paper can be provided to the project proponents when it is available in late 2008.

STAP advisory response	Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include: (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review 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.
3. Major revision required	STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement. 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.

¹ See the STAP work program for FY09, GEF/C.34/Inf.11 at http://www.thegef.org/interior_right.aspx?id=22710