

Basic Project Data

Project GEF ID:

<i>Staff</i>		<i>Processing Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
Program Manager	Merla	Processing Stage	
Implementing Agency	UNDP,UNEP	Concept Pipeline Discussion	
Regional Coordinator		PDF A - Agency Approval	
Executing Agency	International Organization	PDF B - CEO Approval	
		Bilateral Project Review Meeting	4/11/00
		Work Program Submission and Approv	
		CEO Endorsement	
		Agency Approval	
		Project Completion	

Cost Summary

Cost Item	Years	Amount (USD'000)
<u>Preparation</u>		
- PDF A		
- PDF B		
- PDF C		
<u>Project Allocation</u>		
- Executing Agency Fees and Costs		\$0.00
- Project Management Costs		\$0.00
- Other Incremental Costs		\$0.00

Completeness of Documentation

Focal Point..... Budget..... Logical Framework.....
 STAP Review..... Increment Cost..... Length.....
 Disclosure of Administration Cost..... Complete Cover Sheet....

1. Country Ownership

Country Eligibility

Under para.9(b) of GEF Instrument

Evidence of Country Ownership/Country-Drivenness

The proposal includes the following evidence of country drivenness:

- letters of endorsement of GEF Operational Focal Points of 6 countries (those who participated to the Pilot Phase);
- "Letters of consent" sent by officials (not Op. Focal Points) of 10 additional countries; these letters are addressed to different individuals and organizations (UNIDO consultants, UNIDO, Mr. Speth) and show interest in joining any follow up of the Pilot Phase project;
- Co-financing in kind from Governments equivalent to \$6k per country.

2. Program and Policy Conformity

Portfolio Balance

The proposed project would expand GEF action in the coastal seas of Western Africa to include 16 littoral states. It would complement concurrent project preparatory actions to the North (Canary Current PDF-B) and to the South (Benguela Current PDF-B).

Program Conformity

In general terms, the project would fit OP9.

Replicability

No mention is made of specific lessons learnt or best practices resulting from the Pilot Phase that could be replicated throughout the region.

Potential Global Environmental Benefits of Project

Providing assistance to the many participating countries in the enabling process of the TDA/SAP preparation and agreement should lead to needed policy, institutional, and legislative changes. Further, this assistance should lead to a commitment to on the ground actions to address the main transboundary issues.

Sustainability

Not addressed.

Baseline Course of Action

Countries will continue their sectoral approach to coastal/marine management; the Abidjan Convention, because of lack of commitments and financial resources, will remain largely ineffective.

Alternative Action Supported by project

Through the TDA/SAP process the Project will encourage joint management and an holistic ecosystem approach, bringing also some strenght to the Convention.

Conformity with GEF Public Involvement Policy

Private Sector Involvement

3. Appropriateness of GEF Financing

Incremental Cost

Appropriateness of Financial Modality Proposed

The co-financing, \$240k, is entirely in kind. No contribution is made by the IA or the selected EA. The PDF-B resources will be devoted entirely to the organization of the Stocktaking Meeting and preparation of the project brief.

Financial Sustainability of the GEF-Funded Activity

Absorptive Capability

Cost Effectiveness

4. Coordination with Other Institutions

Collaboration

Following recommendations made by GEFSEC in occasion of a previous submission of this proposal, full collaboration with UNEP has been achieved. UNEP in fact will co-implement the PDF-B, and lead the organization of the Stocktaking Meeting.

Complementarity with Ongoing Activities

Purpose of the PDF-B works (the Stocktaking Meeting) is the formulation of a comprehensive strategic coordination among ongoing projects, including GEF financed ones, dealing with coastal-marine resources.

5. Responsiveness to Comments and Evaluations

Core Commitments

Linkages

Consultation and Coordination

Consistency w/previous upstream consultations, project preparation work, and processing conditions

Extensive consultations have taken place among agencies, with GEFSEC, and within the Task Force.

Monitoring & evaluation: Minimum GEF Standards, ME plan, proposed indicators, lessons from PIRs and Project Lessons Study

Indicators

Implementing Agencies' Comments

The World Bank has recommended that reference be made to links with WB lead coastal biodiversity projects in the region.

STAP Review

Council members' Comments

Technical Assurances

Convention Secretariat

Other Technical Comments

Further Processing

The program manager would recommend for CEO approval this proposal subject to:

- justification of the selection of the Executing Agency according to its comparative advantages;
- satisfactory clarifications on the state of participating countries endorsements.

During the Bilateral meeting held on April 11, 2000, it was agreed that the proposal would be recommended for approval upon receipt of a revised text justifying the selection of the EA, and upon endorsement of the proposal by at least 11 of the 16 countries involved in the project.