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Subject FW: Antw: RE: COUNCIL COMMENTS: Fw: Germany's
comments on GEFProject

Dear colleagues, please find attached the response to the comments received from Germany on the "Regional: SFM Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in South-East Asia Project", that was found fully satisfactory.

Best wishes,

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Subject: Antw: RE: COUNCIL COMMENTS: Fw: Germany's comments on GEFProject

Dear Mr. Quintana,

thank you very much for the response to our comments which we find comprehensible and satisfactory.

Best regards
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>>> "Quintana Jesus" <j.quintana@ifad.org> 31.07.2008 10:40 >>>
Dear Mr. Fass-Metz and Ms. Rosendahl,

As a follow-up to the previous message, please find attached a slightly revised version of the Project Team response to your comments. Please disregard the previous version sent one hour ago.

Best regards,

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Subject: RE: COUNCIL COMMENTS: Fw: Germany's comments on GEF Project
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Fass-Metz and Ms. Rosendahl,

Please find attached the response from the Project Team to your comments. Kindly note that some of these considerations were already included in the project document. Please be reassured that all your recommendations will be effectively taken into account during project implementation.

We remain at your disposal, should you need additional clarifications.

Best wishes,

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The Secretariat received the attached comments from Germany on the

Regional: SFM
Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in South-East
Asia
project. Please respond adequately to the concerns raised prior to
CEO
endorsement.

Thank you and regards.

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Dear colleagues,

please find enclosed our comments on the Peatland forest project in
South-East
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Best regards,
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(See attached file: Peatland Forests South-East Asia 29.7.2008.doc)



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Response from the Project Team to Comments by Germany on the Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in South-East Asia Project

Two points were raised by Germany on the proposal:

1. The link between the Project and to the 'Regional Haze Action Plan' together with the respective national action plans, to the 'ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution' and to the 'Guidelines for the Implementation of the ASEAN Policy on Zero Burning'

The Project has been developed and will be implemented under the policy framework/institutional arrangements established primarily through ASEAN. The guiding policies identified by ASEAN are not specifically related to peatlands, but rather to the issue of fire and associated haze, which often results from fire in peatlands. These policies include the Regional Haze Action Plan, the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the ASEAN Policy on Zero Burning. The Regional Haze Action Plan and the implementation of the ASEAN policy on zero burning are now incorporated into the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP). The project is fully integrated into the implementation of the AATHP and the Committee under the Conference of the Parties to AATHP oversees the project implementation.

The ASEAN Peatland Management Initiative (APMI) and the ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy (APMS) are the specific regional initiatives adopted by the ASOEN-HTTF related to peatlands and they aim to promote sustainable management of peatlands in the ASEAN region through collective action and enhanced cooperation. It is through this initiative that the National Action Plans for ASEAN countries are being developed and prepared. National action plans are a key basis for the current project design. The implementation of the APMS has been identified by the COP to the AATHP as the top priority mechanism to address transboundary haze pollution in the region.

The policies mentioned above provide the overall framework for action in the region for the sustainable management of peatlands approach that the project adopts.

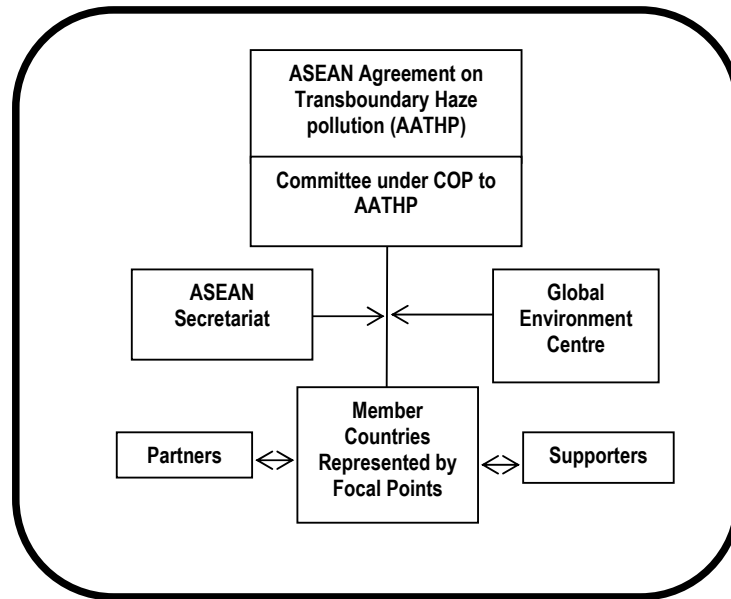
2. How ASEAN-Secretariat and the Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN) responsible for the ASOEN-Haze Technical Task Force (ASOEN-HTTF) in ASEAN member states will be involved in the project?

The ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Senior Officials will be actively involved in the project implementation. The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Haze (AMMH), ASOEN-Haze Technical Task Force (ASOEN-HTTF) and its subsidiary bodies were abolished in 2007. ASEAN cooperation on transboundary haze pollution has since then been taken up by the COP to the AATHP and its subsidiary bodies, such as the Committee under COP to the AATHP.

Based on the above policies and framework provided by ASEAN, the main regional institutional frameworks related to peatland management and degradation are the various ASEAN mechanisms established to address transboundary haze pollution resulted from forest and peatland fires.

The ASEAN Secretariat (i.e. through its Environment and Disaster Management Unit of the Bureau for Resources and Development) will take the lead role in implementing the project under the umbrella of the APMI. The ASEAN Secretariat will also report progress on the implementation of the project to the Committee under COP to the AATHP at the Committee's regular meetings.

The diagram below indicates the role of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP and its Committee in the implementation of the APMI – this structure will remain during the project period.



Structure for the Implementation of the APMI

Management and Implementation Mechanism

- Mechanisms established under the AATHP provides oversight and policy guidance to the initiative, and coordinates activities at the national level together with other agencies as appropriate.
- AMCs will implement the APMI by making available information and experiences on peatland management; implementation of action plans for sustainable management and fire prevention in peatlands at national and local levels; making available national experts to assist in regional activities; establishing at least one pilot project site to test new approaches to peatland management; providing technical or financial support for regional or country activities.
- The ASEAN Secretariat supports formal coordination amongst the participating countries and facilitates main regional activities and meetings. The GEC and other partners provide technical and operational support and assist in generating resources to support for activities.
- Partners include organisations or on-going projects undertaking activities related to sustainable management of peatlands in the region. They contribute by assisting in the implementation of appropriate components of the APMI; exchanging experience and lessons learned from their activities; and inviting participation of countries and institutions in the ASEAN region in their activities.
- The exchange mechanism for experience and lessons learned are through SEA-Peat network, Peat-portal, ASEAN Haze Action Online and the various meetings and workshops related to APMI/ APMS.