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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAF

- 1. The GEF Council reviewed progress reports and provided additional guidance on the implementation of the RAF at its meetings between 2005 and 2007. At its December 2006 meeting, the Council requested the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the RAF on a regular basis. In April 2008 the Council was informed of progress on the utilization of resources under the RAF (GEF/C.33/Inf.4).
- 2. This current report summarizes the current status of programming of the resources available in the biodiversity and climate change focal areas under the RAF. It also informs the Council about key issues in the implementation of the RAF since the last report to Council in April 2008.
- 3. The utilization of country and group allocations for each focal area under the RAF by each country are summarized in Annex A. As of October 8, 2008, countries had utilized a total of \$365.788 million in biodiversity allocations and \$350.407 million in climate change allocations.
- 4. The current set of projects for the November Work Program will utilize an additional \$78.39 million in biodiversity and \$60.31 million in climate change. Additional Medium Sized Projects and Enabling Activities for \$11.242 million in biodiversity and \$5.177 million in climate change are expected to be presented for approval on a rolling basis. With the approval of the November Work Program, about 45% of the resources available in these two focal areas (\$852.895 million) will have been utilized.
- 5. The programming rate in the biodiversity and climate change focal areas was slow up to June 2007, but it has picked up considerably in FY08, as a number of new initiatives have been finalized and presented to Council as programmatic approaches. The *Sustainable Forest Management Program (SFM Program)* was approved by Council in November 2007, as well as the *China Biodiversity Partnership Framework for Action* (CBPF) and the *Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Partnership Program* (SLEM) for India.
- 6. The November 2008 work program now includes three new PIFs that strengthen GEF programming under the Council-approved *SFM Program*. In addition, the November 2008 work program contains five new programmatic approaches in the biodiversity and climate change focal areas: *Framework for Promoting Low Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Buildings*, *Reducing Industry's Carbon Footprint in SE Asia through Compliance with a Management System for Energy (ISO 50,000), GEF Program in West Africa: Sub-Component on Biodiversity, GEF Program in West Africa: Energy Sub-Component, and Strategic Program for Sustainable Forest Management in the Congo Basin.*

Results of the Mid-term Reallocation

7. The GEF Secretariat has completed its mid-term reassessment and reallocation of resources, in accordance with paragraph 2(d) of the Council's Decision on the Resource Allocation Framework, *Joint Summary of the Chairs Special Meeting of the Council August 31-September 1, 2005.* The reassessment included a recalculation of the GEF Benefits Index and the GEF Performance Index of all eligible countries using updated data and a reallocation of available resources using the RAF model. The updated allocations were made available on 31

July, 2008. The public disclosure documents on the mid-term reallocation of the RAF with reallocations for all countries are published on the RAF pages of the GEF website. A technical note has also been prepared to provide details on how the reallocation was completed. All RAF-related documents are available on GEF web site pages that are especially dedicated to the RAF at: http://thegef.org/interior_right.aspx?id=82&menu_id=120

- 8. The upper limits for countries in the biodiversity and climate change focal areas specify the maximum level of resources that can be approved for any country in either of the groups during the GEF-4 replenishment period. The upper limit was initially set at \$3.5 million for biodiversity and \$3.1 million for climate change. After the mid-term RAF reallocation, and in accordance with paragraph 15 of document "*The GEF Resource Allocation Framework*" (GEF/C.27/Inf.8/Rev.1) approved by the Council in November 2005, the revised upper limit will be \$3.8 million for biodiversity and \$3.3 million for climate change.¹
- 9. A second consequence of the RAF mid-term reallocation is that the average amounts of total resources expected to be available in GEF-4 for each country in the group for biodiversity and climate change have been revised slightly upwards.² These resources theoretically allow GEF to fund projects up to \$1 million for all countries in the group for both the biodiversity and climate change focal areas, but are insufficient to provide an amount of funding equal to the upper limit for every country in the group, for either focal area.
- 10. In view of the above, and in order to: (i) encourage the early submission of projects to the Secretariat, (ii) favor programmatic approaches and (iii) avoid the delays in the project cycle that could be caused by a collective review of submitted projects, revised rules for the selection of projects submitted by countries in the group as of July, 1st 2008 were produced, and be found on the GEF website RAF pages noted in paragraph 6 above.

² After the mid-term reallocation, the averages now amount to \$1.32 million against \$1.29 million previously for climate change, and to an average of \$1.62 million against \$1.58 million previously for biodiversity.

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¹ As decided in 2005, the *upper limit* on approved projects for any country in the group is equal to the *adjusted allocation* of the highest-ranked country in the group.

RAF Country/Group Allocation Utilization Report*

Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
Biodiversity				
Summary for Biodiversity				
Countries with Individual Allocation	782.650	314.448	74.807	393.395
Countries in Group	144.300	43.334	14.825	86.141
Regional/Global Exclusion	51.500	8.005	-	43.495
Total for Biodiversity	978.450	365.788	89.632	523.030

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^{*} All amounts in US\$M and include GEF Agency Fees.

^{**} As of date October 08, 2008

Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
Countries with Individual Alloca	ations			
Afghanistan	3.200	-	-	3.200
Algeria	3.950	0.224	-	3.726
Argentina	15.100	1.050	1.598	12.452
Bolivia	11.600	0.200	-	11.400
Brazil	66.600	27.956	14.930	23.714
Cameroon	11.200	2.790	-	8.410
Cape Verde	3.700	-	3.616	0.084
Chile	16.150	6.729	2.000	7.421
China	47.350	28.220	-	19.130
Colombia	38.650	14.500	-	24.150
Congo DR	11.850	-	8.045	3.805
Costa Rica	11.900	5.773	3.738	2.389
Cote d'Ivoire	3.400	2.944	-	0.456
Cuba	15.050	7.482	-	7.568
Dominican Republic	5.850	4.588	-	1.262
Ecuador	23.950	10.660	3.108	10.182
Egypt	4.300	4.078	-	0.222
Ethiopia	8.100	0.150	4.250	3.700
Fiji	4.850	0.100	-	4.750
Guatemala	8.250	5.137	-	3.113
Haiti	4.250	3.150	-	1.100
Honduras	6.900	2.434	-	4.466
India	30.000	9.165	3.146	17.689
Indonesia	44.550	16.965	0.913	26.671
Iran	6.800	2.148	-	4.652
Jamaica	5.150	1.495	3.060	0.595
Kazakhstan	5.650	5.295	-	0.356
Kenya	8.350	7.314	-	1.036
Lao PDR	5.350	1.095	-	4.256
Madagascar	24.900	7.300	0.675	16.925
Malawi	4.250	3.818	-	0.432
Malaysia	15.600	3.770	-	11.830
Mauritius	5.350	4.850	-	0.500
Mexico	55.300	18.005	5.440	31.855
Mongolia	4.150	1.903	-	2.247
Morocco	4.500	0.100	-	4.400
Mozambique	6.800	0.180	5.390	1.230

^{*} All amounts in US\$M and include GEF Agency Fees.

Group (Biodiversity)

Countries in the group have collective access to US\$M 146.80 in GEF - 4. No country in the group can access more than US\$M 3.50 in GEF - 4.

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	Country/Group			Available for
Country	Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Programming**
Namibia	6.500	0.390	-	6.110
Nicaragua	4.050	1.994	-	2.057
Nigeria	5.650	-	-	5.650
Pakistan	5.300	1.194	-	4.106
Panama	11.450	2.204	-	9.246
Papua New Guinea	13.300	3.995	-	9.305
Peru	25.750	11.473	2.200	12.077
Philippines	23.250	12.511	-	10.739
Russian Federation	25.650	9.612	5.850	10.188
Seychelles	4.950	2.180	-	2.770
South Africa	22.400	20.501	-	1.899
Sri Lanka	7.200	0.960	2.010	4.230
Sudan	4.400	-	4.202	0.198
Suriname	3.700	-	0.637	3.063
Tanzania	13.250	4.265	-	8.985
Thailand	9.700	5.234	-	4.466
Turkey	6.550	3.902	-	2.648
Uganda	3.900	1.870	-	2.031
Venezuela	17.300	8.000	-	9.300
Vietnam	10.900	9.099	-	1.801
Zambia	4.750	3.498	-	1.252
ubtotal for Countries with dividual Allocation	782.650	314.448	74.807	393.395

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Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming*
Countries in Group				
Albania		1.038	1.045	
Angola		-	-	
Antigua And Barbuda		0.483	-	
Armenia		-	1.100	
Azerbaijan		-	-	
Bahamas		0.350	0.637	
Bangladesh		0.625	-	
Barbados		0.633	-	
Belarus		-	-	
Belize		-	0.490	
Benin		-	0.950	
Bhutan		0.980	-	
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1.050	_	
Botswana		1.049	_	
Bulgaria		1.040	-	
Burkina Faso		-	-	
Burundi		-	-	
Cambodia		-	1.100	
Central African Republic		-	-	
Chad		-	-	
Comoros		0.440	-	
Congo		<u>-</u>	0.945	
Cook Islands		-	<u>-</u>	
Croatia		-	_	
Djibouti		_	_	
Dominica		0.483	_	
El Salvador		1.000	0.991	
Equatorial Guinea		-	1.945	
Eritrea		-	-	
Estonia		_	_	
Gabon		0.945	_	
Gambia		-	_	
Georgia		1.097	_	
Ghana		0.883	_	
Grenada		-	0.490	
Guinea		<u>-</u>	-	
Guinea-Bissau		1.100	_	

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Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming*
Guyana		0.299	0.637	
Hungary		-	-	
Jordan		-	-	
Kiribati		-	-	
Korea DPR		-	-	
Kyrgyzstan		2.148	-	
Latvia		-	-	
Lebanon		1.078	-	
Lesotho		-	-	
Liberia		1.100	-	
Libya		-	-	
Lithuania		-	-	
Macedonia		1.100	-	
Maldives		-	-	
Mali		-	1.945	
Marshall Islands		2.000	-	
Mauritania		1.100	-	
Micronesia		2.000	-	
Moldova		1.100	-	
Montenegro		1.095	-	
Myanmar		0.220	-	
Nauru		-	-	
Nepal		0.212	-	
Niger		-	1.945	
Niue		-	-	
Palau		2.000	-	
Paraguay		1.307	-	
Poland		-	-	
Republic Of Korea		-	-	
Romania		0.483	0.605	
Rwanda		-	-	
Samoa		-	-	
Sao Tome and Principe		-	-	
Senegal		-	-	
Serbia		-	-	
Sierra Leone		-	-	
Slovak Republic		1.060	-	
Solomon Islands		-	-	

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	Country/Group			Available for
Country	Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Programming**
St. Kitts And Nevis		0.675	-	
St. Lucia		0.933	-	
St. Vincent and Grenadine		0.483	-	
Swaziland		0.500	-	
Syria		-	-	
Tajikistan		1.045	-	
Timor Leste		-	-	
Togo		-	-	
Tonga		-	-	
Trinidad and Tobago		1.133	-	
Tunisia		0.552	-	
Turkmenistan		1.000	-	
Tuvalu		0.255	-	
Ukraine		2.013	-	
Uruguay		1.100	-	
Uzbekistan		1.075	-	
Vanuatu		-	-	
Yemen		1.075	-	
Zimbabwe		-	-	
ibtotal for Countries in Group	144.300	43.334	14.825	86.141

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Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
Climate Change				
Summary for Climate Change				
Countries with Individual Allocation	776.150	306.897	48.429	420.823
Countries in Group	148.000	15.094	15.991	116.915
Regional/Global Exclusion	52.800	28.416	1.067	23.317
Total for Climate Change	976.950	350.407	65.487	561.055

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Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming*
Countries with Individual Allo	cations			
Algeria	9.250	-	-	9.25
Argentina	14.500	1.050	1.598	11.85
Azerbaijan	5.950	-	-	5.95
Bangladesh	7.350	1.091	-	6.25
Belarus	8.350	0.400	-	7.95
Bolivia	3.400	1.100	-	2.30
Brazil	41.400	23.639	3.795	13.96
Bulgaria	8.800	0.300	-	8.50
Cambodia	2.750	0.300	1.000	1.45
Chile	6.650	2.976	-	3.67
China	154.500	95.349	8.902	50.24
Colombia	10.250	1.100	-	9.1
Croatia	3.250	-	-	3.2
Cuba	4.350	0.135	-	4.2
Egypt	11.800	0.200	-	11.6
Ethiopia	5.150	0.100	-	5.0
Hungary	-	-	-	
India	76.000	35.974	12.584	27.4
Indonesia	18.350	9.363	2.398	6.5
Iran	17.950	6.934	-	11.0
Kazakhstan	15.200	0.150	-	15.0
Kenya	4.000	0.130	-	3.8
Korea DPR	6.950	-	-	6.9
Latvia	-	-	-	
Lithuania	-	-	-	
Malaysia	11.800	5.783	-	6.0
Mexico	31.600	12.640	-	18.9
Morocco	4.500	0.100	-	4.4
Nigeria	11.300	-	-	11.3
Pakistan	12.750	2.475	-	10.2
Peru	4.900	-	-	4.9
Philippines	8.000	-	6.343	1.6
Poland	-	-	-	
Romania	15.500	0.300	-	15.2
Russian Federation	87.100	65.857	-	21.2
Serbia	3.500	-	-	3.50
Slovak Republic	6.350	1.078	_	5.27

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Annex A

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Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
South Africa	26.550	12.007		14.543
Sudan	6.400	-	-	6.400
Syria	4.950	0.125	-	4.825
Tanzania	5.350	-	-	5.350
Thailand	16.350	4.632	3.982	7.736
Tunisia	3.500	0.700	-	2.800
Turkey	19.400	6.173	-	13.227
Turkmenistan	3.250	-	-	3.250
Uganda	3.200	0.300	-	2.900
Ukraine	23.950	9.429	-	14.521
Uzbekistan	10.850	3.740	-	7.110
Venezuela	10.400	0.038	4.500	5.862
Vietnam	8.550	1.231	3.328	3.992
Subtotal for Countries with Individual Allocation	776.150	306.897	48.429	420.823

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Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming*
Countries in Group				
Afghanistan		-	-	
Albania		-	-	
Angola		-	-	
Antigua And Barbuda		-	-	
Armenia		-	-	
Bahamas		-	-	
Bahrain		-	-	
Barbados		-	-	
Belize		-	-	
Benin		-	-	
Bhutan		-	-	
Bosnia-Herzegovina		-	1.045	
Botswana		-	-	
Burkina Faso		-	-	
Burundi		-	-	
Cameroon		-	1.980	
Cape Verde		-	-	
Central African Republic		-	1.980	
Chad		-	-	
Comoros		-	-	
Congo		-	1.980	
Congo DR		-	1.980	
Cook Islands		-	-	
Costa Rica		-	-	
Cote d'Ivoire		-	-	
Cyprus		-	-	
Djibouti		-	-	
Dominica		-	-	
Dominican Republic		-	-	
Ecuador		-	-	
El Salvador		-	-	
Equatorial Guinea		-	1.980	
Eritrea		-	-	
Estonia		-	-	
Fiji		-	-	
Gabon		-	1.980	
Gambia		0.930	-	

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Countries in the group have collective access to US\$M 148.60 in GEF - 4. No country in the group can access more than US\$M 3.10 in GEF - 4.

Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
Georgia		-	-	
Ghana		-	-	
Grenada		-	-	
Guatemala		-	-	
Guinea		-	-	
Guinea-Bissau		-	-	
Guyana		-	-	
Haiti		2.000	1.075	
Honduras		-	-	
Israel		-	-	
Jamaica		-	-	
Jordan		1.100	-	
Kiribati		-	-	
Kuwait		-	-	
Kyrgyzstan		0.990	-	
Lao PDR		-	-	
Lebanon		-	-	
Lesotho		-	-	
Liberia		-	-	
Libya		-	-	
Macedonia		-	-	
Madagascar		-	1.100	
Malawi		-	-	
Maldives		-	-	
Mali		-	-	
Malta		-	-	
Marshall Islands		1.075	-	
Mauritania		-	-	
Mauritius		1.006	-	
Micronesia		-	-	
Moldova		-	-	
Mongolia		-	-	
Montenegro		1.076	-	
Mozambique		-	-	
Myanmar		-	-	
Namibia		-	-	
Nauru		-	-	
Nepal		-	-	

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Annex A

Country	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
Nicaragua		-	-	
Niger		-	-	
Niue		-	-	
Oman		_	-	
Palau		1.075	-	
Panama		-	-	
Papua New Guinea		-	-	
Paraguay		0.800	-	
Qatar		-	-	
Republic Of Korea		-	-	
Rwanda		-	-	
Samoa		-	-	
San Marino		-	-	
Sao Tome and Principe		-	-	
Saudi Arabia		-	-	
Senegal		-	-	
Seychelles		-	-	
Sierra Leone		-	-	
Singapore		-	-	
Solomon Islands		-	-	
Sri Lanka		2.101	0.891	
St. Kitts And Nevis		-	-	
St. Lucia		-	-	
St. Vincent and Grenadine		-	-	
Suriname		-	-	
Swaziland		0.800	-	
Tajikistan		-	-	
Timor Leste		-	-	
Togo		-	-	
Tonga		-	-	
Trinidad and Tobago		-	-	
Tuvalu		-	-	
United Arab Emirates		-	-	
Uruguay		1.040	-	
Vanuatu		-	-	
Yemen		1.100	-	
Zambia		-	-	
Zimbabwe		-	-	

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	Country/Group Allocation**	Utilization**	Pipeline**	Available for Programming**
Country				
Subtotal for Countries in Group	148.000	15.094	15.991	116.915

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