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**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE
NAGOYA PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION FUND (NPIF)**

PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION FUND (NPIF)

Introduction

1. The NPIF was established to promote the early entry into force and effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. The NPIF received contributions totaling \$16 million, generously made available by the governments of Japan, France, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
2. The creation of the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) was approved by the GEF Council on a decision from February 18, 2011.¹ Following this decision, the GEF Council approved the operational arrangements of this new multi-donor trust fund at its May 2011 meeting². The NPIF started its operation in the summer of 2011, with the first grant being awarded on December 13, 2011.
3. The 46th GEF Council in May 2014 took note of the good progress made by the GEF Secretariat in managing the NPIF, and decided to extend the operation of the NPIF to December 31, 2020 for operational reasons, to allow continuation of project preparation for, and implementation of, the Project Identification Form (PIF) approved projects. Consistent with the May 2011 GEF Council decision on the NPIF, the Council will not approve new PIFs under the NPIF after 30 June 2014. Noting that the GEF-6 Biodiversity Focal Area Strategy includes resources for implementing the Nagoya Protocol, Council requested that the GEF Secretariat report to the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity on funding for the ratification and early implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. All the donor contributions to date have been committed before end of GEF-5 on 30 June 2014, besides the limited agreed administrative costs of the GEF Secretariat and Trustee to administer and monitor the PIF approved projects, consistent with the terms of the trust fund administrative agreements.
4. Considering that there are no new projects, moving forward, the GEF Secretariat plans to provide progress report on the implementation of the NPIF on an annual basis to the Council.

Project Status and Results

5. During the life of the NPIF, the GEF Secretariat approved a total of 13 NPIF project proposals, totaling \$15.1 million (including Agency fee)³ and leveraging \$32.4 million in co-financing. These projects have benefited a total of 52 countries in support of the ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol through eight country-based projects (in Argentina, Bhutan, Cameroon, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Fiji, Gabon, Kenya and Panama), two

¹ *Establishment of a New Trust Fund for Promoting Early Entry into Force and Effective Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and benefit Sharing (ABS)*, Decision by Mail, GEF Council, February 14 2011.

² *Outstanding Issues Related to the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund*, GEF/C.40/11/Rev.1, May 26 2011.

³ \$15.1 million of NPIF investment includes 13.8 M for Project Grants (including PPG) + \$1.3 million Agency Fees. The difference with the total donor contribution (\$0.9 million) is for the administrative costs of the NPIF by the GEF Secretariat and the Trustee from 2011 to 2020.

regional projects (one in Central Africa, for the 10 member states of COMIFAC⁴, and another in the Pacific region, for the 12 member countries of SPREP⁵), and one global project (in 21 different countries⁶).

6. To date, 9 out of 13 PIF approved projects have come back for CEO approval, and the projects are under implementation. Remaining 4 PIF approved projects (Argentina, Cameroon, Gabon, and Pacific regional projects) are still under preparation and expected to be reviewed and approved within FY15.

7. The NPIF contributed towards the Aichi Target 16 (“By 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation”). The Nagoya Protocol entered into force at COP-12, on 12 October 2014, and has been ratified by 64 countries.

8. The NPIF is supporting 24 of the 64 countries that have ratified the Nagoya Protocol as of September 2015: Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Congo, Cote d’Ivoire, DRC, Egypt, Fiji, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niger, Panama, Rwanda, Samoa, Uganda and Vanuatu. The NPIF is also supporting another 28 countries for ratification, and all 52 NPIF supported countries are making progress in setting the basic provisions of the Nagoya Protocol for ratification and/or to start implementation.

9. Some of the countries supported by the NPIF are advancing the ABS agenda at the national level, and developing agreements on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) between users and providers of genetic resources. ABS agreements are being developed using marine resources (Fiji and Panama), vascular plants (Bhutan, Cameroon, Colombia, Cook Islands and Costa Rica), mammals (Argentina), and extremophiles (Kenya).

10. The GEF Secretariat participated in the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Capacity-Building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol at the CBD Secretariat, Montreal, 15-17 September 2015. This meeting took place following a resolution of the COP-MOP to establish an informal advisory committee on capacity-building to provide the Executive Secretary with advice on matters of relevance to the assessment of the effectiveness of the strategic framework. The GEF Secretariat presented an overview of the current level of GEF support and future programming direction for the Nagoya Protocol, including the portfolio of projects funded by the NPIF.

⁴ (Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Congo DR)

⁵ Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa

⁶ Angola, Armenia, Burkina Faso, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Cote d’Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea Bissau, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe

Projects under the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF)

All amounts shown in US\$.

#	GEF ID	Country	Agency	Project Title	PPG Amt	PPG Fees	NPIF Project Grant	Project Agency Fees	NPIF Grant	Cofin.	Total Project Cost	Status
<u>Biodiversity</u>												
1	5172	Global	UNEP	<u>Global Support for the Entry into Force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing</u>			1,000,000	100,000	1,000,000	627,500	1,627,500	CEO Approved
2	5454	Regional (Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Congo DR)	UNEP	<u>Ratification and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) for the Member Countries of the Central African Forests Commission COMIFAC</u>	63,927	6,073	1,762,557	167,443	1,826,484	8,300,000	10,126,484	CEO Approved
3	5634	Regional (Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa)	UNEP	<u>Ratification and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the Countries of the Pacific Region</u>	63,927	6,073	1,762,557	167,443	1,826,484	950,000	2,776,484	PIF Approved
4	5820	Argentina	UNDP	<u>Promoting the Application of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS</u>	50,000	4,750	908,904	86,346	958,904	3,000,186	3,959,090	PIF Approved
5	5448	Bhutan	UNDP	<u>Implementing the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing</u>	45,000	4,275	1,000,000	95,000	1,045,000	2,000,000	3,045,000	CEO Approved

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6	5796	Cameroon	UNDP	<u>A Bottom Up Approach to ABS: Community Level Capacity Development for Successful Engagement in ABS Value Chains in Cameroon (Echinops giganteus)</u>	40,000	3,800	400,000	38,000	440,000	600,000	1,040,000	PIF Approved
7	5160	Colombia	UNDP	<u>The Development and Production of Natural Dyes in the Choco Region of Colombia for the Food, Cosmetics and Personal Care Industries Under the Provisions of the Nagoya Protocol</u>	20,091	1,909	980,000	98,000	1,000,091	1,516,500	2,516,591	CEO Approved
8	5613	Cook Islands	UNDP	<u>Strengthening the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing in the Cook Islands</u>	28,767	2,733	930,137	88,363	958,904	1,499,535	2,458,439	CEO Approved
9	5420	Costa Rica	UNDP	<u>Promoting the Application of the Nagoya Protocol through the Development of Nature-based Products, Benefit-sharing and Biodiversity Conservation</u>	25,000	2,375	979,566	93,059	1,004,566	4,619,309	5,623,875	CEO Approved
10	5170	Fiji	UNDP	<u>Discovering Nature-based Products and Build National Capacities for the Application of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing</u>	30,000	3,000	970,000	97,000	1,000,000	2,370,000	3,370,000	CEO Approved
11	5882	Gabon	UNEP	<u>Gabon - Implementation of National Strategy and Action Plan on Access to Genetic Resources and The Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Accruing From Their Utilization</u>	50,000	4,750	863,242	82,008	913,242	1,790,000	2,703,242	PIF Approved
12	5626	Kenya	UNEP	<u>Developing the Microbial Biotechnology Industry from Kenya's Soda Lakes in line with the Nagoya Protocol</u>			913,265	86,735	913,265	1,751,845	2,665,110	CEO Approved

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13	4780	Panama	UNDP	<u>Promoting the application of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing in Panama</u>			1,000,000	100,000	1,000,000	3,422,000	4,422,000	CEO Approved
Sub total for Biodiversity					416,712	39,738	13,470,228	1,299,397	13,886,940	32,446,875	46,333,815	
<u>Grand Total</u>					416,712	39,738	13,470,228	1,299,397	13,886,940	32,446,875	46,333,815	