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RECOMMENDED DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION

The Council reviewed the proposed report of the GEF to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Council finds that the report includes the information requested by the Conference of the Parties in its Decision 1/2, *Financial Resources and Mechanism*, and approves the report for submission to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties in November 1995.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity took place in Nassau, the Bahamas, from 28 November to 9 December 1994. At that meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided "that the restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF) shall continue to serve as the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism under the Convention on an interim basis, in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention". The Conference of the Parties also requested the GEF to prepare and submit an annual report on its operations in support of the Convention.¹ The Conference of the Parties further requested that the report, in particular, include information on the following:

- (a) a synthesis of the different projects under implementation;
- (b) a list of project proposals submitted by eligible Parties for funding, reporting on their approval status;
- (c) a review of the project activities approved by the restructured GEF and their outcomes, including information on funding and progress in implementation.

2. This report has been prepared in response to that request. It covers the activities of the GEF relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity that were undertaken during the GEF FY95 (July 1994 through June 1995).

GEF COUNCIL

3. During the reporting period, the GEF Council held four meetings (July 1994, November 1994, February 1995, and May 1995). At each Council meeting, the Convention on Biological Diversity was represented by the Executive Secretary of the Convention. The Executive Secretary addressed each meeting, and participated in a question and answer session with the Council.

4. In particular, the Conference of the Parties may wish to note that the Council took the following decisions at these meetings:

- (a) Appointed Mr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry to serve for three years as the Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility;
- (b) Approved guidelines for the programming of GEF resources in 1995, pending the approval of the GEF long-term operational strategy in October 1995;
- (c) Approved its rules of procedure;

¹ Decision I/2 "Financial Resources and Mechanism", Annex III, paragraph 1, Report of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/COP/1/17, February 28, 1995.

- (d) Approved procedures for the participation of NGO representatives in Council meetings;
- (e) Approved the GEF project cycle;²
- (f) Approved two work programs;
- (g) Reviewed the role and mandate of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP);
- (h) Approved the policies on eligibility for, and the use of, resources for the Project Development and Preparation Facility (PDF);
- (i) Approved an approach on estimating agreed incremental costs;
- (j) Reviewed the status of the consultations on a memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the GEF and requested the Secretariat to report to it on the content of the proposed memorandum of understanding at its meeting in July 1995.

GUIDANCE FROM THE CONVENTION

5. At the first Council meeting after the Conference of the Parties met in November/December, 1994 the guidance of the COP was transmitted to the Council. The Council took note of the guidance and authorized the GEF Secretariat to carry out appropriate consultations with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the content of a memorandum of understanding to govern the relations of the Convention and the GEF.

6. During the reporting period, the Secretariat has been developing with the Implementing Agencies, STAP, and the secretariats of the global environment conventions a proposed long-term operational strategy for the GEF. The strategy is to be reviewed by the Council at its meeting in July 1995, is to be revised on the basis of the Council's comments, and is to be submitted to the Council for approval at its meeting in October 1995. The operational strategy that is under preparation incorporates fully the guidance received from the COP. The operational strategy is to be a flexible instrument, and modalities for its application in the programming of GEF activities will make provision for the integration of guidance received from the Conference of the Parties as such guidance evolves.

² In approving the GEF project cycle, the Council requested the GEF Secretariat to inform recipient Governments of the GEF project cycle and to invite them to identify national operational focal points. The Council also requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies, to use the project cycle paper as a basis to prepare and widely distribute a GEF information kit that would inform interested parties how to present project concepts and develop project proposals for GEF financing.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GEF OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (GEFOP)

7. Following the Council's decisions in November 1994 to proceed with the proposed GEF project cycle on an interim basis and to proceed with programming of GEF funds in 1995, the CEO of the GEF established the GEF Operations Committee (GEFOP). The GEFOP is chaired by the Secretariat and consists of staff from the three Implementing Agencies, the GEF Secretariat, and the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP). Representatives of the secretariats of the Biological Diversity Convention and of the Climate Change Convention are invited to attend relevant GEFOP meetings, as appropriate. The GEFOP is the key interagency committee to oversee the GEF operational work. In particular, it is responsible for:

- (a) keeping under review operational aspects of the GEF project cycle including: (i) the operation of the Project Preparation and Development Facility (PDF); (ii) the development of the pipeline of GEF activities; (iii) operational coordination and programming; and (iv) operational monitoring and evaluation, including national and local consultations;
- (b) reviewing all GEF project proposals for inclusion in the work program to be submitted by the Secretariat to the Council, including recommending actions to be taken with respect to such projects;
- (c) providing advice on the conduct of the annual portfolio reviews of GEF operations;
- (d) advising the CEO on all aspects related to GEF operational work and ensuring that -key operational policy issues are brought to his attention in a timely manner; and
- (e) undertaking, at the request of the CEO, ad hoc operational tasks as may be required.

PROJECTS CONCERNING BIODIVERSITY

8. Annex A of this document contains a list of biodiversity projects included in the two work programs approved by the Council in FY 95 (GEF-1). In the current reporting period, the Council-approved work programs included nine projects in the biodiversity focal area with combined financing of \$65.27 million. Annex A also indicates for each project: the GEF Implementing Agency responsible for the project; the executing agency of the project; the convention guidance to which the project relates; the date of entry into work program; the date the project is approved by the Implementing Agency; the estimated duration of the project; information on financing; and the project's approval status. Annex B is a summary description of the projects listed in Annex A. All biodiversity projects that were proposed to the Council in the two work programs were approved by the Council. In preparing proposals for inclusion in the two work programs, the Implementing Agencies took fully into account the guidance approved by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting. At the meetings of the GEFOP which reviewed project proposals concerning biodiversity, representatives of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity participated. The views of the convention secretariat were solicited on each project proposal in the biodiversity focal area. In particular, whenever a question was raised as to a country's eligibility under the financial

mechanism or as to whether a project proposal was consistent with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, the views of the convention secretariat were sought.

9. Under the GEF pilot phase, the GEF financed fifty seven projects in the biodiversity focal area with total financing of \$313.4 million. Also in the pilot phase, through the Small Grants program, an additional three hundred five biodiversity projects were financed at a cost of \$5,392,459.45.³ During the current reporting period, fourteen of the projects endorsed in the pilot phase received final approval by the Implementing Agency concerned. A list of those projects is set forth in Annex C.

PROJECT PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (PDF)

10. Careful preparation of project ideas is an essential prerequisite for quality projects. When a recipient country needs financial and technical help with project preparation, it may seek such assistance from a variety of sources. GEF project preparation funding is available through the Project Preparation and Development Facility⁴. Where feasible, the PDF will normally complement other sources of financing for project preparation, such as World Bank loans, UNDP technical assistance grants, bilateral finance and private funds. GEF project preparation resources are to be allocated on an incremental cost basis; i.e., in proportion to the likely level of project preparation costs financed by the non-incremental financier.

11. PDF financing is available for project preparation financing under three Blocks. Table 1 is a summary of the objectives and approval procedures for each of the blocks. Annex D contains a list of PDF funding approved to date for biodiversity projects.

INTERSECRETARIAT COLLABORATION

12. The convention secretariat and the GEF Secretariat have established a constructive and collaborative relationship of frequent consultations to facilitate coordination of the work of the Convention and the work of the GEF concerning biodiversity.

13. Following a recommendation of the GEFOP, a Task Force meeting was held to review how a system of country assistance for "Enabling Activities" in biodiversity could be developed and implemented in order to ensure programmatic cohesion, mutual support among the GEF Implementing Agencies, cost-effective assistance to countries, and cumulative progress towards conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The meeting was held at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi in April 1995, and was chaired by the Executive Secretary of the Convention.

³ For a complete listing and description of the pilot phase projects, see the *GEF Quarterly Operational Report*. The most recent issue of the report has been distributed to participants at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

⁴ At its meeting in November 1994, the GEF Council agreed that the Secretariat should establish the Project Preparation and Development Facility with an initial allocation of \$15 million.

PROJECT PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (PDF)

DESCRIPTION OF BLOCKS A, B, AND C

	BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C
CEILING:	\$50,000	\$350,000	\$1 million
OBJECTIVE:	To make funds available at very early stages of project or program identification for pre-project activities at the national level and to inform and help prepare countries for GEF activities.	To provide information necessary to complete project proposals and necessary supporting documentation.	To provide additional financing where required for large scale projects to complete technical design and feasibility work. Normally funds will be made available after Council has approved project proposal.
APPROVAL:	Implementing Agency	CEO taking into account recommendations of GEFOP.	<p>1. If Council has approved project, by CEO taking into account recommendations of GEFOP.</p> <p>2. If Council has not approved project proposal, taking into account recommendations of GEFOP</p> <p>(a) by CEO up to \$750,000</p> <p>(b) by CEO in consultation with the Council for funds between \$750,000 and \$1 million.</p>
ENDORSEMENT:	National Focal Point	National Focal Point	National Focal Point
DOCUMENT:	Information Sheet including basic project description, executing agency, expected outputs, and budget.	2-page proposal including: project description, objectives and justification in view of GEF operational strategy; summary of recipient's commitment; identification of key stakeholders; level and nature of national-level consultations; relationships to conventions, national strategies and plans, and implementing Agency country assistance; and preliminary financing plan.	PDF proposal including: (i) an explanation of project preparation resources (PDF or other) that have already been utilized; (ii) justification for the requested resources; (iii) a financing plan for use of Block C funds; and (iv) a description of, and schedule for, outputs.
REPORTING:	Allocations to Implementing Agencies reported in quarterly operational bulletin.	Approved funding reported in quarterly operational bulletin.	Approved funding reported in quarterly operational bulletin.
REVIEW OF FUNDS USE:	Information sheet to be submitted to the Secretariat for its information and record keeping. Each quarter GEFOP to review coverage, direction and eligibility of Block A funded activities and to make recommendations on their content and direction.	Report on how funds were used to be submitted to Council together with project proposal that is prepared with PDF resources.	Report on how funds were used to be submitted to Council.
OUTPUTS:	Information necessary to prepare a preliminary initial project brief or draft project document; scientific, technical and environmental and economic assessments; documentation on in-country consultations;	Final project appraisal and supporting documentation and information required for preparing project documentation for approval.	Technical Design and Feasibility Reports, Engineering designs and projects.

14. As authorized by their respective governing bodies, the Secretariats of the Convention and the GEF have carried out consultations on the content of a memorandum of understanding to be concluded by the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the GEF regarding the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism of the Convention. The results of these consultations are to be reviewed by the GEF Council at its meeting in July 1995 and will be submitted to the COP at its second meeting in November 1995.

15. As noted above, the Secretariat of the Convention is regularly invited to participate in GEFOP meetings when projects concerning biodiversity are under review. The Secretariat has also actively participated in the three-day interagency consultations that were convened in May 1995 to assist in the preparation of the long-term operational strategy for the GEF.

16. The representatives of the Convention Secretariat have attended all GEF Council meetings, and paragraph 11 of the Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council provides:

"Consistent with paragraph 27 of the Instrument, representatives of...the Convention on Biological Diversity shall, on a reciprocal basis, be invited to attend the Council meetings and, as appropriate, to make a general introductory statement at each regular Council meeting and be provided with an opportunity after their statements, to respond to questions from Members. In addition, such representative, subject to paragraphs 25 and 26, may intervene in the discussion of relevant agenda items before the Council."

GEF1 Project Status Report: Biodiversity

Country	Project Name/Number	GEF Implementing Agency	Executing Agency	Associated Participation	Convention Guidance: COP Decision I/2, Annex I, "Programme Priorities"	Entry into Work Program	Approval Date	Duration	Total Cost	GEF Share of Cost	Cofinancing	Status
Bolivia and Peru	Conservation of Biodiversity in the Lake Titicaca Basin RLA/95/G31	UNDP	Autoridad Binacional Autonoma la Cuenca Lago Titicaca, Rio, Lago Poopo, Salar Coipasa (ABAC-TDPSO)	**	4 (b), (c) and (j)	2/95	7/95	7 year	\$4.0	\$3.11	\$0.890 million (UNDP)	Approved by GEF Council 2/95
Central African Republic	A Highly Decentralized Approach to Biodiversity Protection and Use: The Bangassou Dense Forest CAF/95/G31/A/1 G	UNDP	Govt. of Central African Republic	**	4 (c), (e) and (m)	5/95	01/96	4 years	3.5	\$2.5	\$0.900 \$0.100 (Gov. Counter-part)	Approved by the GEF Council 5/95
China	Nature Reserves Management 4CHAGE001	World Bank	Division of Natural Resources of Ministry of Forestry	International Crane Foundation; Wildlife Conservation Society (China); WWF-International	4 (a), (b), (c), (e) and (h)	2/95	6/95	7 years	\$23.5	\$17.9	None	Approved by GEF Council 2/95.
Djibouti	Development of a National Biodiversity Strategy DJI/95/G31	UNDP	Government of Djibouti	**	4 (b), (c), (e) and (k)	2/95	4/95	1 year	\$0.64	\$0.558	**	Approved by GEF Council 2/95.

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Guatemala	Integrated Biodiversity Protection in the Sarstun-Motagua Region GUA/95/G31/A/1 G	UNDP	Govt. of Guatemala CONAP - National Council for Protected Areas	**	4 (c), (d), (e) and (i)	5/95	8/95	5 years	\$9.7	\$4.0	\$3.0 in kind \$2.7 outside sources	Approved by GEF Council 5/95
India	Ecodevelopment 8INDGE002	World Bank	Ministry of Environment & Forestry	State Forest Department; Wildlife Inst. of India; Salim Ali Cntr. for Ornith. & Nature; WWF-India; Soci. for Wastelands Dev.; State and Local NGOs	4 (c), (d), (e), (b), (h), (i) and (i)	5/95	1/96	5 years	\$74.0	\$20.0	\$36.0 IDA \$5.0 Local Participants \$13.0 State & Local Govts.	Approved by GEF Council 5/95
Indonesia	Kerinci Seblat Integrated Conservation and Development 4INSGE003	World Bank	BAPPENAS; Ministry of Forestry	Local govt (BAPPEDA, Kabupaten) WVB; WARSI; WALHI; Min. of Home Affairs	4 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (m)	5/95	6/96	6 years	\$39.0	\$13.5	\$14.0 IBRD \$11.5 Govt. of Indonesia	Approved by GEF Council 5/95 Prepn. completed and appraisal underway. Govt. agreed in principle with EIA recds..

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Lebanon	Strengthening of National Capacity and Grassroots In-Situ Conservation for the Sustainable Biodiversity Protection LEB/95/G31/A/1 G	UNDP	Govt. of Lebanon, Ministry of Environment	IUCN with National NGOs	4 (b), (c), (e), (h), (k) and (l)	5/95		5 years	\$3.262	\$2.5	\$0.762 Government Contribution	Approved by GEF Council 5/95
Mauritius	Biodiversity Restoration 3MTSGE002	World Bank	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources; Mauritian Wildlife Fund	Fauna & Flora Preservation Soc. Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust; Royal Botanic Garden Kew	4 (a), (c), (e) and (h)	5/95	8/95	5 years	\$1.6	\$1.2	\$0.05 Private Sector \$0.20 Govt. of Mauritius \$0.15 Mauritian Wildlife Fund	Approved by GEF Council 5/95
TOTAL										\$65,268		

GEF PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS - BIODIVERSITY
(APPROVED BY COUNCIL 5/95)

Bolivia and Peru: Conservation of Biodiversity in the Lake Titicaca Basin

UNDP

The project adopts an ecosystem approach and places emphasis on working directly with indigenous peoples and local communities and on establishing clear integration of conservation and development efforts. All of these aspects are given priority in the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Central African Republic: A Highly Decentralized Approach to Biodiversity Protection and Use: The Bangassou Dense Forest

UNDP

This project protects and stabilizes a key component of the tropical forest of Central Africa, by making hunting and other forms of resource use more sustainable, and controlling burning and other activities which inhibit natural forest regeneration, thereby protecting globally-significant biodiversity.

China: Nature Reserves Management

UNDP

In accordance with China's NEAP and BAP priorities, this project will prepare and implement management plans in five priority protected areas, train staff, fund physical investments, and work with communities adjacent to and within PA boundaries to create incentives for sustainable resource use. A second component will restructure a major timber industry in Changqing and create a core protected area on giant panda habitat, surrounded by a limited-use experimental zone. The project will build technical and managerial capacity of DNR through developing a national training team for biodiversity. It will fund a national nature reserve plan, equipment, policy studies and research, and set up an information management system.

Associated Bank Project: Forest Resource Development & Protection Project

This project will enhance the productivity of forest resources, the efficiency of resource use and the institutional capacity for sustainable management in commercial plantations, watershed protection forests and nature reserves. Specifically, it will establish 620,000 ha of intensively managed plantations, established 280,000 ha of watershed protection forests, support improved management of nature reserves and natural forest, strengthen technical support services in the forestry sector, and strengthen forest sector institutions.

Djibouti: Development of a National Biodiversity Strategy

UNDP

This project's overall development objectives are to preserve endemic and endangered terrestrial and marine wildlife and their habitats; to incorporate wildlife conservation as an integral part of sustainable development; to strengthen the institutional capacity of governmental agencies and NGOs. This will make Djibouti an important contributor to regional and international efforts on environmental sustainability and biodiversity as intended by the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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Guatemala: Integrated Biodiversity Protection in the Sarstun-Motagua Region

UNDP

This project protects a wide array of threatened ecosystems containing globally important biodiversity by launching an integrated program for resource conservation and sustainable use in the Sarstun-Motagua region, focusing on the management of the nine protected areas. Project is based on premise that programs for biological conservation must include the promotion of sustainable economic uses of biological resources by communities living in and around the protected areas.

India: Ecodevelopment

World Bank

This project and its associated IDA credit will integrate conservation & development objectives in 7 threatened, priority sites representative of India's varied ecosystems. It will support improved protected area management, emphasizing joint management with local communities; village development plans and agreements that address the negative interactions of local communities on biodiversity and develop and build upon the positive interactions; and research (biological and policy), education, and institution-building to improve knowledge of, and support and capacity for, ecodevelopment activities.

Indonesia: Kerinci Seblat Integrated Conservation and Development

World Bank

The project and associated IBRD loan will secure the future of the exceptionally biologically rich, 1 million ha. Kerinci-Seblat National Park by integrating park management and conservation with local and regional development. Park management and protection will be strengthened, based on collaborative linkages with buffer-zone communities, and local NGOs and governments. The project will stabilize land use outside the park by promoting local-community and alternate livelihood activities consistent with park conservation objectives, and by improving overall local land use to relieve pressure on the park. A concession management component will help manage and maintain a permanent buffer-zone in lowland forest concessions surrounding the park. The project will strengthen regulatory guidelines for inter-provincial, regional planning; improve conservation awareness locally and in the government; provide training and extension services to villages, park staff and local government staff; and monitor and evaluate biodiversity conservation, human impacts and sustainable development in and around the park.

Lebanon: Strengthening of National Capacity and Grassroots In-Situ Conservation for the Sustainable Biodiversity Protection

UNDP

This project conserves endemic and endangered terrestrial and marine wildlife and their habitats, incorporates wildlife conservation as an integral part of sustainable human development, strengthens the institutional capacity of governmental agencies and NGOs, restoring and upgrading eco-tourism, and promoting national reconciliation.

Mauritius: Biodiversity Restoration

World Bank

This project will continue efforts to restore degraded habitat on Rodrigues, Ile Aigrettes and Round Island. It will propagate and reintroduce ecologically endangered flora and fauna on these three islands, and strengthen local technical administrative skills for conservation and ecosystem restoration.

GEF PILOT PHASE BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS APPROVED IN FY95 (July 1994 - June 1995)

Country	Project Name/Number	GEF Implementing Agency	Executing Agency	Associated Participation	Entry into Work Program	Approval Date	Duration	Total Cost	GEF Share of Cost	Co-financing	Status
Brazil	Biodiversity 6BRAGE004*	World Bank	Govt. Ministry of Environment	IBAMA, FINEP, Conservation International, numerous Brazilian NO's	5/91	6/95	**	\$53.0	\$30.0	None	PPA of \$275,000 signed 8/94 to accelerate preparation. Appraisal mission to leave late 3/95.
Burkina Faso	Optimizing Biological Diversity Within Wildlife Ranching Systems BK/93/G31	UNDP	Govt of Burkina Faso	**	12/92	9/94	5 years	\$2.5	\$2.5	None	Project Document currently being reviewed to include PAC and PRC comments. Once prodoc finalized and necessary signatures received, government execution will start. Activities expected to begin mid-April 1995.
Cameroon	Biodiversity Conservation & Management 3CAMGE001	World Bank	Govt. Ministry of the Environment & Forestry	WCS, WWF-US, Birdlife Int'l, COPAD, PVONRMS, Bongec	5/93	3/95	5 years	\$12.4	\$6.0	\$1.5 (BMZ) \$1.2 (Cooperation Francaise), \$1.9 (Netherlands) \$0.7 (Birdlife Int'l/ODS) \$0.1 (European Union)	Project negotiated 11/94
Cote d'Ivoire	Control of Aquatic Weeds to Enhance/Restore Biodiversity IVC/93/G31	UNDP	**	CIAPOL (Centro Ivoirien Anti-Pollution)	12/92	8/94	6 years	\$3.0	\$3.0	None	Independent consultant recruited to finalize execution arrangements and project document. Same consultant to finalize project document. Prodoc to be presented to HQs PAC and PRC end-March 1995.
Gabon	Conservation of Biodiversity through Effective Management of Wildlife Trade GAB/92/G31	UNDP	UN-OPS	WWF International	5/91	8/94	3 years	\$1.0	\$1.0	None	Execution starting. Project under subcontract with WWF-Geneva. Contract offer to be sent shortly by OPS to WWF. Implementation scheduled for 3/95.

GEF PILOT PHASE BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS APPROVED IN FY95 (July 1994 - June 1995)

Pilot Phase status on Biodiversity Projects cont.

Country	Project Name/Number	GEF Implementing Agency	Executing Agency	Associated Participation	Entry into Work Program	Approval Date	Duration	Total Cost	GEF Share of Cost	Co-financing	Status
Indonesia and Malaysia	Conservation Strategies for Rhinos in Southeast Asia RAS/93/G31	UNDP	**	IUCN, Rhino Species Survival Group, national/regional NGOs to be determined during project formulation	5/93	11/94	3 years	\$2.0	\$2.0	**	Under implementation.
Malawi	SADC Lake Malawi/Nyasa Biodiversity Conservation 3MALGE001	World Bank	Malawi Fisheries Dept, Southern Africa Development Community Fisheries Unit	Malawi Wildlife Society, WWF	12/91	12/94	4 years	\$5.0	\$5.0	None	Grant approved 12/94
Mauritius	Restoration of Highly Degraded and Threatened Native Forests in Mauritius MAR/93/G31	UNDP	Govt. of Mauritius	Mauritius Herbarium, Mauritius Wildlife Appeal Fund, IUCN, Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust	5/93	9/94	5 years	\$0.2	\$0.2	None	In country PAC scheduled week 3/95
Mongolia	Development and Institution of a National Biodiversity Conservation Plan MON/93/G31	UNDP	National	Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Natural university, IUCN, WWF, Russian Academy of Science & Ecology, others	5/93	11/94	3 years	\$1.5 Phase 1	\$1.5 Phase 1	**	Seven month preparatory assistance phase completed. under implementation.

GEF PILOT PHASE BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS APPROVED IN FY95 (July 1994 - June 1995)

Pilot Phase status on Biodiversity Projects cont.

Country	Project Name Number	GEF Implementing Agency	Executing Agency	Associated Participation	Entry into Work Program	Approval Date	Duration	Total Cost	GEF Share of Cost	Co-financing	Status
Peru	Trust Fund for Parks and Protected Areas 6PERGE001	World Bank	Fondo Nacional para las Areas Protegida por es Estado	IUCN, WWF, CI, Nature Conservancy, Sociedad Peru ana de Derecho Ambiental, Sociedad Pachamama & numerous other local NGOs	12/91	3/95	5 years	\$20.0	\$5.0	\$1.5 (GTZ); \$0.67 (Canada) additional donor financing being sought	Negotiations completed 1/95. Bank management approval imminent.
Romania	Danube Delta Biodiversity 7ROMGE001 TF28660	World Bank	Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority	IUCN, Friends of the Delta, WWF-Romania, Int'l Waterfowl and Wetlands Bureau UNESCO MAB	5/92	7/94	4 years	\$4.8	\$4.5	None	Effectiveness expected soon. Ecosystem restoration activities initiated and cooperative arrangements with Ukranian and US organizations being negotiated.
Uganda	Conservation of the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park & the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park 3UANGE001	World Bank	Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities	WWF, AWF, Wildlife Clubs of Uganda, CARE-Uganda, Institute of Tropical Forest Conservation	5/91	1/95	5 years	\$4.8	\$4.0	\$0.8 (USAID)	Grant approved 1/95.
Zimbabwe	Biodiversity Conservation in Southeast Zimbabwe 3ZIMGE002*	World Bank	Govt. Dept. of National Parks & Wildlife Mgt., Ministry of Environment and Tourism.	WWF, Limpop-Save Development Committee	5/92	6/95	5 years	\$55.0	\$4.8	\$50 t.b.d.	Detailed preparation underway. Appraisal will follow restructuring of Dept. of National Parks & Wildlife Mgt. Pilot community conservation initiatives under implementation
Regional (Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire)	Community Based Natural Resource and Wildlife Management 3AFRGE001	World Bank	Local community wildlife management groups	IUCN, local NGOs	12/92	6/95	5 years	\$11.7	\$7.0	\$2.6 (Belgium), \$1.3 (Germany)	Negotiations planned for 4/95.
TOTAL									\$76.5		

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Pilot Phase status on Biodiversity Projects cont.

Country	Project Name Number	GEF Implementing Agency	Executing Agency	Associated Participation	Entry into Work Program	Approved Date	Duration	Total Cost	GEF Share of Cost	Co-financing	Status
ALL FOUR GEF PRIORITY AREAS											
Global	Small and Medium Scale Private Sector Enterprise Fund	IFC (World Bank)	Various	IFC financial intermediaries, commercial banks, Business, Foundations, NGOs	7/94	12/94	3 years	**	\$4.3***	Will vary	Approved by Participants 7/94. Subprojects under preparation.
TOTAL									\$4.3		

GEF1 PROJECT PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (PDF): BIODIVERSITY

BLOCK B

Country	Project Name	Implementing Agency	Convention Guidelines: COP Decision 1/2, Annex I, "Programme Priorities"	Amount	Approval Date
Brazil	Juruena Feasibility Study: Industrial Production of Non- Timber Forest Products	UNDP	4 (c), (e) and (m)	279,917	5/95
Cote d'Ivoire	National Protected Area	World Bank	4 (b) and (c)	321,500	3/95
Guyana	National Protected Area System	World Bank	4 (b), (c) and (h)	326,000	5/95
India	Management of Coral Reef Ecosystem of Anderman and Nicobar Islands	UNDP	4 (c), (d) and (k)	345,000	5/95
Jordan and Lebanon	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Dryland Biodiversity in Priority Afro-Ecosystems	UNDP	4 (b), (c), (e), (g) and (h)	52,000	5/95
Pakistan	Biodiversity Strategy and Protected Areas Management	World Bank	4 (c), (d) and (e)	338,000	5/95
Sri Lanka	Biodiversity Strategy & Medicinal Plants Conservation	World Bank	4 (b), (c) and (j)	345,000	3/95
Viet Nam	Creating Protected Areas for Resource Conservation (PARCs) in Viet Nam Using a Landscape Ecology Approach	UNDP	4 (a), (c) and (j)	130,000	1/95
TOTAL				2,137,417	