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**SUMMARY OF THE EXTENSIONS GRANTED
UNDER THE CANCELLATION POLICY**

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the most up to date summary of projects for which exceptions to the Project Cancellation Policy¹ have been requested and granted by the CEO since the previous report was presented at the 61st GEF Council meeting in December 2021. It is presented to Council outside the usual circulation deadlines to capture the most recent data in advance of the 62nd GEF Council meeting.
2. The [Project Cancellation Policy](#) was approved by Council at its 55th Meeting in December 2018. The Policy includes provisions under which countries may formally request that the GEF CEO grant an exception to cancellation deadlines. These exceptions may only be granted in cases of extraordinary events or circumstances beyond the control of the parties (Agency, country), such as war, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or similar circumstances which prevent them from adhering to the business standards established in the Policy.
3. The Policy stipulates that the CEO communicate any exception decision to the Council for information and post the information on the GEF website.

BACKGROUND

4. The Project Cancellation Policy was formulated to align incentives for timely project preparation and more specifically to dis-incentivize excessive delays between PIF approval and CEO-endorsement/approval of projects.
5. The COVID-19 crisis, however, impacted preparation of some projects from early 2020 to date, in some cases causing delays in project preparation. As a result, in active consultation within the Partnership, the GEF Secretariat introduced a series of measures to increase flexibility and avoid the risk of cancellation. These actions have been developed to mitigate the impact and risks linked to COVID-19 and ensure efficient and effective design and implementation of GEF resources.
6. The first action was a blanket extension of six months to two important deadlines specified in the Cancellation Policy: (i) the 8 and 12 month deadline² for submission of CEO Approval/Endorsement requests; and (ii) the 12 and 18 month deadline³ for final CEO Approval/Endorsement. This extension was provided for all stand-alone projects and child projects under Programs for which PIFs/PFDs were approved from the beginning of GEF-7 to June 3, 2020.
7. The second action was described in the Council document [‘The Impact of COVID-19 on GEF Project Preparation and Implementation: Overview of Responses from Across the GEF Partnership’](#) (GEF/C.59.11) for Council consideration at its 59th meeting in December 2020. That

¹ OP/PL/02

² Depending on project type. 8-month deadline applicable to Medium-Sized Projects. 12-month deadline applicable to Full-Sized Projects.

³ 12-month deadline applicable to Medium-Sized Projects. 18-month deadline applicable to Full-Sized Projects.

document reported on information received through surveys of Agencies, consultations with countries and discussions at the Fall 2020 Agency retreat. The document also summarized the measures Agencies and Countries had introduced to address the challenges encountered during the pandemic.

8. In this context, the Council approved an exceptional and time-bound authority for the GEF CEO to grant longer extensions to the Project Cancellation Policy, for a total of up to 24 months and for all projects types, effective from December 11, 2020 (approval date of the Summary of the Chair - [GEF/C.59/Summary](#)) through the final day of the 60th GEF Council meeting (June 18, 2021)⁴

9. As of today, the Secretariat received a total of 193 requests for extension. 46 of those were reported during the 60th Council Meeting ([GEF/C.60/Inf.10](#)) and 32 were reported during the 61st Council Meeting ([GEF/C.61/Inf.12](#)).

10. During the period reported in this document (December 4, 2021 – June 17, 2022) 115 requests for extension invoking the force majeure provision of the Project Cancellation Policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have been received by the Secretariat. All such requests have been granted by the GEF CEO under the provisions of the Policy and Council decisions referenced herein; as a result, no projects that requested extension have been automatically cancelled under the terms of the Policy. Out of the 115 requests for extension received⁵, 30 projects have been endorsed or approved by the CEO. Table 1 below provides the list of the 85 projects for which such exceptions have been granted, while Table 2 provides information about three project cancellations. This table only shows projects cancelled through the Cancellation Policy and not those projects cancelled by Agencies.

⁴ GEF/C.59/Summary, para 86

⁵ The increased number of requests of extensions, compared to the previous two reports, is circumstantial and due to the higher number of projects approved during the 58th and 59th Council Meetings which benefited from extensions detailed in paragraphs 6,7 and 8.

Table 1 - Projects that have requested extension

ID	Title	Country	Agency	Focal Area	Type	Original Deadline	New Deadline	Parent ID
10099	Landscape restoration for increase resilience in urban and peri-urban areas of Bujumbura	Burundi	UNDP	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	11-June-2023	-
10160	Increased resilience and adaptive capacity of the most vulnerable communities to climate change in Forested Guinea	Guinea	UNDP	Climate Change	FSP	19-December-2021	19-December-2022	-
10211	“BE-CLME+”: Promoting National Blue Economy Priorities Through Marine Spatial Planning in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Plus	Regional	FAO, CAF	Multi Focal Area	FSP	19-December-2021	22-November-2022	-
10377	Reducing vulnerability and increasing resilience to climate change through promoting innovation, transfer and large-scale deployment of adaptation-oriented technologies in priority agriculture value-chains and creating jobs	Congo DR	UNIDO	Climate Change	FSP	19-December-2021	30-September-2022	-
10178	Watershed approaches for climate resilience in agro-pastoral landscapes	South Sudan	UNIDO, UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	19-December-2021	19-December-2022	-
10418	Building resilience through sustainable land management and climate change adaptation in Dodoma	Tanzania	AfDB	Multi Focal Area	FSP	19-December-2021	13-December-2022	-
10420	Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Production and Conservation of Key Biodiversity Species through Land Restoration and Efficient Use of Ecosystems in the Dallol Bosso and Surrounding Areas (PROSAP/COKEBIOS)	Niger	IFAD, UNEP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	19-December-2021	30-June-2022	-
10459	Accelerating cleantech innovation and entrepreneurship in start-ups and SMEs in Indonesia	Indonesia	UNIDO	Climate Change	MSP	19-June-2021	18-June-2022	10408
10651	Sustainable and Efficient Electric Mobility System in Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	UNEP	Climate Change	MSP	3-June-2022	2-December-2022	10114
10898	Accelerating the shift towards electric mobility in South Africa	South Africa	DBSA	Climate Change	FSP	3-June-2022	31-January-2023	10114

10750	Integrated Landscape Management for a zero-deforestation coffee and rice value chains in the Central South and Eastern coast of Madagascar	Madagascar	FAO	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	6-December-2022	10201
10563	Blueing the Black Sea (BBSEA)	Regional	World Bank	International Waters	FSP	3-June-2022	30-March-2023	-
10500	Livelihoods Carbon Fund 3 (LCF3)	Global	CI	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	1-June-2023	-
10608	Enabling Land Degradation Neutrality and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions in Cameroon's Sudano-Sahelian agro-ecological zone	Cameroon	FAO	Land Degradation	MSP	6-May-2022	31-July-2022	-
10698	Safeguarding Solomon Islands endemic and globally threatened biodiversity and ecosystem services from key threats, particularly invasive alien species and unsustainable land use practices (SAFE project)	Solomon Islands	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	30-September-2022	-
10689	Fostering sustainable, legal and traceable use and trade of wild native species in Mexico	Mexico	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	11-June-2023	-
10668	Tanzania's Climate Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)	Tanzania	UNEP	Climate Change	MSP	20-August-2022	20-February-2023	-
10410	Enhancing integrated sustainable management to safeguard Samoa's natural resources	Samoa	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	31-October-2022	-
10444	Development of an integrated system to promote the natural capital in the drylands of Mauritania	Mauritania	IUCN	Land Degradation	FSP	3-June-2022	2-June-2023	-

10536	Protecting priority coastal and marine ecosystems to conserve globally significant Endangered, Threatened, and Protected marine wildlife in southern Mindanao, Philippines	Philippines	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	3-October-2022	-
10312	Community-based Climate-responsive Livelihoods and Forestry (CCLF)	Afghanistan	UNDP	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	11-June-2023	-
10604	GEF GOLD+ in Madagascar: Enhancing the formalization and mercury reduction in artisanal and small-scale gold mining in Madagascar	Madagascar	UNIDO	Chemicals and Waste	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	10569
10584	Strengthening the Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks in Southern Africa (SINBF)	Regional	UNEP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	30-September-2022	-
10568	Philippine Rise Integrated Conservation for Enduring Legacies through Ecosystem Support Services (PRICELESS)	Philippines	CI	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	4-December-2022	-
10497	AGRI3 A Forest Conservation and Sustainable Agriculture Fund for Developing Countries	Global	CI	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	31-December-2022	-
10388	Biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management and enhanced water security in Lake Tanganyika basin	Regional	UNEP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	3-June-2023	-
10603	GEF GOLD+ in Nigeria: Enhancing the formalization and mercury-free gold in Nigeria	Nigeria	UNIDO	Chemicals and Waste	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	10569

10562	Resilient and sustainable livelihoods for rural Yemen	Yemen	FAO	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	31-December-2022	-
10535	Prioritising Biodiversity Conservation and Nature-based Solutions as Pillars of Seychelles' Blue Economy	Seychelles	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	-
10508	Integrated transboundary water resources management in the Corubal basin between Guinée and Guinée-Bissau	Regional	IUCN	International Waters	FSP	11-June-2022	10-June-2023	-
10543	Promotion of circular economy in the textile and garment sector through the sustainable management of chemicals and waste in Lesotho, Madagascar and South Africa	Regional	UNIDO	Chemicals and Waste	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	-
10558	Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Black Sea - (FishEBM BS)	Regional	FAO	International Waters	FSP	3-June-2022	1-June-2023	-
10560	Fisheries and Ecosystem Based Management for the Blue Economy of the Mediterranean - (FishEBM MED)	Regional	UNEP, FAO	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	1-June-2023	-
10712	Enhancing water-food security and climate resilience in volcanic island countries of the Pacific	Regional	FAO	International Waters	FSP	11-June-2022	9-June-2023	-
10537	Partnerships and Innovative Financing to Mainstream Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management in the Wet and Intermediate Climatic Zones	Sri Lanka	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	-

10606	GEF GOLD+: Global coordination, knowledge management and outreach	Global	CI, UNEP	Chemicals and Waste	FSP	3-June-2022	1-December-2022	10569
10565	Enhanced Water Security and Community Resilience in the Adjacent Cuvelai and Kunene Transboundary River Basins	Regional	UNDP	International Waters	FSP	11-June-2022	31-October-2022	-
10180	Planning and implementing Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) in Djibouti's Dikhil and Tadjourah regions	Djibouti	UNEP	Climate Change	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	-
10539	Sustainable Forest and Forest Land Management in Viet Nam's Ba River Basin Landscape	Viet Nam	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	3-October-2022	-
10320	Strengthening the climatic resilience of the drinking water sector in the South of Haiti	Haiti	UNDP	Climate Change	FSP	3-June-2022	30-September-2022	-
10714	Institutionalising transboundary water management between Tajikistan and Afghanistan for the Panj River Sub Basin	Regional	FAO	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	9-June-2023	-
10511	Crop Diversity Conservation for Sustainable Use in Indonesia	Indonesia	FAO	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	2-December-2022	-
10166	Strengthening human and natural systems resilience to climate change through mangrove ecosystems conservation and sustainable use in southern Benin	Benin	FAO	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	31-December-2022	-

10516	Improving the climate resilience of agro-sylvo-pastoral production systems in Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	FAO	Climate Change	FSP	3-June-2022	31-December-2022	-
10175	Building Resilience in the Wake of Climate Disasters in Southern Haiti	Haiti	UNEP	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	11-December-2022	-
10630	Support the shift towards low-carbon electric mobility in Ecuador	Ecuador	UNEP	Climate Change	MSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	10114
10597	Building institutional and local capacities to reduce wildlife crime and to enhance protection of iconic wildlife in Malaysia	Malaysia	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	10200
10542	Conservation of Atoll Ecosystems through an effectively managed national protected area Estate (CATENATE)	Maldives	IUCN	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	2-June-2023	-
10370	Accelerating adoption of super-efficient technologies for sustainable thermal comfort in buildings in India	India	UNDP	Climate Change	FSP	3-June-2022	3-October-2022	-
10613	Strengthening Governance and Capacity for Combatting Illegal Wildlife Trade in Pakistan	Pakistan	IUCN	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	31-December-2022	10200
10529	Strengthening Community-managed Protected Areas for Conserving Biodiversity and Improving Local Livelihoods in Pakistan	Pakistan	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	31-December-2022	-

10688	Restoring and Enhancing the Value of Degraded Lands and Forest Ecosystems for Enhanced Climate Resilience in Benin (PIRVaTEFoD-Benin)	Benin	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	11-December-2022	-
10677	Effective Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing of the Nagoya Protocol and Integration into Planned co-management Arrangements in the Nyambai Forest Park of The Gambia	Gambia	UNEP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	30-December-2022	-
10680	Promotion of climate adaptation technology and business model innovations and entrepreneurship in Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	UNIDO	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	11-June-2023	-
10552	Natural Capital Values of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in Sri Lanka Integrated into Sustainable Development Planning	Sri Lanka	IUCN	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	2-December-2022	-
10540	From bait to plate: strengthening sustainable fisheries to safeguard marine biodiversity and food security	Mexico	FAO	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	3-June-2023	-
10390	Integrated Forest Landscape Management for Strengthening the Northeastern and Eastern Forest Corridors	Thailand	FAO	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	2-December-2022	-
10572	Integrated Landscape Management Gambia (INLAMAG) Project	Gambia	IFAD	Land Degradation	FSP	3-June-2022	3-June-2023	-
10578	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in the tourism sector of the protected areas and strategic ecosystems of San Andres, Old Providence and Santa Catalina islands	Colombia	WWF-US	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	14-July-2022	-

10566	Lake Kivu and Rusizi River Basin Water Quality Management Project	Regional	AfDB	International Waters	FSP	3-June-2022	2-June-2023	-
10574	Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Rural Landscapes of Mexico	Mexico	IFAD	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	3-June-2023	-
10705	Strengthening Capacities for Management of Invasive Alien Species (SMIAS) in Indonesia	Indonesia	FAO	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	2-September-2022	-
10753	Mainstreaming biodiversity in the development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt	China	IUCN	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	31-December-2022	10710
10754	Strengthening in-situ Biodiversity Conservation in the Yangtze River Economic Belt	China	IUCN	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	31-December-2022	10710
10692	Integrated Community-based Management of High Value Mountain Ecosystems in Southern Kyrgyzstan for Multiple Benefits	Kyrgyz Republic	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2023	30-October-2022	-
10612	Reducing Human Wildlife Conflict through an Evidence-based and Integrated Approach in Southern Africa	South Africa	UNEP	Biodiversity	FSP	3-June-2022	30-December-2022	10200
10690	Building the resilience of forest biodiversity to the threats of climate change in Tanzania's Nature Forest Reserves	Tanzania	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	11-December-2022	-

10570	Improving biodiversity mainstreaming in the agro-forestry and fishery sectors in São Tomé and Príncipe	Sao Tome and Principe	IFAD	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	11-June-2023	-
10546	Plastik Sulit: Accelerating Circular Economy for Difficult Plastics in Indonesia	Indonesia	ADB	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	15-August-2022	-
10609	Accelerating the adoption and scale-up of electric mobility for low-carbon city development in the Philippines	Philippines	UNIDO	Climate Change	FSP	3-June-2022	3-December-2022	10114
10682	POPs and mercury-free solutions for environmentally sound waste management in Paraguay	Paraguay	UNIDO	Chemicals and Waste	FSP	11-June-2022	9-December-2022	-
10717	Green and Inclusive Recovery in Mexico (GreenMex): Making high-value ecosystems and rural livelihoods more resilient and sustainable in a post COVID-19 scenario.	Mexico	FAO	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	11-June-2023	-
10701	Transformational wildlife conservation management in China	Global	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	31-October-2022	-
10686	Reduction of POPs and UPOPs through integrated sound management of chemicals	Philippines	UNDP	Chemicals and Waste	FSP	11-June-2022	22-July-2022	-
10681	Accelerating the adoption and life-cycle solutions to electric mobility in Thailand	Thailand	UNIDO	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	11-December-2022	-

10691	Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) for resilient natural resources and agro-pastoral communities in the Ferlo Biosphere Reserve and Plateau of Thiès	Senegal	UNDP, IUCN	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	11-December-2022	-
10679	Management of Indonesian and Timor-Leste Transboundary Watersheds (MITLTW)	Regional	CI	International Waters	FSP	11-June-2022	10-June-2023	-
10720	Combating Climate Change through the Promotion and Application of Sustainable Biomass Energy Technologies in Pakistan (PASBET)	Pakistan	UNDP	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	31-December-2022	-
10573	Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture	Regional	WWF-US	International Waters	FSP	11-June-2022	10-June-2023	-
10723	Regeneration of Livelihoods and Landscapes (ROLL) Project	Lesotho	IFAD	Land Degradation	FSP	11-June-2022	31-August-2022	-
10728	Investing in the Komodo Dragon and other globally threatened species in Flores (IN-FLORES)	Indonesia	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	30-September-2022	-
10385	Mainstreaming Natural Capital Values into Planning and Implementation for Sustainable Blue Economic Growth in Indian Coastal Districts	India	UNEP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	11-September-2022	-
10684	Improving the flow of ecosystem services in biologically-rich watersheds of the Southern region of Haiti	Haiti	UNDP	Biodiversity	FSP	11-June-2022	30-December-2022	-

10727	Managing Watersheds for Enhanced Resilience of Communities to Climate Change in Nepal (MaWRiN)	Nepal	WWF-US	Climate Change	FSP	11-June-2022	17-June-2022	-
10670	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation in sustainable tourism development in Cuba	Cuba	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	30-September-2022	-

Table 2 – Projects Cancelled

ID	Title	Country	Agency	Focal Area	Type	Original Deadline	Cancellation Date	Parent ID
10699	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and restoring forest landscape connectivity in Bago Region, Myanmar	Myanmar	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	11-June-2022	18-December-2021	-
10462	Conservation of Wetland Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Freshwater Ecosystems in the Western Dvina/Daugava Transboundary River Basin	Belarus	UNDP	Multi Focal Area	FSP	3-June-2022	6-June-2022	-
10421	Reducing barriers to promote electric mobility in the Republic of Belarus through the introduction of ultra-fast charging stations	Belarus	UNDP	Climate Change	MSP	16-April-2022	21-December-2021	-