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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The *Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Council of the Global Environment Facility* provides that the GEF Council will report to the Conference of the Parties on all GEF-financed activities carried out in implementing the Convention. Paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 provide:

“In particular, the reports will provide detailed information on the GEF biodiversity focal area, including:

- (a) Information on how GEF has responded to the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties as described by paragraph 2, including, where appropriate, through its incorporation in the GEF operational strategy and operational programs;
- (b) The conformity of the approved work programs with guidance of the Conference of the Parties;
- (c) A synthesis of the different projects under implementation and a listing of the projects approved by the Council in the biodiversity focal area, as well as a financial report with an indication of the financial resources allocated to these projects;
- (d) A list of project proposals submitted for approval to the Council, through the GEF Implementing Agencies, by eligible Parties, including reporting on their approval status and, in cases of projects not approved, the reasons therefore;
- (e) A review of the project activities approved by GEF and their outcomes, including information on funding and progress in implementation; and
- (f) Additional financial resources leveraged by GEF for the implementation of the Convention.”

2. This report, approved by the GEF Council, has been prepared for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held in Bratislava, Slovakia, from 4 to 15 May 1998. It describes GEF activities in the biodiversity area and provides specific information on how the GEF has applied the guidance of the Conference of the Parties. This report covers the period from July 1, 1996<sup>1</sup> to December 31, 1997.

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<sup>1</sup> The end of the period covered by the GEF report to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## **II. HIGHLIGHTS OF GEF COUNCIL DECISIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

### **GEF Council Meetings**

3. The Council met three times during the reporting period: October 8-10, 1996, April 30- May 1, 1997 and November 4-6, 1997. During this time, the Council made the following decisions of direct relevance to GEF-financed biodiversity activities:

- (a) Approval of five work programs<sup>2</sup>, with GEF funding for biological diversity activities totaling US\$ 246 million;
- (b) Approval of a work program and budget for the GEF monitoring and evaluation and dissemination program;
- (c) Approval of procedures to expedite the processing and financing of medium-sized projects;
- (d) Approval of principles for GEF financing of targeted research;
- (e) Approval of follow-up action to a STAP workshop on land degradation as it relates to the GEF focal areas;
- (f) Reappointment of Mr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry as the Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the GEF;
- (g) Approval of the structure and organization of the GEF Assembly to be held April 1-3, 1998, in New Delhi, India; and
- (h) Request to the Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund to initiate, in cooperation with the CEO/Chairman of the GEF, replenishment of the Trust Fund in early 1997.

### **Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund**

4. In March 1997, a planning meeting was held to discuss the work plan for the replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund. Participants welcomed the initiation of the second GEF replenishment and noted its importance as the leading multilateral funding mechanism for global environmental protection. The meeting emphasized the importance of initiating the replenishment at a time when the accomplishments of Rio

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<sup>2</sup> In addition to the work programs that were approved at the three Council meetings, the Council approved two work programs by mail in March and August 1997.

are being reviewed in a number of meetings, especially the Special Session of the General Assembly in June 1997. It stressed the importance of a successful replenishment of GEF resources for international cooperation in all four focal areas, including actions concerning biological diversity and climate change through the effective implementation of the Conventions.

5. Participants initially agreed that the second replenishment should be discussed and agreed over the course of three meetings to be convened in May, September, and November 1997. It was agreed at the November meeting that the final replenishment meeting will take place in early February 1998. At these meetings, participants considered preliminary documentation concerning GEF programming of resources, burden sharing frameworks, and exchange rate considerations. There was a consensus among participants that the target size for the second replenishment of the GEF should be US\$2.75 billion. During the process, participants welcomed ongoing efforts to include new donors in the replenishment and urged that these efforts be continued.

6. Apart from burden sharing, two factors were identified as particularly important to the successful outcome of the replenishment negotiations. One was the GEF evaluation exercise being undertaken prior to the first Assembly meeting, and the other a signal of clear support for the role of the GEF as the financial mechanism of the Conventions.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTION GUIDANCE**

7. At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties approved Decision III/5, *Additional Guidance to the Financial Mechanism*, to be followed by the GEF in its role as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism on an interim basis under the Convention. The meeting noted that this guidance was additional to that already provided to the GEF in decision I/2 and II/6 of the first and second meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The guidance adopted by the third meeting urges the Implementing Agencies to enhance cooperation to increase efforts to improve the processing and delivery systems of the GEF. It calls for priority to be given to activities for capacity building for biosafety, taxonomy, the clearinghouse mechanism, and indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles. The guidance also calls upon the GEF to support efforts for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity important to agriculture. The Conference of the Parties reconfirmed the importance of GEF support for incentive measures and requested the GEF, in preparing projects, to include, when relevant to the project's objectives, components addressing targeted research and promotion of the understanding of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. Along with Governments, regional economic integration organizations and competent international, regional and national organizations, the GEF was urged to support capacity building programs promoting the development and implementation of legislative, administration and policy

measures and guidance on access to genetic resources, including scientific, technical, business, legal and management skills and capacities. The GEF was also requested to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention in preparing a proposal on the means to address the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of genetic resources. This proposal is to be considered by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

8. As noted in Decision III/5, the guidance approved at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties is additional to the guidance approved at the first and second meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Upon receiving guidance from the Parties, the GEF reviews its policy and program activities to ascertain that the guidance is appropriately incorporated in GEF operations. New guidance can lead to changes in operational policies, operational procedures, and in the development of new project activities.

9. Reflection of guidance through the approval of new project activities can take some time depending upon whether that guidance builds upon earlier program priorities approved by the Conference of the Parties, in which case the GEF might be able to respond quickly, or whether the program priority is such that it requires policy work to clarify the most effective operational response. In some instances, the GEF has already approved project activities that address the new program priority, since the project is directly relevant to a previously identified program priority. In the case of a program priority for which there is no previous experience, the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies undertake to define the most effective operational response before working with recipient governments to identify project opportunities.

10. Part A under this section of the report describes the project activities that have been approved during the reporting period. These activities are primarily consistent with the guidance approved by the Parties at their first and second meetings. Some of the projects, however, also address program areas assigned priority by the third meeting of the Parties. Annex A of this report presents a matrix listing the projects together with project preparation financing that was approved during the reporting period together with information as to how that financing responds to the program priorities approved by the Conference of the Parties.

11. Part B under this section of the report describes the operational policy and procedural response of the GEF Council, the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to the additional guidance approved by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **A. Biodiversity Project Activities**

12. In the reporting period, the following financing was allocated for project activities in the biodiversity area:

**Table 1: Project Financing in the Area of Biodiversity - July 1996 to December 1997**

Type of activity	Number of activities	GEF financing	Co-financing	Total Period Financing
Project preparation <sup>3</sup>	21	\$6.19 million	\$ 2.99 million	\$9.18 million
Enabling Activities	93	\$17.94 million		\$17.94 million
Investment/Technical Assistance Projects	35	\$246.51 million	\$707.46 million	\$953.97 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	149	<b>\$270.64 million</b>	<b>\$710.45 million</b>	\$981.09 million

13. As is indicated in the table, total project financing during the reporting period amounted to over US\$ 981 million, of which the GEF provided over \$270 million in grant financing. An additional US\$ 710 million in co-financing was raised for biodiversity project activities.

14. Since the establishment of the pilot phase of the GEF, a total of US\$ 1.74 billion has been allocated to biodiversity activities (See Annex B). Of this sum, US\$ 718 million was provided in grants from the GEF Trust Fund. An additional US\$ 1.02 billion was contributed through co-financing. The GEF publication, *Quarterly Operational Report*, lists all projects financed by the GEF, and provides a brief summary of the project together with up-dated information on the project's status. Copies of the most recent *Quarterly Operational Report* will be available for those participating in the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

15. As stated above, Annex A shows how project preparation financing and each project address specific project-related program priorities determined by the Conference of the Parties. It should be kept in mind that some policies approved by the Conference of the Parties are reflected in all GEF-financed biodiversity project activities.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> This does not include initial project preparation funds (Block A) which are used at the very early stages of project or program identification.

<sup>4</sup> This includes guidance requesting that projects: be consistent with national priorities, strategies and action plans; contribute to capacity building and fulfillment of Convention obligations; and promote involvement of stakeholders in order to address the social dimensions related to poverty.



16. Tables 5 below lists projects in the GEF focal area of international waters that have significant biodiversity project components. Table 6 lists projects that are related to a number of focal areas, including biodiversity. These later projects are often concerned with environmental awareness.

### *Enabling Activity Projects*

17. During the reporting period, 93<sup>5</sup> enabling activity projects were financed. One for Brazil was approved by the Council and the rest by the CEO under expedited procedures. The GEF financing for enabling activities in the reporting period exceeds US\$17 million (see Table 2). All these projects have been developed with the full collaboration of the recipient country Party, and all of them address to some extent the preparation of national reports. In addition, as stated in paragraph 26, the revised operational criteria for enabling activities make provision for capacity building activities for purposes of the clearing-house mechanism, including financial assistance to purchase hardware, software, and to cover the costs of access and training. By the end of December 1997, the following countries received GEF assistance for the purposes of the clearing-house mechanism: Czech Republic, Guinea, Hungary, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Oman, and Seychelles. With an additional amount of US\$87,688 for capacity building related to the clearing-house mechanism, total GEF allocations for biodiversity enabling activities in the reporting period was US\$17,948,512.

**Table 2: Enabling Activities - July 1996 to December 1997**

	COUNTRY	AMOUNT (US \$)	APPROVAL month/day/year
1	Albania	96,000	08 05 96
2	Algeria	230,500	03 03 97
3	Antigua & Barbuda	139,000	03 25 97
4	Argentina	348,890	09 25 96
5	Armenia	174,800	04 28 97
6	Bahamas	150,000	09 16 96
7	Barbados	143,640	03 27 97
8	Belize	184,500	01 28 97
9	Benin	233,820	09 29 97
10	Bhutan	116,546	09 12 96
11	Brazil	942,500	03 07 97
12	Burkina Faso	230,977	12 16 96
13	Cameroon	300,000	09 16 96
14	Cape Verde	208,151	12 16 96

<sup>5</sup> This number does not include Pilot Biosafety Enabling Activity Project, which is listed in Table 3 as an Investment/Technical Assistance project.

	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>AMOUNT (US \$)</b>	<b>APPROVAL month/day/year</b>
15	Central African Rep	164,700	10 16 96
16	Chad	218,160	09 23 96
17	China	59,400	02 20 97
18	Colombia	253,000	05 21 97
19	Comoros	131,760	05 28 97
20	Congo	247,860	03 06 97
21	Congo, DR	331,560	09 23 96
22	Costa Rica	195,700	08 21 96
23	Cote d'Ivoire	237,600	04 24 97
24	Croatia	102,000	01 30 97
25	Cuba	206,280	12 16 96
26	Czech Republic	101,000	12 15 97
27	Dominica	96,500	07 25 97
28	DPR Korea	299,250	01 13 97
29	Egypt	288,000	09 16 96
30	El Salvador	197,900	01 28 97
31	EQ. Guinea	300,000	09 23 96
32	Eritrea	275,000	10 16 96
33	Estonia	166,000	10 25 96
34	Fiji	197,925	03 25 97
35	Gabon	232,200	10 30 97
36	Gambia	243,000	10 17 96
37	Georgia	120,000	08 05 96
38	Guatemala	214,700	01 24 97
39	Guinea	223,020	07 21 97
40	Guinea Bissau	195,480	01 28 97
41	Guyana	82,600	12 16 97
42	Hungary	166,320	03 27 97
43	India	25,000	10 27 97
44	Iran	350,000	03 06 97
45	Jordan	350,000	05 08 97
46	Kazakhstan	132,664	10 02 96
47	Kenya	157,000	04 16 97
48	Kyrgyz Republic	108,000	02 27 97
49	Latvia	165,315	09 23 97
50	Lebanon	145,000	02 27 97
51	Lesotho	114,480	08 12 96
52	Lithuania	70,000	08 05 96
53	Madagascar	25,000	05 22 97
54	Malaysia	36,750	01 03 97

	COUNTRY	AMOUNT (US \$)	APPROVAL month/day/year
55	Malawi	289,000	09 16 96
56	Maldives	150,680	01 22 97
57	Mali	252,180	02 20 97
58	Marshall Islands	230,000	03 07 97
59	Mauritania	233,000	03 06 97
60	Mauritius	235,440	05 08 97
61	Mexico	198,000	01 30 97
62	Mongolia	32,550	01 30 97
63	Morocco	191,200	04 24 97
64	Mozambique	216,000	09 17 96
65	Niger	229,500	03 06 97
66	Oman	266,000	08 27 97
67	Panama	215,000	08 08 96
68	Peru	217,900	07 16 97
69	Poland	205,000	09 17 96
70	Russian Fed	59,220	05 23 97
71	Rwanda	170,640	08 28 96
72	St Kitts & Nevis	104,000	07 16 97
73	St Vincent & Grenadines	117,000	05 22 97
74	Senegal	205,200	12 16 96
75	Seychelles	186,000	08 08 96
76	Slovak Republic	77,000	08 08 96
77	Solomon Islands	123,000	08 08 96
78	South Africa	25,380	08 06 97
79	Sudan	334,000	10 08 97
80	Surinam	92,000	05 13 97
81	Swaziland	169,560	12 23 96
82	Syria	194,000	02 20 97
83	Trinidad & Tobago	127,000	05 30 97
84	Tunisia	89,000	08 08 96
85	Uganda	125,000	08 04 97
86	Ukraine	112,000	08 05 96
87	Uruguay	121,300	08 12 96
88	Uzbekistan	183,000	08 12 96
89	Vanuatu	207,360	01 15 97
90	Venezuela	273,370	01 28 97
91	Yemen	290,000	09 19 96
92	Zambia	289,440	03 24 97
93	Zimbabwe	299,456	11 25 96
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,860,824</b>	

### *Investment and Technical Assistance Projects*

18. The table below lists the investment and technical assistance projects approved in accordance with GEF procedures during the reporting period.

**Table 3: Investment/Technical Assistance Projects - July 1996-December 1997**

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	GEF FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)	TOTAL FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)
Global (Brazil, China, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Uganda)	People, Land Management, and Environmental Change	6.23	11.09
Global (Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Egypt, Kenya, Hungary, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Pakistan, Poland, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia)	Pilot Biosafety Enabling Activity Project (Component 1)	1.98	1.98
Regional (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda)	East Africa-Reducing Biodiversity Loss at Cross-Border Sites	12.65	18.42
Regional (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda)	African NGO-Government Partnerships for Sustainable Biodiversity Action	4.33	11.44
Regional (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama)	Establishment of a Programme for the Consolidation of the Meso-American Biological Corridor	10.94	23.71

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	GEF FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)	TOTAL FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)
Regional (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	Southern Africa Biodiversity Support Programme	4.50	9.34
Regional (Kazakstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic)	Central Asia Transboundary Biodiversity Project	10.49	14.23
Regional (Lebanon, Jordan, Syria)	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Dryland Agro-Biodiversity of the Fertile Crescent	8.12	18.78
Regional (Albania, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia)	Conservation of Wetland and Coastal Ecosystems in the Mediterranean	13.45	104.25
Latin American and Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St.Kitts and Nevis, St.Lucia, St.Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela)	A Participatory Approach to Managing the Environment: An Input to the Inter-American Strategy for Participation (ISP)	0.75	1.56

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	GEF FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)	TOTAL FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)
Regional ( Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central Africa Republic, Congo, Congo DR )	Regional Environment Information Management Project (REIMP)	4.46	16.59
Argentina	Biodiversity Conservation	10.39	48.54
Argentina	Consolidation and Implementation of the Patagonia Coastal Zone Management Programme for Biodiversity Conservation	5.20	5.20
Bhutan	Integrated Management of Jigme Dorji National Park	1.5	2.15
Congo (DR)	Rehabilitation of the Protected Areas	6.33	19.96
Costa Rica	Biodiversity Resources Development	7.28	8.80
Eritrea	Conservation Management of Eritrea's Coastal, Marine, and Island Biodiversity	4.99	4.99
Ghana	Natural Resources Management	8.90	53.6
Guyana	National Protected Areas System	6.33	8.62
Honduras	Biodiversity in Priority Areas	7.30	21.15

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	GEF FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)	TOTAL FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)
Indonesia	Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Project (COREMAP)	12.28	60.80
Jordan	Final Consolidation and Conservation of Azraq Wetlands and Dana Wildlands by RSCN to Address New Pressures	1.95	3.29
Lesotho	Conserving Mountain Biodiversity in Lesotho	2.51	7.34
Madagascar	Environment Program Support	20.80	155.00
Mauritania	Rescue Plan for the Cap Blanc Colony of the Mediterranean Monk Seal	0.15	0.23
Mongolia	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Livelihood Options in the Grasslands of Eastern Mongolia	5.16	12.03
Nicaragua	Atlantic Biodiversity Corridor	7.47	22.34
Panama	Atlantic Biological Corridor	8.59	12.03
Pakistan	Protected Areas Management Project	11.14	27.32

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	GEF FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)	TOTAL FINANCING (IN US\$ MILLIONS)
Romania	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management	5.30	7.10
Sri Lanka	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants	4.92	25.43
South Africa	Cape Peninsula Biodiversity Conservation Project	12.39	93.34
Uganda	Protected Areas Management and Sustainable Use (PAMSU)	10.29	107.49
Uruguay	Consolidation of the Banados del Este Biosphere Reserve	2.50	2.88
Yemen	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Biodiversity of Socotra Archipelago	4.94	12.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>246.51</b>	<b>953.97</b>

### *Project Preparation Financing for Biodiversity Proposals*

19. Often as a first step in project development, the GEF provides financing through its Project Preparation and Development Facility to assist countries to elaborate a project concept and prepare a project proposal. The table below shows GEF project preparation activities for biodiversity proposals approved during the reporting period.



**Table 4: Project Preparation Financing - July 1996-December 1997**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>GEF Financing (in US\$ millions)</b>
Global	Support Programme for Biodiversity Enabling Activities	0.33
Regional (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea)	Regional Environment Information Management Project (REIMP)	0.45
Regional (Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda)	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in the East African Rift Valley Lakes	0.34
Regional	Transboundary Biodiversity	0.35
Regional (Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tunisia and Uganda)	African NGO-Government Partnership for Sustainable Biodiversity Action	0.19
Regional (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam)	Mekong River Basin Wetland Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme	0.35
Regional	Preparation of a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme for the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem	0.35
Regional	Strategic Action Programme for the South Pacific	0.30
China	Wetland Biodiversity & Sustainable Use in China	0.34
India	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	0.19

<b>Country</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>GEF Financing (in US\$ millions)</b>
Malaysia	Conservation & Sustainable Use of Peat Swamp Forests in Malaysia	0.32
Malawi	Mulanje Mountain Biodiversity	0.30
Mozambique	Coastal Zone Biodiversity	0.35
Nepal	Forest Biodiversity	0.10
Panama	Biodiversity Conservation Program	0.29
Paraguay	Protection of Globally and Regionally Significant Ecosystem in Paraguay	0.30
Philippines	Samar Island Biodiversity Project	0.35
Romania	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management	0.30
South Africa	Cape Peninsula Biodiversity	0.09
Turkey	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management	0.35
Ukraine	Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Management in the Northern Azov-Black Sea Corridor	0.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>6.19</b>

### *International Waters Projects with Biodiversity Components*

20. At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to forward to the GEF, other funding agencies and other relevant international bodies, Decision II/10, *Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity*, to be taken into account in considering activities related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity<sup>6</sup>. The GEF has taken this decision into account through the implementation of its operational program on coastal, marine, and freshwater ecosystems. It should also be emphasized that many projects in the GEF focal area of international waters include significant biodiversity activities of direct

<sup>6</sup> Decision II/10, paragraph 11.

relevance to Decision II/10. The following international waters project proposals approved during the reporting period contribute directly to the conservation and sustainable use of fresh, marine and coastal biodiversity elements.

**Table 5: Projects in the Area of International Waters Including Significant Biodiversity Components - July 1996-December 1997**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>GEF Allocation US\$ (million)</b>	<b>Total Costs US\$ (million)</b>
Regional (Albania, Macedonia)	Lake Ohrid Management	4.26	5.16
Argentina/Bolivia	Strategic Action Program for the Binational Basin of the Bermejo River	2.99	5.96
Regional (Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)	Water and Environmental Management in the Aral Sea Basin	12.00	71.50
Regional (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tcheck, Ukraine)	Developing the Danube River Basin Pollution Reduction Program	3.90	7.50
Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Northern Somali Coast, Sudan, Yemen)	Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden	19.34	45.26
<b>Total</b>		<b>44.28</b>	<b>139.65</b>

### *Multi-focal Area Projects with Biodiversity Components*

21. The following table lists approved multi-focal area projects with biodiversity components.

**TABLE 6: MULTI-FOCAL PROJECTS - JULY 1996-DECEMBER 1997**

Country	Project Name	GEF Financing (US\$ millions)	Total Financing (US\$ millions)
PROJECT PREPARATION FINANCING			
Global	Supporting Country-driven GEF-eligible Projects through the GEF Project Development Workshop	0.56	0.56
Global	Land Degradation Workshop	0.10	0.10
Regional	Global Environmental Citizenship	0.24	0.24
Regional (Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Paraguay)	Integrating Global Environmental Dimensions into Public Policy Making in Latin America	0.21	0.21
<i>Sub-total</i>		1.11	1.11
MULTI-FOCAL AREA PROJECTS			
Global	Small and Medium Scale Enterprise Program (replenishment)	16.50	36.00
<i>Sub-total</i>		32.61	71.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32.61</b>	<b>72.11</b>

### *Project Activities Supporting Other Biodiversity-related Conventions*

22. Decision III/21, *Relationship of the Convention with the Commission on Sustainable Development and Biodiversity-Related Conventions, other International Agreements, Institutions and processes of Relevance*, invites Contracting Parties to explore opportunities for accessing funding through the GEF for relevant projects which fulfill the eligibility criteria and guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the GEF. In considering project proposals in the biodiversity area, the GEF Council has encouraged financing of biodiversity proposals that are also relevant to the biological diversity-

related conventions referred to in Decision III/21. Annex C lists approved project preparation financing and approved projects which support other biodiversity-related conventions' activities. These activities also serve to directly strengthen the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

### ***Project Proposals Submitted for Approval to the Council by Eligible Country Parties***

23. The Memorandum of Understanding requests the GEF to provide a list of project proposals submitted for approval to the Council, through the GEF Implementing Agencies, by eligible Parties, including reporting on their approval status and, in cases of projects not approved, the reasons therefore<sup>7</sup>. All project proposals submitted to the Council for approval during the period of July 1996 to December 1997 were approved by the Council.

### **B. Operational Policy and Procedural Steps Developed in Light of the Guidance of the Conference of the Parties**

24. The operational response of the GEF to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties and the actions being taken pursuant to that guidance have been developed in collaboration with the Implementing Agencies and the Secretariat of the Convention. When additional guidance is approved by the Conference of the Parties, it is integrated with existing operational modalities and strategies to the greatest extent possible. This includes modifications to the operational criteria for enabling activities and to the operational programs concerning biodiversity, and inclusion of specific items in the operational policy work program of the GEF. Preparatory work needed to define longer term approaches, such as in the area of agrobiodiversity and benefits sharing, is also undertaken. Highlights of relevant activities during the reporting period are described below.

#### ***Enabling Activities***

25. The GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies prepared operational criteria for the preparation of enabling activities project proposals by developing country Parties. These criteria form the basis for the expedited financing of the urgent implementation of Article 6, preparation of national reports, and other enabling activities mentioned in Decision III/5. At its meeting in October 1996, the Council urged the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to seek every opportunity to expedite the work of the GEF in recipient countries while recognizing the steps that have been agreed upon to ensure the rapid preparation, approval and implementation of enabling activities and medium-sized projects.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Memorandum of Understanding, paragraph 3.3. (d).

<sup>8</sup> Joint Summary of the Chairs, GEF Council Meeting, October 8-10, 1996, Appendix, Decision on Agenda Item 9, *Relations with Conventions*.

26. The criteria have now been revised to reflect the guidance approved by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Revisions address the definition of the general scope of activity norms and cost benchmarks. More specifically, the following activities have been incorporated in the general scope of the criteria:

- (a) capacity building to assist Parties in the implementation of Articles 6 and 8;
- (b) identification of priority issues specifically related to those components of biological diversity under threat;
- (c) capacity building in biosafety;
- (d) capacity building for initial assessment and monitoring programs, including taxonomy;
- (e) supporting efforts for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity important to agriculture;
- (f) supporting the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism;
- (g) supporting incentive measures;
- (h) capacity building to implement measures on access to genetic resources; and
- (i) an examination of support for capacity building projects for indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles.

27. A workshop was organized jointly by the GEF and Convention Secretariats on enabling activities at the meeting of the Convention's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in September 1997. The primary purpose of the workshop was to promote the timely preparation of each Party's first national report to the Conference of the Parties. The presentation included information as to how countries may access GEF financing through the enabling activities expedited procedures to assist them in the preparation of their national reports.

### *Operational Programs*

28. New provisions have been added to each relevant operational program<sup>9</sup> to incorporate the policies and priorities approved by the Conference of the Parties.

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<sup>9</sup> There are 4 GEF operational programs concerning biodiversity focused on achieving programmatic impacts through projects addressing: arid and semi-arid ecosystems; coastal, marine and freshwater ecosystems (including wetlands); forest ecosystems; and mountain ecosystems.

Specifically, country driven projects consistent with national priorities and objectives and incorporating the following will be promoted:

- (a) for capacity building for biosafety<sup>10</sup>, specific projects or project components will be formulated on a case-by-case basis in the context of any of the four biodiversity operational programs;<sup>11</sup>
- (b) for addressing issues in assessment and monitoring, including taxonomy<sup>12</sup>, activities to develop and carry out an initial assessment for designing, implementing and monitoring programs may be financed. Special efforts will be made to identify appropriate projects in small island states;
- (c) for agrobiodiversity<sup>13</sup>, activities will be promoted that demonstrate and apply techniques to conserve biodiversity important to agriculture; for example, wild relatives of domesticated species;
- (d) in addition to support for the clearing-house mechanism available through enabling activities<sup>14</sup>, the Implementing Agencies will work with interested parties to identify and support activities, in the context of the operational programs, for country-driven pilot projects;
- (e) on access to genetic resources<sup>15</sup>, project opportunities will be sought to promote capacity building activities in the context of each of the four operational programs;
- (f) on examining support for capacity building for indigenous and local communities<sup>16</sup>, embodying traditional lifestyles, opportunities will be sought to include project components in biodiversity projects to address this issue;
- (g) on targeted research<sup>17</sup>, opportunities will be sought to include project components, when relevant to the project's objectives and consistent with country-driven national priorities, that deepen our understanding of the

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<sup>10</sup> The Biodiversity Agenda: Decisions from the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Decision III/5, para 2 (a).

<sup>11</sup> COP-2 established a negotiating process for a protocol on biosafety which should be completed by the end of 1998 and may lead to more specific guidance to GEF. The protocol will address capacity building as one of the various components.

<sup>12</sup> Decision III/5, para 2(b).

<sup>13</sup> Decision III/5, para 2(c).

<sup>14</sup> Decision III/5, para 2(d) and Decision III/4, paras 2 and 3.

<sup>15</sup> Decision III/5, para 4.

<sup>16</sup> Decision III/5, para 5.

<sup>17</sup> Decision III/5, para 6(a).

nature and processes affecting biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;

- (h) on awareness and understanding<sup>18</sup>, activities to do this will be built into projects where appropriate;
- (i) on in-situ and ex-situ conservation<sup>19</sup>, projects will be promoted which incorporate and implement elements of Article 8.

### *Activities on Operational Policy Development*

29. At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested “the Secretariat of the Convention and the Global Environment Facility to collaborate in preparing, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting, a proposal on the means to address the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of genetic resources including assistance to developing country Parties.”<sup>20</sup>

30. In response to this decision, the Secretariats of the GEF and Convention have jointly prepared for the fourth meeting of the Parties a paper entitled: *Addressing the Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising out of Genetic Resources: Options for Assistance to Developing Country Parties*. The paper outlines the concept of benefit-sharing as it appears in the Convention, explores the definitions and scope of key terms involved in access to genetic resources, examines some key measures for the sharing of benefits, and presents options, for consideration at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, of assistance to developing countries. In order to seek suggestions and advice from different stakeholders, the GEF and Convention Secretariats consulted widely during the development of the paper, including through a jointly organized workshop at the third meeting of SBSTTA.

31. The Conference of the Parties also adopted decision III/11 on *the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agricultural Biological Diversity*. The decision established a multi-year program of activities aiming at promoting the positive effects and mitigating negative impacts of agricultural practices on biological diversity in agro-ecosystems and their interface with other ecosystems. Decision III/5 called on the GEF to provide financial resources to developing countries for country driven activities and programs, consistent with national priorities and objectives, for supporting , as a priority, efforts for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity important to agriculture.

32. Conservation of biodiversity important to agriculture is addressed in the GEF Operational Strategy. The strategy together with the four GEF operational programs in

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<sup>18</sup> Decision III/5, para 6(b).

<sup>19</sup> Decision III/9, para 2(a).

<sup>20</sup> Decision III/5 Para. 7



the biodiversity area recognize a range of uses of biodiversity, including in intensive agriculture, forestry, and livestock production. In response to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, the GEF Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies, STAP, and the Convention Secretariat, is currently preparing a policy note to provide a more focused framework for GEF activities concerning the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity important to agriculture. Concerted efforts to seek diverse visions on the proposed framework have been made. It is expected that the policy note will be finalized by April 1998.

### *Expedited Procedures for the Approval of Medium-sized Projects*

33. Decision II/6, paragraph 10, recommends that the GEF “explore the possibility of promoting diverse forms of public involvement and more effective collaboration between all tiers of government and civil society, including the feasibility of a program of grants for medium-sized projects.” At its meeting in October 1996, the Council approved procedures to expedite the processing and implementation of medium-sized projects -- projects for which the requested GEF financing does not exceed US\$ 1 million. It is expected that such projects should provide greater flexibility in the programming of GEF resources and encourage a wider range of interested parties to propose and develop project concepts. An information kit designed to assist in the preparation of project proposals has been prepared and circulated widely. The GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies used the project development workshops and other opportunities to disseminate information on medium-sized projects procedures.

34. The goal of these procedures is to establish simplified and expedited means to promote high-quality projects. Medium-sized projects often will not require the same level of preparation and oversight as larger projects. The preliminary experience gained by the GEF shows that medium-sized projects are particularly attractive for projects in the area of biodiversity. For instance, out of 47 project ideas submitted to date for eligibility, 22 (47% of all project ideas received) are related to biodiversity.

### *Other Activities Responsive to the Guidance*

35. The preambular paragraphs of decision III/5 recognize certain challenges experienced by developing countries in seeking funds from the GEF. In particular, mention was made of the GEF Operational Strategy, criteria for determining incremental cost application and the project cycle and project procedures. Improvements have continued during the present reporting period to respond to the concerns raised.

36. *The GEF Operational Strategy: The GEF Operational Strategy and the Project Cycle* were developed to guide the GEF in the preparation of country-driven initiatives in its four focal areas, one of which is biological diversity. The strategy explicitly states that

“...all GEF-funded activities in biodiversity will be in full conformity with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention”<sup>21</sup>. The strategy provides that the GEF is to “maintain sufficient flexibility to respond to changing circumstances, including evolving guidance of the Conference of the Parties and experience gained from monitoring and evaluation activities<sup>22</sup>.” This report illustrates how the framework established by the *Operational Strategy* can quickly incorporate additional guidance from the Conference of the Parties.

37. In order to assist countries to better understand the GEF *Operational Strategy* and procedures to access GEF resources, a project development workshop was prepared and has been presented to representatives of over 124 countries. The workshop explains the GEF project cycle, and how to expedite project approval. The GEF has received very positive feedback about the usefulness of the workshops. To date 38 workshops (See Annex D) have been organized in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America/Caribbean, Europe/Central Asia and Middle East/North Africa.

38. *Criteria for determining incremental costs:* The GEF Council has recognized the need for a flexible application of the concept of incremental costs<sup>23</sup>, and the GEF continues to strive to apply the concept in a flexible, pragmatic and on a case-by-case basis in keeping with decisions of the Conference of the Parties. During the reporting period, the following activities related to incremental costs were undertaken:

- (a) streamlined procedures for the estimation of incremental costs were issued in March 1997;
- (b) at its meeting in November 1997, the GEF Council emphasized the importance of the principle of incremental costs to the GEF while recognizing the difficulties that continued to be encountered in its application. The Council also called upon the Implementing Agencies to ensure that recipient countries were fully involved in negotiations on incremental costs of their proposed projects. The Council requested the GEF Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the Secretariats of the Climate Change and Biodiversity Conventions, to undertake further work to clarify definitions and to further facilitate application of the incremental cost principle. This work is to encompass the preparation of operational criteria and paradigm cases for different types of GEF activities and projects, and is to be considered by the GEF Council at its meeting in November 1998.

### *Review of the Financial Mechanism*

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<sup>21</sup> The GEF Operational Strategy, page 14, under Convention Guidance.

<sup>22</sup> The GEF Operational Strategy, page 2.

<sup>23</sup> See Decision on Agenda item 8, Joint Summary of the GEF Council, May 1995.

39. The Conference of the Parties decided at its second session “that the restructured 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;” and also decided “to undertake the first review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism at its fourth meeting in 1997 and a review every three years.”<sup>24</sup> At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the objectives and criteria for the first review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism to be conducted in time for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.<sup>25</sup>

40. The GEF Council requested the Secretariat to collaborate, as appropriate, with the Convention in its review.<sup>26</sup> The GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies have worked with the Secretariat of the Convention to assist as fully as possible in the review of the GEF. For instance, the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies provided all information requested by the CBD Secretariat to prepare for the review and assisted the CBD Secretariat while it was undertaking one of the field visits for its report.

#### **IV. GEF MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES**

41. At its October 1996 meeting, the Council approved a work program and budget for the GEF monitoring, evaluation, and dissemination program. It is fully recognized by the Council that the Conference of the Parties will be an important user of the results that will emerge from the GEF monitoring and evaluation. This work program includes activities at all stages of the project cycle concerning the design of monitoring and evaluation components in projects, performance monitoring reports, mid-term evaluations, project completion reports and performance audits, and evaluation of project impact. The program also provides for an evaluation of the performance of the operational strategy, and assessments of GEF’s global results and impacts.

##### **Study of GEF’s Overall Performance**

42. In this context, a study of GEF’s Overall Performance is being undertaken to assess to what extent the GEF has achieved, or is making progress towards the achievement of, the main objectives and guidelines laid down during the restructuring in 1994. The report will be an input for the GEF Assembly to be held in April 1998, but is equally intended to inform all GEF stakeholders, particularly the Conference of the Parties to the Conventions, the GEF Council, Implementing Agencies, executing agencies, NGOs, and the interested public. The study will assess, among other things,

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<sup>24</sup> See Decision II/6, paragraphs 1 and 2.

<sup>25</sup> See Decision III/7, paragraph 1.

<sup>26</sup> Joint Summary of the Chairs, GEF Council Meeting, October 8-10, 1996, Appendix, Decision on Agenda Item 9, *Relations with Conventions*.

GEF's approaches and strategies to operationalize Convention guidance and Council decisions.

43. In the area of biodiversity, the study team will assess the GEF's contribution to country-level processes that prepare countries to implement the Convention, including assistance to countries for fulfilling their reporting requirements and taking related measures in compliance with the Convention. The study will also examine the degree to which the identification and implementation of projects is country-driven. The study will examine the information sharing and the coordination between the Convention Secretariat and the GEF Secretariat, as well as between the Parties to the Convention and the GEF Council Members. It will also present the main lessons learned in project implementation to date. In the preparation of the studies, ten field visits were being undertaken and information collected by local consultants in six other countries. It is expected that the field visits will assist in identifying practical problems encountered by recipient countries during all phases of the project and will contribute to the Council's efforts to continuously improve the performance of the GEF.

### **Study of GEF Project Lessons**

44. The Study of GEF Project Lessons was commissioned in April 1997. The study, conducted by Resource Futures International of Ottawa, Canada, assessed experience to date under projects approved during the Pilot Phase to identify factors that account for GEF project success or problems. It entailed a general review of 30 projects, with field visits to five and more detailed analysis of another six of these projects. The study focused particular attention on three topics identified as high priority by project managers and staff and reflect the fact that stakeholder participation is a key feature of the GEF: (1) building partnerships and understanding among project implementers and communities, (2) integration of project activities with national policies and priorities, and (3) approaches to ensure effective private sector involvement in GEF projects. The study will provide the basis for a series of "Project Lessons Notes" planned by the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation team beginning in 1998.

### **Project Implementation Review**

45. Under the monitoring and evaluation program, project implementation reviews are carried out annually by the GEF Implementing Agencies and the Secretariat. The reviews have two purposes: 1) to examine the status of GEF projects, and 2) to identify lessons learned from GEF experience and share them broadly within the GEF family and with other interested parties. The project review process is designed to complement and strengthen internal portfolio management procedures used by the Implementing Agencies.

46. For the 1997 project implementation review, each agency was asked to prepare a financial analysis of its GEF portfolio, a summary overview emphasizing key trends in

this portfolio and lessons learned to date, and individual reports for all projects that had been in implementation for at least a year as of June 30, 1997. Each project report rated implementation progress and the likelihood that its global environmental objectives would be achieved. In addition, agencies were asked to address two cross-cutting issues in their overviews and project reports: 1) experience in obtaining stakeholder involvement and assuring that projects are country-driven and reflect recipient commitment, and 2) the extent of private sector (NGO and for-profit) involvement in the project and any factors that may limit such involvement.

47. The 1997 review provides a summary of the portfolio of projects in implementation in each of the GEF's four focal areas. About half of the projects reviewed were in the biodiversity focal area. The review highlights the areas of significant progress identified during the FY97, experiences gained in implementing projects over the past year, and the principal challenges facing projects in the area of biological diversity. Copies of the 1997 review will be available to the Parties at their fourth meeting.

## V. ISSUES REQUIRING FURTHER GUIDANCE

### Eligibility Issues

48. The *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF* provides that "GEF grants that are made available within the framework of the financial mechanisms of the conventions referred to in paragraph 6 shall be in conformity with the eligibility criteria decided by the Conference of the Parties of each convention."<sup>27</sup> The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties decided that "Only developing countries that are Parties to the Convention are eligible to receive funding upon the entry into force of the Convention for them."<sup>28</sup> In operating the financial mechanism of the Convention, the GEF and its Implementing Agencies have encountered some difficulties in confirming whether certain countries are eligible for GEF assistance under the financial mechanism of the Convention. This usually occurs in cases where a country would not be eligible under the GEF eligibility rules of paragraph 9 (b)<sup>29</sup> of the Instrument, but may well be

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<sup>27</sup> See paragraph 9 (a), the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF.

<sup>28</sup> Decision I/2 "Financial Resources and Mechanism", Annex I, II. Eligibility Criteria, Report to the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/1/17, February 28, 1995.

<sup>29</sup> Paragraph 9 of the GEF Instrument provides "GEF funding shall be made available for activities within the focal areas in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Instrument in accordance with the following eligibility criteria:

(a) GEF grants that are made available within the framework of the financial mechanisms of the conventions referred to in paragraph 6 shall be in conformity with the eligibility criteria decided by the Conference of the Parties of each convention, as provided under the arrangements or agreements referred to in paragraph 27;

(b) All other GEF grants shall be made available to eligible recipient countries and, where appropriate, for other activities promoting the purposes of the Facility in accordance with this paragraph and any additional eligibility criteria determined by the Council. A country shall be an eligible recipient of GEF grants if it is eligible to borrow from the World Bank (IBRD and/or IDA) or if it is an eligible recipient of UNDP technical assistance through its

eligible under the Convention as a “developing country”. The GEF has followed a practice of requesting a determination by the Convention Secretariat as to which countries are eligible under the financial mechanism in accordance with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties before proceeding with project development when a country could not be eligible under paragraph 9(b) of the Instrument since it is not eligible under World Bank or UNDP rules.

49. The Conference of the Parties is invited to review this matter, and to consider whether it would be possible to provide further clarification as to which specific countries are eligible for financing under the financial mechanism.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

50. The restructured GEF is now fully operational, and it is in the process of replenishing the GEF Trust Fund. The GEF has demonstrated that it institutionally complies with the provisions of Article 21 of the Convention, and its relations with the Convention have been formalized in the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Conference of the Parties and the GEF Council. As is clear from its activities, the GEF has been fully responsive to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties concerning the policy, strategy, program priorities, and eligibility criteria relating to access to and utilization of financial resources to developing country Parties for purposes of the Convention.

51. As a result of its experience in operating the financial mechanism of the Convention for the past three years, the GEF now possesses unique operational and policy skills to assist countries in undertaking activities to meet the objectives of the Convention. GEF-financed projects have served to strengthen significantly the capacity and expertise of developing countries to address biological diversity issues. The GEF Implementing Agencies - UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank - have reinforced and demonstrated their institutional capacity to assist recipient countries in the development and management of biodiversity projects. The GEF Council confirms the willingness of the GEF to operate the financial mechanism of the Convention and looks forward to its continuing collaboration with the Conference of the Parties.

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country Indicative Planning Figure (IPF). GEF grants for activities within a focal area addressed by a convention referred to in paragraph 6 but outside the framework of the financial mechanism of the convention, shall only be made available to eligible recipient countries that are party to the convention concerned.”

# ANNEX A

## RESPONSE TO PROGRAM PRIORITIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES Project Preparation Financing and Projects\* (July 1996 to December 1997)

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\* 1-35 Biodiversity Projects (see attached list for project names)

36-56 Biodiversity PDFs (see attached list for project names)

57-62 International Waters Projects with Biodiversity Components (see attached list for project names)

! supports Enabling Activities

### Program Priorities:

- a Identification and monitoring
- b Access to, transfer of, and cooperation in technology
- c Innovative measures, including incentives
- d Conservation/use of endemic species
- e In-situ conservation
- f Biodiversity component under threat
- g Migratory species
- h Alien species
- i Ex-situ (to complement in-situ)
- j Coastal and marine biodiversity

- k Arid and semi-arid ecosystems
- l Mountain ecosystems
- m Sustainable use
- n Biosafety
- o Taxonomy
- p Agrobiodiversity
- q Genetic resources
- r Indigenous and local communities
- s Targeted research
- t Awareness

## Reference list for Annex A

Biodiversity projects numbers 1-35

Biodiversity preparation financing numbers 36-56

International water projects with biodiversity components numbers 57-62

### Investment/Technical Assistance Projects (July 1996-December 1997)

No.	COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME
1	Global (Brazil, China, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Uganda)	People, Land Management, and Environmental Change
2	Global (Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Egypt, Kenya, Hungary, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Pakistan, Poland, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia)	Pilot Biosafety Enabling Activity Project (Component 1)
3	Regional ( Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda)	East Africa-Reducing Biodiversity Loss at Cross-Border Sites
4	Regional (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda)	African NGO-Government Partnerships for Sustainable Biodiversity Action
5	Regional (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama)	Establishment of a Programme for the Consolidation of the Meso-American Biological Corridor
6	Regional (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	Southern Africa Biodiversity Support Programme
7	Regional (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic)	Central Asia Transboundary Biodiversity Project
8	Regional (Lebanon, Jordan, Syria)	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Dryland Agro-Biodiversity of the Fertile Crescent
9	Regional (Albania, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia)	Conservation of Wetland and Coastal Ecosystems in the Mediterranean
10	Latin American and Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St.Kitts and Nevis, St.Lucia, St.Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela)	A Participatory Approach to Managing the Environment: An Input to the Inter-American Strategy for Participation (ISP)
11	Regional ( Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central Africa Republic, Congo, Congo DR )	Regional Environment Information Management Project (REIMP)
12	Argentina	Biodiversity Conservation
13	Argentina	Consolidation and Implementation of the Patagonia Coastal Zone Management Programme for Biodiversity Conservation
14	Bhutan	Integrated Management of Jigme Dorji National Park
15	Congo (DR)	Rehabilitation of the Protected Areas
16	Costa Rica	Biodiversity Resources Development
17	Eritrea	Conservation Management of Eritrea's Coastal, Marine, and Island Biodiversity
18	Ghana	Natural Resources Management
19	Guyana	National Protected Areas System
20	Honduras	Biodiversity in Priority Areas
21	Indonesia	Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Project



No.	COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME
		(COREMAP)
22	Jordan	Final Consolidation and Conservation of Azraq Wetlands and Dana Wildlands by RSCN to Address New Pressures
23	Lesotho	Conserving Mountain Biodiversity in Lesotho
24	Madagascar	Environment Program Support
25	Mauritania	Rescue Plan for the Cap Blanc Colony of the Mediterranean Monk Seal
26	Mongolia	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Livelihood Options in the Grasslands of Eastern Mongolia
27	Nicaragua	Atlantic Biodiversity Corridor
28	Panama	Atlantic Biological Corridor
29	Pakistan	Protected Areas Management Project
30	Romania	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management
31	Sri Lanka	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants
32	South Africa	Cape Peninsula Biodiversity Conservation Project
33	Uganda	Protected Areas Management and Sustainable Use (PAMSU)
34	Uruguay	Consolidation of the Banados del Este Biosphere Reserve
35	Yemen	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Biodiversity of Socotra Archipelago

### Project Preparation

	COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME
36	Global	Support Programme for Biodiversity Enabling Activities
37	Regional (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea)	Regional Environment Information Management Project (REIMP)
38	Regional (Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda)	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in East African Valley Lakes
39	Regional	Transboundary Biodiversity
40	Regional (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tunisia and Uganda)	African NGO-Government Partnerships for Sustainable Biodiversity Action
41	Regional (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam)	Mekong River Basin Wetland Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme
42	Regional	Preparation of a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme for the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem
43	Regional	Strategic Action Programme for the South Pacific
44	China	Wetland Biodiversity & Sustainable Use in China
45	India	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve
46	Malaysia	Conservation & Sustainable Use of Peat Swamp Forests in Malaysia
47	Malawi	Mulanje Mountain Biodiversity

	COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME
48	Mozambique	Coastal Zone Biodiversity
49	Nepal	Forest Biodiversity
50	Panama	Biodiversity Conservation Program
51	Paraguay	Protection of Globally and Regionally Significant Ecosystem in Paraguay
52	Philippines	Samar Island Biodiversity Project
53	Romania	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management
54	South Africa	Cape Peninsula Biodiversity
55	Turkey	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management
56	Ukraine	Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Management in the Northern Azov-Black Sea Corridor

**Projects in the Area of International Waters Including Significant Biodiversity Components**

	COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME
57	Regional (Albania, Macedonia)	Lake Ohrid Management
58	Argentina/Bolivia	Strategic Action Program for the Binational Basin of the Bermejo River
59	Regional (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)	Water and Environmental Management in the Aral Sea Basin
60	Regional (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tcheck, Ukraine)	Developing the Danube River Basin Pollution Reduction Program
61	Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Northern Somali Coast, Sudan, Yemen)	Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
62	Regional (Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine)	Developing the Implementation of the Black Sea Strategy Action Plan

## List of GEF Allocations in the Area of Biological Diversity ( As of December 1997)

### I. List of Project Preparation Financing

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP <sup>30</sup>	GEF grant <sup>31</sup>	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
1	pdf	Global: Brazil, Tanzania, Vietnam, Samoa		Establishment of a Global, Representative System of Marine Protected Areas	WB	28/06/96	\$0.35	\$0.16	\$0.51	This PDF supports an effort to identify and establish a globally representative network of priority marine protected areas(MPAs).
2	pdf*	Global		Supporting the Implementation of Article 8(j) of the CBD to preserve and maintain knowledge, innovation and practices of indigenous	UNDP	22/04/97	\$0.35		\$0.35	
3	pdf	Regional	RAF/96 /G41	African NGO-Government Partnerships for Sustainable Biodiversity Action	UNDP	14/08/96	\$0.19	\$0.14	\$0.33	The purpose of this PDF is to finalize a proposal for scaling up an existing program that promotes the sustainable conservation of important biodiversity sites across Africa through building working partnerships between African NGO and Governments.
4	pdf	Regional: Albania, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia	RAB/95 /G44	Conservation of wetland ecosystems in the Mediterranean Region	UNDP	01/12/95	\$0.16	\$0.07	\$0.23	This project and follow-up full scale project designed to build on the capacity and activities of initiatives already under way (METAP Programme, EU, World Bank investment Programme).

<sup>30</sup> Date work program approved by Council for long-term operations and short-term measures; for enabling activating date of CEO approval;

<sup>31</sup> in US \$ Millions.

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5	pdf*	Regional	PHL/97/G41	Samar Island Biodiversity Project	UNDP	19/10/97	\$0.35		\$0.35	
6	pdf	Regional	42573	Central Asia Transboundary Biodiversity	WB	06/09/96	\$0.35	\$0.23	\$0.58	
7	pdf*	Regional		Comprising Developing Countries Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	25/04/96	\$0.35		\$0.35	
8	pdf	Regional		Mekong River basin Wetland Biodiversity	UNDP	11/09/97	\$0.35		\$0.35	
9	pdf	Regional (Central Africa)		Gabon: Central Africa Regional Environmental Information Management Project	WB	06/09/96	\$0.35	\$0.74	\$1.09	PDF supports producing and disseminating information documents on the project to raise public awareness and seek public input; connecting participating countries to the Internet; establishment of pilot databases.
10	pdf	Regional		Management of Indigenous vegetation for the Rehabilitation	UNEP/UNDP	09/06/97	\$0.33		\$0.33	
11	pdf	Regional: Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda		Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in the East African Rift Valley Lakes	UNEP/UNDP	03/05/97	\$0.29		\$0.34	
12	pdf	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Tunisia	RAB/95/G43	Germplasm for Arid Lands	UNDP	01/09/95	\$0.06		\$0.06	

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
13	pdf	Andean Pact, Antigua, Barbudas, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Grenadines, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama	RLA/96 /G41	Integrating Global Environmental Dimensions into Public Policy Making in Latin America: A Multisectoral and Participatory Framework	UND P	06/08/96	\$0.21	\$0.14	\$0.35	
14	pdf	Argentina	39787	Biodiversity Conservation Project	WB	27/02/96	\$0.29	\$0.65	\$0.94	
15	pdf	Argentina & Uruguay		SAP for the Rio de la Plata	UND P	09/01/97	\$0.33	\$0.04	\$0.37	
16	pdf*	Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama	RLA/95 /G41	Mesoamerican Regional System of Protected Areas, Buffer Zones and Biological Corridors	UND P	01/09/95	\$0.35		\$0.35	
17	pdf	Brazil	BRA/95 /G41	Juruena Feasibility Study for Industrial Production of Non-Timber Forest Products	UND P		\$0.28		\$0.28	
18	pdf	Cameroon, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Congo DR, Ecuador, India, Malaysia	3	Tropical Forest Dynamics: Programme for Sustainable Management of Tropical Forest Resources.	WB		\$0.12		\$0.12	
19	pdf	China	RAS/96 /G42	Wetland Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in China (WBCSUC)	UND P	09/01/97	\$0.34	\$0.28	\$0.61	

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
20	pdf	Costa Rica	39876	Costa Rica Biodiversity Resources Development Project	WB	29/06/95	\$0.28	\$0.52	\$0.80	
21	pdf	Cote d'Ivoire	37583	National Protected Area Management Project	WB	15/03/95	\$0.32	\$0.55	\$0.83	
22	pdf	Guyana	37003	National Protected Areas System	WB	09/05/95	\$0.33	\$0.19	\$0.52	
23	pdf	Honduras	44343	Biodiversity in Priority Areas	UND P/WB	27/02/96	\$0.30	\$0.25	\$0.55	
24	pdf	India	IND/95 /G41	Management of Coral Reef Ecosystems of Andaman and Nicobar Islands	UND P	01/05/95	\$0.35		\$0.35	
25	pdf	India	IND/96 /G42	Establishment of Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	UND P	06/09/96	\$0.19		\$0.19	
26	pdf	Indonesia	40062	Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Project	WB	14/09/95	\$0.28	\$0.52	\$0.80	
27	pdf*	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Thailand		Support to Community-Based Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity under various terrestrial and marine ecosystems	UND P	06/09/96	\$0.34		\$0.34	
28	pdf	Jordan, Lebanon	RAB/95 /G42	Conservation, Management and Sustainable Use of Dryland Biodiversity within Priority Agro-Ecosystems	UND P	01/05/95	\$0.05		\$0.05	
29	pdf	Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda	KEN/96 /G41 URT/96 /G41 UGA/96 /G41	New Approaches to Reducing Biodiversity loss at Cross-Border sites in East Africa	UND P	09/06/96	\$0.24		\$0.24	
30	pdf	Malawi	35917	Mulanje Mountain Biodiversity Conservation Project	WB	10/01/97	\$0.30	\$0.55	\$0.85	

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
31	pdf	Malaysia	MAL/96 /G41	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Peat Swamp Forests in Malaysia	UNDP	10/01/97	\$0.32	\$0.05	\$0.37	
32	pdf	Mozambique	35919	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation and Management	WB	10/01/97	\$0.35	\$0.31	\$0.66	
33	pdf	Nepal	43752	Land Resources Management	WB	06/09/96	\$0.10	\$0.15	\$0.25	
34	pdf	Nicaragua	41790	Atlantic Biodiversity Corridor	WB	14/12/95	\$0.33	\$0.50	\$0.83	
35	pdf	Pakistan	35823	Biodiversity Strategy and Protected Areas Management	WB	09/05/95	\$0.34	\$0.48	\$0.82	
36	pdf	Paraguay	PAR/96 /G41	Protection of Globally and Regionally Significant Ecosystems in Paraguay	UNDP	01/07/96	\$0.31	\$0.03	\$0.34	
37	pdf	Panama	45937	Panama Biodiversity	WB	05/02/97	\$0.29	\$0.34	\$0.63	The proposal addresses the root causes with the relevant policy reforms for the conservation of biodiversity.
38	pdf	Peru	PER/95 /G41	In-Situ conservation of native cultivars and wild relatives	UNDP	01/09/95	\$0.17		\$0.17	
39	pdf	Romania	44176	Integrated Protected Areas and Conservation Management	WB	19/11/96	\$0.30	\$0.20	\$0.50	
40	pdf	South Africa	8326	Cape Peninsula Biodiversity Conservation	WB	25/03/97	\$0.09	\$0.15	\$0.24	
41	pdf	Sri Lanka	35828	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants	WB	15/03/95	\$0.35	\$0.11	\$0.46	
42	pdf	Turkey		Protected Areas and Sustainable Resource management	WB	06/05/97	\$0.35	\$0.10	\$0.45	
43	pdf	Uganda	35311	Protected Areas Management and Sustainable Use	WB	23/10/95	\$0.29	\$0.40	\$0.69	

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44	pdf	Ukraine		Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Management in the Northern Azov-Black Sea Corridor	WB	06/05/97	\$0.25	\$0.13	\$0.38	
Sub.							\$12.18		\$20.47	

## **II. List of Enabling Activities**

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
45	EA	Global		Support Programme for Biodiversity Enabling Activities	UNDP	08/07/97	\$0.33		\$0.33	The project will provide the assessments of country level problems with regard to ongoing enabling activity.
46	EA	Global		Training Programme on Biological Diversity (BIOTRAIN)	UNDP		\$0.10		\$0.10	Enabling Activity
47	EA	Regional		Training the Trainers: Biodiversity Enabling Activities in Africa	UNDP		\$0.19		\$0.19	Enabling Activity
48	EA	Regional		Biodiversity loss in East Africa	UNDP		\$0.35		\$0.35	Enabling Activity
49	EA	Albania	TBD003	Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	WB	7/30/96	\$0.10		\$0.10	The purpose is to formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Albania's biodiversity, as well as to prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
50	EA	Algeria		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	03/03/97	\$0.23		\$0.23	Enabling Activity
51	EA	Antigua and Barbuda	TBD026	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	25/03/97	\$0.14		\$0.14	Enabling Activity
52	EA	Argentina	ARG/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	25/09/96	\$0.35		\$0.35	Enabling Activity



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53	EA	Armenia	TBD013	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and First National Report to the CBD	UNDP	28/04/97	\$0.17		\$0.17	Enabling Activity
54	EA	Bahamas	GF/1200-96-40	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and First National Report	UNEP	16/09/96	\$0.15		\$0.15	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
55	EA	Barbados	GF/1200-96-54	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan, and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	27/03/97	\$0.14		\$0.14	The aim of the project to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological diversity through a cost effective approach.
56	EA	Belize	BZE/97/G31	Formulation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Implementation	UNDP	28/01/97	\$0.18		\$0.18	Enabling Activity
57	EA	Benin		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the Convention on biological Diversity	UNDP	29/09/97	\$0.23		\$0.23	Enabling Activity
58	EA	Brazil		National Biological Diversity Strategy and Report to the CBD	UNDP	30/01/97	\$0.94		\$0.94	Enabling Activity
59	EA	Bhutan	BHU/96/G32	National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	12/09/96	\$0.12		\$0.12	Enabling Activity
60	EA	Burkina Faso	BKF/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	16/12/96	\$0.23		\$0.23	Enabling Activity
61	EA	Cameroon	GF/1200-96-41	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and First National Report to the CBD	UNEP	16/09/96	\$0.30		\$0.30	Enabling Activity
62	EA	Cape Verde	CVI/96/G31	Cape Verde: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	16/12/96	\$0.21		\$0.21	Enabling Activity

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
63	EA	Central Africa Rep.	CAF/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	16/10/96	\$0.16		\$0.16	Enabling Activity
64	EA	Chad	CHD/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	23/09/96	\$0.22		\$0.22	Enabling Activity
65	EA	China	GF/1200-96-52	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	20/02/97	\$0.06		\$0.06	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the CBD through a cost effective approach.
66	EA	Colombia	GF/1200-96-	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	27/05/97	\$0.29	\$0.06	\$0.35	The aim of the project to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological diversity through a cost effective approach.
67	EA	Comoros	TBD012	Comoros' National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	28/05/97	\$0.13		\$0.13	Enabling Activity
68	EA	Congo DR	TBD025	Congo's National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	06/03/97	\$0.25		\$0.25	Enabling Activity
69	EA	Congo DR	ZAI/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	23/09/96	\$0.33		\$0.33	Enabling Activity
70	EA	Costa Rica	COS/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the COP of the CBD	UNDP	21/08/96	\$0.20		\$0.20	Enabling Activity
71	EA	Cote d'Ivoire	GF/1200-96-	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	27/04/97	\$0.24		\$0.24	The aim of the project to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological diversity through a cost effective approach.

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72	EA	Croatia	42014	Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	WB	30/01/97	\$0.10		\$0.10	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Croatia's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
73	EA*	Cuba	GF/1200-96-	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	15/12/96	\$0.29		\$0.29	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the CBD through a cost effective approach.
74	EA*	Czech Republic		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the COP	WB	15/12/97	\$0.10		\$0.10	
75	EA*	Djibouti	DJI/95/G31	Capacity Building, Development of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and National report to the Convention on Biodiversity	UNDP	01/02/95	\$0.56	\$0.82	\$1.38	Project approved prior to EA guideline. Project will establish a National Biodiversity Unit which will elaborate a National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan to be integrated in the National Plan.
76	EA	Dominica		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the COP	UNDP	28/11/97	\$0.10		\$0.10	Enabling Activity
77	EA	Egypt	GF/1200-96-42	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	16/09/96	\$0.29		\$0.29	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
78	EA	El Salvador	ELS/97/G31	Formulation of the National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	28/01/97	\$0.20		\$0.20	Enabling Activity
79	EA	Equatorial Guinea	EQG/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	23/09/96	\$0.30		\$0.30	Enabling Activity

No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
80	EA	Eritrea	41943	Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	World Bank	10/24/96	\$0.28		\$0.28	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Eritrea's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
81	EA	Estonia	GF/1200-96-51	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	25/10/97	\$0.17		\$0.17	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
82	EA	Fiji	TBD024	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	24/03/97	\$0.20		\$0.20	Enabling Activity
83	EA	Gabon		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the Convention on biological Diversity	UNDP	10/11/97	\$0.23		\$0.23	Enabling Activity
84	EA	Gambia	GF/1200-96-43	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	17/10/96	\$0.24		\$0.24	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
85	EA	Georgia	45977	Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	WB	05/08/96	\$0.12		\$0.12	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Georgia's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
86	EA*	Guatemala	GUA/97/G31	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan	UNDP	30/01/97	\$0.21		\$0.21	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.
87	EA	Guinea		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the COP	UNDP	21/07/97	\$0.22		\$0.22	Enabling Activity

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88	EA	Guinea-Bissau	GBS/97/G31	Guinea-Bissau's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP.	UNDP	28/01/97	\$0.20		\$0.20	Enabling Activity
89	EA	Honduras		Biodiversity Conservation Project		27/03/97	\$0.30		\$0.56	Enabling Activity
90	EA	Hungary	GF/1200-96-56	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan, and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	27/03/97	\$0.17		\$0.17	The aim of the project to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological diversity through a cost effective approach.
91	EA	Hungary		Clearing House mechanism	UNEP	28/11/97	\$0.00		\$0.00	Enabling Activity
92	EA	India	IND/97/G32	First National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the Convention on biological Diversity	UNDP	27/10/97	\$0.03		\$0.03	Enabling Activity
93	EA	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	TBD067	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the CBD	UNDP	06/03/97	\$0.35		\$0.35	Enabling Activity
94	EA	Jordan		Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	08/05/97	\$0.35		\$0.35	Enabling Activity
95	EA	Kazakhstan	KAZ/96/G31	Development of a National Strategy and Action Plan to implement the CBD and to Prepare the First National Report to the COP	UNDP	02/10/96	\$0.13		\$0.13	Enabling Activity
96	EA	Kenya	TBD016	Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	World Bank/ UNEP	4/29/97	\$0.15		\$0.15	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Kenya's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.

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97	EA	Korea, Dem. People's Rep. of	DRK/97/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	13/01/97	\$0.30		\$0.30	Enabling Activity
98	EA	Kyrgyzstan		Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	World Bank	27/02/97	\$0.11		\$0.11	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of the Kyrgyz Republic's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
99	EA	Latvia		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the Convention on biological Diversity	UNDP	23/09/97	\$0.17		\$0.17	Enabling Activity
100	EA	Lebanon		Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	27/02/97	\$0.15		\$0.15	Enabling Activity
101	EA	Lesotho	LES/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	12/08/96	\$0.11		\$0.11	Enabling Activity
102	EA	Lithuania		Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	World Bank	7/30/96	\$0.07		\$0.07	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Lithuania's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
103	EA	Madagascar		Clearing House mechanism	UNEP	28/11/97	\$0.01		\$0.01	Enabling Activity
104	EA	Madagascar	TBD014	First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	22/05/97	\$0.03		\$0.03	Enabling Activity
105	EA	Malawi	GF/1200-96-45	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	16/09/97	\$0.29		\$0.29	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
106	EA	Malawi		Clearing House mechanism	UNEP	28/11/97	\$0.01		\$0.01	Enabling Activity
107	EA	Malaysia	MAL/97/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	03/01/97	\$0.04		\$0.04	Enabling Activity

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108	EA	Mali		Mali's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	20/02/97	\$0.25		\$0.25	Enabling Activity
109	EA	Marshall Islands		National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	07/03/97	\$0.23		\$0.23	Enabling Activity
110	EA	Mauritania	GF/1200-96-55	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	06/03/97	\$0.23		\$0.23	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
111	EA	Mauritius	GF/1200-96-	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	08/05/97	\$0.24		\$0.24	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
112	EA	Mexico	TBD020	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	30/01/97	\$0.20		\$0.20	Enabling Activity
113	EA	Mongolia		The First National Report to the COP	UNDP	30/01/97	\$0.03		\$0.03	Enabling Activity
114	EA	Morocco	GF/1200-96-	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	24/04/97	\$0.19		\$0.19	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
115	EA	Mozambique	GF/1200-96-46	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	17/09/96	\$0.22		\$0.22	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
116	EA	Mozambique		Clearing House mechanism	UNEP	28/11/97	\$0.01		\$0.01	Enabling Activity
117	EA	Niger	TBD022	Niger's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	06/03/97	\$0.23		\$0.23	Enabling Activity
118	EA	Niger		Clearing House mechanism	UNDP	28/11/97	\$0.01		\$0.01	Enabling Activity

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119	EA	Oman		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the COP	UNDP	24/09/97	\$0.27		\$0.27	Enabling Activity
120	EA	Panama	GF/1200-96-48	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	08/08/96	\$0.22		\$0.22	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
121	EA	Peru	TBD017	Strategy and Action Plan for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in Peru	UNDP	25/07/97	\$0.29		\$0.29	Enabling Activity
122	EA	Poland	GF/1200-96-44	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	17/09/96	\$0.21		\$0.21	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
123	EA*	Russian Federation	TBD015	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	23/05/97	\$0.06		\$0.06	Enabling Activity
124	EA	Rwanda	RWA/96/G31	Rwanda: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	28/08/96	\$0.17		\$0.17	Enabling Activity
125	EA	Saint Vincent, Grenadines		National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	16/05/97	\$0.12		\$0.12	Enabling Activity
126	EA	Senegal	SEN/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to COP	UNDP	16/12/96	\$0.21		\$0.21	Enabling Activity



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127	EA	Seychelles	GF/1200-96-47	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	08/08/96	\$0.19		\$0.19	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
128	EA	Seychelles		Clearing House mechanism	UNEP	28/11/97	\$0.01		\$0.01	Enabling Activity
129	EA	Slovak Republic		Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	World Bank	08/08/96	\$0.08		\$0.08	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of the Slovak Republic's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP.
130	EA	Solomon Islands	GF/1200-96-49	Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	UNEP	08/08/96	\$0.12		\$0.12	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
131	EA	South Africa		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the COP	UNDP	24/08/97	\$0.03		\$0.03	Enabling Activity
132	EA	St. Kitts & Nevis		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, and Country report to the Convention on biological Diversity	UNDP	24/07/97	\$0.10		\$0.10	Enabling Activity
133	EA	Sudan		A National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the CBD	UNDP	08/10/97	\$0.33		\$0.33	Enabling Activity
134	EA*	Suriname	TBD018	Formulation of a National Biodiversity Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy	UNDP	13/05/97	\$0.92		\$0.92	Enabling Activity

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135	EA	Swaziland	SWA/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the COP	UNDP	23/12/96	\$0.17		\$0.17	Enabling Activity;
136	EA	Syrian Arab Rep.	TBD047	Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBP	UNDP	20/02/97	\$0.19		\$0.19	Enabling Activity
137	EA	Trinidad and Tobago		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and First Report to the CBD	UNDP	30/05/97	\$0.13		\$0.13	Enabling Activity
138	EA	Tunisia	48315	Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	WB	8/15/96	\$0.09		\$0.09	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Tunisia's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP and Tunisia's first national report.
139	EA	Uganda		Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report	WB	04/08/97	\$0.12		\$0.12	Enabling Activity
140	EA	Ukraine		Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan, and National Report to the Conference of the Parties	WB	05/08/96	\$0.13		\$0.13	Formulate strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Ukraine's biodiversity, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary product will be a BSAP and Ukraine's first national report.
141	EA	Uruguay	URU/96/G31	Formulation of the National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD.	UNDP	12/08/96	\$0.12		\$0.12	Enabling Activity
142	EA	Uzbekistan	UZB/96/G31	National Strategy for Biodiversity Conservation and Action Plan and First Report to the CBD	UNDP	12/08/96	\$0.18		\$0.18	Enabling Activity

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143	EA	Vanuatu	GF/1200-96-	National Biodiversity Strategies, Action Plan and the First National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity	UNEP	15/01/97	\$0.21		\$0.21	The aim of the project is to assist the country with the ability to formulate and manage sectoral and cross-sectoral programmes to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity through a cost effective approach.
144	EA	Venezuela	VEN/97/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Report to the CBD	UNDP	28/01/97	\$0.27		\$0.27	Enabling Activity
145	EA	Yemen	YEM/96/G31	Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	UNDP	19/09/96	\$0.29		\$0.29	Enabling Activity
146	EA	Zambia	TBD019	Zambia's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	24/03/97	\$0.29		\$0.29	Enabling Activity
147	EA	Zimbabwe	ZIM/96/G31	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Country Report to the COP	UNDP	25/11/96	\$0.30		\$0.30	Enabling Activity
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<b>III. List of Approved Project Proposals</b>										
No.	Type	Country/ies	ID No.	Project Name	IA	Entry into WP	GEF grant	Co-financing	Total cost	Project Description
148	GEF	Global	GF/0313-94-31	Biodiversity Country Studies - Phase II	UNEP	01/06/94	\$2.00	\$0.10	\$2.10	The primary objective of the Biodiversity Country Studies is to gather and analyze the data required to drive forward the process of developing national strategies, plans, or programs for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.
149	GEF	Global	GF/0313-94-38	Biodiversity Data Management Capacitation in Developing Countries and Networking Biodiversity Information	UNEP	01/06/94	\$4.00	\$1.39	\$5.39	The overall objective of the Biodiversity Data Management Project is to enhance the capacity of developing countries in data and biodiversity information management to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
150	GEF	Global	GF/6105-92-02	Biodiversity Country Studies - Phase I	UNEP	01/03/92	\$5.00	\$0.22	\$5.22	The primary objective of the Biodiversity Country Studies is to gather and analyze the data required to drive forward the process of developing national strategies, plans, or programs for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.
151	GEF	Global	GF6105-93-01	Global Biodiversity Assessment	UNEP	01/05/93	\$3.30	\$0.18	\$3.48	The objective of the Global Biodiversity Assessment is to provide for the first time a state-of-the art independent, peer-reviewed scientific analysis of the current state of knowledge of the main issues regarding the global aspects of biodiversity.
152	GEF	Global	TBD002	People, Land Management, and Environmental Change	UNEP	01/05/97	\$6.23	\$4.86	\$11.09	PLEC is a global project on agrodiversity of different ecosystems (semi-arid, mountain, forest, and wetland) in the tropics and sub-tropics. Its purpose is to establish how sustainable and conservationist development can be achieved by participation.

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153	GEF	Global: Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Egypt, Kenya, Hungary, Namibia, Pakistan, Poland, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia		Pilot Biosafety Enabling Activity	UNEP	03/10/97	\$1.98		\$1.98	
154	GEF	Regional	RAF/92/G31	Institutional Support to Protect East African Biodiversity	UNDP	3/11/92	\$10.00		\$10.00	Strengthening of indigenous capabilities to conserve biodiversity through support for education, in-service training, awareness enhancement, and conservation activity to put training into practice.
155	GEF	Regional	RLA/92/G31/G32/G33	Regional Strategies for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Amazon	UNDP	1/20/93	\$4.50		\$4.50	The project will build the capacities of participating countries to conserve and use biodiversity by analyzing and standardizing GIS for ecological/economic zoning, training, research of key aspects of sustainable use of biodiversity.
156	GEF	Regional	RAS/91/G31	South Pacific Biodiversity Conservation Programme	UNDP	1/27/93	\$10.00	\$3.80	\$13.80	Project protects biological diversity of 15 island states by facilitating establishment of conservation areas with agreed criteria for development based on long-term ecological sustainability. Supports scientific and technical assessments, trains NGO.
157	GEF	Regional	1	West Africa Pilot Community-Based Natural Resource and Wildlife Management	WB	9/14/95	\$7.00	\$6.19	\$13.19	The project will design and implement community-based wildlands and wildlife rehabilitation, utilization, and conservation programs based on the "gestion de terroirs" approach at three sites totalling 4,800 square kms.

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158	GEF	Regional	3	Regional Environment Information Management Project (REIMP)	WB	11/4/97	\$4.46	\$11.31	\$15.77	This project establishes a demand-driven, action-oriented environmental information database for the tropical forest region of central Africa to support decision-making and to build up national capacity for environmental monitoring, land-use planning.
159	GEF	Regional		Terra Capital Biodiversity Fund	WB/IFC	01/10/95	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	The project will support the establishment of a fund of \$20-50 million to make equity and quasi-equity investments in Latin American companies that sustainably use or protect biodiversity. Investments may include sustainable agriculture.
160	GEF	Regional	RLA/97/G31	Establishment of a Programme for the Consolidation of the meso-American Biological Corridor	UNDP/UNEP	03/10/97	\$10.94	\$12.77	\$23.71	The project will enhance the conservation of biodiversity in Central America and southern Mexico by establishing a network of protected areas and their buffer zones linked by biological corridors of a variety of uses and degrees of protection.
161	GEF	Regional		Southern Africa Biodiversity Support Programme	UNDP	03/10/97	\$4.50	\$19.21	\$23.71	The project intends to develop project proposal for submission to the GEF for the funding of southern Africa Biodiversity Program.
162	GEF	Regional		Central Asia: Transboundary Biodiversity Project	WB	03/10/97	\$10.49	\$3.51	\$14.00	
163	GEF*	Regional	RLA/95/G32	Action for a Sustainable Amazonia	UNDP	01/10/95	\$3.80		\$3.80	The project will assist Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty to build their capacities to use forest biodiversity sustainably in the context of ongoing and future economic development plans and strategies.
164	GEF*	Regional		Biodiversity Enterprise Fund for Latin America	WB	01/04/96	\$4.73	\$25.27	\$30.00	
165	GEF	Regional		Conservation and Sustainable Use of Dryland Agro-Biodiversity of the Fertile Crescent	UNDP	03/10/97	\$8.12	\$10.60	\$18.72	The objective of the project is to ensure the continuous availability of agro-biodiversity in the Fertile Crescent that is essential to the sustainable development of agriculture in that region and for global food security and production.

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166	GEF*	Regional: Africa	TBD010	African NGO-Government Partnerships for Sustainable Biodiversity Action	UNDP	01/04/97	\$4.33	\$7.11	\$11.44	To build capacity in national non-governmental organizations(NGOs) throughout Africa through a phased program of participatory biodiversity survey, advocacy and conservation action.
167	GEF*	Regional: East Africa		Reducing Biodiversity Loss at Cross-Border sites in East Africa	UNDP	01/04/97	\$12.65	\$5.77	\$18.42	The objective of the project to be developed through this PDF is to test and demonstrate new district level approaches to reducing the rate of biodiversity loss at selected cross-border biodiversity hotspots in East Africa.
168	GEF*	Regional: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama	37580	Central American Fund for Environment and Development: Account for the Global Environment	UNDP	01/10/96	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$35.00	
169	GEF	Regional: Cameroon,Central Africa Rep.,Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea,Gabon.	3	Regional Environmental Information Management	WB	06/09/96	\$3.50	\$0.74	\$1.09	The project will be a component of the GEF Forest Ecosystem Operational Program and the first ecosystem-wide component of an evolving GEF operational sub-program for the Globally-significant tropical forest of the Congo Basin.
170	GEF*	Albania, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco,Tunisia		Conservation of Wetland and Coastal Ecosystems in the Mediterranean Region	UNDP	23/07/96	\$13.27	\$25.00	\$38.27	This PDF B project and a follow-up full scale project designed to build on the capacity and activities of initiatives already under way (METAP Programme, EU, World Bank Investment Programme) and by focusing on sites of globally significant biodiversity.
171	GEF	Algeria	4870	El Kala National Park and Wetlands Management	WB	4/29/94	\$9.20	\$2.36	\$11.56	The project will develop and implement a management plan for the National Park and wetland complex in the El Tarf Wilaya, including undertaking base-line studies, protected area management, natural resource use development and monitoring.
172	GEF	Argentina	ARG/92/G31	Patagonian Coastal Zone Management Plan	UNDP	2/24/93	\$2.80		\$2.80	Preservation of Patagonia's biodiversity and protection of this economically- important area by enhancing sustainable management of coastal resources and by strengthening institutions in integrated coastal resource management.

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173	GEF	Argentina	39787	Biodiversity Conservation	WB	01/03/97	\$10.39	\$37.50	\$47.89	In conjunction with the IBRD-supported Native Forests and Protected Areas Project, the GEF Biodiversity Conservation Project will expand the protected area system through the creation and management of protected areas in currently unprotected ecosystems.
174	GEF*	Argentina	ARG/97/G31	Consolidation and Implementation of the Patagonia Coastal Zone Management Programme for Biodiversity Conservation	UNDP	01/04/97	\$5.20	\$7.30	\$12.50	This project will consolidate the institutional and policy frameworks for implementation of the coastal Zone management Plan, as well as establish a provincial system of protected areas.
175	GEF	Belarus	8290	Biodiversity Protection	WB	9/24/92	\$1.00	\$0.25	\$1.25	This project aims at conservation planning and research outreach programs for the Belovezhskaya Forest, Berezinsky, and Pripiatsky Reserves. It complements the Poland Forest Biodiversity project.
176	GEF	Belize	BZE/92/G31	Sustainable Development and Management of Biologically Diverse Coastal Resources	UNDP	2/3/93	\$3.00		\$3.00	Comprehensive planning of coastal resource management to preserve globally-significant and economically-vital marine ecosystem. This innovative project includes training and laying groundwork for zoning plans.
177	GEF	Bhutan	9568	Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation	WB	5/21/92	\$10.00	\$7.57	\$17.57	The trust fund provides reliable recurrent funding for the establishment and management of a national system of protected areas, and development of the institutional and human resource capacities needed to manage the national system.
178	GEF*	Bhutan	BHU/96/G33	Integrated Management of Jigme Dorji National Park	UNDP	19/08/97	\$1.50	\$0.97	\$2.47	This project will help remove the main threats to the Jigme Dorji National Park's biodiversity through the strengthening of the park's management capacity, and promote sustainable alternative livelihoods options.
179	GEF	Bolivia	6108	Biodiversity Conservation	WB	11/20/92	\$4.50	\$3.85	\$8.35	This project will protect representative samples of diverse and threatened ecosystems, and strengthen the government's institutional capacity to protect Bolivian biodiversity.



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180	GEF	Bolivia and Peru	RLA/95/G31	Conservation of Biodiversity in the Lake Titicaca Basin	UNDP	01/02/95	\$3.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	Conservation of lacustrine and terrestrial biodiversity within the greater Lake Titicaca Basin through protected area establishment and management and sustainable use of biodiversity resources.
181	GEF	Brazil	6210	National Biodiversity Project	WB	01/05/91	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	The project (PROBIO), to be managed by the Ministry of the Environment (MMA), will consist of a series of workshops to set biome-level priorities for biodiversity conservation and development of a national biodiversity strategy.
182	GEF	Brazil	44597	Brazilian Biodiversity Fund	WB	01/05/91	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	The project will help establish the Brazilian Biodiversity Fund (FUNBIO), to be managed by the Getulio Vargas Foundation, a private non-profit organization. An independent Board will be composed of representatives from the private sector.
183	GEF	Burkina Faso	BKF/94/G31	Optimizing Biological Diversity Within Wildlife Ranching Systems: A Pilot Demonstration in a Semi-arid Zone	UNDP	2/22/95	\$2.50	\$1.00	\$3.50	Develops methodologies to optimize the conservation of biodiversity and the productivity of game ranching systems in Western Africa. Will proceed with gradual integration and effective participation of populations.
184	GEF	Cameroon	311	Biodiversity Conservation and Management	WB	3/27/95	\$5.96	\$6.43	\$12.39	Participatory biodiversity conservation plans are being developed and implemented for seven sites in the species-rich lowland forests of south-east Cameroon and parts of the northern savannah ecosystem.
185	GEF	Central African Republic	CAF/95/G31	A Highly Decentralized Approach to Biodiversity Protection and Use: The Bangassou Dense Forest	UNDP	01/05/95	\$2.50	\$0.90	\$3.40	The project will test highly-decentralized & participatory approaches for sustainable management of the Bangassou Dense Forest region of southern Central African Republic. This area has high species and ecosystem diversity.
186	GEF	China	3402	Nature Reserves Management	WB	6/6/95	\$17.90	\$5.70	\$23.60	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.

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187	GEF	Colombia	COL/92/G31	Biodiversity Conservation in the Choco Biogeographic Region	UNDP	2/26/92	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$9.00	The project which takes an ecosystem approach to biodiversity conservation along the Pacific coast of Colombia and Panama, operates as two nationally executed projects, mutually complementary but administratively and operationally independent.
188	GEF*	Comoros	COI/95/G31	Island biodiversity and participatory conservation	UNDP	06/10/95	\$2.44	\$0.84	\$3.28	The project aims to implement the biodiversity components of the Comoros National Environment policy and Environment Action Plan. The project objective is to develop capacity at all levels in the Comoros.
189	GEF	Congo	535	Wildlands Protection and Management	WB	12/24/92	\$10.00	\$6.80	\$16.80	Development and implementation of management programs for five tropical forest ecosystems in the Congo, representative of the country's great ecological diversity and wealth.
190	GEF	Congo, D.R. UNDP		Rehabilitation of the Protected Areas	UNDP	03/10/97	\$6.33	\$13.63	\$19.96	This project will contribute directly to the conservation of biological diversity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by creating a supportive policy, legislative, financial institutional and social environment for protected areas.
191	GEF	Costa Rica	COS/92/G31	Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development in La Amistad and La Osa Conservation Areas	UNDP	4/28/93	\$8.00		\$8.00	Protect globally significant habitat by supporting the development of an integrated model for conservation and development in two key areas of the National System of Conservation Areas.
192	GEF	Costa Rica	39876	Biodiversity Resources Development	WB	10/21/97	\$7.28	\$1.00	\$8.28	Seeks to demonstrate that increased and systematically catalogued information about species would increase the value of biological diversity and marketability of biodiversity services. Supports development of framework for comprehensive inventory.
193	GEF	Cote d'Ivoire	IVC/94/G31	Cote d'Ivoire: Control of Exotic Aquatic Weeds in Rivers and Coastal Lagoons to Enhance/Restore Biodiversity	UNDP	6/21/95	\$3.00	\$1.90	\$4.90	Development of an effective and innovative approach to conserve biodiversity within river and lagoon systems through a combination of biological control agents and Total Catchment Management.

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194	GEF	Cuba	CUB/92/G31	Protecting Biodiversity and Establishing Sustainable Development in the Sabana-Camaguey Region	UNDP	7/7/93	\$2.00		\$2.00	Project enhances current surveys of biodiversity by providing equipment and resources and assisting with rapid ecological inventories. Includes facilitating creation of geographic information systems, ongoing monitoring and analysis.
195	GEF	Czech Republic	8376	Biodiversity Protection	WB	10/19/93	\$2.00	\$0.75	\$2.75	This project protects ecosystem biodiversity in three representative ecosystems (zones containing alpine meadows, lowland forests, and wetlands), and supports the activity of three transnational biodiversity protection networks.
196	GEF	Dominican Republic	DOM/92/G31	Conservation and Management in the Coastal Zone of the Dominican Republic	UNDP	11/24/93	\$3.00		\$3.00	Project assists government in protecting two important coastal regions by addressing regional landshedd issues and developing buffering strategy. Training will take place, public awareness will be raised, and data will be gathered.
197	GEF	Ecuador	7029	Biodiversity Protection	WB	5/9/94	\$7.20	\$1.60	\$8.80	Support for the restructuring and strengthening of the institutional capacity, regulatory, and legal framework for adequate management of the National System of Protected Areas (NSPA). Project activities will focus on institutional strengthening.
198	GEF	Egypt	4981	Red Sea Coastal and Marine Resource Management	WB	11/23/92	\$4.75	\$0.98	\$5.73	The project will support the development and implementation of policies, plans, and regulations that ensure that economic development in the Red Sea is consistent with sound environmental management to protect the shared marine resources of the Red Sea.
199	GEF*	Eritrea		Conservation Management of Eritrea's Coastal, Marine, and Island Biodiversity	UNDP	01/04/97	\$4.99	\$0.84	\$5.83	The project will assist the Eritrean people in their capacity to develop integrated planning, policy legislation, surveys, pilot projects at the national and community- based levels.
200	GEF	Ethiopia	ETH/93/G31	A Dynamic Farmer-based Approach to the Conservation of African Plant Genetic Resources	UNDP	4/20/94	\$2.50		\$2.50	Project demonstrates how local plant landraces can be conserved and utilized by small-scale farmers on their own land through community gene banks, and how farmer conservation efforts can be integrated into national and international gene bank programs.

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201	GEF	Gabon	GAB/92/G31	Conservation of Biodiversity through Effective Management of Wildlife Trade	UNDP	1/13/94	\$1.00		\$1.00	Curtailment of illegal trade in species and orientation of legal trade around sustainable harvest levels. Project involves training, technology transfer, review of legislation, development of management policies, research on sustainable harvest levels.
202	GEF	Ghana	833	Coastal Wetlands Management	WB	8/28/92	\$7.20	\$1.10	\$8.30	Design and implementation of a Coastal Zone Management Plan to protect five environmentally-sensitive and threatened coastal Ramsar sites of global importance for migratory birds. The project includes monitoring of ecological conditions.
203	GEF	Ghana		Natural Resource Management	WB	09/07/97	\$8.90	\$44.70	\$53.60	
204	GEF	Guatemala	GUA/95/G31	Integrated Biodiversity Protection in the Sarstun-Motagua Region	UNDP	10/11/95	\$4.00	\$3.70	\$7.70	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.
205	GEF	Guyana	GUY/92/G31	Programme for Sustainable Forestry (Iwokrama Rain Forest)	UNDP	4/8/92	\$3.00	\$0.40	\$3.40	In a virgin rain forest, an international consortium is developing replicable demonstration projects leading to guidelines for sustainable utilization of tropical forests. Activities include applied research and demonstration, detailed inventory.
206	GEF	Guyana	37003	National Protected Areas System	WB	01/03/97	\$6.33	\$2.10	\$8.43	The proposed NPAS project will analyse and apply biological, socio-economic, and land-use data to provide a sound basis for designing and implementing a national protected areas system (NPAS). Project activities include a NPAS strategic plan.
207	GEF	Honduras	44343	Biodiversity in Priority Areas	World Bank/UNDP	01/03/97	\$7.00	\$13.60	\$20.60	This UNDP/World Bank project is the Honduran link in the Meso-American Biological Corridor (MBC). The project will strengthen the protection & management of 5 protected areas in the MBC, representing a range of ecosystem types.
208	GEF	India		National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan	UNDP		\$0.97	\$2.43	\$3.40	This project will assist the preparation of the national Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

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209	GEF	India	9584	Ecodevelopment	WB	03/05/95	\$20.00	\$47.00	\$67.00	Project integrates conservation & development objectives in 7 threatened, priority sites representative of India's varied ecosystems. It supports: improved protected area management, emphasizing joint management with local communities.
210	GEF	Indonesia	34080	Biodiversity Collections	WB	6/27/94	\$7.20	\$4.20	\$11.40	Project strengthens the capacity of the Research and Development Center for Biology (PPPB) to manage systematic collections, including the establishment of a computerized database which will serve as a basic reference tool for biodiversity inventory.
211	GEF	Indonesia	40062	Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Project (COREMAP)	WB	03/05/95	\$12.28	\$48.00	\$60.28	Supported by a multi-donor group, COREMAP will establish a coral reef management system in priority areas in 5 eastern Indonesian provinces. Project activities would promote community-based mgt.mobilizing field staff & communities.
212	GEF	Indonesia	3699	Kerinci Seblat Integrated Conservation and Development	WB	01/05/97	\$15.00	\$32.20	\$47.20	The project will secure the future of Kerinci-Seblat National Park (KSNP) by integrating park mgt. and conservation with local and regional development.Park mgt./protection will be strengthened.
213	GEF	Indonesia and Malaysia	RAS/94/G32	Conservation Strategies for Rhinos in Southeast Asia	UNDP	12/9/94	\$2.00		\$2.00	Project initiates full implementation of action plan prepared by IUCN expert group and develops funding plan to ensure rhino conservation strategy's sustainability. Creates databases and analysis of rhino habitat.
214	GEF	Jordan	JOR/92/G31	Conservation of the Dana & Azraq Protected Areas	UNDP	5/5/93	\$6.30		\$6.30	Project provides support for environmental management at two key protected areas and enables NGO to initiate similar initiatives elsewhere in the country and to provide environmental education to all segments of Jordanian society.

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215	GEF*	Jordan	JOR/96/G32	Final Consolidation and Conservation of Azraq Wetlands and Dana Wildlands by RSCN to address new pressures	UNDP	10/10/96	\$1.95	\$1.35	\$3.30	Project aims to consolidate the pilot phase projects JOR/92/G31- Conservation of Dana and Azraq Protected Areas to address new threats and pressures brought about by the Peace Accord in the Dana and Mujib Reserves and the Azraq Wetland Reserves.
216	GEF	Kenya	1217	Tana River National Primate Reserve	WB	11/21/96	\$6.20	\$0.94	\$7.14	Development and implementation of a management plan for the Tana River National Primate Reserve, which contains the last remaining contiguous area of indigenous riverine forest along the Tana River. The Tana Reserve protects two endangered specie.
217	GEF	Lao PDR	4176	Wildlife & Protected Areas Conservation	WB	2/24/94	\$5.00	\$15.30	\$20.30	The project will protect biological diversity through the designation, establishment, and management of priority protected areas, the protection of associated wildlife, and the planning and implementation of community participatory programs.
218	GEF	Lebanon	LEB/95/G31	Strengthening of National Capacity and Grassroots In-Situ Conservation for Sustainable Biodiversity Protection.	UNDP	01/02/97	\$2.50		\$2.50	Based on local community and NGO involvement, this project will put into place an effectively managed system of protected areas to safeguard endemic and endangered species of flora and fauna, conserve their habitats.
219	GEF*	Lesotho		Conserving Mountain Biodiversity Conservation in Lesotho	UNDP	01/08/96	\$2.51	\$4.83	\$7.34	Preliminary ideas were outlined in conjunction with the development of the Drakensberg-Maloti mountain Conservation proposal and the publication of the LHWP Environmental Impact Assessment and Plan for its Phase 1b.
220	GEF	Madagascar	40596 (WB); MAG/96/G31 (UNDP)	Environment Program Support	World Bank/ UNDP	12/12/96	\$20.80	\$134.20	\$155.00	This project aims to reverse environmental degradation and to promote sustainable use of natural resources, including soil, water, forest cover, and biodiversity. It will fund community-based sustainable forestry management and sustainable harvesting.

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221	GEF	Malawi	1586	Lake Malawi/Nyasa Biodiversity Conservation	WB	12/30/94	\$5.00	\$0.44	\$5.44	Lake Malawi, Africa's third largest lake, is a unique freshwater ecosystem, home to over 500 endemic species of fish. The project will conduct faunal surveys, identify biodiversity hotspots, prepare a conservation and management plan for the lake.
222	GEF*	Maldives	MDV/97/G31	National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the CBD	UNDP	21/01/97	\$0.15		\$0.15	Enabling Activity
223	GEF	Mauritius	MAR/93/G31	Restoration of Highly Degraded and Threatened Native Forests in Mauritius	UNDP	6/16/95	\$0.20		\$0.20	Restores forest habitat and promotes project replication in other island nations through research on effect of exotic species on native biodiversity, development of measures against invasive species, training of scientific and technical staff.
224	GEF	Mauritius	36030	Biodiversity Restoration	World Bank	11/9/95	\$1.20	\$0.40	\$1.60	This project will continue efforts to restore degraded habitat on Rodrigues, Ile aux Aigrettes, and Round Island. It will propagate and reintroduce critically endangered flora and fauna on these three islands.
225	GEF	Mexico	7493	Protected Areas Program	WB	3/9/92	\$25.00	\$17.20	\$42.20	The project supports selected conservation activities on the basis of detailed management plans for ten protected area sites. The development and supervision of management plans will be guided by Technical Advisory Committees.
226	GEF	Mongolia	MON/93/G31	Strengthening Conservation Capacity – Development and Institution of a National Biodiversity Conservation Plan	UNDP	3/17/95	\$1.50	\$0.26	\$1.76	Project to build government capacity to establish network of conservation areas and implement biodiversity conservation measures within these areas. Assists with development of entirely new national environmental legal policy framework.
227	GEF	Mongolia	MON/97/G32	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable livelihood Options in the Grasslands of Eastern Mongolia	UNDP	09/07/97	\$5.16	\$6.86	\$12.03	This project will promote and ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the unique biodiversity in the protected areas and buffers of the Eastern grasslands of Mongolia

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228	GEF	Mozambique	1759	Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Institutional Strengthening	WB	12/12/96	\$5.00	\$3.10	\$8.10	This project will prepare and implement participatory management plans for three wildlife-rich border areas that are contiguous with national parks in neighboring Zimbabwe and South Africa. An objective of the project is to protect migration corridor.
229	GEF	Nepal	NEP/92/G31	Biodiversity Conservation in Nepal	UNDP	6/16/93	\$3.80	\$4.60	\$8.40	Promotion of ecosystem conservation with local involvement to ensure that communities benefit from project activities. Assistance in formulating National Biodiversity Action Plan. Selected activities of plan will be accompanied by training.
230	GEF	Nicaragua	41790	Atlantic Biodiversity Corridor	WB	6/25/97	\$7.47	\$14.40	\$21.83	This GEF/IDA project promotes the long-term integrity of a biological corridor along Nicaragua's Atlantic slope. It will establish & operate a fund for protected area mgmt. plans for the corridor, and fund subprojects.
231	GEF	Pakistan		Protest Areas Management Project	WB	09/07/97	\$11.14	\$15.70	\$26.84	
232	GEF	Panama	PAN/94/G31	Biodiversity Conservation in the Darien Region	UNDP	2/16/94	\$3.00		\$3.00	The objective is to develop elements which permit consolidation of a new strategy of development in the Darien region and its adjacent areas, based on the application of scientific knowledge and the identification of options for the management.
233	GEF	Panama	45937	Atlantic Biological Corridor	WB	01/05/97	\$8.59	\$3.10	\$11.69	As part of the Meso-American Biological Corridor initiative, this project would conserve the Panamanian section of the Corridor. It will include biodiversity assessments, monitoring, land-use planning and information dissemination for the Corridor.
234	GEF	Papua New Guinea	PNG/93/G31	Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Management	UNDP	7/14/93	\$5.00		\$5.00	Support for government conservation strategy through assistance in establishing two pilot areas for Integrated Conservation and Development. Includes building technical and institutional capacity of resource centre, awareness enhancement.



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235	GEF	Peru	7928	National Trust Fund for Protected Areas	WB	3/20/95	\$5.00	\$2.86	\$7.86	The GEF provides seed money for the Trust Fund for Conservation of Peru's Parks and Protected Areas (FONANPE). Annual revenue from the trust will finance mgt. activities -- including training, mgt. plans, operational costs, salaries, awareness programs.
236	GEF	Philippines	4403	Conservation of Priority Protected Areas	WB	5/5/94	\$20.00	\$2.86	\$22.86	Support for government efforts to establish a core National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) for ten sites, through financing site development and resource management. The project promotes participation of local communities.
237	GEF	Poland	8562	Forest Biodiversity Protection	WB	12/12/91	\$4.50	\$1.70	\$6.20	The project has initiated programs to conserve the biodiversity of key endangered forests and is providing institutional support to the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Forests to undertake biodiversity conservation management activities.
238	GEF	Romania	8689	Danube Delta Biodiversity	WB	7/29/94	\$4.50	\$0.30	\$4.80	The project aims to protect the Romanian Delta ecosystem and contribute to the conservation of biodiversity within the Delta. It will strengthen institutional capacity to monitor and manage protected areas effectively.
239	GEF	Romania	44176	Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Area Management	WB	5/197	\$5.30	\$1.60	\$6.90	Will develop and implement management plans for 3 priority sites in the Carpathian Mtns. incl. buffer zone & micro-enterprise, sustainable-use demonstration activities with local communities.
240	GEF	Russian Federation	8801	Biodiversity Conservation	WB	5/30/96	\$20.10	\$5.90	\$26.00	This project consists of National Strategic Overview (formulation of a national biodiversity strategy, establishment of a biodiversity database/information system, and preparation of guidelines on economic evaluation.
241	GEF	Seychelles	2377	Biodiversity Conservation & Marine Pollution Abatement	WB	11/30/92	\$1.80	\$0.20	\$2.00	Biodiversity conservation component comprises: (a) the restoration and preservation of the ecosystem of Aldabra Atoll by strengthening conservation management and scientific research and control of feral goats; and (b) a protection program.

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242	GEF	Slovak Republic	8842	Biodiversity Protection	WB	9/16/93	\$2.30	\$0.87	\$3.17	This project in the Morava floodplain, Tatras forests, and Eastern Carpathians is developing management techniques for a biodiversity protection program, a conservation program to develop revenue generation mechanisms for the protected area system.
243	GEF	South Africa		Cape Peninsula Biodiversity Conservation Project	WB	03/10/97	\$12.40	\$80.80	\$93.20	
244	GEF	Sri Lanka	SRL/92/G31	Wildlife Conservation and Protected Areas Management	UNDP	1/15/92	\$4.10	\$-	\$4.10	Project raises scientific and technical capacity of government officials to establish and manage protected areas and communicate their importance to local people. Trains staff in management planning, develops investment strategies.
245	GEF	Sri Lanka	35828	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants	WB	01/05/97	\$4.92	\$20.72	\$25.32	Project will design and implement a medicinal plants conservation program. For five botanical reserves where medicinal plants are collected from the wild, it will support baseline research, monitoring, conservation planning, community organizing.
246	GEF	Turkey	8869	In-Situ Conservation of Genetic Biodiversity	WB	2/19/93	\$5.10	\$0.60	\$5.70	This project will identify and establish in-situ conservation areas for the protection of genetic resources and wild relatives of important crops and forest tree species that originated in Turkey.
247	GEF	Uganda	2893	Bwindi Impenetrable National Park & Mgahinga Gorilla National Park Conservation	WB	1/24/95	\$4.00	\$2.31	\$6.31	The project has established a trust fund, the income from which will provide a sustainable source of funds for the management of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and Mgahinga Gorilla National Parks and the conservation of their biodiversity.
248	GEF	Uganda	35311	Protected Areas Management and Sustainable Use (PAMSU)	WB	01/05/97	\$10.29	\$96.80	\$107.09	The project will support management and conservation of priority protected areas by strengthening the Uganda Wildlife Authority, and making investments in rehabilitation of infrastructure and improving management of biologically critical protected areas.

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249	GEF	Ukraine	9103	Transcarpathian Biodiversity Protection	WB	7/28/93	\$0.50	\$0.08	\$0.58	Part of the tri-country Transcarpathian Network, the project supports a biodiversity protection program (inventory, genetic studies, GIS critical habitat analysis), a management resources program to enable coordinated management.
250	GEF	Ukraine	39166	Danube Delta Biodiversity	WB	6/21/94	\$1.50	\$0.24	\$1.74	This project aims to protect the Ukrainian Delta ecosystem and contribute to the conservation of biodiversity in the Delta. It will strengthen institutional capacity to manage protected areas effectively, working with local community groups.
251	GEF	Uruguay	URU/92/G31	Conservation of Biodiversity in the Eastern Wetlands	UNDP	11/18/92	\$3.00	\$-	\$3.00	Development with government of Regional Wetlands Management Program including management strategy, water authority, and incentives/regulatory frameworks for landowners. Project catalyses formation of local resource users group.
252	GEF*	Uruguay	URU/97/G31	Consolidation of the Banados del Este Biosphere Reserve	UNDP	01/08/97	\$2.50	\$0.38	\$2.88	The project will consolidate the biodiversity conservation activities of the previous PROBIDES project.
253	GEF	Vietnam	VIE/91/G31	Conservation Training and Biodiversity Action Plan	UNDP	1/15/92	\$3.00	\$-	\$3.00	Project undertakes complementary development of biodiversity action plan and training of government staff in conservation techniques. Building upon existing planning documents, develops outline of specific costed actions to conserve biodiversity.
254	GEF*	Vietnam	VIE/95/G31	Creating Protected Areas for Resource Conservation (PARC) using a Landscape Ecology Approach	UNDP	01/10/95	\$6.04	\$0.66	\$6.70	This project will develop and implement innovative methods for the protection of Vietnam's unique and highly threatened species and habitats.
255	GEF*	Yemen	YEM/96/G32	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity of Socotra Archipelago	UNDP	05/06/96	\$4.94	\$6.01	\$10.96	Project will focus on the development and implementation of a management plan which will integrate conservation and sustainable use of the outstanding endemic biodiversity of Socotra Archipelago.

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256	GEF	Zimbabwe	3261	Biodiversity Conservation in South East Zimbabwe	WB	01/04/92	\$4.80	\$50.20	\$55.00	With the involvement of local communities, the project will design and implement a natural resource management program for Gonarezou National Park on the Mozambique and South Africa border, complementing the Mozambique Transfrontier Conservation Areas.
Sub.							\$696.31		\$1,725.08	
Total							\$718.47	\$1,029.55	\$1,748.02	

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**List of GEF Project Activities Supporting Other Biodiversity-Related Conventions  
referred to in Decision III/21  
(July 1996 to December 1997)**

**I. Support for activities that directly assist implementation in country\***

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals:*

China: Wetland biodiversity;  
South Africa: Cape Peninsula biodiversity conservation project;  
Yemen: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of Socotra Archipelago;  
IW(projects in the area of GEF international waters)-Regional: Water and environmental management in the Aral Sea Basin;  
IW-Regional project: Developing the Danube river Basin pollution reduction program.

*Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat:*

Regional: NGO-government partnership for biodiversity;  
China: Wetland biodiversity and sustainable use;  
Malaysia: Conservation and sustainable use of Peat Swamp forests in Malaysia;  
Regional: Conservation of wetlands and coastal ecosystems in the Mediterranean;  
Eritrea: Conservation management of Eritrea's coastal, marine and Island biodiversity;  
Jordan: Final consolidation and conservation of Azraq wetlands and Dana wildlands by RSCN to address new pressures;  
Uruguay: Consolidation of the Banados del este Biosphere reserve;  
IW-Regional project: Developing the Danube river Basin pollution reduction program

**II. Support for activities that indirectly support implementation in country\*\***

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals:*

Regional: NGO- government partnership for Biodiversity;  
Mozambique: Coastal zone biodiversity;  
Panama: Biodiversity conservation program;  
Regional: African NGO-government partnership for sustainable biodiversity;  
Regional: Establishment of a program for the consolidation of the Meso-American biological corridor;  
Argentina: biodiversity conservation;  
Honduras: Biodiversity priority areas;  
Nicaragua: Atlantic biodiversity corridor;  
Panama: Atlantic biological corridor;  
IW-Regional: Lake Ohrid management;  
IW-Regional: Implementation of the strategic action programme for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden;  
IW-Regional: Developing the implementation of the Black Sea strategy action plan;  
IW-Regional: Preparation of a trans-boundary Diagnostic analysis and strategic action programme for the Yellow Sea large marine ecosystem.

*United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa:*

Regional: Conservation and sustainable use of dryland agro-biodiversity of the Fertile Crescent;

Jordan: Final consolidation and conservation of Azraq wetlands and Dana wildlands by RSCN to address new pressures;

Mongolia: Biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihood options in the grasslands of Eastern Mongolia;

Regional: Central Asia trans-boundary biodiversity;

South Africa: Cape Peninsula biodiversity;

Global: People, land management and environmental change.

*Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat:*

Regional: NGO-government partnership for biodiversity;

Regional: Mekong River Basin wetland biodiversity conservation and sustainable use programme;

China: Wetland biodiversity and sustainable use;

Malaysia: Conservation and sustainable use of Peat Swamp forests in Malaysia.

\* Particular conventions mentioned in project proposals.

\*\* Particular conventions not mentioned in the project proposals but activities will address issues of the relevant convention.

**GEF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND OTHER RELEVANT  
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>TYPE OF WORKSHOP</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Armenia	National	May 1996
Argentina	National	June 1995
Argentina	National: Medium-sized proj./NGOs	December 1997
Bahrain	Sub-regional: West Asia	August 1996
Barbados	Regional: Caribbean	April 1995
Barbados	Regional: Caribbean/NGOs	July 1997
Brazil	National	July 1996
Cameroon	Regional: French Speaking Central Africa	April 1997
Chile	National: Medium-sized proj./NGOs	December 1997
China	National	October 1997
Colombia	National	September 1997
Cote d'Ivoire	Regional: West Africa	July 1996
Ecuador	National: Medium-sized proj./NGOs	December 1997
Ethiopia	Sub-regional: Eritrea, Ethiopia	June 1996
Fiji	Regional: South Pacific	August 1995
Ghana	Regional: English Speaking West Africa	October 1997
India	National	April 1996
Indonesia	International: Biodiversity COP	November 1995
Indonesia	Sub-regional: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea	October 1997
Iran	National	September 1997
Kenya	International: UNEP Committee of Perm. Reps.	September 1997
Kenya	Regional: East Africa and Indian Ocean	October 1996
Kenya	International	September 1997
Lithuania	National	September 1994
Malaysia	National	October 1996
Mali	Regional: French Speaking West Africa	May 1997
Mexico	National	March 1995
Morocco	Sub-regional: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia	September 1996
Pakistan	National	June 1996
Peru	Sub-regional: South Pacific Commission	November 1997
Peru	National: Medium-sized proj./NGOs	December 1997
Philippines	National	September 1996
Senegal	Regional: West Africa - linked to land degradation workshop	September 1996
South Africa	National	September 1996
Syria	Regional: Middle East	October 1996
Turkey	National	June 1996
Venezuela	National	November 1996
Zambia	Regional: Southern Africa	April 1996