



GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS*

THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	4774		
Country/Region:	Ecuador		
Project Title:	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, Forests, Soil and Water to Achieve the Good Living (Buen Vivir / Sumac Kasay) in the Napo Province		
GEF Agency:	FAO	GEF Agency Project ID:	
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi Focal Area
GEF-5 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):	BD-2; LD-1; LD-3; LD-3; LD-3; SFM/REDD+-1; SFM/REDD+-1; Project Mana;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$2,628,283
Co-financing:	\$10,560,035	Total Project Cost:	\$13,188,318
PIF Approval:	April 16, 2012	Council Approval/Expected:	June 01, 2012
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Ian Gray	Agency Contact Person:	Ricardo Tapia

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	December 15, 2011 Yes, CBD: 1993; CCD: 1995.	
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	December 15, 2011 Yes. Letter from A Aguinaga Vallejo dated 25 November 2011 is available. April 03, 2012 The additional funding has meant that the BD sums identified in the letter of endorsement have been exceeded. Please provide a letter of endorsement covering the new amounts. April 13, 2012 Letter of endorsement dated March 15, 2012 indicates revised amounts. Cleared.	

Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	<p>December 15, 2011 FAO's comparative advantage in TA for BD, LD and SFM projects is clear from experience. Please elaborate on FAO's comparative advantage for Inv projects given that over \$900,000 is allocated to this component.</p> <p>March 05, 2012 Additional information provided. Cleared.</p>	
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency capable of managing it?	<p>December 15, 2011 There is no non-grant instrument.</p>	
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	<p>December 15, 2011 Yes, aligned with the DAF and FAO's CPF. FAO has in country staff for technical and operational support plus provision for technical backstopping regionally and from HQ.</p>	
Resource Availability	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the STAR allocation? 	<p>December 15, 2011 Yes, the overall request is within the STAR allocation.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the focal area allocation? 	<p>December 15, 2011 Yes, the FA funds requested are within the FA allocations to be programmed which at 12/15/11 stand at BD: \$14,724,481 and LD \$3,390,000.</p> <p>Please review the amount requested from the SFM/REDD incentive and ensure it is within the 1:3 ratio of FA finds invested in forests.</p>	

		<p>SFM funds requested now within 1:3 ratio. However there is a minimum required investment of \$2 million from FA in order to access the SFM incentive, please increase the FA allocations.</p> <p>April 03, 2012 BD resources requested increased, total now in excess of \$2 million. Cleared.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the LDCF under the principle of equitable access 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focal area set-aside? 		
Project Consistency	<p>7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?</p>	<p>December 15, 2011 Yes, well aligned. In Table A please ensure that the three LD objectives have their individual GEF finance and co-finance amounts identified.</p> <p>March 05, 2012 Please split SFM/REDD Outcomes 1.2 and 1.3 into separate rows.</p> <p>April 03, 2012 Cleared.</p>	
	<p>8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/ multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?</p>	<p>December 15, 2011 Yes. BD-2: Mainstream Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into Production Landscapes, Seascapes and Sectors LD-1: Maintain or improve flow of agro-ecosystem services sustaining the livelihoods of local communities</p>	

		resources from competing land uses in the wider landscape SFM-1: Reduce pressures on forest resources and generate sustainable flows of forest ecosystem services	
	9. Is the project consistent with the recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, including NPFE, NAPA, NCSA, or NAP?	December 15, 2011 Yes, generally in line with CBD 4th National report and the earlier CCD 3rd report.	
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	December 15, 2011 Yes capacity development activities such as courses and workshops are described for both government staff at provincial and municipal level as well as for village councils, CSOs and community leaders. Additionally there is the development of a multi-disciplinary team to deliver TA services through local associations.	
Project Design	11. Is (are) the baseline project(s), including problem (s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to address, sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?	December 15, 2011 The problems of forest loss and degrade are well established. Can you please explain whether the funding proposed as co-finance from the NPG is new and additional or Government recurrent budget expenditure on forests. March 05, 2012 Additional information included - NPG initiated started developing policies and activities for forest management in 2011 and new funds will be available from 2012 onward for SFM/REDD+ activities. Cleared.	
	12. Has the cost-effectiveness been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design approach as compared to		

	similar benefits?		
	13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/ additional reasoning?	<p>December 15, 2011</p> <p>Yes. Basically split into two elements, the development of the enabling framework through improved planning and coordination among a wide range of official and local organizations, plus field level implementation of improved management practices.</p>	
	14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	<p>December 15, 2011</p> <p>Please explain what role the GEF funds will have in the development of the water fund and the sustainable development fund in 1.4.1? How does this incorporate existing guidance on the setting up of trust funds?</p> <p>Please explain the term "analogy forestry" in 2.4.1 and what is planned.</p> <p>In Component 3 the socio-economic benefits are clear but please explain more clearly the link back to BD/LD/SFM objectives.</p> <p>Certification is rarely successful without market demand for the product involved - what measures are in place in 2.1.6 and 2.3.1 to ensure this element continues after the project.</p> <p>Please provide a little more explanation on what is planned within 2.2.4 in terms of the Carbon Sequestration Monitoring System.</p> <p>March 05, 2012</p>	

		<p>guidance on PES is incorporated at time of CEO Endorsement.</p> <p>b) Cleared. Please ensure that funding for restoration are derived from LD or SFM rather than BD FA.</p> <p>c) Link to incorporation of BD in management planning and increase in certified landscape which includes BD issues. Cleared.</p> <p>d) Sufficient information added for PIF stage. By CEO Endorsement please include identification of the specific measures to be undertaken which will ensure longevity of the the certification and incentive activities.</p> <p>e) Additional information on the FAO ACT has been provided. However this is an ex-ante planning tool, at CEO Endorsement please information on how this is expected to be used as the basis for a monitoring system, and describe the set of measurements which are expected.</p>	
	<p>15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?</p>	<p>December 15, 2011 Element 1.4.1 appears to be a plan for PES - if so please make this more specific and illustrate how current STAP guidance on PES is being incorporated.</p> <p>In order to access the SFM/REDD incentive the project needs to provide some carbon benefits, please include an estimate (and include calculations) on the carbon benefits derived from the project - these can use a Tier 1 type approach.</p> <p>March 05, 2012 The additional detail on the PES is appreciated, at CEO Endorsement</p>	

		<p>utilized STAP guidance will be expected.</p> <p>CO2 benefits are estimated in the region of 415,000 tCO2 over the project lifetime, however clearer estimates are expected at time of CEO Endorsement.</p>	
	<p>16. Is there a clear description of: a) the socio-economic benefits, including gender dimensions, to be delivered by the project, and b) how will the delivery of such benefits support the achievement of incremental/additional benefits?</p>	<p>December 15, 2011</p> <p>Yes there are specific targets for socio-economic results and the project also has clear targets for the inclusion of women in both process and results.</p>	
	<p>17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?</p>	<p>December 15, 2011</p> <p>Yes both national and international CSO roles have been identified as have village council and municipality level structures together with local communities, CBOs and local associations.</p>	
	<p>18. Does the project take into account potential major risks, including the consequences of climate change and provides sufficient risk mitigation measures? (i.e., climate resilience)</p>	<p>December 15, 2011</p> <p>Yes the main risks are identified and mitigation measures proposed. Please provide some more justification on the 'low' classification of not receiving sufficient priority for biodiversity conservation and INRM and that a participatory process is sufficient to mitigate the risk.</p> <p>March 05, 2012</p> <p>Additional information on SBR-Napo Province's existing multi-stakeholder processes and their use in BD and NR management. Cleared.</p>	
	<p>19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?</p>	<p>December 15, 2011</p> <p>Please explain how the project links to existing work on forest carbon inventory and methodologies currently underway.</p>	

		Details of links with MAE, NFA, the National Deforestation Map and the Socio-Bosque Program have been included. Cleared	
	20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	December 15, 2011 There are a number of actors involved - please add in a little detail to clearly identify who will be the key executing party or parties. March 05, 2012 The table has been improved and additional detail of the relationship between NPG, MAE, TNC and Ecociencia has been provided. Cleared.	
	21. Is the project structure sufficiently close to what was presented at PIF, with clear justifications for changes?		
	22. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is there a reasonable calendar of reflows included?		
Project Financing	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	December 15, 2011 PMC is slightly over the 5% threshold - please ensure it remains within the limit. March 05, 2012 PMC is now 5%. Cleared.	
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	December 15, 2011 Generally yes but Component 2 does have a large number of sub components while some of those elements could be quite costly to implement e.g. the certification process and the carbon sequestration monitoring system. Please give some further explanation of how these elements can all fit into the proposed budget.	

		Additional co-finance supporting the activities has been explained. At time of CEO Endorsement please incorporate details of co-finance from those organizations interested in the certification-related activities in Component 2.	
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.	December 15, 2011 Co-finance is 1:2.19 which is low, please seek additional sources of co-finance. March 05, 2012 Co-finance now stands at 1:4.1. April 03, 2012 With the additional BD funds the co-finance ratio has fallen, please seek additional co-finance to recover the previous ratio. April 13, 2012 Co-finance now stands at 1:4.0.	
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	December 15, 2011 FAO co-finance is \$40k in kind and \$140k grant which is 6% of GEF funding. Additional co-finance would be expected for priority projects. March 05, 2012 FAO co-finance has been increased to \$520,000	
Project Monitoring and Evaluation	27. Have the appropriate Tracking Tools been included with information for all relevant indicators, as applicable?		
	28. Does the proposal include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?		
	29. Has the Agency responded		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAP? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Secretariat? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council comments? 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other GEF Agencies? 		
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?	<p>December 15, 2011 Not at this stage please address above comments.</p> <p>March 05, 2012 Please address Q 6 and 7.</p> <p>April 03, 2012 Please provide a letter of endorsement covering the new sums and address the fall in co-fiance ratio.</p> <p>April 13, 2012 PIF now recommended for clearance.</p>	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear description of PES and incorporation of STAP Guidance. 2. Co-finance potential from organizations interested in certification-related activities in Component 2. 3. Improved estimates of CO2 benefits and clear description of carbon monitoring system. 	
Recommendation at CEO Endorsement/ Approval	32. At endorsement/approval, did Agency include the progress of PPG with clear information of commitment status of the PPG?		
	33. Is CEO endorsement/approval being recommended?		
Review Date (s)	First review*	December 15, 2011	
	Additional review (as necessary)	March 05, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 03, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	April 13, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)		

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REQUEST FOR PPG APPROVAL

Review Criteria	Decision Points	Program Manager Comments
PPG Budget	1. Are the proposed activities for project preparation appropriate?	April 12, 2012 Yes activities include 1. Initial multi-stakeholder inception workshops 2. Policy and institutional framework analysis 3. Assessing local capacity needs and proposing capacity building options 4. Identification of the baseline and monitoring approaches 5. PES system design and identification of improved management approaches
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	April 12, 2012 Yes, detailed budget is available and is appropriate for the activities identified.
Secretariat Recommendation	3. Is PPG approval being recommended?	April 12, 2012 Yes PPG is recommended for approval.
	4. Other comments	
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	Additional review (as necessary)	

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