

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel



The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility
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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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I. PIF Information

GEF PROJECT ID: 4084 **PROJECT DURATION:** 5 YEARS

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: P118018

COUNTRY: CAMEROON

PROJECT TITLE: CBSP-CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE NGOYLA MINTOM FOREST

GEF AGENCY: World Bank

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Forests and Wildlife, Ministry of Environment and Protection of Nature

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(s): SFM- SP#1 and SFM-SP#2

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT : STRATEGIC PROGRAM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN THE CONGO BASIN

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

1. Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency:
Minor revision required

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP notes that this is the 9th full-sized proposal submitted for consideration under the strategic program for sustainable forest management in the Congo Basin (CBSP). The Panel refers the World Bank (as well as, FAO, UNDP, AfDB and UNEP) to its previous advice on the program¹ and notes that this project has elements in common with others the Panel has advised on, including the World Bank GEF projects 3772 on Enforcement of Protected Areas network in DRC² (relevant to component 2) and 3779 Enhancing Institutional Capacities on REDD issues for Sustainable Forest Management in the Congo Basin³ (relevant to component 3).
3. The Panel stresses the importance of coordination amongst agencies as they develop project concepts and full proposals under the CBSP program in order to add value compared to project-by-project programming. For example, this project refers to its parent program only briefly and the full project proposal should expand on this, including how this project will link with the proposed project on "A regional Focus on Sustainable Timber Management in the Congo Basin" (PIF 3822, UNEP), which envisages including Cameroon in its regional activities.
4. The full project should include an account of the methodology to be used in defining the core zone, on a basis of its high global biodiversity benefits, from the rest of the Managed Resource Protected Area.

¹ See PFD screen at [http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/stap%20review\(33\).pdf](http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/stap%20review(33).pdf) and the PFD itself at

http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/PFD_3782_MFA_CBSP_Congo_Basin.pdf

² See PIF screen at [http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/Stap%20review\(31\).pdf](http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/Stap%20review(31).pdf)

³ See PIF screen at

[http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/STAP%20review\(36\).pdf](http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Projects/Work_Programs/November_2008_Work_Program/STAP%20review(36).pdf)

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	<p>STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review <p>The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.</p>
3. Major revision required	<p>STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement.</p> <p>The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.</p>