

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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I. PIF Information

PART I: PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

GEFSEC PROJECT ID: 3533

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: P037583

COUNTRY(IES): Ivory Coast

PROJECT TITLE: PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT PROJECT (PCGAP)

GEF AGENCY(IES): World Bank

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S): Office of Parks and Reserves (OIPR)

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): Biodiversity

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): SO # 1, SP # 1

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT: N/A

Full size project **GEF Trust Fund**

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(ies):
Consent

III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP welcomes this proposal on "Protected Area Management Project" in the Ivory Coast. The proposal provides a thorough scientific rationale, and elaborate details on the proposed protected area system and its global significance. STAP, however, suggests that details are provided on the potential climate change risks on biodiversity in the Ivory Coast. Currently, climate change risks are absent in the proposal. The Ivory Coast is one country "...where 90 percent or more of the total protected territory has climate conditions that will disappear globally or be transformed to novel climates...", according to the report "Vulnerability of the World Protected Areas Network to Climate Change", 2007
<http://www.conservation.org/newsroom/pressreleases/Pages/121007.aspx>

<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.	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: (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 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.
3. Major revision required	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. 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.