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PROJECTS IN THE PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM

Biological Diversity

- **Benin:** Community-based Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management project (World Bank)
- **Honduras:** Consolidation of Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation of the Bay Islands project (IADB)
- **Iran:** Conservation of Iranian Wetlands project (UNDP)
- **Latvia:** Biodiversity Protection in North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve project (UNDP)
- **Malaysia:** Conservation of Biological Diversity through Improved Forest Planning Tools project (UNDP)
- **Mali:** Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Inner Niger Delta and its Transition Areas, Mopti Region project (World Bank/IFAD)
- **Mongolia:** Community-based Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mountain Landscapes of Mongolia's Altai Sayan Ecoregion project (UNDP)
- **Pakistan:** Protection and Management of Pakistan Wetlands project (UNDP)
- **Tunisia:** Gulf of Gabes Marine and Coastal Resources Protection project (World Bank)

Biodiversity (Biosafety)

- **Global:** Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) of the Catagena Protocol project (UNEP)

International Waters

- **Regional (Indonesia, Malaysia):** Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration project (World Bank)

WORK PROGRAM

1. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), after reviewing the conclusion and recommendations of the project review meetings with the Implementing Agencies, proposes to the Council for its consideration and approval of a Work Program comprising 11 new full-size project proposals with the following GEF allocations (see Annex A for details on these projects):

Biodiversity	\$35.265 million	(9 projects)
Biodiversity/Biosafety	\$ 4.615 million	(1 project)
International Waters	\$ 8.473 million	(1 project)
Total GEF allocation	\$48.353 million	(11 projects)
Total project cost	\$137.123 million	

2. The GEF also finances medium sized projects (MSPs), project preparation grants, and enabling activities under expedited procedures. Expedited approvals by the CEO or Implementing Agencies in the reporting period April to June 2003 comprise:

Medium-sized projects	\$ 9.783 million	(11 projects)	CEO, Annex B
PDF-A	\$ 0.350 million	(14 grants)	IAs, Annex C
PDF-B/C	\$14.807 million	(39 grants)	CEO, Annex D
Enabling activities	\$ 7.567 million	(32 projects)	CEO, Annex E
Total GEF allocation	\$32.507 million		

3. Cumulatively, the allocations to the various focal areas track the projections made in the GEF Business Plan. In individual Work Programs though, there are deviations from the average. In this Work Program, for example, almost all projects are in one focal area only: biodiversity. This is purely a statistical fluctuation as projects in the other focal areas are under preparation and will mature at various future dates.

4. The total fees for the project implementation services provided by the agencies for this Work Program (full-size projects, MSPs, and Enabling Activities) would be \$8.887 million. This amounts to 13.5 percent of the total GEF allocations. (The fee ratio was 10.4 percent for the May 2003 Work Program.) A brief review of the IA fees over the period FY2000 to FY2003 showed a relatively flat curve compared to the number of projects and GEF allocations over the same period. The GEF Secretariat will continue to monitor the fee trends with the understanding that a more thorough review and analysis will be prepared for the Council Meeting in May 2004. The following table shows the fee trend for the last four fiscal years and including this July Intersessional Work Program.

Table 1: Fee Trends FY00–July03 IWP *

	GEF Grant (\$mil)	IA Fees (\$mil)	No. of Projects	Fee Ratio
FY2000	486.360	39.139	124	8.0%
FY2001	508.504	41.031	165	8.1%
FY2002	398.567	45.562	194	11.4%
FY2003	548.092	51.351	223	9.4%
July 03 IWP	65.702	8.890	54	13.5%

(*) GEF Grant amount does not include grants under PDFs, as the PDF grant is included later under the total project allocation when the fee is actually paid.

5. Two factors have a significant influence on the fee ratio. One is the proportion of MSPs and EAs in the group of projects, because these projects have relatively high, fixed fees. Intersessional Work Programs have relatively few full-size projects compared to Work Programs submitted to Council Meetings, but a similar number of MSPs and EAs. Other factors being equal, the fee ratio for Intersessional Work Programs tends to be higher than for Work Programs submitted to Council, and so to monitor underlying trends in the fee ratios for full-size projects, it is necessary to control for this factor. See Table 2 for trends in the fees and fee ratios for full-size projects.

Table 2: Fee Trends for Full Size Projects, FY00-July03 IWP

	GEF Grant FSP (\$m)	IA Fees (\$m)	No. of Projects	Fee Ratio	Average Grant (\$m)	Total GEF Grants (\$m)	FSP/Tot. Grant Ratio
FY2000	439.109	30.440	41	6.93%	10.710	486.360	90%
FY2001	443.497	33.556	52	7.57%	8.529	508.504	87%
FY2002	332.655	34.191	48	10.28%	6.930	398.567	83%
FY2003	491.981	44.141	68	8.97%	7.235	548.092	90%
July03 IWP	48.353	6.257	11	12.94%	4.396	65.702	74%

6. The second factor is the size of the GEF allocation. Since fees are largely fixed, the higher the average allocation, the lower the fee ratio. This can also be seen in Table 2. The current Work Program has a low average grant size of \$4.4 million and consequently a higher fee ratio than is typical for a fiscal year as a whole.

Enabling Activities under Expedited Procedures

7. GEF support for biodiversity Enabling Activities through the reporting period covered two countries. Two new project proposals were approved (\$0.373 million).

8. GEF support for climate change Enabling Activities covered five new project proposals for “top-up” funding (\$0.5 million).

9. GEF support for POPs Enabling Activities now covers 74 countries. During this reporting period, seven new POPs Enabling Activities were approved with a total financing of \$3.162 million. This is the first GEF support for POPs Enabling Activities in these seven countries.

10. Eighteen grants were approved for governments to assess their own national capacity needs for global environmental management. A total of \$3.532 million was allocated for the 18 projects. For these countries, this was the first GEF support for such activities.

Co-financing

11. Co-financing is now reported in the Project Executive Summary according to standard definitions.¹ The present Work Program includes about \$89 million in cofinancing with overall ratio at about 1:1.8. For biodiversity projects, the ratio is 1:2.3 and 1:0.89 for international waters.

Table 3: Proposed Co-financing in Work Program (\$ million)

	Biodiversity	Biosafety (**)	IW	Total
GEF Grant (*)	35.265	4.615	8.473	48.353
Co-financing				
Government	31.012	0.350	1.900	33.262
Multilateral	43.444			43.444
Bilateral	2.840			2.840
NGOs	2.620			2.620
Private Sector	0.047		5.600	5.647
Others & mix of above	0.958			0.958
Subtotal	80.921	0.350	7.500	88.771
Ratio GEF: Co-financing	1:2.295	1:0.076	1:0.885	1:1.836
Total Project Cost	116.185	4.965	15.973	137.123

(*) It includes previous grants for project preparations.

(**) This biosafety project is an Enabling Activity. Co-financing is usually not expected for such projects, which are typically financed on an agreed full cost basis.

Presentation of the Project Executive Summaries

12. The current Work Program raises no policy issues consistent with procedures for Intersessional Work Programs. Following the procedure first adopted for the May 2003 Work Program, Project Executive Summaries² have been prepared for each project. The Council had expressed its appreciation for the new format as it facilitated the review of proposals. A few suggestions were made during the May Council meeting and will be incorporated in the revised Project Executive Summary which is expected to be used for the next Work Program submission.

¹ See *Co-financing*, GEF/C.20/6/Rev.1

² See *Format for the Executive Summaries of GEF Project Proposals*, GEF/C.20/Inf.4.

The GEF Secretariat will continue to collect operational experience and feedback from the Implementing Agencies for the use of the format and strive to continually improve it.

Project Highlights

13. Eleven projects have been submitted to this Work Program in the areas of biodiversity, biosafety and international waters. These projects illustrate well a number of the strategic priorities for the focal areas, and also illustrate the GEF Project Review Criteria such as capacity building, sustainability, and replicability. There are also good examples of innovation and advances in the scientific and technology arenas.

14. Two projects were submitted by Executing Agencies acting under the policy of expanded opportunities. One is the *Honduras Bay Islands* project which is submitted directly to the Council, by IADB. Another one is the *Mali: Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Inner Niger Delta and its Transition Areas, Mopti Region* project, which is submitted by IFAD to the Council through the World Bank acting as Implementing Agency.

Strategic Priorities

15. The GEF Business Plan approved by the May 2003 Council included the strategic priorities for each focal area. Strategic priorities are major themes under which resources are programmed within each of the focal areas. This is the first Work Program where the submitted projects identify the strategic priorities being targeted.

16. The ten biodiversity projects submitted for this Work Program covered all four strategic priorities for this focal area: (1) Catalyzing Sustainability of Protected Areas; (2) Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Production Landscapes and Sectors; (3) Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; and (4) Generation and Dissemination of Best Practices for Addressing Current and Emerging Biodiversity Issues.

17. For example, the *Iran: Conservation of Iranian Wetlands* and the *Mongolia: Community-based conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mountain Landscapes of the Altai Sayan Ecoregion* projects (UNDP) target Strategic Priorities 1 and 2 to varying extents; with the *Iran* project more focused on Priority 1 and the *Mongolia* project with greater emphasis on Priority 2. The *Iran* project will provide direct support for two protected areas, but it will also strengthen the overall system of wetland protected areas extending over 515,800 hectares, thus placing these protected areas within the context of long-term sustainability of the national system. In the case of Mongolia, approximately 2,000 km² in Altai Sayan will be brought under improved management, as biodiversity conservation will be mainstreamed into productive sectors such as grazing and pastureland management, forestry, and tourism. About 10 percent of this area will be under strict protection while 90 percent will be production landscapes. This project also demonstrates the ecosystem approach and demonstrates the importance of using various degrees of protection and use “mainstreaming” within a broad landscape.

18. The *Malaysia: Conservation of Biological Diversity through Improved Forest Planning Tools* project (UNDP) is a targeted research project that aims to generate tools and methodologies to improve biodiversity conservation through improved forest planning. The results will be applicable to wider forest production landscapes and as such will directly support mainstreaming biodiversity in production sectors. In addition, this project supports Strategic Priority 4, which is focused on generation and dissemination of best practices for current and emerging biodiversity issues and thus provides significant opportunity for replication.

19. The *Latvia: North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve* project (UNDP) supports Strategic Priority 1 through the conservation of the three core zones and 36 other sites designated as areas for special protection nested in a landscape of productive uses. The reserve itself covers approximately 6 percent of the Latvian territory. Strategic Priority 2 is also supported through the integration of biodiversity conservation into planning, management and sustainable use of biological resources around the reserves and through sectoral integration in the management and conservation of project sites, sustainable use of resources and environmental awareness components.

20. The *Regional: Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration* project (World Bank) conforms with Strategic Priority 3 within the International Waters focal area. It includes innovative demonstrations through the promotion of “precision navigation” technology which has already been successfully implemented in the inland waters of Canada, in the international waters context. Such navigation method, which has proven to be a very effective oil spill/collision prevention tool, will now be tested in one of the world’s more congested international sea lanes. Its potential for sustainable protection of the marine and coastal environments in a broader sense will also be explored.

Capacity Building

21. Capacity building is a strategic priority of the GEF that cuts across all focal areas and has gained reaffirmation as the major priority within the global conventions and the international community. Many projects in this Work Program emphasize its importance through components built into the projects which address capacity building. For example, the *Global: Building Effective Capacity for Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House of the Cartagena Protocol* project (UNEP) responds to the urgent need for the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) to become fully operational by the time the Protocol is in force (September 11, 2003).³ The project aims to develop capacity at the national level and to include awareness and training activities at the regional level. These activities are designed to supplement others under the ongoing GEF/UNEP project on Development of National Biosafety Frameworks approved by the GEF Council in November 2000. For this reason, the project is proposed as an add-on to the original project and will be managed by the same institutional structure. Only countries eligible for GEF assistance

³ This issue was brought to the GEF Council’s attention in May 2003 in the paper “Relations with Conventions” (GEF/C.21/4), where it was also mentioned that a project on GEF support for capacity building for participation in the BCH would be prepared by UNEP in consultation with the GEF Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity for inclusion in the July 2003 Intersessional Work Program.

that have ratified the Cartagena Protocol by the time of the first Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be eligible for assistance under the project. Funds will be released to the Implementing Agency in tranches according to the number of countries eligible for assistance. The *Malaysia: Conservation of Biological Diversity through Improved Forest Planning Tools* project (UNDP) will promote Government of Malaysia's efforts in enhancing technical skills and capacity building to implement sustainable framework for integration of biological diversity considerations into sectoral planning, building a center of excellence on the issue, and development of policies, certification schemes, reforestation, or tree plantation.

Stakeholder Participation

22. Participation of major stakeholders in project design and preparation is an important feature of the GEF projects. For this Work Program, the *Mongolia: Community-based Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mountain Landscapes of the Altai Sayan Ecoregion* project (UNDP), has employed a comprehensive stakeholder consultation process during its project preparation, which included transboundary partners. Local stakeholders will continue to be involved during implementation.

23. During the PDF-B phase of the *Pakistan: Protection and Management of Pakistan Wetlands* project (UNDP), inputs from stakeholders have been incorporated through an iterative process of consultation and active engagement at the project design stage. A large number of stakeholders is participating in this project, especially Community based Organizations (CBOs) and international conservation NGOs.

24. The *Honduras Bay Islands* project (IADB) includes an extensive annex detailing stakeholder participation. Focus groups were conducted, their results reported in the annex, and the list of project proponents and IADB response to these issues also included. This is a best practice example.

Replicability

25. Excellent examples of replicability of projects are included in this Work Program. Several projects demonstrate different modes of replication through transfer of knowledge, dissemination of lessons, training and awareness workshops, setting up of demonstration sites, etc. For example, the *Mali: Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Inner Niger Delta and its Transition Areas, Mopti Region* project (World Bank/IFAD) is part of the IFAD-financed Sahelian Area Development Fund (SADeF) within the framework of the Flexible Lending Mechanism that has been launched in 1999 for a ten-year period and has great potential to replicate best practices and lessons learned in other regions of the country and neighboring countries. Since it covers the whole of the Sahelian zone of Mali, promising initiatives are expected to quickly internalise and replicate in other regions. Furthermore, as IFAD finances interventions in similar dry semi arid zones in Niger, Chad and northern Nigeria, lessons learned will also be communicated and shared with other IFAD projects in the region.

26. The scope for replication in the *Iran* project is promising; it will apply the lessons learned at the two demonstration sites to a set of target replication sites.

27. The *Pakistan* project has been designed with an explicit replication component, as interventions in two GEF-supported sites will be replicated in two additional sites, supported by sources of co-financing. In addition, an awareness campaign and the Wetlands Survey Program, as national components of the project, have been designed to facilitate and promote replication.

28. The *Latvia* project will seek replication in substantive areas of the reserve through environmental education and awareness programs and the preparation and implementation of a communication strategy.

Sustainability

29. One of the major features of GEF is the sustainability of projects which seek to influence continuation of project benefits after completion of project implementation. The designs of all projects included components aimed at sustainability and this is directly relevant to the strategic priorities 1 and 2 in biodiversity. For example, the *Mali* project addresses sustainability by focusing the basic goal of fighting poverty through empowering communities at the village level (in the baseline). Their objective is to sustainably manage rural resources through offering micro-credit schemes for socio-economic infrastructural development and strengthened local capacities. The Inner Delta of central Mali is a dynamic system in which indigenous communities have developed integrated, sequential uses of the floodplain by different groups in connection with the inundation and recession of flood waters. Building on indigenous knowledge and experience in the management of these dynamic ecosystems, complex and innovative land and water management practices have evolved over time that have produced unique systems. These are now seriously threatened. The GEF incremental intervention has been designed to complement and enhance the second and third phases of SADeF in the Mopti Region with the goal to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity resources of global value in the Sahel region of Mali, specifically in the Interior Delta of the Niger (Mopti). SADeF's activities in the Mopti region aim at restoring and maintaining the ecological balance of the Delta, while, at the same time, increasing rural incomes and contributing to food security.

30. The *Pakistan* project demonstrates a strong emphasis on sustainability at four levels: ecological, social, financial and institutional. The project includes measures for ensuring financial sustainability, such as introducing eco-tourism activities, including a fundraising specialist and building mechanisms for long-term financing from the private sector.

31. The *Latvia* project will attempt to achieve sustainability through a balanced approach of budgetary contributions from central government, multi-sectoral coordination to strengthen protected area administration and substantive stakeholder participation.

Financing Plan

32. One of the documentary requirements for Work Program inclusion is that all proposals estimate total project cost as well as the contributions of financing partners and, if applicable, the proposed type of financing instrument. There are at least three examples of projects which provided best practice information on this aspect. The *Mongolia: Community-based Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mountain Landscapes of Mongolia's Altai Sayan Ecoregion* project (UNDP) would be successful in leveraging both financial resources and commitment from a key sector – agriculture. The *Honduras Bay Islands* project (IADB) proposes a total financial package of \$16.62m, of which the GEF would contribute \$2.82m (including PDF-B resources). Co-financiers include IADB (\$12.0m), other government financing (\$1.8m) and private landowners (with \$1.5m in parallel financing which is in the form of in-kind contribution). The GEF match in this project is substantive, about 1:5. The *Benin Integrated Coastal Zone Management* project (World Bank) includes a total financial package of \$14.45m of which the GEF will contribute \$4.65m, the Government/IDA \$7.3m, French cooperation \$0.7m, UNFPA \$1.8m. Associated financing includes DFiD \$1.5m; AfDB/IFAD: \$15.5m and Government/IDA \$10.0m for a total associated financing package of \$27.0m.

Country Ownership

33. Country ownership and country drivenness are closely linked to sustainability and replicability of projects. Strengthening country ownership has hence become one of the GEF priorities. Among the activities which aimed for this objective include strengthening of focal points and constituency coordination, country dialogue, and capacity needs assessment and enabling activities. Projects in this Work Program demonstrate country ownership in a variety of ways, including significant government contribution to project cost, commitment to international Conventions, and development of country action plans. For example, the *Iran* project is indicative of good linkages with government initiatives with the Government of Iran providing a significant 70 percent co-financing.

34. The *Pakistan* project demonstrates country ownership through the government's commitment, at the international level, to biodiversity conservation by supporting, in addition to the CBD, the Ramsar Convention, the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species, and CITES. At the national level, Pakistan has formulated a national conservation strategy and biodiversity action plan which is the foundation of this project.

35. The *Latvia* project shows good linkages to the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan (NBSAP), the country's Sustainable Development Plan and the Ministry of the Environment's objectives. The *Honduras* project shows substantive country-drivenness through co-financing (with a high government contribution of 83 percent, comprising direct contributions and its loan from IADB), interest in modifying policy and regulatory frameworks, mainstreaming particularly in the tourism sector, and good fit with the proposed national environmental framework..

Innovation

36. The *Regional: Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration Project* project (World Bank) demonstrates an innovative marine navigation technology that will reduce ship-based pollution of international waters through a public-private partnership.

Science and Technology Issues

37. The *Malaysia: Conservation of Biological Diversity Through Improved Forest Planning Tools* project (UNDP) is a targeted research project which aims to generate tools and methodologies to improve biodiversity conservation through improved forest planning. These results will have application value in the wider forest production landscapes, and the project is consistent with Strategic Priority 4 which is focused on generation and dissemination of best practices for current and emerging biodiversity issues. The incorporation of science-based solutions is also amply illustrated in the list of project preparation grants in Annex D.

Monitoring and Evaluation

38. Monitoring and evaluation of projects is an important aspect for all projects, especially for GEF-supported projects which have as one of the priorities to identify lessons learned, sustainability and replicability. A good M&E system provides a strong basis to monitor these GEF objectives. All projects in this Work Program provide M&E indicators, including process and impact indicators. The projects in *Iran, Mongolia and Malaysia* have key indicators for priority activities, but are encouraged to have concrete benchmarks or milestones against which progress can be tracked, particularly those related to securing global benefits.

39. The *Pakistan* project document includes a rigorous M&E system, based on a detailed logframe that illustrates every step of the project strategy, specifying objectives and outputs. The logframe also includes clear indicators of impacts and outcomes, as well as sources of verification and assumptions.

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PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

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#	GEF ID	OP Country	IA	Project Title	PDF A	PDF B	PDF C	IA Fees	GEF Allocation (US\$ million) *	Cofin. (US\$M)	Total Cost (US\$ million)**	
Biodiversity												
1	1234	2 Benin	World Bank	Community-based Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management Project		0.350			1.316 0.666	4.650	9.800	14.450
2	1515	2 Honduras	IADB	Consolidation of Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity Conservation of the Bay Islands		0.320		0.282	2.820	13.800	16.620	
3	1145	2 Iran <i>Kente</i>	UNDP	Conservation of Iranian Wetlands <i>rejected</i>	0.025	0.347		0.382	3.287	10.320	13.607	
4	1045	2 Latvia	UNDP	Biodiversity Protection in North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve		0.250		0.382	2.911	10.740	13.650	
5	1176	3 Malaysia	UNDP	Conservation of Biological Diversity through Improved Forest Planning Tools		0.196		0.382	2.457	3.442	5.899	
6	1152	1 Mali <i>A. Kertler</i>	World Bank/IFAD	Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Inner Niger Delta and its Transition Areas, Mopti Region <i>re-circulate print to CEO endorsement</i>		0.326		0.747	6.326	13.590	19.916	
7	1100	4 Mongolia	UNDP	Community-based Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mountain Landscapes of Mongolia's Altai Sayan Ecoregion		0.350		0.382	3.070	7.700	10.770	
8	1257	2 Pakistan	UNDP	Protection and Management of Pakistan Wetlands		0.342		0.382	3.333	8.789	12.122	
9	1174	2 Tunisia	World Bank	Gulf of Gabes Marine and Coastal Resources Protection		0.350			0.666 0.932	6.410	2.740	9.150
Sub total for Biodiversity					0.025	2.832		4.921	35.265	80.921	116.185	

* "GEF Allocation" includes previous grants for project preparation (PDF A, B & Cs) but not the IA Fee.

** "Total Cost" includes GEF Allocation and all project cofinancing

GEF								GEF Allocation	Cofin.	Total Cost		
#	ID	OP	Country	IA	Project Title	PDF A	PDF B	PDF C	IA Fees	(US\$ million) *	(US\$M)	(US\$ million)**
<u>Biodiversity (Biosafety)</u>												
10	2128	EA	Global	<i>Avani</i>	UNEP	Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) of the Cartagena Protocol			0.404	4.615	0.350	4.965
						<i>to submit in November</i>						
Sub total for Biodiversity (Biosafety)									0.404	4.615	0.350	4.965
<u>International Waters</u>												
11	1270	10	Regional (Indonesia, Malaysia)	World Bank	Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration		0.473		<i>1.316</i> 0.932	8.473	7.500	15.973
Sub total for International Waters							0.473		0.932	8.473	7.500	15.973
<u>Total for New Submissions</u>						0.025	3.305		6.257	48.353	88.771	137.123
<u>Grand Total</u>						0.025	3.305		6.257	48.353	88.771	137.123

* "GEF Allocation" includes previous grants for project preparation (PDF A, B & Cs) but not the IA Fee.

** "Total Cost" includes GEF Allocation and all project cofinancing

MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS UNDER EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

(for the reporting period April to June, 2003)

GEF		OP	Country	IA	Project Title	PDF A	IA Fees	GEF Allocation (US\$ million) *	Cofin Amount (US\$ M)	Total Project Cost (US\$ M)	Approval Date
#	ID										
<u>Biodiversity</u>											
1	1024	1	Global	UNEP	Ecosystems, Protected Areas and People	0.025	0.146	1.000	4.610	5.610	04/09/03
2	1604	2	Regional (Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica)	UNEP	Sustainable Conservation of Globally Important Caribbean Bird Habitats: Strengthening a Regional Network for a Shared Resource	0.025	0.146	0.999	0.973	1.972	04/28/03
3	1713	2	Costa Rica	UNDP	Improved Management and Conservation Practices for the Cocos Island Marine Conservation Area	0.025	0.146	1.000	2.175	3.175	04/28/03
4	1929	4	Madagascar	UNDP	Participatory Community-based Conservation in the Anjozorobe Forest Corridor		0.146	0.975	0.570	1.545	05/21/03
5	1485	3	Peru	World Bank	Poison Dart Frog Ranching to Protect Rainforest and Alleviate Poverty	0.025	0.146	0.814	1.032	1.846	04/11/03
6	1681	4	Slovak Republic	UNDP	Conservation, Restoration and Wise Use of Calcareous Fens	0.023	0.146	1.000	1.463	2.463	05/21/03
7	1296	3	Vietnam	World Bank	The Green Corridor		0.146	0.999	1.063	2.061	05/21/03
Sub total for Biodiversity						0.123	1.022	6.786	11.885	18.672	
<u>Climate Change</u>											
8	2040	EA	Global	UNDP	Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to Implement the UNFCCC8/CP8 Decision		0.146	0.634	0.238	0.872	04/16/03
9	1702	STRM	Hungary	World Bank	Rehabilitation and Expansion of Small Hydro- Plants on the River Raba in Hungary		0.146	0.405	1.840	2.245	04/22/03
Sub total for Climate Change							0.292	1.039	2.078	3.117	

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<u>International Waters</u>											
10	2041	9	Regional (Niger, Mali, Nigeria)	UNEP	Managing Hydrogeological Risk in the Iullemeden Aquifer System		0.146	0.958	0.780	1.738	06/24/03
Sub total for International Waters								0.146	0.958	0.780	1.738
<u>Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)</u>											
11	2067	14	Global	UNEP	Fostering Active and Effective Civil Society Participation in Preparations for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention. (NGO-POPs Elimination Project).		0.146	1.000	1.000	2.000	05/27/03
Sub total for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)								0.146	1.000	1.000	2.000
<u>Grand Total</u>							0.123	1.606	9.783	15.743	25.526

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY - PDF A
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#	GEF ID	OP	Country	IA	Project Title	GEF Allocation (US\$ million)	Approval Date
<u>Biodiversity</u>							
1	1988	1	Regional (Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)	UNEP	Integrating Economic Values into Protected Area Management in South Asia	0.025	04/03/03
2	1995	2	Albania	World Bank	Karavasta Lagoon-Conservation and Sustainable Management	0.025	05/29/03
3	2077	3	Indonesia	World Bank	Conservation and Sustainable Management of the Kakenauwe and Lambusango Forests in Central Buton Island, Sulawesi Tenggara	0.025	05/05/03
4	2066	13	Philippines	UNDP	Sustainable Conservation and Utilization of Philippine Indigeneous Crops and Wild Relatives	0.025	05/19/03
5	1854	4	Tajikistan	UNDP	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Gissar Mountains of Tajikistan	0.025	04/15/03
Sub total for Biodiversity						0.125	
<u>Climate Change</u>							
6	2075	11	Regional (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka)	UNEP	Developing a Sustainable and Environmentally Sound Transport System for Three South Asian Cities	0.025	06/06/03
7	2014	11	Botswana	UNDP	Incorporating Non-Motorized (NMT) Transport Facilities in the City of Gaborone	0.025	04/09/03
8	1973	11	El Salvador	UNDP	Bicycles for Public Transportation in Representative Urban Centers in El Salvador	0.025	06/19/03
Sub total for Climate Change						0.075	
<u>International Waters</u>							
9	2020	8	Regional (Chad, Egypt, Libya, Sudan)	UNDP	Towards a Sustainable Development of the Nubian Aquifer	0.025	05/28/03
Sub total for International Waters						0.025	

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<u>Multiple Focal Areas</u>							
10	2154	EA	Cape Verde	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.025	06/24/03
11	1947	EA	Djibouti	UNDP	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.025	04/22/03
12	2065	EA	Grenada	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.025	04/10/03
13	2048	EA	Tonga	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Environmental Management	0.025	06/20/03
14	2155	EA	Zambia	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.025	06/24/03
Sub total for Multiple Focal Areas						0.125	
<u>Grand Total</u>						0.350	

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY - PDF B/C
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#	GEF ID	OP	Country	IA	Project Title	GEF Allocation (US\$ million)	Approval Date
<u>Biodiversity</u>							
1	2124	13	Global (China, Ecuador, Morocco, Uganda)	UNEP	Conservation & Use of Crop Genetic Diversity to Control Pests & Diseases in Support of Sustainable Agriculture	0.350	06/13/03
2	2123	13	Global (Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan)	UNEP	Conservation & Management of Pollinators for Sustainable Agriculture through an Ecosystem Approach	0.700	06/13/03
3	2140	1	Regional (Ethiopia, Uganda, Zambia, Ghana)	UNEP	Removing Barriers to Invasive Plant Management in Africa	0.700	06/13/03
4	1204	2	Regional	World Bank	Regional - OECS Protected Areas and Associated Sustainable Livelihoods	0.110	04/09/03
5	2125	13	Regional (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam)	UNEP	Development & Application of Decision-support Tools to Conserve & Sustainably Use Genetic Diversity in Indigenous Livestock & Wild Relatives United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	0.450	06/13/03
6	2099	3	Regional (Nicaragua, Honduras)	World Bank	Corazon Transfrontier Biosphere Project	0.400	06/18/03
7	1207	3	Chile	UNDP	Conservation of Valdivian Forest Ecoregion Biodiversity	0.334	06/18/03
8	1319	13	China	UNDP	Conservation and Sustainable Utilisation of Wild Relatives of Crops	0.206	06/13/03
9	2003	1	Mozambique	World Bank	Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Sustainable Tourism Development Project	0.350	06/17/03
10	2102	2	Panama	World Bank	Second Rural Poverty and Natural Resources Management Project	0.275	06/18/03
11	1056	2	South Africa	UNDP	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity on the South African Wild Coast	0.340	06/18/03
12	2103	3	Venezuela	World Bank	Integrated Management of Biodiversity Conservation	0.350	06/18/03
Sub total for Biodiversity						4.565	

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Climate Change							
13	1609	6	Global (Nicaragua, Honduras, Zambia, Tanzania)	UNEP	Renewable Energy Enterprise Development	0.300	06/18/03
14	1891	6	Regional (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka)	PAO <i>World Bank</i>	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Promoting Bioenergy Technologies for Heat Applications	0.329	06/23/03
15	2119	6	Regional (Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Tanzania, Uganda, Eritrea)	UNEP	African Rift Geothermal Development Facility (ARGeo)	0.700	06/18/03
16	1550	6	Regional (Malawi, Zambia)	UNEP	Renewable Energy Promotion through Information and Communication Technology Introduction in Off-grid Rural Communities	0.400	06/23/03
17	1615	6	Regional (Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Slovak Republic, Russian Federation)	World Bank	Geothermal Energy Development Project in Europe and Central Asia and its Geothermal Energy Development Fund (GEO Fund)	0.700	05/12/03
18	1039	7	Brazil	World Bank/IFC	Feasibility Study/Business Plan for an Externally Fired Combined Cycle (EFCC) Technology Option for an 80Mwe, 200 tonnes/hr Stream Cogeneration Plant at the Cosan Group Costa Pinto Sugar Mill Piracicaba (PDF-C)	0.300	04/10/03
19	2110	7	China	World Bank	Yantai Integrated Gassification Combined Cycle (IGCC)	0.350	06/23/03
20	1335	6	Egypt	UNDP	Biomass Resources and Biomass Energy Technologies for Rural Development	0.344	06/18/03
21	2017	6	Madagascar	World Bank	Integration of Renewable Energy in Rural Electrification	0.320	06/23/03
22	1897	7	Malaysia	UNDP	Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV) Technology Application Project	0.130	06/18/03
23	1607	6	Zambia	World Bank	Power Sector Reform for Increased Access to Electricity	0.240	04/16/03
Sub total for Climate Change						4.113	

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<u>International Waters</u>							
24	1346	9	Regional (Mexico, Cuba)	UNDP	A Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme for the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem	0.473	06/12/03
25	2138	10	Regional (China, Thailand, Vietnam)	World Bank	Livestock Waste Management in East Asia	0.700	06/13/03
26	1270	10	Regional (Indonesia, Malaysia)	World Bank	Development of a Regional Marine Electronic Highway in the East Asia Seas with a First Phase in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (supplemental)	0.086	06/12/03
27	2095	9	Regional (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay)	UNEP	Formulation of a Water Resources Management Framework of the Plata River Basin	0.700	06/13/03
28	2001	8	Croatia	World Bank	Zagreb Municipal Nutrient Reduction	0.350	05/22/03
29	1889	8	Romania	World Bank	Hazards Risk Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness Project	0.350	05/12/03
30	2141	8	Serbia and Montenegro	World Bank	Reduction of Enterprise Nutrient Discharges Project (RENDER) (under the WB-GEF Investment Fund for Nutrient Reduction in the Black Sea/Danube Basin)	0.350	06/05/03
Sub total for International Waters						3.009	
<u>Multiple Focal Areas</u>							
31	2139	12	Regional (Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania)	UNEP	Trans-boundary Agro-Ecosystem Management Programme for the Lower Kagera River Basin (EP/RAF/102/GEF)	0.700	06/12/03
32	1537	12	Regional (Albania, Macedonia)	UNDP	Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Transboundary Prespa Park Region	0.376	06/05/03
33	1855	12	Chad	World Bank	Community Based Integrated Ecosystem Management, a component of Chad's Rural Development Support Plan (PIDR – Plan d'Intervention pour le Développement Rural)	0.250	06/12/03
34	1877	12	Guinea	World Bank	Community Ecosystem Management Program (CEMP) -	0.350	06/12/03
35	1848	12	Kenya	UNEP/IFAD	Mount Kenya Pilot Project for Land and Water Use	0.350	06/12/03
36	1620	12	Seychelles	World Bank/UNDP	Integrated Ecosystem Management in Seychelles	0.220	06/12/03
37	1536	12	Venezuela	UNDP	Integrated Management and Conservation of the Caura River Basin	0.349	06/12/03
Sub total for Multiple Focal Areas						2.595	

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<u>Ozone Depletion</u>							
38	2118	STR M	Regional (Bulgaria, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland)	UNEP/UNDP	Total Sector Methyl Bromide Phase Out in Central Asian Countries with Economies in Transition	0.175	06/18/03
Sub total for Ozone Depletion						0.175	
<u>Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)</u>							
39	2096	14	Brazil	UNEP	Preliminary assessment to identify the requirements and appropriate mechanism for developing a National Implementation Plan in Brazil as a first step to implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).	0.350	06/17/03
Sub total for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)						0.350	
<u>Grand Total</u>						14.807	

ENABLING ACTIVITIES UNDER EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

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#	GEF ID	OP	Country	IA	Project Title	IA Fees	GEF Allocation (US\$ million) *	Approval Date
<u>Biodiversity</u>								
1	2157	EA	Egypt	UNEP	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs in Country Specific Priorities in Biodiversity Management and Conservation in Egypt	0.022	0.148	06/19/03
2	2056	EA	Guatemala	UNDP	Definition of National Priorities and Assessment of Capacity Building Needs in Biodiversity in Guatemala	0.034	0.225	04/10/03
Sub total for Biodiversity						0.056	0.373	
<u>Climate Change</u>								
3	2073	EA	Botswana	UNDP	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building)	0.015	0.100	05/02/03
4	2072	EA	Croatia	UNDP	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)	0.015	0.100	05/21/03
5	1882	EA	Jamaica	UNDP	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)	0.015	0.100	04/17/03
6	2087	EA	Namibia	UNDP	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)	0.000	0.100	06/23/03
7	1913	EA	Trinidad and Tobago	UNDP	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)	0.015	0.100	06/13/03
Sub total for Climate Change						0.060	0.500	

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Multiple Focal Areas								
8	1493	EA	Cambodia	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environment Management	0.034	0.225	06/23/03
9	1976	EA	Cameroon	UNEP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	04/07/03
10	2030	EA	China	UNDP	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	04/17/03
11	2144	EA	Congo	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	06/02/03
12	1651	EA	Ethiopia	UNEP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.023	0.153	06/13/03
13	2146	EA	Hungary	UNEP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	06/02/03
14	1862	EA	Jamaica	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environment Management	0.034	0.225	06/13/03
15	2083	EA	Jordan	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	05/21/03
16	1965	EA	Kazakhstan	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	04/07/03
17	2060	EA	Kyrgyzstan	UNDP	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.029	0.195	05/21/03
18	2074	EA	Lebanon	UNDP	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	04/23/03
19	2025	EA	Libya	UNDP	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Libya to Manage the Global Environmental	0.030	0.200	04/07/03
20	1820	EA	Morocco	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	04/16/03
21	1991	EA	Peru	UNDP	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.198	04/07/03
22	2159	EA	Philippines	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	06/23/03
23	2084	EA	Poland	UNEP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.030	0.200	06/13/03
24	2149	EA	Swaziland	UNDP	National Capacity Self-Assessment for Environmental Management	0.027	0.180	06/13/03

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25	2063	EA	Zimbabwe	UNEP	National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management	0.023	0.156	04/17/03
Sub total for Multiple Focal Areas						0.530	3.532	
<u>Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)</u>								
26	1998	14	Burkina Faso	UNDP	Enabling activity for the preparation of a National Implementation Plan (NIP) on POPs for Burkina Faso	0.054	0.472	04/10/03
27	2023	14	Cameroon	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Cameroon	0.054	0.499	04/10/03
28	2028	14	Marshall Islands	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Marshall Islands.	0.054	0.346	04/10/03
29	1860	14	Palau	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Palau	0.054	0.347	05/06/03
30	2024	14	Serbia and Montenegro	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for the Serbia and Montenegro.	0.054	0.499	04/10/03
31	2076	14	Thailand	UNEP	Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for THAILAND	0.054	0.500	05/06/03
32	1478	14	Ukraine	UNEP	EA to Facilitate Early Action on the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Ukraine	0.054	0.499	05/06/03
Sub total for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)						0.378	3.162	
<u>Grand Total</u>						1.024	7.567	

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