

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel



The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility (Version 5)

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

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### I. PIF Information

**GEFSEC PROJECT ID:**

**GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:** P104225

**COUNTRY(IES):** Coastal countries of Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)

**PROJECT TITLE:** Strategic Partnership for a Sustainable Fisheries Investment Fund in the Large Marine Ecosystems of Sub-Saharan Africa (*second installment of the Investment Fund*)<sup>1</sup>

**GEF AGENCY(IES):** World Bank

**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S):** African Union, United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

**GEF FOCAL AREA(S):** International Waters

**GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAMS:** SP1

**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):  
**Minor revision required**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP welcomes the move to the second tranche and notes the concrete proposals for work in 9 West African countries.
3. Given the importance to develop appropriate quantitative indicators to measure and monitor the sustainable management of fisheries in the Canary Current and Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystems, STAP encourages the World Bank to open a dialogue with STAP on the indicators prior to submitting the proposal at CEO endorsement. With a more developed proposal, reflecting more concrete outputs and more developed sustainable fisheries strategies for each country, it will also give STAP the opportunity to better target its advice on indicators and targets to achieve the stated global environment benefits.
4. With respect to risk mitigation, suggestions for managing illegal fishing corruption are weak. More proactive measures should be contemplated, including action involving the countries of the main offenders where possible. Illegal fishing is rightly noted as a major problem in the region - of the order of 20% of the value of the catch (MRAG 2005. Review of impacts of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing on developing countries, Final Report for DFID, UK.) .

STAP advisory response	Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed
1. <b>Consent</b>	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. <b>Minor revision required.</b>	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. <b>Major revision required</b>	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

	<p>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.</p>
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