



GEF SECRETARIAT REVIEW FOR FULL/MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS*

THE GEF/LDCF/SCCF TRUST FUNDS

GEF ID:	5057		
Country/Region:	St. Lucia		
Project Title:	Iyanola - Natural Resource Management of the NE Coast		
GEF Agency:	UNEP	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-1; BD-2; CCM-5; LD-3; SFM/REDD+-1; Project Mana;		
Anticipated Financing PPG:	\$0	Project Grant:	\$2,331,818
Co-financing:	\$8,914,483	Total Project Cost:	\$11,246,301
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	November 01, 2012
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Andrew Velthaus	Agency Contact Person:	Kristin McLaughlin

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment at PIF (PFD)/Work Program Inclusion ¹	Secretariat Comment At CEO Endorsement(FSP)/Approval (MSP)
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	Aug 15 2012 AWV Yes, St. Lucia has ratified the CBD, UNFCCC, and UNCCD.	
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	Aug 15 2012 AWV The OFP endorsed the project on July 25, 2012.	
Agency's Comparative Advantage	3. Is the Agency's comparative advantage for this project clearly described and supported?	Aug 15 2012 AWV The Agency's comparative advantage is adequate.	
	4. If there is a non-grant instrument in the project, is the GEF Agency	Aug 15 2012 AWV	

*Some questions here are to be answered only at PIF or CEO endorsement. No need to provide response in gray cells.

¹ Work Program Inclusion (WPI) applies to FSPs only. Submission of FSP PIFs will simultaneously be considered for WPI.

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	capable of managing it?	No, there is not.	
	5. Does the project fit into the Agency's program and staff capacity in the country?	Aug 15 2012 AWV NA - UNEP does not have staff in country. Staff from UNEP's office in Jamaica, Panama, and RONA (Washington, DC) will contribute to oversight of this project.	
Resource Availability	6. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	• the STAR allocation?	Aug 15 2012 AWV & IG Yes, the proposed grant is within the resources in St. Lucia's FA allocations. St. Lucia is also a flexible country. If the amount of the PPG grant is included in resources from the FA allocations, the total allocated from FA allocations is over the \$2 million needed to draw on core SFM resources.	
	• the focal area allocation?	Aug 15 2012 AWV & IG Resources remain within each of the focal areas. Funding is still available in the SFM set-aside.	
	• the LDCF under the principle of equitable access	NA	
	• the SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?	NA	
	• Nagoya Protocol Investment Fund	NA	
	• focal area set-aside?	NA	

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Project Consistency	7. Is the project aligned with the focal /multifocal areas/ LDCF/SCCF/NPIF results framework?	<p>Sept 12 2012: AWV</p> <p>The problems identified with the outcomes, outputs, and indicators in Table A outlined below have been resolved. We clear on this item.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWV & IG & MBurke</p> <p>Yes, the project is aligned with the focal area results framework, but expected output measurements (e.g. carbon benefits, the area of new and existing PAs) should be included in the expected outputs column in Table A.</p> <p>For objective CC5, we request that more detailed information on carbon benefits be included, consistent with the focal area results framework, for the outcomes and outputs sections. For example, targets appropriate for either outcomes 5-1 or 5.2 should be listed.</p> <p>Under SFM, because the text lists enhanced carbon sinks, we ask the Agency to consider switching this to Outcome 1.2 under this objective.</p> <p>Under Table B, please include the units of the carbon benefits. Is this tons of C02 or C02eq?.</p>	
	8. Are the relevant GEF 5 focal/ multifocal areas/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF objectives identified?	<p>Sept 12, 2012 AWV</p> <p>UNEP has shifted the objectives and targets to the LD-2 objective as</p>	

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		<p>requested.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW & MIB</p> <p>Yes, the PIF identifies the relevant focal area objectives, but that for Land Degradation the objective be changed to LD-2, which focuses on dryland forest landscapes. This is appropriate for this project and it will form a strong alignment with the SFM component, either SFM-1 or 2.</p>	
	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?	<p>Sept 12, 2012 AWW</p> <p>The project is consistent with St. Lucia's NPFE, and we thank UNEP for its explanations and for the changes that have enhanced the project's focus.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW</p> <p>Yes, the project is consistent with the NPFE that St. Lucia finalized in January 2012. The GEF Secretariat is pleased that St. Lucia undertook an NPFE exercise to get broader buy-in for the use of GEF funding. As the GEF Secretariat had commented earlier to the GEF OFP, however, the final NPFE lacked sufficient focus and contained a great number of objectives and sub-projects for the limited amount of funding available. The GEF Secretariat understands the reasons for this. UNEP has performed a valuable role in helping bring greater focus to the project, but the Secretariat believes some further</p>	

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		narrowing of focus would be beneficial in order to increase the likelihood of project success. Please see comment 14 below. We would be happy to discuss this with UNEP.	
	10. Does the proposal clearly articulate how the capacities developed, if any, will contribute to the sustainability of project outcomes?	<p>Sept 12, 2012 AWV</p> <p>Thank you for the further explanation as to how the proposal will build capacity so as to make the mainstreaming of biodiversity into land use planning more sustainable. We clear on this.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWV</p> <p>As discussed below, we believe this project needs to be better focused around the key objectives of (1) mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into land use planning (and economic sectors), (2) the strengthening of protected areas, and (3) sustainable land and forest management (e.g. both LD-2 and SFM-1). There are some activities in the proposal that take away from this focus, and we are not convinced that funding allocated to build capacity in the key areas mentioned above is sufficient. The proposal needs to more clearly articulate how sustainable capacity will be developed in the areas of land-use planning so that this can form the basis for greater (national level) action in the future.</p>	
	11. Is (are) the baseline project(s), including problem (s) that the baseline project(s) seek/s to address,	<p>Sept 12, 2012 AWV</p> <p>With the changes to the PIF and</p>	

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Project Design	sufficiently described and based on sound data and assumptions?	<p>explanations provided by UNEP, the baseline is sufficiently described and the data and assumptions appear sound.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW</p> <p>We believe that the baseline with regard to the status of land-use planning and management of the protected areas (forest and marine reserves) is sufficient. The baseline is not sufficiently described with regard to invasive alien species (2.B) and the component on "sustainable use of BD" (component 3) in the project, but as noted below, we believe that UNEP and St. Lucia should consider dropping these.</p>	
	12. Has the cost-effectiveness been sufficiently demonstrated, including the cost-effectiveness of the project design approach as compared to alternative approaches to achieve similar benefits?		
	13. Are the activities that will be financed using GEF/LDCF/SCCF funding based on incremental/ additional reasoning?	<p>Sept 12, 2012 AWW</p> <p>The activities are based on incremental reasoning, and UNEP has described how the research and monitoring program is also incremental. We clear on this.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW</p> <p>Yes, the activities are based on incremental reasoning. But one request:</p>	

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		-- B.2 Incremental/Additional Cost reasoning. Component 2. A. last bullet. Please provide more information on the research and monitoring program and more supportive reasoning on why this is incremental compared to what is going on already.	
	14. Is the project framework sound and sufficiently clear?	<p>Sept 12, 2012 AWV</p> <p>UNEP has provided sufficient answers and/or made modifications to address the concerns raised below with regard to land-use planning, protected areas, and ecosystem restoration.....</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWV, IG, MIB</p> <p>As mentioned above, St. Lucia's NPFD included a great many objectives, and this PIF is a step in the right direction in terms of narrowing the focus into a solid project, but we believe greater focus is needed for this to be a successful project. We there are also important questions as to whether funding is being allocated appropriately to the different objectives.</p> <p>1. Land-use planning component & Mainstreaming: we believe that this is one of the strongest aspects of this project. (In fact, the project seems more like a mainstreaming project than a PA/BD-1 project.) If St. Lucia is not able to manage land-use in a way that is ecologically sustainable, its overall economic development will suffer as it</p>	

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		<p>is heavily dependent on tourism and natural resources. We would like UNEP to explain more clearly whether sufficient funding is allocated to this component so that sustainable capacity will be built.</p> <p>In line with comments 3 and 4 below, we are surprised that there is not a greater emphasis on mainstreaming biodiversity into the main productive sectors, including tourism and fisheries. We encourage UNEP and St. Lucia to improve the project with regard to its mainstreaming into these sectors, rather than using funding on small (and potentially unsustainable) components regarding invasive species and biodiversity friendly products.</p> <p>2. Interventions in PAs - The PIF states that \$1 million will be allocated to BD-1, but it is not clear how this funding will be used and how management effectiveness of PAs will be increased. There are two things that UNEP could consider doing. Either break out component 2 into separate components dealing with (1) mainstreaming/SFM/LD and (2) PAs - both marine and terrestrial. Or, it should more clearly separate out and describe the components and use of funding in its description of component 2. In this later regard, we would like to see how much funding is for PAs under component 2.A and we believe that</p>	

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		<p>component 2.C is also a PA component. Please clarify the surface area of PAs to be improved, and include in table A.</p> <p>3. Ecosystem restoration: (a) Please include a statement that only non-BD resources will be used in restoration as restoration is not an objective for BD under the GEF-5 FA objectives. (b) In table B, please clarify whether that the 10,000 ha mentioned is the overall landscape area in which the 1,157 ha will be restored. (c) Please include a very brief description of how restoration will be attempted and how local communities will be involved.</p> <p>4. Private Concessions: Please explain how the mechanism to establish 2 private concessions to raise revenue for the forest department will work. How will revenues be raised actually and how will this be returned to the forest department rather than the central Treasury. A range of financial mechanisms is offered as potential approaches including tax incentives, but please explain how the Ministry of Finance will be involved, as this would seem essential.</p> <p>5. Invasives component: This component, listed as "joint forest/fisheries" does not seem to fit together or within the overall project well. The GEF-5 BD strategy emphasizes strengthening IAS</p>	

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		<p>management policies and frameworks with a particular focus on detection, prevention, and management of new invasions rather than management and control of existing invasives, which is not cost-effective. Further, a sub-national approach on an island like St. Lucia would not seem effective as new individuals will simply move into the NE to replace individuals eliminated. We will need further explanation as to how the IAS component is consistent with the GEF-5 strategy or we recommend eliminating this component until a more national approach can be taken. This would also allow the project to focus more on mainstreaming at sector and land-use planning levels.</p> <p>6. Component 3 (sustainable use of BD): We understand that this is a priority for the OFP, but it does not seem to fit well within the project. As currently described, the markets for the products mentioned do not seem mature enough to enable sustainable industries in the products to be established. We would need to see a greater demonstration of demand for these products to convince us that the interventions will be sustainable. We believe that this GEF funding could produce greater impact by focusing more on improving land-use planning and mainstreaming in key sectors rather than focusing on what appear to be rather small markets. We would like to</p>	

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		<p>discuss changing the project in this way with UNEP.</p> <p>If this component is to move forward, it would seem necessary to incorporate some supply-side incentives in the production process to enhance grower and collector involvement in the management processes. Even then, the GEF Secretariat remains skeptical that this part of the project will succeed.</p>	
	15. Are the applied methodology and assumptions for the description of the incremental/additional benefits sound and appropriate?	<p>Sept 12, 2012</p> <p>We believe UNEP has sufficiently addressed the concerns with regard to component 2.B and Component 3.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW</p> <p>See comments in #14 above. We have doubts about assumptions and methodology with regard to component 2.B and Component 3.</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>Sept 12, 2012</p> <p>UNEP has clarified how our concerns are satisfied. We clear.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW</p> <p>The socio-economic benefits section is adequate, but it does not emphasize the main socio-economic benefit arising from this project, which will be its contribution to securing a sustainable ecological basis for the main industry of St. Lucia, which is tourism. Protection</p>	

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		of nature is essential for maintenance and continued development of the tourism sector. It is also key to the fisheries sector.	
	17. Is public participation, including CSOs and indigenous people, taken into consideration, their role identified and addressed properly?	Aug 15 2012 AWV Yes - and the project is being developed in the context of the improved participation brought about through the NPFE, which was developed with participation from outside of the St. Lucian Government.	
	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)	Aug 15 2012 AWV Yes, climate change risks are mentioned.	
	19. Is the project consistent and properly coordinated with other related initiatives in the country or in the region?	Aug 15 2012 AWV The description of coordination with other projects is very strong.	
	20. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	Aug 15 2012 AWV Yes, it seems adequate as several UNEP offices will be involved in assisting the project.	
	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?		
	23. Is funding level for project management cost appropriate?	Aug 15 2012 AWV	

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Project Financing		Yes, project management costs are at 5% of the total.	
	24. Is the funding and co-financing per objective appropriate and adequate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs?	Aug 15, 2012 AWV Please see comments in #14. We believe that funding for the mainstreaming components of the project, and lack of clear focus on main productive sectors, might be too low to achieve project objectives.	
	25. At PIF: comment on the indicated cofinancing; At CEO endorsement: indicate if confirmed co-financing is provided.	Aug 15 2012 AWV Project co-financing is adequate.	
	26. Is the co-financing amount that the Agency is bringing to the project in line with its role?	Sept 12, 2012 AWV UNEP has explained what constitutes its in-kind cofinancing Aug 15 2012 AWV UNEP is only bringing \$200,000 in kind to the project. In the PIF, please describe what this constitutes and what the source is.	
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?		
Agency Responses	29. Has the Agency responded adequately to comments from:		
	• STAP?	NA	
	• Convention Secretariat?	NA	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council comments? • Other GEF Agencies? 	NA	
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation at PIF Stage	30. Is PIF clearance/approval being recommended?	<p>Sept 13, 2012 AWW, IG, MIB, MBurke</p> <p>We believe UNEP and St. Lucia have adequately responded to our concerns.</p> <p>This PIF has been technically cleared and may be included in an upcoming Work Program.</p> <p>Aug 15 2012 AWW</p> <p>We believe this project has strong potential to help St. Lucia sustainably manage natural resources in the north-east region so as to produce global environmental benefits in terms of biodiversity, land and forest management, climate mitigation and adaptation. We particularly like the land-use management focus. The project represents a positive step forward in terms of narrowing the focus of its NPFD, but we believe clearer focus on components dealing with mainstreaming, management of PAs, and sustainable land and forest management is needed to heighten changes for project success.</p> <p>Accordingly we request that the changes mentioned in sections #7, 8, 10, 14, and 16 be made. The changes in #14 are particularly important. We would be</p>	

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		<p>happy to discuss these proposed changes, particularly those in 14, in a meeting with UNEP.</p> <p>Some additional, necessary changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please change the amount of the Agency fee in Part 1 to "\$233,182", so that it matches the amount listed in the total in Part D. 2. Part II Justification â€œ A.1.1. for CC strategy, please add more specific information regarding hectares. 3. Please include a sentence for each of the related policy directives (for the UNFCCC) and priorities in the NPDF and how the project addresses them. 4. In the Project overview, please list a reference for the source of the estimate for the C stored in the Forest Reserves and outside the Forest Reserves? 5. If possible, please do the same for the estimate of vulnerability for forests outside of the reserve? 6. Under Global Environmental Benefits, Climate change and SFM, please list the units for CO2 sequestration and information on how the values were calculated. <p>In Table B.4. please explain "M" in</p>	

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		middle column indicates. We	
	31. Items to consider at CEO endorsement/approval.	<p>Sept 13 2012 Mburke</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the PPG grant proposal, please provide details on how the monitoring framework will be developed. Please explain what kind of information will be obtained and how it will be used to inform land planning decisions, policy, and regulation, particularly as it relates to carbon sequestration and emissions avoidance. 2. For the final CEO endorsement document, please explain how calculations for carbon estimates are calculated for Component 2. Currently, values are given without explanation of how they were obtained, and as a result it is difficult to evaluate assumptions. 3. Please provide a clearer picture of what the situation would be without the GEF investment. In particular, please describe the incremental value of the monitoring program in terms of both biodiversity and carbon benefits. <p>AWV</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. UNEP's office in Panama is supervising several projects in Latin America (for example, two in Mexico) that seek to mainstream biodiversity 	

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		conservation into land-use planning and economic development activities. The final project document should discuss how UNEP will ensure that this expertise and lessons-learned are shared with the St. Lucia project.	
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*	August 15, 2012	
	Additional review (as necessary)	September 13, 2012	
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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?	
	2. Is itemized budget justified?	
Secretariat Recommendation	3. Is PPG approval being recommended?	
	4. Other comments	
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