

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 *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 5112

PROJECT DURATION : 4

COUNTRIES : Argentina

PROJECT TITLE: Governance Strengthening for the Management and Protection of Coastal- Marine Biodiversity in Key Ecological Areas and the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)

GEF AGENCIES: FAO

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development (SAyDS) and Federal Fisheries Council (FFC)

GEF FOCAL AREA: Biodiversity

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

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

STAP welcomes this excellent proposal for the use of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries.

STAP appreciates the clear and detailed description of the baseline situation and the barriers to achieving sustainable fisheries and biodiversity conservation, and current initiatives to address these.

The incremental reasoning provided in support of the request for GEF investment is clear and logical. STAP welcomes the well-referenced and well-documented basis on which this PIF has been prepared.

The use of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries responds to the principles of the CBD and to Aichi targets, and will provide a sound basis on which to develop experience in mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into seascapes and the fisheries sector. The project will have wide value as a test of such approaches. The existence of strong institutional and individual capacity for the project implementation is encouraging, as is the commitment at government and private sector levels.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved. Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development. Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency: (i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.
3. Major revision required	STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design. Follow-up:

<p>(i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP.</p> <p>(ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.</p>
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