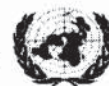


# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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)

Date of screening: 20 May 2009

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### I. PIF Information

**Full size project**      **GEF Trust Fund**

**GEFSEC PROJECT ID:** 2906

**GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:** 3447

**COUNTRY(IES):** Regional (Cameroon, CAR, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, DR Congo)

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sustainable Financing of Protected Area Systems in the Congo Basin

**GEF AGENCY:** UNDP

**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:** COMIFAC, WWF, African Development Bank

**GEF FOCAL AREA:** Biodiversity

**GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S):** SFM-BD SP1: Sustainable financing for protected area systems at the national level

**NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT:** Strategic Program for Sustainable Forest Management in the Congo Basin (CBSP)

### 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:  
**Minor revision required**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP encourages the project proponents to consider how it will try to reduce the likelihood that increased revenues generated by the PA systems will simply lead to "crowding out" of central government budgetary allocations to the PA system (thereby simply displacing, rather than adding to, most or all of the increased revenues). Doing so is easier said than done (because the status quo funding level is a counterfactual event in the presence of increased revenue-raising), but creative mechanisms should be sought to increase the chances that any new revenues raised by the PA system are additional (e.g., encourage future budget commitments in advance and agreed-upon matching rules that increase central allocations when PA system raises additional funds).

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
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 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.