

# 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

**Full size project**                      **GEF Trust Fund**  
**GEFSEC PROJECT ID:** 3670                      **PROJECT DURATION:** 3 years  
**GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID:** 40685  
**COUNTRY:** People's Republic of China  
**PROJECT TITLE:** Jiangsu Yancheng Wetland System Protection Project  
**GEF AGENCY:** Asian Development Bank  
**OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER:** Jiangsu Provincial Government  
**GEF FOCAL AREA:** Biodiversity  
**GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAMS:** BD-SP1; BD-SP7  
**NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT:** China Biodiversity Partnership Framework Program

### 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:  
**Consent**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP notes this proposal for GEF funds to support a very large wetland protection project. Component 1 involves several science-based interventions, e.g. establishment of a Payments for Environmental Services (PES) scheme or other financing mechanisms, pollution control, invasive species management, and restoring grasslands and forest ecosystems. While the PIF contains few details, the Panel expects that the full proposal will include more baseline data and indicators against which success can be measured. STAP refers ADB to its PES advisory document<sup>1</sup> to inform the development of part of Component 1.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
<b>1. 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.
<b>2. 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.
<b>3. 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.

<sup>1</sup> See <http://stapgef.unep.org/resources/sg/PES> and additional notes provided to Council at [http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Documents/Council\\_Documents\\_\(PDF\\_DOC\)/GEF\\_35/C.35.Inf.12\\_STAP\\_Guidance\\_on\\_PES.pdf](http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Documents/Council_Documents_(PDF_DOC)/GEF_35/C.35.Inf.12_STAP_Guidance_on_PES.pdf)