



# PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF)<sup>1</sup>

PROJECT TYPE: Medium-sized Project  
 TYPE OF TRUST FUND: GEF Trust Fund

## PART I: PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Title:	Capacity for Implementing Rio Conventions in Samoa		
Country(ies):	Samoa	GEF Project ID: <sup>2</sup>	5164
GEF Agency(ies):	UNDP (select) (select)	GEF Agency Project ID:	4938
Other Executing Partner(s):	Ministry of Natural resources and Environment	Submission Date:	11 December 2012
GEF Focal Area (s):	Multi-focal Areas	Project Duration (Months)	36 months
Name of parent program (if applicable): • For SFM/REDD+ <input type="checkbox"/>		Agency Fee (\$):	50,000

## A. FOCAL AREA STRATEGY FRAMEWORK<sup>3</sup>:

Focal Area Objectives	Expected FA Outcomes	Expected FA Outputs	Trust Fund	Indicative Grant Amount (\$)	Indicative Co-financing (\$)
(select) CD-2	1. Increased capacity of stakeholders to diagnose, understand and transform complex dynamic nature of global environmental problems and develop local solutions	1.1 Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Corporate services /GEF) capacity strengthened to cover all Rio Conventions; 1.2 Existing policies and legal frameworks strengthened for the effective implementation of convention obligations;	GEFTF	100,000	100,000
(select) CD-2	2. Public awareness raised and information management improved	2.1 Existing strategies are used by government through awareness activities and consultations to fulfill Rio conventions obligations 2.2 Upgrade existing Resource Information Center and centralized, on-line, coordinated data and information facility to share and disseminate information on the 3 Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD); 2.3 Set up an online system to catalogue, share and disseminate information; 2.4 Public awareness that facilitates the participation of local populations in national efforts to implement Rio Conventions.	GEFTF	150,000	150,000
(select) CD-3	3. Enhanced institutional capacities to plan, develop policies and legislative	3.1 Samoa Development Strategy 2012 - 2016 ( SDS) to integrate/address obligations under the 3 RIO Conventions;	GEFTF	200,000	200,000

<sup>1</sup> It is very important to consult the PIF preparation guidelines when completing this template.

<sup>2</sup> Project ID number will be assigned by GEFSEC.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to the reference attached on the [Focal Area Results Framework](#) when filling up the table in item A.

	frameworks for effective implementation of global conventions.	3.2 The updated State of the Environment Plan will continue to address and contribute to associated sector plans, such as tourism, agriculture, health, education; 3.3 Samoa continues to report its obligations to Rio Conventions in a timely manner.			
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Sub-Total				450,000	450,000
Project Management Cost <sup>4</sup>			GEFTF	<b>50,000</b>	50,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>				500,000	500,000

## B. PROJECT FRAMEWORK

<b>Project Objective: : Comprehensive Improved Implementation of Rio Conventions and Meeting Convention Requirements</b>						
<b>Project Component</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Expected Outputs</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>Indicative Grant Amount (\$)</b>	<b>Indicative Cofinancing (\$)</b>
1.Tools and mechanisms for implementing Rio Conventions	TA	1. Samoa has effective tools and mechanisms to implement Rio Conventions.	1.1 Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Corporate services /GEF) capacity strengthened to cover all Rio Conventions; 1.2 Existing policies and legal frameworks strengthened for the effective implementation of convention obligations;	GEFTF	100,000	100,000
2. Public awareness raising and information management	TA	2. Samoa is using tools and mechanism to improve information management and raise awareness	2.1 Existing strategies are used by government through awareness activities and consultations to fulfill Rio conventions obligations; 2.2 Upgrade existing Resource Information Center and centralized, on-line, coordinated data and information facility to share and disseminate information on the 3 Rio Conventions (UNFCCC CDB and UNCCD); 2.3 Set up an online system to catalogue, share and disseminate information;	GEFTF	150,000	150,000

<sup>4</sup> GEF will finance management cost that is solely linked to GEF financing of the project. PMC should be charged proportionately to focal areas based on focal area project grant amount.



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<b>Total Grant Resources</b>				500,000	50,000	550,000

<sup>1</sup> In case of a single focal area, single country, single GEF Agency project, and single trust fund project, no need to provide information for this table

<sup>2</sup> Please indicate fees related to this project.

## **PART II: PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

### **A. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSISTENCY OF THE PROJECT WITH:**

#### A.1.1 the [GEF focal area/LDCF/SCCF](#) strategies /[NPIF](#) Initiative:

This project has been conceived and designed to contribute to the GEF Cross-Cutting Capacity Development Strategy. Accordingly, the project's approach is to address those important capacity needs that will enhance Samoa's ability to meet its obligations under the Conventions. It will do this by creating synergies, creating basic mechanisms and tools, while at the same time catalyzing the mainstreaming of multilateral environmental agreements (Rio Conventions) into national policy, management, financial and legislative frameworks and will contribute to the effective management and monitoring of Samoa's environmental framework. (Sector plan).

The project will notably contribute Objective 2 under the CCCD strategy, i.e.: *“Generate, access and use of information and knowledge”* and to Objective 3, i.e.: *“Strengthened capacities for policy and legislation development for achieving global benefits”*.

It will contribute to Objective 2 by building the capacity, skills and knowledge of institutions and stakeholders have that are expected to acquire, collect and apply information to collective actions. It will also directly contribute to raising public awareness and improving information management. It will contribute to Objective 3 by enhancing institutional capacities to plan, develop policies and legislative frameworks for effective implementation of global conventions

The project is also fully in line with the commitments made by the GEF for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), particularly:

- Seek to expand opportunities for joint implementation of the Rio Conventions through GEF-funded projects and programs by promoting synergies in the generation of global environmental benefits.
- Commit to promptly act on guidance from the conferences of the parties of the Rio Conventions to promote joint reporting, particularly of Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries.
- Continue to support capacity development in recipient countries as well as addressing their needs through funding of enabling activities and the GEF Country Support Program, together with other national and regional consultation processes.

#### A.1.2. For projects funded from LDCF/SCCF: the LDCF/SCCF eligibility criteria and priorities:

N/A

#### A.1.3 For projects funded from NPIF, relevant eligibility criteria and priorities of the Fund:

N/A

#### A.2. National strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions, if applicable, i.e. NAPAS, NAPs, NBSAPs, national communications, TNAs, NIPs, PRSPs, NPFE, etc.:

This project is a direct follow-up to the Samoa national capacity self-assessment (NCSA), completed in 2007. The NCSA contained an analysis of Samoa's environmental and capacity constraints for development to implement the Conventions on biodiversity, climate change and land degradation. The NCSA led to the preparation of the National Environmental Capacity Strategy and Action Plan (ECS). Based on the thorough and participatory analysis, the ECS recommended actions and strategies for national capacity development. Further, it provided the basis for interventions on capacity development and environmental concerns.

The ECS identified ten intervention areas (named ‘profiles’), of which five are cross-cutting. This project targets four of the five cross-cutting intervention areas (the only cross-cutting area it does not address is the need for human and financial resources, which is not suitable for GEF support). That is, the project targets:

- Profile 1: Promote Cross-Sector Cooperation;
- Profile 2: Strengthening and enforcement of policies and legal frameworks;
- Profile 4: Establish adequate institutional data and information management and dissemination mechanism, and;
- Profile 5: Strengthen communication tools and strategies for public awareness.

In addition, through the development of relevant capacity, this project will contribute to the following key national strategies and initiatives:

- Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS);
- National Climate Change Policy
- Second National Communication Report
- State of the Environment Report
- NSCA report - 3 convention plans
- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP, 2001);
- National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA, 2005);
- National Action Programme for addressing Land Degradation (NAP, 2006);
- National Implementation Plan for Persistent Organic Pollutants (NIP, 2004);
- National Water Resources Management Strategy (2007).
- GHG abatement strategy

Samoa is fully committed to continue to deliver on its obligations under the MEAs and the proposed project is intended to facilitate an important step towards enhancing the capacities for an effective national environmental management framework. The Table below illustrates how the project component will contribute to specific articles under the three Rio Conventions. The PPG process will further explore alignment to Convention articles, and the MSP document will specify, and exemplify, how the project intervention will directly support the Conventions

Table 1: Illustrating how the project component will contribute to specific articles under the three Rio Conventions

<b>Project Outcomes</b>	<b>CBD</b>	<b>CCD</b>	<b>FCCC</b>
1. Samoa is using effective tools and mechanism to implement Rio Conventions.	Article 10 (a, e), Sustainable use of components of biodiversity Article 17, Exchange of information Article 26, Reports	Article 5 a, Obligations of affected countries Article 9, Basic approach Article 10, National action programmes, Article 16, Information collection, analysis and exchange Article 19, Capacity building, education and public awareness	Article 4.1 (c, d, e, f) Commitments Article 12, Communication of information related to implementation Article 6 a, Education, training and public awareness
2. Development plans and programmes address implementation of Rio Conventions.	Article 8 (k, m), In-situ conservation Article 10 (c, d), Sustainable use of components of	Article 19, Capacity building, education and public awareness Article 20, Financial resources	Article 4.1 (c, d, e, f) Commitments

	biodiversity Article 11, Incentive measures		
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**B. PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

B.1. Describe the baseline project and the problem that it seeks to address:

Samoa ratified the three major Multilateral Environment Agreements (Conventions) in the early 1990s (UNCBD in 1994, UNFCCC in 1994 & UNCCD in 1998). Since then, Samoa has been committed to both environmental management and implementing global Conventions. It has developed a broad range of policies, legislation and regulations aimed at protecting the environment and implementing the Rio Conventions.

Despite these policy and institutional steps, Samoa faces many challenges in fulfilling its obligations under the Rio Conventions. These challenges are described in the ECS, and include: sector coordination, fragmentation of data management systems, consistent regulatory framework, land synergies between our development objectives and environmental processes.

In the baseline, the government, with support from international partners, is taking the following steps:

- It has established a National Climate Change Country Team responsible for inter-agency coordination of climate change initiatives, enhanced focal points under CBD and UNCCD;
- Data/environmental data management. The government has established the Centralized Information & Data with Corporate Services Division; it produced different studies and assessments of the coastal vulnerability of Samoa (CIM Plans) and in the last year it established a Climate Early Warning System (CLEWS). This project will enhance the capabilities of forecasting extreme weather conditions and will record climate change sensitive data.
- Key policies/laws for environment/Rio conventions: From the last NCSA report review the following Legislations associated with 3 Rio Conventions have been implemented by the ministries: Forestry Act 2011, Water Management Act, Disaster Act, Spatial Act, Waste Management Act, Land Registration Act, Valuation Act, Unit Title Act. The government implemented also the following policies and strategies in support to the RIO convention: Water Strategy, Ozone, CBD, NBSAP, NAP, NIP, NISAB.
- Raising environmental awareness. The ministry of Natural Resources and Environment has developed different awareness strategies under different projects: JICA National Parks project, Communication strategy developed under the ICCRIFS project and the 2nd National Communication strategy. The commitment of the government has been shown in the National Environment Week and in different awareness campaigns through the main national media.
- MNRE is currently conducting the State Of Environment report that review which will provide the needed mechanisms for Environment Sector Plan. The Ministry supported an integrated approach towards promoting coordination and networking. The National Environment Management Strategy was updated to create an enabling environment to review and integrate policies etc. (current SOE Review). The latest revised Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2012-2016 has integrated revised priorities and indicators for MNRE.

In the baseline, the above initiatives represent an excellent opportunity to improve the implementation of Rio Conventions in Samoa.

- B. 2. **Incremental /Additional cost reasoning:** describe the incremental (GEF Trust Fund/NPIF) or additional (LDCF/SCCF) activities requested for GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF financing and the associated **global environmental benefits** (GEF Trust Fund/NPIF) or associated adaptation benefits (LDCF/SCCF) to be delivered by the project:

By developing tools, mechanisms and capacities for implementing the Rio Conventions, and integrating these into ongoing and baseline initiatives in Samoa, the project will ensure that Samoa greatly increases its implementation of the Rio Conventions. The project will help Samoa to better meet and sustain global environmental outcomes as framed by the three Rio Conventions. It will also strengthen Samoa's environmental institutional framework by strengthening coordination, it will improve information management, it will raise public support and awareness, and it will fill critical gaps in the legal/policy framework. Importantly, it will mainstream Rio Conventions into key development programmes, plans and policies, and notably achieve Rio objectives through the development of the environment sector .

The project aims to build GEF support onto and into existing and planned initiatives, thereby achieving global environmental benefits at optimum cost.

The project will achieve this through three components supported by GEF:

**Component 1:** is *Tools and Mechanisms for implementing Rio Conventions*. This has one Outcome: Samoa has effective tools and mechanisms to implement Rio Conventions.

Under this Outcome there are two Outputs:

The first Output (1.1) is the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment capacity strengthened to cover all Rio Conventions. The existing Climate Change Secretariat will be expanded and strengthened to cover all Rio Conventions and become increasingly effective. With project support, this Secretariat will have the mandate to support all three Conventions. It will develop a business plan covering all three. It will receive training and other capacity tools in order to be able to provide services to all three Conventions, and ensure coordination across the three.

The second Output (1.2) is strengthened existing policies and legal frameworks, for the effective implementation of Convention obligations. Based on an updated assessment of gaps and weaknesses, focusing on policies and legislation related to natural resources, the project will support the development of improved policy/legislation. The project will facilitate their appraisal and approval by Government.

**Component 2:** is *Public Awareness Raising and Information Management*. This has one Outcome: Samoa is using tools and mechanism to improve information management and raise awareness.

Under this Outcome there are four Outputs:

The first Output (2.1) is existing strategies are used by government through awareness activities and consultations to fulfill Rio conventions obligations.

The second Output (2.2) is a centralized, on-line, coordinated data and information facility to share and disseminate information on the Rio Conventions. This data/information facility will



be the destination of all data related to the three Conventions. It will be designed to be accessible, on-line and regularly updated. It will automatically provide the information needed for reporting to the Conventions. It will provide data/information needed by the public, by technical institutes, by government agencies, and by international partners including the Conventions.

The third Output (2.3) is a set-up, online system to catalogue, share and disseminate information.

The fourth Output (2.4) is public awareness that facilitate the participation of local populations in national efforts to implement Rio Conventions. The project will design a focussed awareness campaign, that will aim to develop public support for implementing the three Rio Conventions. Next, the project will support, with significant co-financing, this awareness raising. The awareness and its impact on Convention implementation will be monitored.

**Component 3:** Mainstreaming Rio Conventions into Development Sectors. This has one Outcome: Development Plans and Programmes Address Implementation of Rio Conventions.

Under this Outcome there are three Outputs:

The first Output (3.1) is that the revised Samoa Development Strategy will have an operational focus on Rio Conventions. The revised SDS will have sections addressing biodiversity, climate change and land degradation. This will ensure that budget and institutional arrangements are dedicated to implementing the three Conventions through the environment sector plans and link to SDS.

The second Output (3.2) is an updated State of the Environment Plan that will continue to address and contribute to associated sector plans, such as tourism, agriculture, health and education.

The third Output (3.3) is that Samoa will continue to provide quality reports to the Rio Conventions in a timely manner. Based on the institutional arrangements and databases from Outcomes 1 and 2, and in line with the SDS, Samoa will strengthen its capacity and policies to regularly provide high-quality reports to all three Conventions in a timely manner. There will be a single reporting system, thereby generating efficiencies and improving the quality of all reports.

The project will be managed by the Capacity building division of MNRE and will target the Divisions responsible for all 3 Conventions. This will develop sustained, inherent capacity in the government institutions to manage implementation of global conventions. This will be done through workshops and seminars, and by focusing on the proposed centralized information system to be housed under the Capacity Building Division.

More details and information will be identified during the PPG process.

- B.3. Describe the socioeconomic benefits to be delivered by the Project at the national and local levels, including consideration of gender dimensions, and how these will support the achievement of global environment benefits (GEF Trust Fund/NPIF) or adaptation benefits (LDCF/SCCF). As a background information, read [Mainstreaming Gender at the GEF.](#)":

As a small island state, Samoa is highly dependent on its natural resource base for socio-economic development. Ultimately, this project will contribute to improved management of the natural resources, thereby helping to secure the basis for socio-economic development of all

Samoans. Hence, the project will benefit the large majority of the Samoans that rely on natural resources for food, energy, water, shelter, small enterprise and tourism revenue. The Ministry of Women, Social and Community Development will be part of the National Steering Committee for the project.

The project will contribute directly to enhancing the institutional, individual and systematic capacities of the key national institutions mandated to manage the rich natural resources of Samoa. Additionally, ensuring the decision-makers have access to accurate and updated information on the natural resources/environment of the country will be of great assistance to them to make informed decisions on the utilization of the natural resources leading to socio-economic benefits. Also, reliable information and knowledge will help the country as a whole to cope with the immediate climate change related risks including natural disasters and to incorporate future risks of environment degradation and deterioration intensified with the effects of climate change. Overall, natural resource management will improve, providing a better foundation for socio-economic development.

Every effort will be made to incorporate gender issues in the implementation of this project. Roles of men and women to participate in the activities of the project will be equally assigned without any discrimination. Trainings will include at least 40 – 50% participation of females. During the PPG phase, gender disaggregated data will be collected (where available) and feed into project design. The information and data bases to be supported by the project will be gender disaggregated. Existing data from across the regional has shown that women are vulnerable to effects of climate change and natural disasters and environmental degradation. By providing improved data and monitoring systems as well as strengthening the institutional and systematic capacities, the project will assist in overcoming these natural hazards that deteriorate the livelihoods of the people. The Ministry of Women, Social and Community Development will be responsible for ensuring gender balance and gender mainstreaming.

**B.4 Indicate risks, including climate change risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved, and if possible, propose measures that address these risks to be further developed during the project design:**

(Medium) *Delays in project implementation due to bureaucratic processes.* In order to minimize these delays, UNDP Office in Samoa will support the management of the project ensuring that time deadlines and processing requirements are duly met.

(Medium) *Institutional Sustainability will not be achieved.* This will be enhanced by: a) taking an integrated and holistic approach to the project design; b) building mechanisms of accountability; c) undertaking consultations to ensure and sustain legitimacy and trust; d) employing existing governance structures to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of delivery; e) applying adaptive collaborative management to allow project activities to be flexible to changing circumstances while maintain consistency to agree project objectives;

**B.5. Identify key stakeholders involved in the project including the private sector, civil society organizations, local and indigenous communities, and their respective roles, as applicable:**

Key ministries and agencies that will assist and support the activities of this project are listed in the following table:

Organization	Role
<b>Government</b>	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Political Focal Point for international projects/initiatives.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ministry of Finance	Responsible for channeling of funds, ensuring sectoral commitments are met and mainstreaming of environmental issues into National Plans.
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Responsible to ensure effective and sustainable management of agricultural practices.
Public Service Commission	Responsible for providing training opportunities for human resource development.
Ministry of Communication, Information and Technology	Responsible in providing advisory role and support in the establishing of the data facility.
Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture	Responsible to ensure environmental issues are integrated into education curriculum.
Ministry of Women, Social and Community Development	Responsible in promoting environmental issues in youth and women committee programmes.
Ministry of Health	Responsible in supporting sustainable water management activities.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Responsible for the overall coordination of activities.
<b>Corporations</b>	
Samoa Water Authority STA, SROS, EPC, FESA, education	Responsible to ensure sustainable water management activities are in place.
<b>Academic Institutes</b>	
National University of Samoa	Responsible to provide relevant research reports on issues related to all planned activities.
University of South Pacific-Alafua Campus	Responsible to assist implementing agency for any research studies on land development issues..

Preliminary consultations and discussion have been undertaken with other stakeholder groups, namely private sector, inter-faith/religious groups, research & academic institutions, training centers, laboratories as well as Non-Governmental actors that are operating at grassroots level.

The further narrowing of the needed targeted groups and their representatives will be undertaken through an open consultative process during the preparatory phase to re-affirm and strengthen their respective commitment to this project objectives, goals and expected outcomes.

The project will be implemented in line with established Government of Samoa and UNDP procedures in Samoa. The MNRE will take overall responsibility for implementation of the project, and for the project success. It will establish the necessary planning and management mechanisms to oversee project inputs, activities and outputs. The UNDP CO will support the Ministry as requested and as necessary. The PPG process will be used to further define the management, coordination and consultation mechanisms.

The project will be housed within the Corporate Services Division of the MNRE in close collaboration with the GEF Division (nationally set up by the GoS to coordinate GEF activities including projects). The Corporate Services Division is responsible for capacity building and environment awareness and there is a Capacity Building sections comprised of a Principal Offices, 2 senior officers and 3 officers including a media personnel. This CCD project will fit well within this arrangement.

B.6. Outline the coordination with other related initiatives:

Related initiatives include:

- Supported by UNDP and/or GEF: ICCRAHSS (Integrated Climate Change Risks in Agriculture and Health, ICCRIFS (Integrated Climate Change Risks into Forestry); PACC (Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change), PIGGAREP (Pacific Islands Greenhouse Gas Abatement through Renewable Energy Programme), ICCRITS (Integrated Climate Change in Tourism Sector) and SMSMCL (Samoa Mainstreaming Sustainable Management of Critical Landscape);
- Supported by other development partners AUSAid (NAPA4, Water, Tourism and Forest Fire) JICA (Forestry), SPREP, SPC.

**C. DESCRIBE THE GEF AGENCY’S COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT:**

UNDP supported MNRE in implementing the NCSA project and has the experience and institutional memory on previous projects of the same nature. It has a strong and effective working relationship with the government of cross-cutting, capacity building initiatives. The UNDP Office in Samoa has also organized and supported the development and implementation of a series of GEF Enabling Activities (1<sup>st</sup> National Communication, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Communication and 3<sup>rd</sup> National Communication), all in progress, under each of the MEAs.

UNDP is a key component of the UN Country Team in Samoa which has strong relationships with the institutions and agencies of the Government, with numerous civil society organizations, and with the international community.

The Project will be managed by the UNDP Multi-Country Office in Samoa under the direct supervision of the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Assistant Resident Representative.

The Project will be directly managed by the Climate Change and Environment Unit, with the support of the following staff: one regional technical advisor (PhD), one environmental programme officer (Masters), one UNV climate change specialist (Masters) and one environmental programme associate. Other units in UNDP (communication, programme support, poverty alleviation) will provide technical support as needed.

Finally, project document development and implementation will be supported and back-stopped by the global UNDP cross-cutting capacity development team, which is responsible for a portfolio of approximately 40 similar MSPs currently under implementation or development.

C.1 Indicate the co-financing amount the GEF agency is bringing to the project:

UNDP will provide \$100,000 of co-financing. UNDP will also provide significant in-kind support to the project. Its technical and administrative staff will provide ongoing advice and logistical support to the project when needed. It will provide meeting facilities, communication facilities, transport facilities, as requested and as necessary. UNDP will further use its role as the UN Resident Coordinator to make sure the project is aligned with all UN system work. UNDP senior management will play a key role in advocacy, and in awareness-raising by attending key public events.

C.2 How does the project fit into the GEF agency’s program (reflected in documents such as UNDAF, CAS, etc.) and staff capacity in the country to follow up project implementation:

This project represents a contribution to the fulfillment of Samoa’s 2010-2015 UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), in particular Development Outcome Area 1: Environmental

management, climate change and disaster risk management on Environmental Sustainability. This outcome's objective is that "By 2017 the most vulnerable communities across the PICTs are more resilient and select government agencies, civil society organizations and communities have enhanced capacity to apply integrated approaches to environmental management, climate change adaptation/mitigation, and disaster risk management."

Visibility of GEF financial support will be ensured by using the global GEF branding in all electronic and printed materials. UNDP will also apply the following UNDP-GEF policy: "The GEF logo should appear on all relevant project publications, including amongst others, project hardware and other purchases with GEF funds. Any citation in publications regarding projects funded by GEF should also acknowledge the GEF. Logos of the Implementing Agencies and the Executing Agency will also appear on all publications. Where other agencies and project partners have provided support (through co-financing) their logos may also appear on project publications." Full compliance will be made with the GEF's Communication and Visibility Guidelines ("GEF Guidelines"):


[http://www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/documents/C.40.08\\_Branding\\_the\\_GEF%20final\\_0.pdf](http://www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/documents/C.40.08_Branding_the_GEF%20final_0.pdf)

**PART III: APPROVAL/ENDORSEMENT BY GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT(S) AND GEF AGENCY(IES)**

**A. RECORD OF ENDORSEMENT OF GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT (S) ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT(S):** (Please attach the [Operational Focal Point endorsement letter\(s\)](#) with this template. For SGP, use this [OFP endorsement letter](#)).

NAME	POSITION	MINISTRY	DATE (MM/dd/yyyy)
Tagaloa Jude Kohlhase	GEF Operational Focal Point, Acting Executive Officer	MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT	08/15/2012

**B. GEF AGENCY(IES) CERTIFICATION**

<b>This request has been prepared in accordance with GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF policies and procedures and meets the GEF/LDCF/SCCF/NPIF criteria for project identification and preparation.</b>					
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