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ANNEX H: SAFEGUARD SCREENING RESULTS

CI-GCF/GEF PROJECT AGENCY
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS (ESS)
SCREENING ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

☐ **Preliminary Screening** (PIF/PFD Stage)   ☒ **Secondary Screening** (PPG Phase)

I. PROJECT INFORMATION

1.   **Basic Project Profile**

Countries: Global	**GCF/GEF Project ID**:
Project Title: Business action and advocacy for the planet	
Executing Entity/Agency: Business for Nature, hosted at World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)	
GCF/GEF Focal Area: Biodiversity, Land Degradation, Climate Change	
GCF/GEF Project Amount: USD$2,000,000	
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2.   **Summary of Project Risk Categorization, ESS Standards Triggered and Mitigation Plans Required**

Project Category:	**Category A**	**Category B**	**Category C**
			X

The proposed project activities are likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental and social impacts.

Safeguards Triggered:	
☐ Environmental & Social Impact Assessment	☐ Cultural Heritage
☐ Protection of Natural Habitats and Biodiversity Conservation	☐ Labour and Working Conditions
☐ Resett. & Physical/Economic Displacement	☐ Community Health, Safety and Security
☐ Indigenous Peoples	☐ Private Sector Direct Investments and Financial Intermediaries
☐ Resource Efficiency & Pollution Prevention	☐ Climate Risk and Related Disasters

Mitigation Measures Required:	
☐ Limited or Full ESIA	☐ Resource Efficiency & Poll. Prevention Plan
☐ Environmental & Social Management Plan	☐ Cultural Heritage Management Plan
☐ Plan for Natural Habitat Protection and Biodiversity Conservation	☐ Labour Management Procedures
☐ Voluntary Resettlement Action Plan	☐ Community Health, Safety and Security Plan
☐ Process Framework	☐ Environmental and Social Management Framework
☐ Indigenous Peoples Plan	☐ Climate and Disaster Risk Management Plan

3.   Project Objective:
Towards a nature positive, net zero emissions and equitable world by 2030 through businesses driving policy ambition and reducing negative corporate impact on nature.

4.   Project Description:
This medium sized project (MSP) grant would foster global and national level action in key areas (e.g. biodiversity hotspot countries, TBC) and encourage systems thinking across food, cities and energy to enhance business investment and action through GEF-8 and the cycles beyond. As companies, particularly in the developing world, emerge from COVID, they are financially stretched and would benefit from the support provided by BfN through GEF to advance their actions on nature and biodiversity as they rebuild.

The project will be implemented under the following 3 components, and the proposed activities of each component will be adapted as appropriate subject to the outcome of ongoing negotiations.

Component 1: Business engagement and influence in international nature-related policy agreements

Proposed activities:
1.   Unify the leading business voice in support of nature-positive policies under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)'s processes and beyond.
2.   Support companies in understanding the implications of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).
3.   Lead the development of specific policy suggestions to feed primarily into the CBD processes, but also into the nature-related elements of UNFCCC and UNCCD, where appropriate.
4.   Promote and enhance an ongoing dialogue between governments and business for the successful implementation of the objectives of the CBD and other relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).
5.   Develop and amplify high-level policy asks at key negotiations under relevant MEAs.
6.   Develop suggested text amendments to demonstrate clearly to negotiators how they can implement BfN's recommendations.
7.   Join forces with other stakeholders that are also advocating for ambitious policy on nature, from NGOs, academia, youth, indigenous, women and faith communities, etc.
8.   Engage and consult with business directly as well as indirectly through partners on specific policy suggestions.
9.   Set up meetings (physical / virtual) between CBD national government delegations and business representatives and develop briefing notes.
10.   Further build on BfN's "Nature is everyone's business" Call to Action, where over 900 companies are urging governments to adopt policies now to reverse nature loss this decade.
11.   Establish informal coordination groups (or if they already exist, further strengthen) in key countries to create business and government dialogues.
12.   Work with partners, to co-organize business-government dialogues in key geographies to help drive policy ambition considering their context and status in the development of nature-related policies.

Component 2: Business understanding and action to address biodiversity loss, including nature-related risks, opportunities, and steps to take.

Proposed activities:

13.   Provide and share high-level, up-to-date content for companies to build capacity in business to scale and speed up action across their supply chain and value chain in support of their journey to becoming nature-positive.

14.   Connect companies with experts and partners on different topics to become nature-positive and net-zero, when possible.

15.   Converge and simplify the steps companies can and must take to reverse nature loss and tackle the climate emergency.

16.   Work with companies and other initiatives and projects with experience and expertise in this area (e.g. BfN partners, SBTN, WBCSD, GCA, World Economic Forum, etc.).

17.   Share existing capacity building opportunities (e.g. workshops, online learning modules) to build companies' skills to embed nature and biodiversity in their decision-making.

18.   Identify and share case studies of best practice – particularly where companies are acting for nature, climate and people – through media, news articles, presentations, the website, and other opportunities.

19.   Share learnings (including challenges and opportunities) from companies among the business community to replicate best practices.

20.   Encourage and amplify the uptake of high-level steps to assess, commit, act and advocate for nature, with a focus on providing linkages with SBTN, TNFD, Nature-based Solutions, and CBD implementation.

Component 3: Business for Nature knowledge management, strategic communications and M&E

Proposed activities:

21.   Ensure that knowledge management and communication is sufficiently resourced so we can amplify and share key messaging and resources both to partners and from partners.

22.   Share key material, information, best practices and lessons learned across the coalition.

23.   Provide a platform for organizations to further learn and share to scale up the work.

24.   Secure key speaking roles and media opportunities.

25.   Secure the right business messengers, such as the CEOs of leading companies, to share our messages at the highest political level, key events and through closed door meetings.

26.   Develop relationships with partners and businesses in priority markets to generate media coverage on the business case for nature.

27.   **Project location, biophysical and socio-economic characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis:** Although this project has a global scale, there are specific countries where a business voice could be particularly influential and could encourage progress at the international level. Following BfN high-level criteria to identify countries, the full proposal will recommend specific countries for engagement. The countries pre-selected at this stage are India, Malaysia, Colombia and South Africa.

28.   **Executing Agency (EA)'s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies:**

BfN/WBCSD indicated that they do not have first-hand experience with GEF projects or the implementation of Environmental and Social Safeguards Plans and the BfN staff involved in the project will complete CI-GEF's ESMF training. WBCSD also has a Leading Women and LEAP Program.

II. ESS STANDARDS TRIGGERED BY THE PROJECT

Based on the information provided in the Safeguard Screening Form, the following Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS) Standards have been triggered:

ESS Standard	Yes	No	TBD	Justification
1. Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)		X		*No significant adverse environmental and social impacts that are sensitive, diverse, or unprecedented is anticipated.*
2. Protection of Natural Habitats and Biodiversity Conservation		X		*The project is not proposing activities that would have adverse impacts on natural or critical natural habitats, contravene applicable international environmental treaties or agreements or introduce or use potentially invasive, non-indigenous species.*
3. Resettlement and Physical and Economic Displacement		X		*The project is not proposing involuntary resettlement or economic restrictions.*
4. Indigenous Peoples		X		*The project does not plan to work in lands or territories traditionally owned, customarily used, or occupied by indigenous peoples.*
5. Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention		X		*There are no proposed activities related to the use of banned, restricted or prohibited substances, chemicals or hazardous materials.*
6. Cultural Heritage		X		*The project does not plan to work in areas where cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible, exists.*
7. Labour and Working Conditions		X		*The EA indicated full compliance with the necessary policies, procedures, systems and capabilities that meets the requirements set out in the GEF Minimum Standard 8.*
8. Community Health, Safety and Security		X		*The nature of the proposed activities is not likely to cause risks to community health, safety and security. However, the project plans to hold physical meetings and must follow all protocols to prevent the spread COVID-19.*
9. Private Sector Direct Investments and Financial Intermediaries		X		*The project does not plan to make either direct investments in private sector firms, or channels funds through Financial Intermediaries.*
10. Climate Risk and Related Disasters		X		*The climate change risks identified by the project are unlikely to pose a risk to the achievement of the project objectives.*

Note: Other ESS Standards may be triggered during the Secondary Screening which will take place towards the end of the project proposal development phase.

III. PROJECT CATEGORIZATION

Based on the safeguard policies triggered, the project is categorized as follows:

PROJECT CATEGORY	Category A	Category B	Category C
			X

Justification: The proposed project activities are likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental and social impacts.

IV. MANAGEMENT OF SAFEGUARDS TRIGGERED

No ESS Standards were triggered by the project.

Other Plans

Apart from the ESS Policy, the project will be required to comply with the CI-GEF's Accountability and Grievance Policy, Gender Policy, and Stakeholder Engagement Policy. The project is required during the PPG Phase to develop and submit to CI-GEF/GCF for review and approval, the following plans:

1. *Accountability and Grievance Mechanism (AGM)*
   To ensure that the project meets CI-GEF Project Agency's Accountability and Grievance Mechanism Policy, the EA is required to develop an Accountability and Grievance Mechanism (template provided) that will ensure people affected by the project are able to bring their grievances to the EA for consideration and redress. The mechanism must be in place before the start of project activities, and disclosed to all stakeholders in a language, manner and means that best suits the local context.

   In addition, the EA is required to monitor and report on the following minimum accountability and grievance indicators:
   1. *Number of conflict and complaint cases reported to the project's Accountability and Grievance Mechanism; and*
   2. *Percentage of conflict and complaint cases reported to the project's Accountability and Grievance Mechanism that have been addressed.*

2. *Gender Mainstreaming Plan (GMP)*
   The GMP (template provided) should include a gender analysis including the role of men and women in decision-making, and appropriate interventions with gender-related outcomes to ensure that men and women have equal opportunities to participate and benefit from the project.

   Further, the project should examine the extent of Gender Based Violence (GBV), the likelihood of project activities contributing/exacerbating GBV, and proposed mitigation measures as needed.

   In addition, the EA is required to monitor and report on the following minimum gender indicators:
   1. *Number of men and women that participated in project activities (e.g. meetings, workshops, consultations);*
   2. *Number of men and women that received benefits (e.g. employment, income generating activities, training, access to natural resources, land tenure or resource rights, equipment, leadership roles) from the project; and if relevant*
   3. *Number of strategies, plans (e.g. management plans and land use plans) and policies derived from the project that include gender considerations.*

3. *Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)*
   To ensure that the project complies with the CI-GEF's Stakeholders' Engagement Policy, the EA is required to develop a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (template provided).

   In addition, the EA is required to monitor and report on the following minimum stakeholder

engagement indicators:

1.   *Number of government agencies, civil society organizations, private sector, indigenous peoples and other stakeholder groups engaged in the project implementation phase;*
2.   *Number persons (sex disaggregated) engaged in project implementation phase; and*
3.   *Number of engagement (e.g. meeting, workshops, consultations) with stakeholders during the project implementation phase*

All plans must be submitted to the CI-GCF/GEF Project Agency for review and approval during the project proposal development phase.

V. DISCLOSURE

Following approval of the plans, the EA must disclose the plans no later than 30 days from date of approval.

COVID-19 Guidelines

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, projects are required to follow the guideline issued by CI-GEF/GCF Project Agency during the PPG and Implementation Phases. The guideline is attached.