

Applying for funds from the GEF for National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

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What is NBSAP?

- Article 6a of the Convention states that: Each Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its particular conditions and capabilities:
- (a) Develop national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity or adapt for this purpose existing strategies, plans or programmes.
- (b) Integrate, as far as possible and as appropriate, the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies.

Funds subsequently availed to fund 6 types of activities

Following this CBD requirement, funds were availed to address the preparation of NBSAPs to include the following 6 areas:

- (a) assess the current situation and take stock (based on internal information and existing studies, capacities, policies and other measures, and not involving new primary research or field work);
- (b) assess needs and identify options and priorities for further action;
- (c) prepare specific components of national strategies and action plans to be included in the national report to the Conference of the Parties;

NBSAP activities cont'd

- (d) provide basic information and raise awareness within the countries including information concerning the relevant technical issues mentioned in the guidance of the Conference of the Parties;
- (e) provide basic capacity building for planning purposes for activities identified as priorities in the guidance approved by the Conference of the Parties; and
- (f) identify country-driven priority actions based on national strategies that may be developed.

GEF guidelines for accessing funding

- **June 1997:** Revised Operational Criteria for Enabling Activities
- **February 2000:** Guidelines for additional funding of biodiversity enabling
- **December 2004:** Funding for 3NR

Funds for NBSAP

- From the guidelines, the GEF can avail up to US\$ 350,000 for NBSAP.
- This fund is for the preparation of the NBSAP and undertaking the 1st National Report.
- Many countries have been applying for funds to combine NBSAP and CHM and other additional enabling activities.
- However, we advise that Myanmar should start with only NBSAP and then move later to others.

Process of applying for NBSAP funds

- **Step 1:** GEF avails \$350,000 for NBSAP
- **Step 2:** Myanmar to get an endorsement for NBSAP funds request, signed by the **GEF Operational Focal Point**
- **Step 3:** A formal request is sent to UNEP and this letter of endorsement is attached.

Applying for funds cont'd

- **Step 4:** UNEP will send you the template for the proposal.
- **Step 5:** After Myanmar submits the proposal- UNEP will send it to GEF Secretariat for signature by the CEO
- **Step 6:** UNEP will then launch the project and monitor its progress for a period of 18 months or so.

Normally this process takes **1.5 months** after UNEP receives the proposal.

Things to remember

- That Enabling activities do not need the 50:50 co-financing that is normally required for other GEF projects
- The only condition is that the country is a signatory to the CBD.
- Myanmar will have to state that the funds will come from its Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) allocation. These details on RAF allocations have already been sent to the GEF Operational Focal Point in Myanmar.

Other GEF Enabling activities

- Currently all the countries are undertaking the Third National Report on biodiversity- which gets US\$ 20,000 separate fund per country.
- The next 7 slides are on the work so far done by UNEP in the process of 3rd national report.

Third National Reports

Status by May 2006

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UNEP's Role

- UNEP is one of the implementing agencies of the GEF
- In 2005, UNEP applied for **USD 1 million** to assist 50 countries develop their Third National Reports.
- National Reports to the CBD are prepared by all countries which have signed the CBD convention, once every 4 years.

Work done so far

- UNEP has assisted **37 countries** to obtain US\$20,000 each for 3rd National Reports
- China got US\$ 50,000 due to its size

Countries assisted by UNEP

- **Africa:** Cameroon, Congo Brazaville, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda
- **Europe:** Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia, Turkey,
- **Caribbean Islands:**, Bahamas, Barbados, St Lucia, Cuba
- **Asia/Pacific Islands:** China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan, Vanuatu
- **Latin America:** Colombia

Others that have requested

- Afghanistan (request made)
- Eritrea (project under development)
- Panama (proposal under development)

Progress to date

- **25 countries** completed and sent report to UNEP and CBD
- **12 countries** still working- requested more time