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Project title: *Integrated Community-based Management of High Value Mountain Ecosystems in Southern Kyrgyzstan for Multiple Benefits*		
Country: Kyrgyzstan	**Implementing Partner (GEF Executing Entity):** *Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic*	**Execution Modality**: *Assisted National Implementation Modality (Ass.NIM)*

Contributing Outcome (UNSDCF/CPD, RPD, GPD):

UNSDCF for Kyrgyzstan 2023-2027 Outcome 3: By 2027, the Kyrgyz Republic has started the transition to low-carbon development and riskinformed climate resilience, contributing to people's fair and equitable access to ecosystem benefits and to empowerment of vulnerable communities in the governance of natural resources and disaster prevention.

- *UNSDCF Indicators*
  - *Outcome Indicator 3:* Area of protected areas (national nature reserves and parks) from the total area of the country (15.1.2.1)
  - *Output 3.3. indicator:* Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type (SDG 15.1.2)
  - *Output 3.3. indicator:* Coverage by protected areas of important sites for mountain biodiversity (SDG 15.4.1)
  - *Output 3.3. indicator:* Progress towards sustainable forest management (SDG 15.2.1)
  - *Output 3.3. indicator:* Forest area as a percentage of the total area of the country (SDG 15.1.1.1)

CPD for Kyrgyzstan 2023-2027 Outputs:

- Output 3.2.: National and subnational mechanisms and systems are in place to introduce solutions for improved conservation of biodiversity and management of natural resources.*)*
  - Indicator 3.2.1.: Number of improved policies and frameworks adopted on the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. Baseline, 2022: 0 Target 2027: 7 Data source: Government
  - Indicator 3.2.2.: Hectares of ecosystems/lands rehabilitated or sustainably managed, including through rural community -based solutions and plans. Baseline, 2020: 226,621 Target 2027: 621,905 Data source: Government

UNDP Social and Environmental Screening Category: *Moderate.*	**UNDP Gender Marker:** *GEN2.*
Quantum Award ID: 1148175	**Quantum Project/Output ID:** 01001366
UNDP-GEF PIMS ID number: 6444	**GEF Project ID number:** 10692
LPAC meeting date: *December 15, 2022*	
Last possible date to submit to GEF: *July 15, 2022*	

Latest possible CEO endorsement date: *October 30, 2022*	
Project duration in months: 60 months	
Planned start date: *November 01, 2023*	**Planned end date:** *October 31, 2028*
Expected date of Mid-Term Review: *May 01, 2026*	**Expected date of Terminal evaluation:** *July 31, 2028*
Brief project description: The objective of the project is to secure high value mountain ecosystem biodiversity and associated ecosystem services, while ensuring resilient and sustainable livelihoods in Kyrgyzstan's Pamir-Alai landscape. The project's components have been designed to address key threats and corresponding barriers to sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation within mountain forest and pasture ecosystems including Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) found in Kyrgyzstan's Pamir-Alai Mountain landscape. The project will deliver Global Environmental Benefits using a participatory approach that ensures promotion of women, youth and vulnerable groups and equitable participation opportunities. The project's approach is closely linked with the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) conceptual framework, and the project applies the avoid-reduce-reverse principle. The "avoid" principle is applied through the strengthening management of PAs and improved spatial land use planning. The reduce principle is applied through improved forest and pasture management. The expected project results will be improved management and biodiversity conservation within 6 KBAs that cover 866,000 ha. The project will contribute to the establishment of 4 new national-level PAs covering 281,083.79 ha. Additionally, the project will support the improved management effectiveness of 5 national-level protected areas covering 153,250 ha. The project will improve the management of 563,949 hectares of high conservation value forest (HCVF) lands, including 500 hectares of degraded forest. The project will improve the management of 621,905 hectares of pastures, including 19,500 ha of degraded pastures. The project will improve livelihood benefits for 94,883 people, while improving the conservation status of globally significant biodiversity, and supporting Kyrgyzstan's progress toward LDN.	
FINANCING PLAN	
GEF Trust Fund grant	USD $2,639,726
UNDP TRAC resources[1]	USD $250,000
(1) Total Budget administered by UNDP	**USD $2,889,726**
CO-FINANCIERS THAT WILL DELIVER PROJECT RESULTS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK (FUNDS NOT ADMINISTERED THROUGH UNDP ACCOUNTS)	
(2) Total confirmed co-financing to this project not administered by UNDP	**USD $20,022,918**
(3) Grand-Total Project Financing (1)+(2)	**USD $22,912,644**

SIGNATURES:

NOTE: IF THE PROJECT DOCUMENT IS IN FRENCH OR SPANISH, THE FINAL PROJECT DOCUMENT MUST BE CLEARED BY THE RTA BEFORE SIGNATURE.

Signature:	**Agreed by Government Development Coordination Authority[2]**	**Date/Month/Year:** *within 6 months of GEF CEO endorsement*
Mr. Turgunbaev Melis Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic		27/11/2023

[1] This is not a mandatory requirement.

2 *Other evidence of government agreement may be accepted in lieu of a signature, unless the programme country government requires a signature.*

Signature: Ms. Alexandra Solovieva Resident Representative, UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic	**Agreed by Implementing Partner**[3]	**Date/Month/Year:** *within 6 months of GEF CEO endorsement* 15/11/2013
Signature:	**Agreed by UNDP**[4]	**Date/Month/Year:** *within 6 months of GEF CEO endorsement*

3 Not required when UNDP is the implementing partner (i.e. DIM implementation modality). If a UN Agency is the implementing partner, and has signed a SBEAA with UNDP, then the Government Development Coordination Authority, UNDP and UN Agency sign the project document. If an IGO is the implementing partner, and has signed a SBEAA with UNDP, then the Government Development Coordination Authority, UNDP and IGO sign the project document. If a CSO/NGO is the implementing partner, the Government Development Coordination Authority and UNDP sign the project document and attached it to the Project Cooperation Agreement to be signed by the CSO/NGO and UNDP.

4 For NIM projects this is the Resident Representative. For DIM projects in a single country this is the Resident Representative. For global, regional DIM projects this is BPPS.