



Resource Mobilization Biosafety

The GEF

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Decisions of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties



Decision CPVIII/3 Capacity building

Urges Parties, (...), to prioritize(...) operational objectives relating to the development of national biosafety legislation, risk assessment, detection and identification of LMO, and public awareness, education and participation in view of their importance in facilitating the implementation of the Protocol;

Decision CP VIII/12 RA & RM

Invites the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide funding for a global capacity building project and other projects on RA&RM

Decision CP VIII/14 Monitoring and Reporting

Welcomes the financial support provided by the Global Environment Facility to a number of eligible Parties to support the preparation of their national reports (...)

Decision CP VIII/18 Public Awareness

Requests the Global Environment Facility to provide eligible Parties with financial resources to facilitate effective implementation of the programme of work

The GEF as a source of funding for Biosafety



What do I need to know?

- The GEF provides funding for the development and implementation of Biosafety Frameworks
- If you are a party of the Protocol you can apply for support
- The support is given for the implementation of projects that could be of national or regional nature

What can be included on a biosafety project?

- Development and implementation of the national biosafety framework
- Implementation of the supplementary protocol
- Strengthening of national capacities on specific areas of action as per the frameworks (i.e RA, BCH, etc)
- Detection and identification of LMOs (if you have a framework in place)



How can my country apply?



- The key person is the **GEF Operational Focal Point** for your country
- www.thegef.org
- (Projects → country profiles → select your country and go to contacts)



How does the GEF allocations works?

Every replenishment period each country is given an allocation of funds that the country will decide how to use in line with the GEF focal areas of work

Every country allocation is different

By July 2018 each country will receive a new allocation that will be valid for 4 yrs.

Biosafety is part of the Biodiversity focal area of the GEF



Timing is important!

Early discussions with the Operational Focal Point are key to ensure that biosafety could be considered in the portfolio of projects that the country will pursue.

What are the steps to submit an application?



- 1) Talk to your GEF Operational Focal point and express your interest.
- 1) Identify an implementing agency that would work with your country in drafting the proposal and preparing the submission.
- 1) Submit the proposal
- 1) Once approve, implement the project

The GEF OFP should give an endorsement letter

Types of projects



Full size projects: More than 2 Million USD

Medium size projects: up to 2 Million USD

FSP:

-PIF

- Submitted for inclusion on the GEF work programme**
- 18 months for PPG (to prepare the project proposal)**
- 5 % of subtotal for PMC**

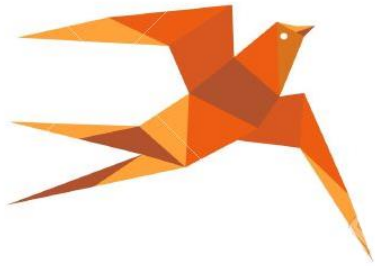
MSP:

- Could or could not have a PIF**
- Submitted at any time**
- If a PIF submitted 12 months to prepare the project proposal**
- 10% of subtotal for PMC**

Implementing agencies



- There are many, and their information can be found in the GEF website.
- UNEP has taken the lead in supporting countries in the development and implementation of GEF projects.
- Each country can chose the agency of their preference.



Thank you

