



GEF Country Portfolio Evaluation: Country (1991-2008)

1. **What is the GEF Country Portfolio Evaluation: Country (1991-2008)?** Using the country as the unit of analysis, this evaluation will examine the totality of GEF support across all GEF Agencies and programs in the country. The final report will assess the relevance, results, and efficiency of the GEF projects at the country level.(i.e., how these projects are linked to national environmental and sustainable development agendas as well as to the GEF mandate of generating global environmental benefits in its focal areas).
2. **What is the purpose of the Country Portfolio Evaluation in Country?** To provide feedback and knowledge sharing to the GEF Council in its decision making on resource allocation and policy and strategy development, to the Country government on its participation in the GEF, and to the different agencies and organizations involved in the preparation and implementation of GEF-funded projects and activities
3. **What other Country Portfolio Evaluations has the Evaluation Office carried out?** Costa Rica, The Philippines, Samoa, Benin, Cameroon, Madagascar, and South Africa. These reports and a summary of their conclusions and recommendations (Signposts) can be found at www.gefco.org.

4. What questions will the Country Portfolio Evaluation in Country address?

Relevance: The extent to which the objectives of a development intervention are consistent with beneficiaries' requirements, country needs, global priorities and partners' and donors' policies.

- a) Is the GEF support relevant to the national sustainability development agenda and environmental priorities; national development needs and challenges; action plans for the GEF's national focal areas?
- b) Are GEF and its agencies (IA/EA) supporting environmental and sustainable development prioritization and decision-making process of the country?
- c) Is the GEF support in the country relevant to the objectives of the different global environmental benefits (i.e., biodiversity, greenhouse gases, international waters, POPs, land degradation, ozone)?
- d) Is the country supporting the GEF mandate and focal areas programs and strategies with its own resources and/or the support from other donors?

Efficiency: A measure of how economically resources/inputs (funds, expertise, time, etc.) are converted to results

- a) How much time, effort and financial resources does it take to develop and implement projects, by type of GEF support modality?
- b) What are the roles, types of engagement and coordination among different stakeholders in project implementation?
- c) How good is the dissemination of GEF project lessons and results?
- d) What are the synergies between GEF project programming and implementation among GEF Agencies, national institutions; GEF Projects; and other donors supported projects and activities?
- e) What is the sustainability of GEF supported activities?

Effectiveness: The extent to which the development intervention's objectives were achieved, or are expected to be achieved, taking into account their relative importance.

Results: The output, outcome or impact (intended or unintended, positive and/or negative) of a development intervention.

- a) What are the results (outcomes and impacts) of completed projects?
- b) What are the aggregated results at the focal area and country levels?
- c) What is the likelihood that objectives will be achieved for those projects that are still under implementation?

5. **Who evaluates and participates in the CPE in Country?** Claudio Volonté and Sandra Romboli are the GEF Evaluation Task Managers, and Dr. Tarek Genena from Ecoconserv will be the national consultant. In addition, the Country focal point, GEF Agencies in the country, NGOs, and other major stakeholders will participate in the evaluation.

6. What is the role of focal point in the CPE in Country? The Focal Point plays a critical coordination role regarding GEF matters at country level as well as serving as the liaison with the GEF Secretariat and Implementing Agencies and representing their constituencies on the GEF Council. The Operational Focal Point is responsible for the operational aspects of GEF activities, such as endorsing project proposals to affirm that they are consistent with national plans and priorities. During the Country Portfolio Evaluation, the operational focal point is expected to provide:

- ◆ Coordination: Facilitate and coordinate consultations on GEF operational matters and among GEF agencies, partners, and relevant stakeholders
- ◆ Information sharing and learning: Provide key stakeholders with feedback on GEF activities in country, including project implementation, project results and impacts, mainstreaming of GEF objectives in national policy frameworks
- ◆ M&E
 - Depends on country and circumstances but full participation in evaluations with country or project focus
 - Assist the Evaluation Office in identifying major relevant stakeholders, coordinate meetings and assist with agendas
 - Particular responsibility for use of evaluation recommendations and to integrate lessons into project proposals
 - Key role in keeping stakeholders consulted and involved about the plans, implementation and results of country GEF M&E activities
 - Comment on TORs of Country Reviews and Coordinate country responses when appropriate

7. What are the stages during the Country Portfolio Evaluation?

