

**Project Evaluation Series
08/2020**

**Terminal evaluation of the project
“Mainstreaming biodiversity
conservation, sustainable forest
management and carbon sink
enhancement into Mongolia’s
productive forest landscapes”**

Project code: GCP/MON/008/GFF

GEF ID: 4744

Management response

Management response matrix¹

Management response to the Terminal Evaluation of the Project “Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation, Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and carbon sink enhancement into Mongolia’s productive forest landscapes” (GCP/MON/008/GFF) GEFID: 4744					Date 15 July 2020
Evaluation Recommendation (a)	Management response (b) Accepted, Partially Accepted or Rejected	Management plan			
		Actions to be taken, and/or comments about partial acceptance or rejection (c)	Responsible unit (d)	Time frame (e)	Further funding required (Y or N) (f)
<p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>The Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) should invest and scale up the positive results derived from the project by providing institutional leadership, financial resources and policy support. The Provincial government should lead on SFM implementation and develop multi-stakeholder based monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and provide additional financial and capacity support to ISFUs, the Soum authorities and FUGs, whereas the FUGs should strengthen their internal governance systems and raise their operational challenges with the concerned authorities.</p>	Accepted	<p>The recommendation will be considered and reflected in the Ministry Action Plan for upcoming 4-year.</p> <p>The final draft policy documents (Structure of Forest management plan, Guidance on Developing Forest management and Procedure for evaluation performance of FUGs) developed with support from the project will be discussed at the ministerial meeting and decision will be made.</p>	NPD, MET	31 Dec 2020	N
<p>Recommendation 2:</p>	Accepted	The recommendation is accepted and will be considered for the future project development	FAO Mongolia	N/A	N

¹ Each column is cross-referenced to the bullet letters above.

<p>During the project design stage, analysis of logic and appropriateness of indicators and targets have to be well discussed with the stakeholders. A Theory of Change (ToC) or similar approach during project design should be employed that help to ensure greater consistency in their internal logic and external factors (drivers and barriers) to improve programme logic.</p>					
<p>Recommendation 3:</p> <p>For the remaining project period, the project should prepare a more strategic and achievable sustainability plan in consultations with the MET for promoting and scaling up of SFM.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The recommendation is fully accepted and discussions with different stakeholders (national and local) are planned in the remaining period to improve draft strategic sustainability plan. Moreover, the plan will be discussed at the PCC meeting.</p>	<p>Project Implementation Unit, MET and FAO Mongolia</p>	<p>31 August 2020</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>Recommendation 4:</p> <p>The GEF/FAO project should have more systematic, robust and comprehensive monitoring and evaluation (M&E) mechanisms for all outputs and outcomes ensuring regular reviews and feedback mechanisms.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The recommendation is accepted and will be considered for the future project development and implementation. More capacity building, knowledge enhancing activities (e.g. training, workshops, handbook development) on GEF/FAO Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms will be organized for program team within 2020.</p>	<p>FAO Mongolia</p>	<p>By end of 2020</p>	<p>Y</p>