

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT GEF TRUST FUND

GEF PROJECT ID: 5067

PROJECT DURATION : 3

COUNTRIES : Vietnam

PROJECT TITLE: Vietnam POPs and Sound Harmful Chemicals Management Project

GEF AGENCIES: UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (Vietnam Environmental Protection Authority)

Ministry of Industry and Trade (Vietnam Chemicals Agency)

GEF FOCAL AREA: POPs

II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies): **Consent**

III. Further guidance from STAP

PIF Information Extract:- This project falls under the umbrella of a parent GEF programme "Establishment and implementation of the systematic management programme to control, phase out and reduce POPs and mercury releases in Vietnam". This is a five component project that involves, inter alia:- i) Development of a Policy framework for sound chemicals management, including POPs/ PTS (inclusive of a coordinated activity to bring together experience and lessons learned related to POPs disposal technologies being demonstrated on the ground in three of the current GEF-4 projects); (ii) Strengthening of national POPs monitoring and reporting capacity (with clear intent to link closely to the regional UNEP Global Monitoring Plan (GMP) for Asia (Project ID 4894) being submitted in this current work programme); (iii) a National POPs contaminated sites programme; and iv) a National mercury baseline inventory and management strategy to support the country's initial formal efforts related to control of mercury release ahead of the global mercury convention of 2013.

STAP guidance:

This project is well thought out, with good consideration of ways to build upon past and present complementary project activities, and a thorough consideration of risks. The STAP hopes that there will be careful documentation of lessons learned particularly as relates to initial mercury baseline inventory and strategy work, which will surely be repeated in other GEF client countries as they sign on to the impending Mercury convention. The STAP is also certain that UNDP will build on lessons learned from its earlier remediation demonstration project (with ball milling technology) which has recently undergone independent evaluation.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. Consent	STAP acknowledges that on scientific or technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasizing any issues where the project could be improved. Follow up: The GEF Agency is invited to approach STAP for advice during the development of the project prior to submission of the final document for CEO endorsement.
2. Minor revision required.	STAP has identified specific scientific or technical challenges, omissions or opportunities that should be addressed by the project proponents during project development.

	<p>Follow up: One or more options are open to STAP and the GEF Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) GEF Agency should discuss the issues with STAP to clarify them and possible solutions. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the GEF Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP's recommended actions.
<p>3. Major revision required</p>	<p>STAP has identified significant scientific or technical challenges or omissions in the PIF and recommends significant improvements to project design.</p> <p>Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Agency should request that the project undergo a STAP review prior to CEO endorsement, at a point in time when the particular scientific or technical issue is sufficiently developed to be reviewed, or as agreed between the Agency and STAP. (ii) In its request for CEO endorsement, the Agency will report on actions taken in response to STAP concerns.