

PACIFIC ISLANDS



OCEANIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

OCEANIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROJECT II

Extension request form

PROJECT EXTENSION REQUEST FORM	
Project title, country and PIMS #:	Project Title: Implementation of Global and Regional Oceanic Fisheries Conventions and Related Instruments in the Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (PIOFMP 2)
The reason(s) for the extension: <i>Include all that apply; delete the options that do not apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Delays in project implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Other reasons

<p>Length of the requested extension in months.</p> <p>For GEF-3 and GEF-4 projects, extensions may be granted up to 24 months only. For GEF-5 and GEF-6 projects, extensions may be granted up to 12 to 18 months only, depending on the circumstances</p>	<p>Eighteen Months</p>
<p>Original planned closing date</p> <p>Original planned closing date can be calculated by adding the project duration in months noted in the CEO endorsement request to the project document signature date.</p>	<p>30th June 2019</p>
<p>Please enter the revised expected date of Final/Terminal Evaluation/End of Project Report, if it had not been conducted yet</p>	<p>Terminal Evaluation: Three months prior to the last RSC. Target date: August 2020.</p> <p>Project Terminal Report: October – December 2020</p>
<p>If the extension is granted, what will be the new closing date?</p> <p>Please note that operational closure must be completed by the closing date; the terminal evaluation should be completed <u>before</u> the project is operationally closed (no further commitments can be raised in Atlas, all POs must be fully received before operational closure; non-PO Vouchers can still be created, but no ASL will be allocated to the project after the project completion deadline).</p>	<p>31st December, 2020</p>
<p>Please complete the following questions:</p>	
<p>1. Explain why the project should be extended and how the extension will lead to the successful completion of the project and greater impact (no more than 500 words)</p> <p>The project mid-term review recommended that the PMU develop a proposal for Project extension of up to 18 months to provide sufficient time for effective delivery of activities and expenditure in support of Project outcomes that would not otherwise be achieved. The review noted that there remain some barriers to achieving the project objective that may be broadly described as relating to the capacity of smaller participating countries to effectively participate in project activities and a key</p>	

barrier therefore is the limited amount of time remaining to complete and outputs and achieve Project Outcomes.

The project GEF funds are administered by both FAO (US\$ 5 million) and UNDP (US\$ 5 million). Both FAO and UNDP have entirely different financial and technical reporting requirements and the UNDP reporting system has changed from that which was in place for the OFMP 1 project. The complications associated with the dual reporting combined with an unplanned delay in the recruitment of the Finance and Administration Officer meant that early project financial reporting was challenging and this resulted in delays in the receipt of funds. These challenges were overcome within the first 12 – 18 months of implementation but they did impact on project delivery.

The project initially commenced in July 2015 but at the end of 2015 it was agreed with FAO and UNDP to align the project year with their year. As a result, what was Y1 – Q3 became Y2 – Q1 and the six monthly budget for Year 1 was rolled over with resultant savings.

While the rate of project activity implementation has continued to improve, there has been ongoing annual under expenditure. PSC members have identified clear priorities for how this can be addressed in a project extension period.

2. Provide an overview of the remaining GEF grant:

Remaining Project Funds as of 30th September 2018

Origin	Approved prodoc budget	Total expenditure as of 30 th Sept 2018	Balance
GEF grants	10,000,000.00	6,111,735.93	3,888,264.07
UNDP	5,000,000.00	3,029,799.92	1,970,200.08
FAO	5,000,000.00	3,081,936.01	1,918,063.99

3. Attach the initial request for project extension received from the government partner or implementing partner, as applicable.
4. Attach the workplan for the remaining project funds for the extension period.