



ESMS Clearance of Project Proposal

Project Data

The fields below are completed by the project proponent

Project Title:	Building Climate Resilient Green Infrastructure: enhancing ecosystem services of planted forests in China through forest landscaperestoration and governance innovation		
Project proponent:	IUCN China		
Executing agency:	State Forest Administration of the People's Republic of China		
Funding agency:	GEF-6		
Country:	China	Contract value (add currency):	USD 7,200,000
Start date and duration:	January 1, 2018; 4 years		

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Risk category:	low risk	moderate risk	high risk
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Rationale: Summarize findings from the questionnaire and explain the rationale of risk categorization

See the following sections of the questionnaire for details:

Section A for findings about the stakeholder engagement process,
Section B on the 4 Standards,
Section C on other E&S impacts and
Section D on risk issues related to Climate change

The project aims to improve the flow of ecosystem services from selected forest landscapes, and is expected to enhance livelihoods, build climate resilience and conserve biodiversity. Environmental and social impacts are expected to be largely positive, as the project intends to restore forest landscapes and employ the FLR/ROAM methodology - a tested model for forest restoration processes that entails strong stakeholder participation.

Applying the FLR/ROAM process means that it is not possible at the project design stage to flesh out all project activities as these will be decided after having undertaken consultations and analyses at each site. The strength

Step 3: ESMS Clearance of Project Proposal

The fields below are completed by the IUCN ESMS reviewer at Clearance stage

	Name	Organization and function	Date
IUCN ESMS Reviewer Clearance Stage:	Linda Klare	ESMS Coordinator	7.2.2019
	Title		Date
Documents submitted at Clearance Stage:	ESMS enhanced ROAM China		29.11.2017
	TRI China_ProDoc_Revised_Jan 16 2018		16.1.2018
	GEF6 CEO Endorsement-TRI China - Revised Final draft		16.1.2018
Have findings from ESIA triggered any changes (e.g. risk level or Standards triggered)	no		

CLEARANCE DECISION

Cleared	<i>The conclusions are positive and the project proposal meets all requirements with regards to avoiding or reducing environmental and social risks: the proposal is accepted.</i>
Conditionally cleared	<i>The conclusions call for improving one or more ESMS activities and/or for important re-formulation of some mitigation measures. This will lead to the proposal being conditionally cleared; the reviewer will provide guidance on the way forward.</i>
Clearance rejected	<i>Essential ESMS provisions have not been complied with, critical mitigation measures have not been incorporated or don't seem feasible or sufficient for avoiding or minimizing impacts; or significant data gaps still prevail and additional field assessments are required.</i>

Rationale – Explain clearance decision (why cleared, conditionally cleared or rejected)

ESMS relevant activities are primarily implemented under component 1 which aims at building the capacity of China's State Forest Farms (SFFs) to develop and implement sustainable forest management and restoration (FMR) plans incorporating FLR and piloting this in selected project areas. In order to ensure that the FRM plans developed by the pilot SFFs and the city & county FLR plans designed during the FLR/ROAM exercise are compliant with the ESMS, an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) has been developed. The ESMF describes the process for screening, assessing, addressing and managing safeguard issues for project activities that will only be known during project preparation; it also provides for ESMS review of the policies and legal frameworks supported by the project under component 2 in order to facilitate possible application of safeguard instruments as risk prevention. The ESMF has been reviewed and cleared. ec scn 34.8 483d85CS1 ce8.9- ce8.9- ce8.9- ce81-12.2(dC