

GEF COUNTRY PORTFOLIO EVALUATION: Eritrea (1992-2012)

What are CPEs?	Country portfolio evaluations (CPEs) conducted by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Evaluation Office use the country as the unit of analysis to examine the totality of GEF support across all GEF Agencies and programs. The final report for GEF Eritrea CPE will assess the relevance, results, and efficiency of GEF projects at the country level—that is, how these projects perform in producing results, and how the results 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.
Purpose	The GEF Eritrea CPE will provide feedback and knowledge sharing to the GEF Council in its decision making on resource allocation and policy and strategy development, to the government of Eritrea on its participation in the GEF, and to the various agencies and organizations involved in the preparation and implementation of GEF-funded projects and activities.
Other CPEs	The GEF Evaluation Office has conducted CPEs in Costa Rica, the Philippines, Samoa, Benin, Cameroon, Madagascar, South Africa, Egypt, Syria, Moldova, Turkey, Nicaragua, Brazil and in a cluster of Eastern Caribbean countries. The full CPE reports and summaries (Signposts) of their conclusions and recommendations can be found at www.gefeo.org . Alongside the current CPEs being undertaken in Cuba, India, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vanuatu/South Pacific and Eritrea.
CPE Focus	The CPE will answer questions related to the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and results of the GEF in Eritrea.
Results	<p><i>The output, outcome, or impact (intended or unintended, positive and/or negative) of a GEF activity.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ What are the results (outcomes and impacts) of completed projects? ▶ What are the aggregated results at the focal area and country levels? ▶ What is the likelihood that objectives will be achieved for projects still under implementation? ▶ How successful is the dissemination of GEF project lessons and results? ▶ What is the sustainability of GEF-supported activities?
Relevance	<p><i>The extent to which the objectives of a GEF activity are consistent with beneficiary requirements, country needs, global priorities, and partner and donor policies.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Is GEF support in Eritrea relevant to national sustainable development agenda and environmental priorities? ▶ Is GEF support in Eritrea relevant to the country's development needs and challenges? ▶ Is GEF support in Eritrea relevant to the GEF objectives linked to the December 2012 GEF Evaluation Office different global environmental benefits in biodiversity, greenhouse gases, international waters, land degradation, and chemicals focal areas? ▶ Does GEF in Eritrea support relevant to national GEF focal area action plans? ▶ Are the GEF and its agencies supporting environmental and sustainable development prioritization, country ownership and decision-making process of Eritrea?
Efficiency	<p><i>A measure of how economically resources/inputs (such as funds, expertise, and time, etc.) are converted to results.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ How much time, effort and financial resources does it take to formulate and implement projects, by type of GEF support modality? ▶ What are the roles, types of engagement and coordination among different stakeholders in project implementation? ▶ Are there synergies among GEF agencies in GEF programming and implementation? ▶ Are there synergies between national institutions for GEF support in programming and implementation? ▶ Are there synergies between GEF support and other donors' support? ▶ What role does Monitoring and Evaluation play in project adaptive management and overall efficiency?
Evaluation Team	The GEF Eritrea CPE will be conducted under the overall coordination of Carlo Carugi, Senior Evaluation Officer, team leader for the CPE stream of the GEF Evaluation Office. Ms. Baljit Wadhwa, Senior Evaluation Officer, will task manage this evaluation with support from the GEF Evaluation Office and national consultants

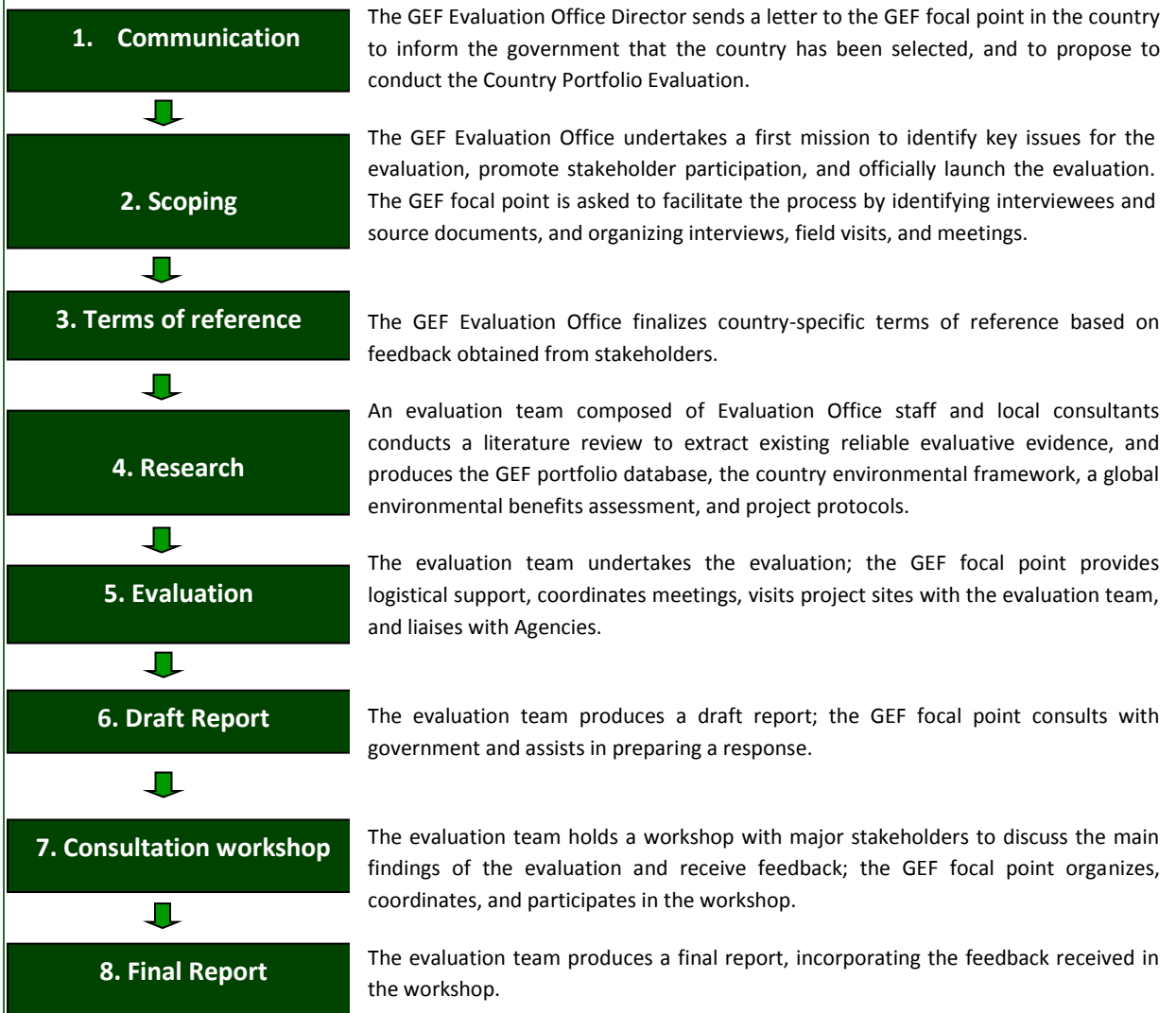
and institutions.

Role of the Focal Point

The GEF's Eritrea Operational Focal Point plays a critical coordination role in GEF matters at the country level besides serving as the liaison with the GEF Secretariat and GEF 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 CPE, the Operational Focal Point is expected to provide the following:

- ▶ **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 the country, including project implementation, project results and impacts, and mainstreaming of GEF objectives in national policy frameworks

CPE Process



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The GEF's Eritrea Operational Focal Point, Mr. Mogos Woldeyohannes, GEF Agencies in the country, civil society organizations, private sector groups, and other major stakeholders will participate in the evaluation.

The GEF Evaluation Office is an independent entity within the GEF reporting directly to the GEF Council. The Office assesses GEF policies, strategies, principles, and procedures as well as focal area programs. The goals of evaluation in the GEF are to learn from experience, provide an objective basis for assessing the results of the GEF's work, and provide accountability in the achievement of its objectives. It also promotes knowledge sharing on results and lessons learned among the GEF and its partners.