

# INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

## IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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### I. BASIC INFORMATION

#### A. Basic Project Data

<b>Country:</b>	Tunisia	<b>Project ID:</b>	P157919
<b>Project Name:</b>	Tunisia FIP preparation		
<b>Team Leader(s):</b>	Taoufiq Bennouna		
<b>Estimated Date of Approval:</b>	14-Dec-2015		
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	GEN05	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	Lending Instrument
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Forestry (80%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20%)		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Biodiversity (10%), Climate change (50%), Other environment and natural resources management (40%)		
<b>Financing (in USD Million)</b>			
Total Project Cost:	0.25	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
<b>Financing Source</b>			<b>Amount</b>
Climate Investment Funds			0.25
<b>Environment Category:</b>	B - Partial Assessment		

#### B. Project Development Objective(s)

The Development Objective of this activity is to support the elaboration of Tunisia FIP investment plan and R-PP

#### C. Project Description

In agreement with the Tunisian Government, the Multilateral Development Banks hold a scoping mission in Tunisia in September 2015 in order to inform key stakeholders on the FIP process and agree on an action plan for the elaboration of the FIP/IP and the R-PP. The activities proposed below are the main finding of this mission. The proposed project activities are as below:

- 1- Hiring a group of experts or consultant firms to bring institutional and legal expertise in the following fields: forestry, rangelands, monitoring and evaluation, environmental and social safeguards, social development, gender, private sector, climate change and REDD+;
- 2- Organization of meetings and consultation workshops at local and central levels with all stakeholders;
- 3- Elaboration of the R-PP and FIP investment plan and the proposed projects concept notes. These documents will include, as per the FIP operational guideline, specific sections on safeguards.

#### **D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)**

The FIP/IP and R-PP are national wide plans and related to Tunisian Forests and rangelands

#### **E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies**

The FIP executing agency is the General Directorate of Forestry (DGF) of the Ministry of Agriculture, water resources and Fisheries.

The DGF is responsible for applying the forest code and for managing, protecting and developing the state forests and rangelands submitted to the country's forest regime. This administration is also responsible for (i) Improving sand dune stabilization techniques; (ii) Formulating adapted forest and rangelands management plans; (iii) Organizing the sustainable exploitation of wildlife; (iv) Organizing and developing hunting, and (v) Protecting nature and creating national parks and natural reserves.

Throughout its very decentralized organization and experience in managing national and international projects, the DGF is highly qualified to execute the project, especially since it is co-implementing the 'Ecotourism and Desert Biodiversity Conservation Project' and other projects with IFAD, AFD, FAO, GIZ and JICA. Moreover, the DGF staffs are fully familiar with Bank safeguard policies, having participated in various Bank safeguards training undertaken by Bank safeguards specialists, and have overseen the environmental and social issues related to these aforementioned projects.

#### **F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team**

Africa Eshogba Olojoba (GENDR)

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## **II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY**

<b>Safeguard Policies</b>	<b>Triggered?</b>	<b>Explanation (Optional)</b>
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	Yes	<p>the FIP investment plan and the R-PP will incorporate specific sections on social and environmental safeguards as per the FIP and FCPF/UNREDD guidelines. Through these documents, social and environmental impacts will be transparently and inclusively assessed and addressed.</p> <p>FIP Investment plan and R-PP will set out how these plans will catalyze, support and measure and monitor the delivery of, inter alia, the following (as appropriate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Demonstrable improvement in social and economic well-being of forest dependent communities, including poverty reduction, equitable benefit sharing, and acknowledgement of the rights and role of indigenous peoples and local communities</li> <li>ii. Protection and enhancement of biodiversity</li> </ul>

		<p>iii. Strengthened resilience of ecosystems, with associated ecosystem services</p> <p>iv. Economic viability</p> <p>FIP uses safeguard principles and guidelines from the Strategic Climate Fund, FIP Design documents and FIP Investment Criteria and Financing Modalities during the selection process. Proposed country programs must demonstrate clear strategies and a viable roadmap on achieving greenhouse gas mitigation and sustainable development while also implementing safeguards.</p>
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	Yes	The FIP investment plan and the R-PP will assess the national strategy on Biodiversity “Priority Areas” and “Gap Analysis” during the participatory planning process to ensure key policy and regulatory recommendations from the readiness phase will be taken into account
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes	The R-PP and the FIP/IP will be elaborated largely on the experience of the country on the forest conservation and Sustainable Forest Management. During this preparation phase, these initiatives, the national strategy for sustainable management of forests and rangelands 2-15-2024, and other forestry and rural development initiatives will be evaluated in order to ensure lessons are incorporated early in the design and key social and environmental risks and potential impacts associated with FIP/IP and R-PP are considered in their safeguard sections.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	Pesticides or spraying equipment are unlikely to be procured under the FIP/IP.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	Physical and cultural resources, if located in the potential FIP projects areas, will not be impacted. No heavy excavation will be planned and any large infrastructure under the potential projects.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	This policy is not triggered.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	TBD	The FIP activities will not involve land expropriation, land acquisition, or relocation or loss of shelter, for projects interventions. The FIP would also not accept voluntary land donation at an individual level.

Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The FIP does not support the commissioning or construction and/or operations related to dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	No international waterways are involved
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	This policy is not triggered.

### III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

**Appraisal stage ISDS required?:** No

### IV. APPROVALS

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<sup>1</sup> Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.