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**SUMMARY OF THE EXTENSIONS GRANTED
UNDER THE CANCELLATION POLICY**

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the most up to date summary of projects for which exceptions to the Project Cancellation Policy¹ have been granted by the CEO since the previous report that was presented at the 66th GEF Council meeting in February 2024. It is presented to Council outside the usual circulation deadlines to capture the most recent data in advance of the 68th GEF Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. The [Project Cancellation Policy](#) was approved by Council at its 55th Meeting in December 2018. It was formulated to align incentives for timely project preparation and more specifically to dis-incentivize excessive delays between PIF approval and CEO-endorsement/approval of projects.

3. The Policy includes provisions under which countries may formally request that the GEF CEO grant an exception to cancellation deadlines. These exceptions may only be granted in cases of extraordinary events or circumstances beyond the control of the parties (Agency, country), such as war, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or similar circumstances which prevent them from adhering to the business standards established in the Policy.

4. The Policy stipulates that the CEO communicate any exception decision to the Council for information and post the information on the GEF website.

5. As of the date of this report, the Secretariat received a total of 278 requests for extension. Of those, 46 were reported during the 60th Council Meeting ([GEF/C.60/Inf.10](#)), 32 were reported during the 61st Council Meeting ([GEF/C.61/Inf.12](#)), 115 were reported during the 62nd Council Meeting ([GEF/C.62/Inf.10](#)), 14 were reported during the 63rd Council Meeting ([GEF/C.63/Inf.13](#)), 54 were reported during the 64th Council Meeting ([GEF.C.64/Inf.08](#)), and 11 were reported during the 66th Council Meeting ([GEF/C.66/Inf.11](#)).

6. During the period reported in this document (February 1, 2024 – December 09, 2024) five requests for extension were granted by the GEF CEO under the provisions of the Policy and Council decisions referenced above. Out of these five requests, 1 project was endorsed by the CEO in June 2024. Table 1 below provides the list of the 5 projects for which such exceptions were granted.

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Table 1 - Projects that have requested extension from 1 February 2024 to 09 December 2024

GEF ID	Project Title	Agency	Country	Focal Area	Type	New Deadline Date for actual CEO endorsement / approval
10312	Community-based Climate-responsive Livelihoods and Forestry (CCLF)	UNDP	Afghanistan	Climate Change	FSP	Endorsed on 06/13/2024
11050	An Inclusive Approach for Harnessing Marine Ecosystem Services and Transforming to Sustainable Blue Economy in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (HESBERSGA)	UNEP	Regional	International Waters	FSP	6/2/2025
11097	Green Journey: Achieving Net Zero through Nature Positive Solutions in Morocco	UNDP	Morocco	Multi Focal Area	FSP	12/29/2025
11113	Promoting sustainable fisheries management in the Red Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (RedSeaFish project)	FAO	Regional	International Waters	FSP	12/29/2025
11238	Land degradation neutrality initiative in Southern Haiti	FAO	Haiti	Land Degradation	FSP	12/1/2025