

## FP050 – WFFUS Bhutan for Life, Bhutan – Note: *did not intervene on this one*

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*CSO comments on the project given as intervention during the 18<sup>th</sup> GCF Board Meeting, October 2017*

We are overall happy with the project, but note a few issues in need of further consideration:

- Many of the various adaptation actions described depend on the result of local community adaptation assessments that have yet to be undertaken. Thus, the focus of many of the described activities might and might have to change.
- The proposal mentions that addressing Park -People-Conflict through adaption of new policies, technologies and systems is one of the goals of the proposed activities. In this regard, compliance of prospective policies and system with the relevant safeguards is very crucial to avoid potential negative impact of the project intervention.
- Also, in its mitigation component, mitigation through distribution of renewable energy solution (such as solar panels, biogas, improved biomass stoves etc.) is proposed, but will be made available to only 10% of the households residing in the Protected Areas. This seems not ambitious enough and might be a missed opportunity, as it fails to sustainably address a continued pressure for wood resources for household energy use in the Protected Areas.