



Regional Workshops for Rollout of the  
GEF-8 Replenishment Cycle  
Kigali, Rwanda October 11-14, 2022

**Pathways to an  
equitable,  
nature-positive,  
carbon neutral and  
pollution free world  
beyond COVID-19**

**GEF-8 OVERVIEW**



## PRESENTATION AGENDA

**What is the GEF?**

**GEF-8 strategy and  
programming directions**

**GEF policy elements**

**Questions and answers**

# A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Largest environmental multi-donor trust fund in the world

Financial mechanism of five international environmental conventions



## 18 IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES



# GLOBAL RESPONSES AND COMMITMENTS

to seek bold results by  
2030 and beyond

Commitments by more than 140 countries representing ~90% of the world's emissions to achieve **carbon neutrality** by 2050

Sustainably manage 100% of the **ocean** area under national jurisdiction by 2025

Commitment to prevent, halt and reverse the **degradation of ecosystems** - 350 million hectares of degraded landscapes into restoration

High ambition coalition commitment to bring 30% of **land and oceans** under protection

Phase out **POPs** controlled by the Stockholm Convention with time bound phase out dates during the period 2025 – 2036

Develop the Task Force on Nature-related **Financial Disclosures**

Phase out of **mercury** in products and industrial process by 2025



**Calls for a GEF-8 Strategy that is**

*systemic and  
transformational and  
responds to urgency  
of raising ambition*

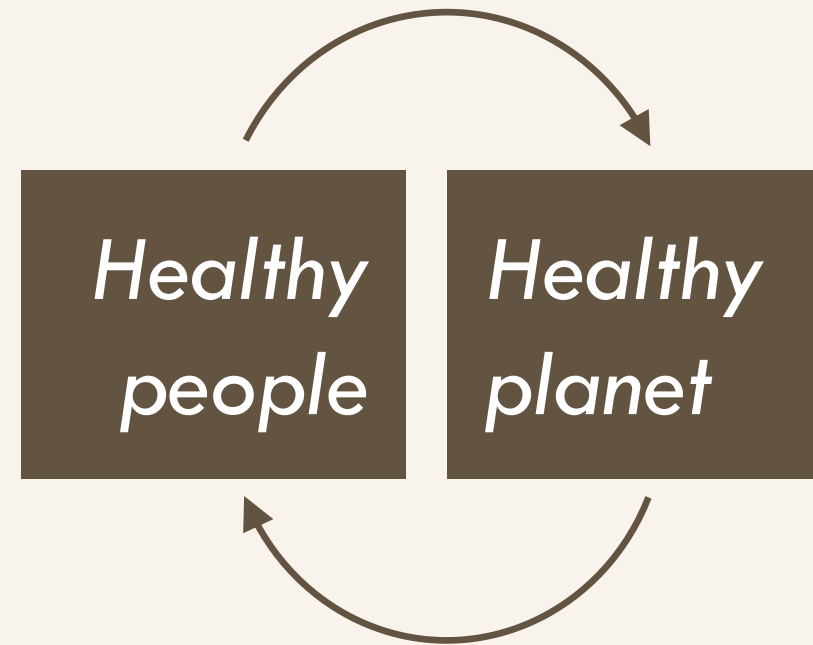


**A longer-term vision for the GEF**

*To halt nature loss and ensure that the world is nature-positive by 2030 and carbon neutral and pollution-free by 2050*



## GEF-8 embracing a post-COVID-19 framework



*...protecting nature and restoring health of the environment that can and needs to underpin the health and well-being of human societies.*

# GEF-8 FOCUS ON INTEGRATION FOR IMPACT AND SCALE

## *Pathway to Transformative Change for Blue and Green Recovery*

*Country projects and portfolios should focus on maximizing these characteristics:*

### **Integration of actions across sectors, focal areas, or drivers**

Address drivers of environmental degradation at global or regional scales;

Avoid leakage and promote policy coherence

Work across scales and sectors

### **Transformative Investments**

Promote greater private sector engagement;

Innovate and take measured risk for higher return

### **Ensure Durable Outcomes**

Design for resilience in the face of uncertainty

Build Institutional and financing to sustain impact



# GEF-8 Resources

## 4-year

replenishment cycle  
from July 1, 2022  
to June 30, 2026

## \$5.33 billion

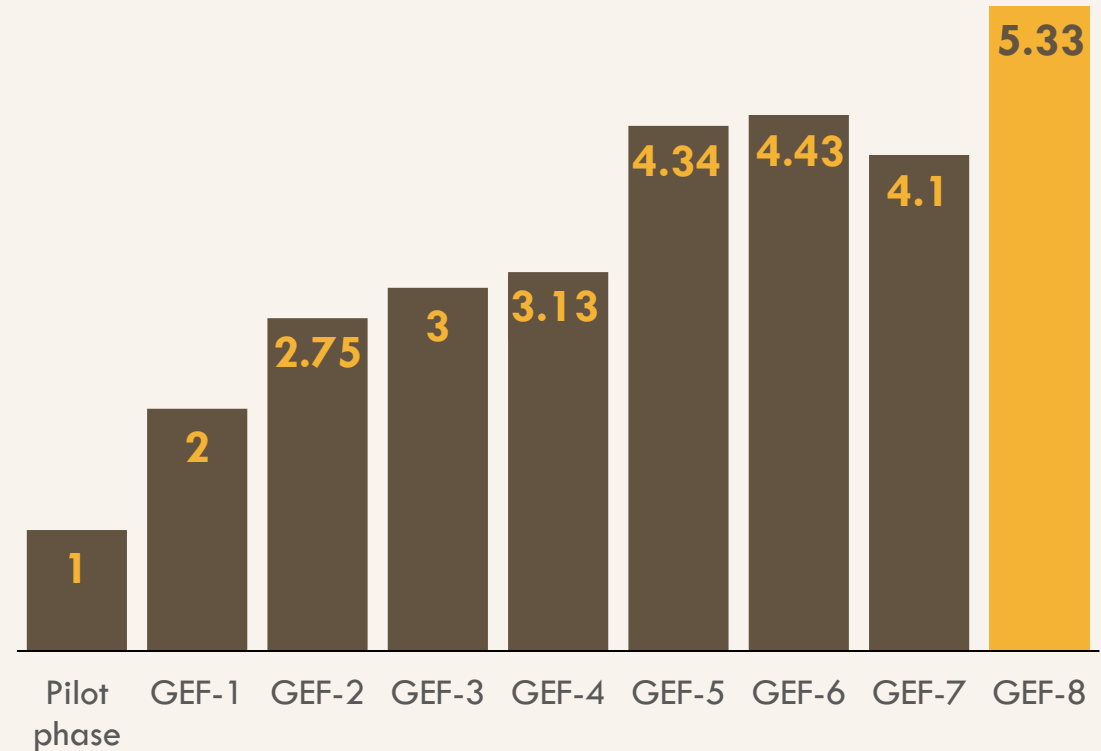
pledged by  
39 donor nations

## Country 'STAR'

allocation levels  
released July 1, 2022

GEF-8 strategy responds to  
conventions and takes **an  
integrated approach to  
systems transformation**

## GEF Replenishment Cycles (billion USD)



# GEF-8: HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE

*Unified action towards 2030 Goals and Commitments*

## FOCAL AREAS

Biodiversity

Climate change mitigation

Land degradation

International waters

Chemicals and waste

## INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Food Systems

Ecosystem Restoration

Sustainable Cities

Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution

Blue and Green Islands

Clean and Healthy Ocean

Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development

Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator

Wildlife Conservation for Development

Elimination of Harmful Chemicals from Supply Chains

## GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance

Community Action for Global Transformation - Small Grants Program and Beyond

## CROSS-CUTTING

Circular economy • Nature-based solutions • Gender responsiveness • Resilience • Private sector engagement

# GEF-8 INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

## *Pathway to Transformative Change for Blue and Green Recovery*

*Integrated programs are defined by sharing several of the following characteristics:*

1

**Integration** of focal areas and approaches

2

Deliver **multiple** global environmental benefits

3

Complement country-level investments with **transboundary** action and impact at regional or global scales

4

Promote a global **platform** for coordination and technical support to country projects

5

Provides incentives for **country** participation

6

Delivers more **outcomes** than individual projects on same topic

**CARBON-NEUTRAL**

**POLLUTION-FREE**

**CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION**

- GHG Emissions avoided or reduced
- Carbon stocks sequestered
- Carbon stocks secured

**CHEMICALS AND WASTE**

- Hazardous chemicals eliminated
- POPs / mercury reduced or eliminated

**Ecosystem Restoration**

**Food Systems**

**Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator**

**Blue and Green Islands**

**Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution**

**Clean and Healthy Ocean**

**Sustainable Cities**

**Elimination of hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains**

**LAND DEGRADATION**

- Area of habitats and landscapes restored
- Area under sustainable management increased

**Amazon, Congo and Critical Forest Biomes**

**Wildlife Conservation for Development**

**Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development**

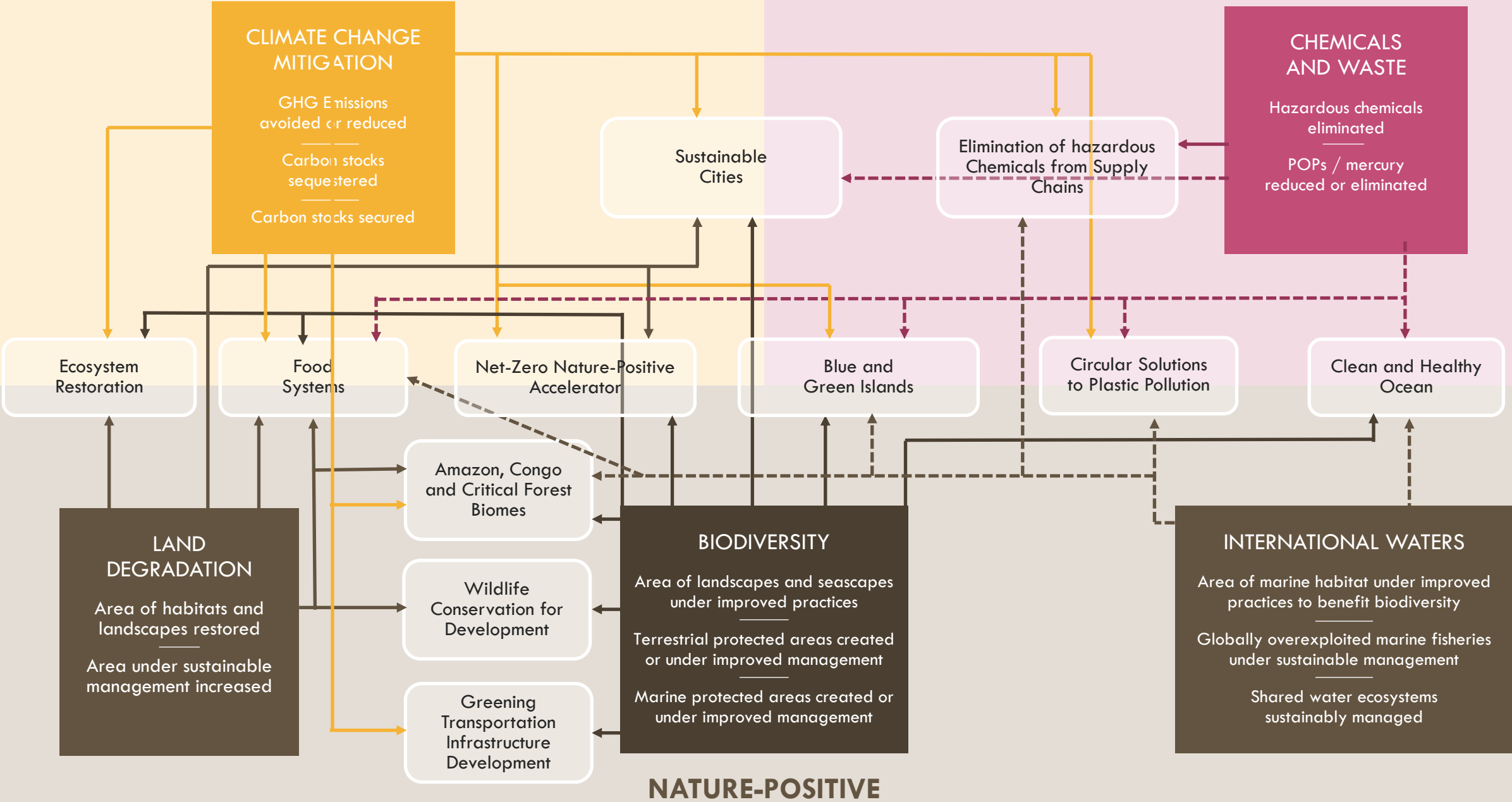
**BIODIVERSITY**

- Area of landscapes and seascapes under improved practices
- Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management
- Marine protected areas created or under improved management

**INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

- Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity
- Globally overexploited marine fisheries under sustainable management
- Shared water ecosystems sustainably managed

**NATURE-POSITIVE**





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