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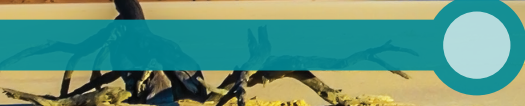
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ABOUT THE GEF-8 CORPORATE SCORECARD

The GEF-8 Corporate Scorecard is a comprehensive report on the performance of the Global Environment Facility during the GEF-8 period. In particular, the Scorecard reports on the progress made towards the achievement of the GEF-8 targets. It also looks at how the GEF is utilizing

resources available for its eighth replenishment cycle and making progress in the implementation of key policies. The Scorecard is published twice a year and this issue includes all projects approved from July 2022 up to and including the June 2023 Work Program.

FOREWORD

This second Corporate Scorecard of the GEF-8 cycle shows that the GEF continues to make transformative investments across key environmental areas. GEF-8 financing reached \$1.5 billion, almost thirty percent of the \$5.3 billion allocated for this phase. The latest Work Program is the largest ever on record since GEF inception.

The GEF is taking important steps to deliver positive and transformational outcomes under the *Healthy Planet, Healthy People* framework which sits at the core of the GEF-8 architecture. Project and program concepts to date are expected to support 123 million hectares of protected areas, place under restoration 6 million hectares of land and ecosystems, mitigate 1,135 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, improve the management of 12 shared water ecosystems, and reduce chemicals of global concern and their waste by 52 million tons. Altogether these investments will improve the quality of life of 16 million people.

Six of the GEF-8 Integrated Programs that have been programmed play a significant role in making progress against results targets. Programs account, for example, for 30 percent of the target for terrestrial protected areas and 41 percent of CO₂e emissions mitigated. These Integrated Programs cover 67 countries, about half of which are SIDS or LDCs, and will collectively mobilize \$5.6 billion in co-financing.

Across programming areas, the use of financing to support biodiversity achieved the most progress, standing at 36 percent. SIDS have already used 42 percent of their allocated STAR resources at the end of the first year of GEF-8 implementation.

The quality of programming contributes to significant environmental objectives, as demonstrated with progress under Rio Marker targets. This includes 83 percent of resources invested with climate objectives, 80 percent for biodiversity, and 70 percent for land restoration.

Resources mobilized are surpassing the overall portfolio co-financing ratio targeted for the GEF, by mobilizing \$7.5 for every “GEF dollar” invested. Co-financing from blended finance investments supporting nature, hydrogen and bioenergy reached a high 39:1 co-financing ratio. Co-financing includes dedicated investment resources corresponding to a ratio of 5.9:1, above targeted levels. Co-financing from the private sector reached nearly \$1.9 billion.

Country Engagement Strategy (CES) activities played an important role in facilitating the record level of programming by countries. Upstream Technical and National Dialogues held in 17 countries complemented 11 GEF-8 Roll-out Regional Workshops, where programming strategies were socialized with a particular focus on the Integrated Programs. Expanded Constituency Workshops, covering key GEF country partners from governments, Agencies, Conventions and CSOs, have resumed in person starting with the ten countries of the Southern Africa constituency. An interactive Introduction Seminar took place online over four days with the participation of 400 new members of the GEF Partnership.

Gender equality considerations and engagement with stakeholders are embedded into project and program design, as key elements to enhancing the delivery of Global Environmental Benefits. Agencies also indicated their intent to pursue further engagement with the private sector during project preparation.

As the GEF raises its ambitions to achieve environmental goals, media outreach and strategic communications amplify its efforts by promoting its achievements and contributions through stories on high-impact investments, targeted publications, digital presence, and participation in global events.

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1. CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERATION OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Projects and programs deliver significant levels of expected results for GEF-8 against the Core Indicator targets, presented here along the results areas of the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework and highlighting the contribution of Integrated Programs.

CORE INDICATORS

SHARE OF TARGETS

GEF-8 TARGETS

CONSERVING & SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY

Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management (million ha)



Marine protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)



Area of landscapes under improved practices* (million hectares)

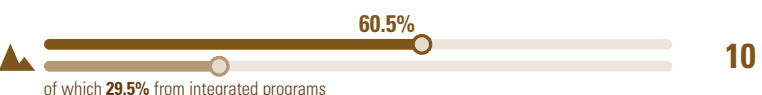


Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)



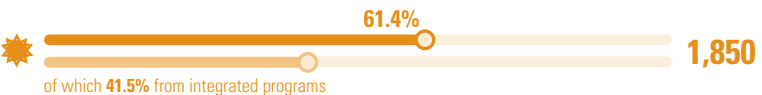
SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND

Area of land and ecosystems under restoration (million hectares)



REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS

Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (million metric tons of CO₂e)



STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management



Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (million metric tons)



REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE

Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (thousand metric tons)



Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)








*This Core Indicator also includes a target of 85 million hectares for its sub-indicator ‘Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems’ shared with the grouping of indicators ‘Sustainably Managing and Restoring Land’ under the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework. To date, 30.3 percent of this sub-indicator target is achieved, including 6.7 percent from integrated programs.



The GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework is organized around five results areas, which group together Core Indicators on Global Environmental Benefits, associated sub-indicators and sex-disaggregated metrics on direct beneficiaries.

CONSERVING AND SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY

VALUE

	Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)	48.9
	– of which newly created (million hectares)	1.9
	– of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	47.1
	Marine protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use (million hectares)	73.9
	– of which newly created (million hectares)	2.4
	– of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	71.5
	Area of landscapes under improved practices* (million hectares)	73.3
	– of which under improved management to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	44.6
	– of which that meets third-party certification (million hectares)	2.6
	– of which of High Conservation Value or other forest loss avoided (million hectares)	0.4
	Terrestrial OECMs supported (million hectares)	11.9
	Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	31.6
	Fisheries under third-party certification incorporating biodiversity considerations (count)	2.0
	Marine OECMs supported (million hectares)	0.0
	People benefiting from the conservation, sustainable use or restoration of biodiversity (million)	5.8
	– of whom women	2.9

SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND

	Area of land and ecosystems under restoration (million hectares)	6.0
	– of which degraded agricultural lands under restoration (million hectares)	3.2
	– of which forest and forest land under restoration (million hectares)	1.7
	– of which natural grass and woodlands under restoration (million hectares)	1.0
	– of which wetlands (including estuaries and mangroves) under restoration (million hectares)	0.2
	Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems (million hectares)	25.7
	People benefiting from sustainable land management and restoration investments (million)	1.4
	– of whom women	0.7

* The indicator ‘Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems’ contributes to the Core Indicator “Area of landscapes under improved practices” located under the ‘Conserving and sustainably using biodiversity’ results area.

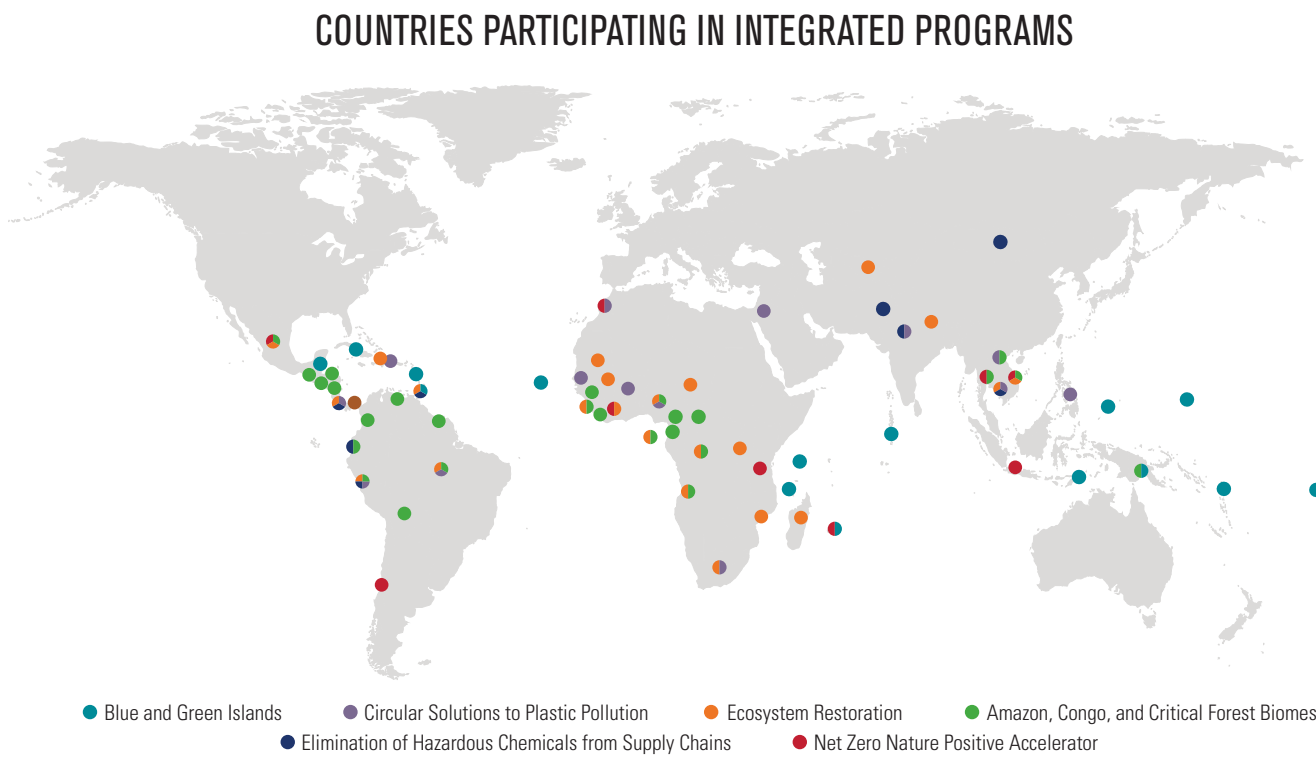
REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS	VALUE
Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (million metric tons of CO₂e)	1,135.4
– of which carbon sequestered or emissions avoided in the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO ₂ e)	845.8
– of which emissions avoided outside of the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO ₂ e)	289.5
– Energy saved (gigawatt hours)	39,494.0
– Installed renewable energy capacity (mega watts)	414.0
People benefiting from climate change mitigation support (million)	2.1
– of whom women	1.0

STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT	
Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management (count)	13.0
– Level of Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Program formulation and implementation (1 Low – 4 High)	2.0
– Level of regional legal agreements and regional management institution(s) to support its implementation (1 Low – 4 High)	2.0
– Level of national/local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees (1 Low – 4 High)	2.0
– Level of engagement in IW:LEARN through participation and delivery of key products (1 Low – 4 High)	2.0
Globally over-exploited fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (thousand metric tons)	317.2
– Large Marine Ecosystems with reduced pollution and hypoxia (number)	5.0
People benefiting from transboundary water management (million)	0.7
– of whom women	0.4

REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE	
Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (thousand metric tons)	52.1
– of which persistent organic pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed (POPs type) (thousand metric tons)	44.5
– of which mercury reduced (thousand metric tons)	0.3
– of which hydrochlorofluorocarbons reduced/phased out (metric tons)	0.0
– of which highly hazardous pesticides eliminated (metric tons)	7.3
Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control chemicals and waste (number)	20.0
Low-chemical/non-chemical systems implemented, particularly in food production, manufacturing, and cities (number)	12.0
POPs/Mercury containing materials and products directly avoided (million metric tons)	0.0
Avoided residual plastic waste (thousand metric tons)	2,577.3
Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)	1,704.7
Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control emissions of POPs to air (metric tons)	0.0
Emission control technologies/practices implemented (number)	0.0
People benefiting from reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals (million)	6.0
– of whom women	3.1

2. INTEGRATED AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Integrated Programs are poised to deliver environmental benefits on a large scale in GEF-8. To date, a total of 67 countries are participating in these programs, with some in more than one program.



Note: A pie chart representing different programs is used for each country participating in multiple programs.

PROGRAMMED FINANCING AGAINST GEF-8 RESOURCES FOR INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

53.5%				
INTEGRATED PROGRAMS	Countries	SIDS	LDCs	Total Financing (\$m)
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	26	3	8	291.2
Blue and Green Islands	15	15	3	135.6
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	15	2	4	107.9
Ecosystem Restoration	20	2	13	205.0
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	8	1	1	51.3
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator	12	2	1	110.0
Total	67	25	30	901.1
PROGRAM				
Global Programme to Support Countries to Upscale Integrated Electric Mobility Systems	7	3	3	24.8

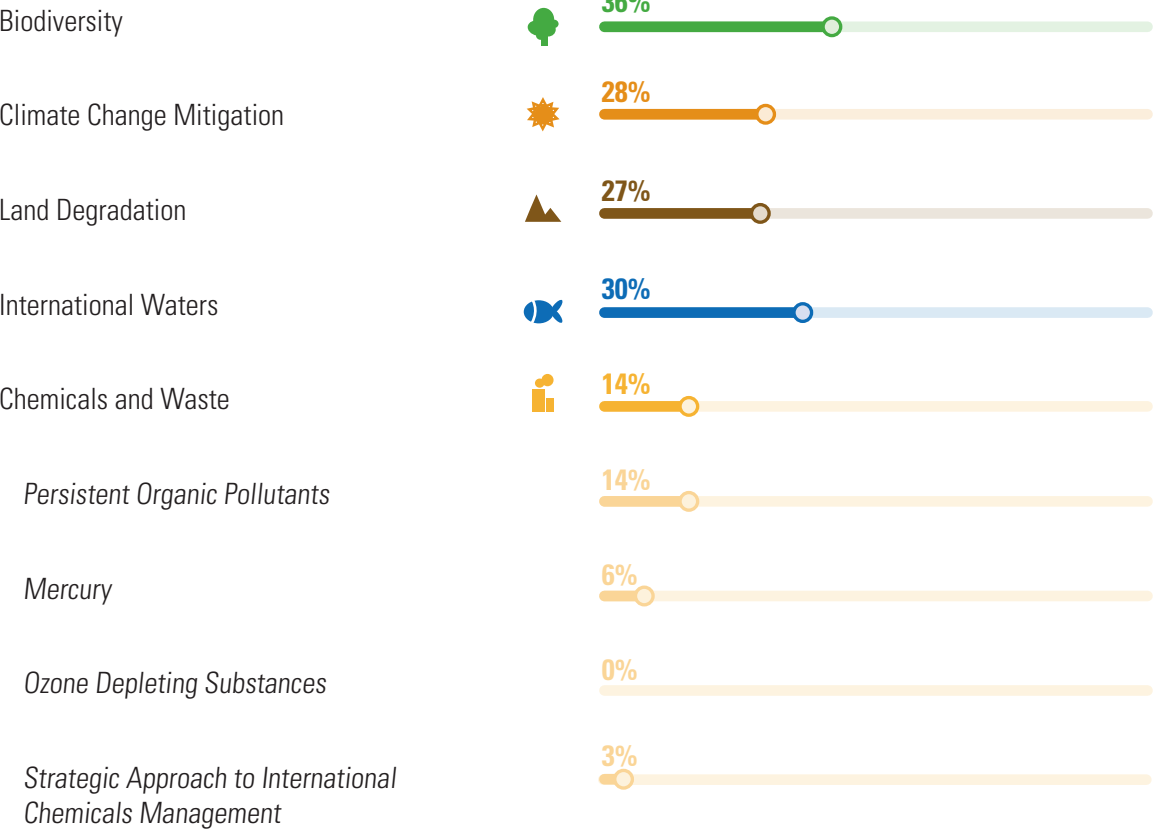
Note: some countries are part of both the SIDS and LDCs country groups.

3. PROGRAMMING BY FOCAL AREA

This section summarizes the progress made in programming GEF-8 resources to date. It provides a cumulative summary of GEF-8 utilization of funds against the programming envelopes established during the GEF-8 Replenishment.

GEF TRUST FUND

FOCAL AREAS



NON-GRANT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM



INNOVATIONS WINDOW

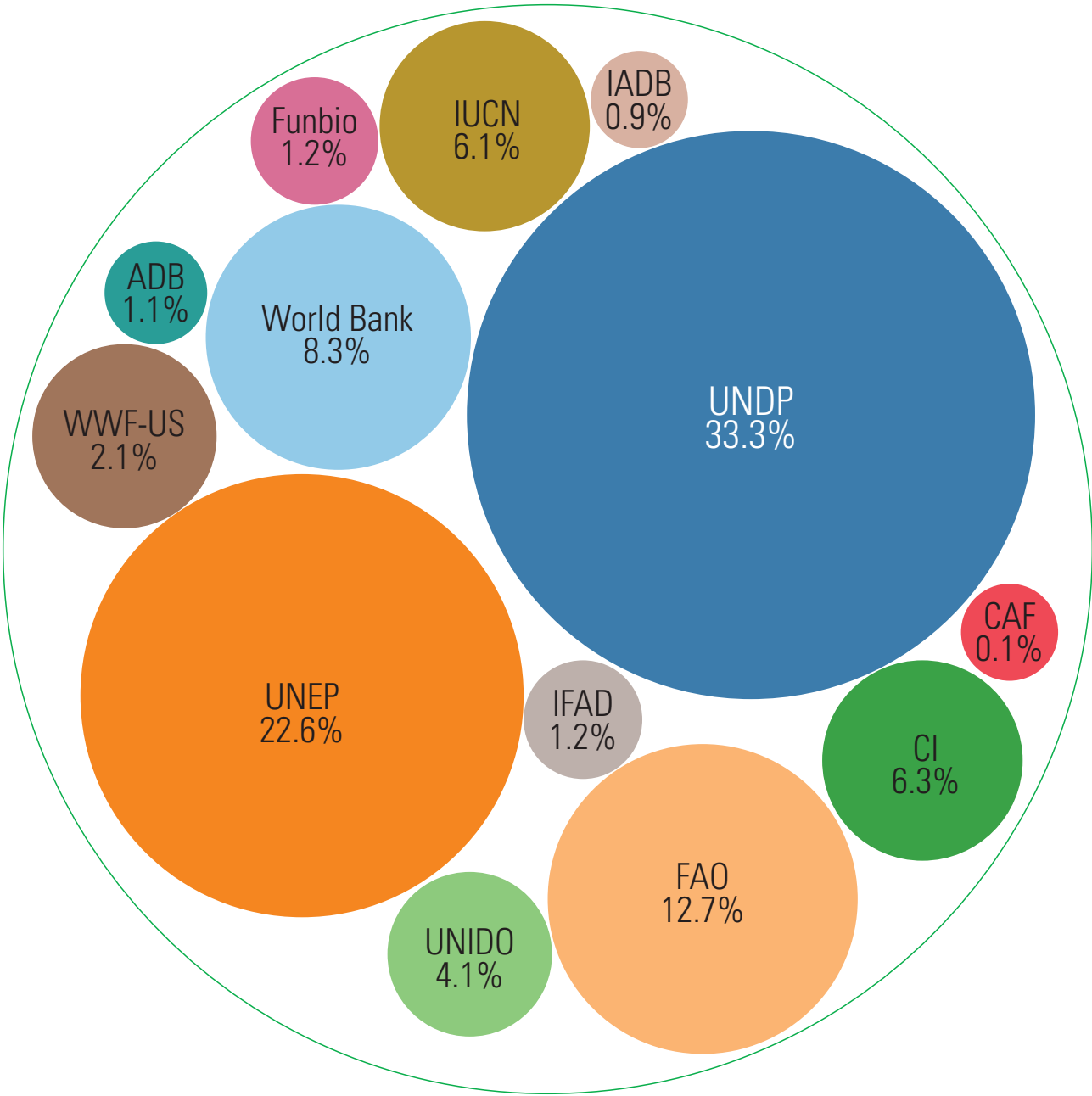


SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME



4. PROGRAMMING BY GEF AGENCY

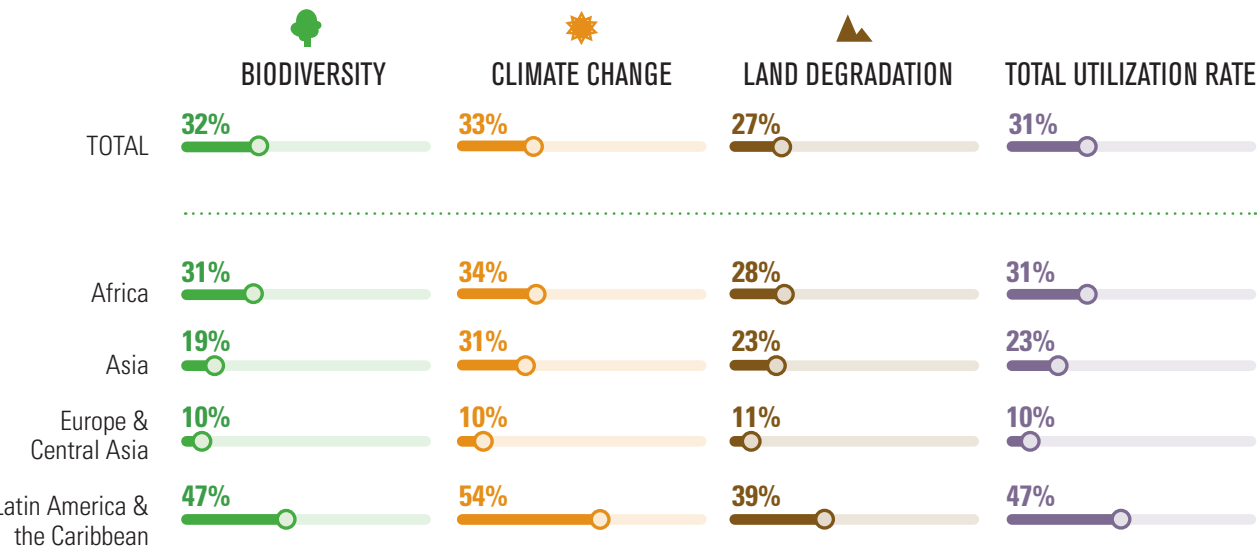
GEF agencies submit new projects and programs in GEF-8 in response to country demand. The data shown here reflects the respective Agency share of cumulative programming in GEF-8.



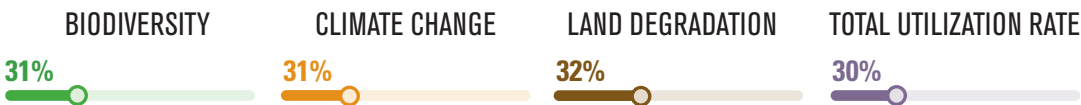
5. SYSTEM FOR TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Utilization of resources allocated to countries under the System for the Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) is increasing across the three focal areas it covers—biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation—and in every region.

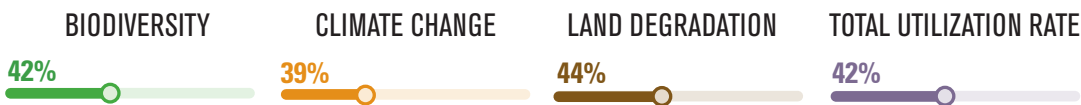
GEF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

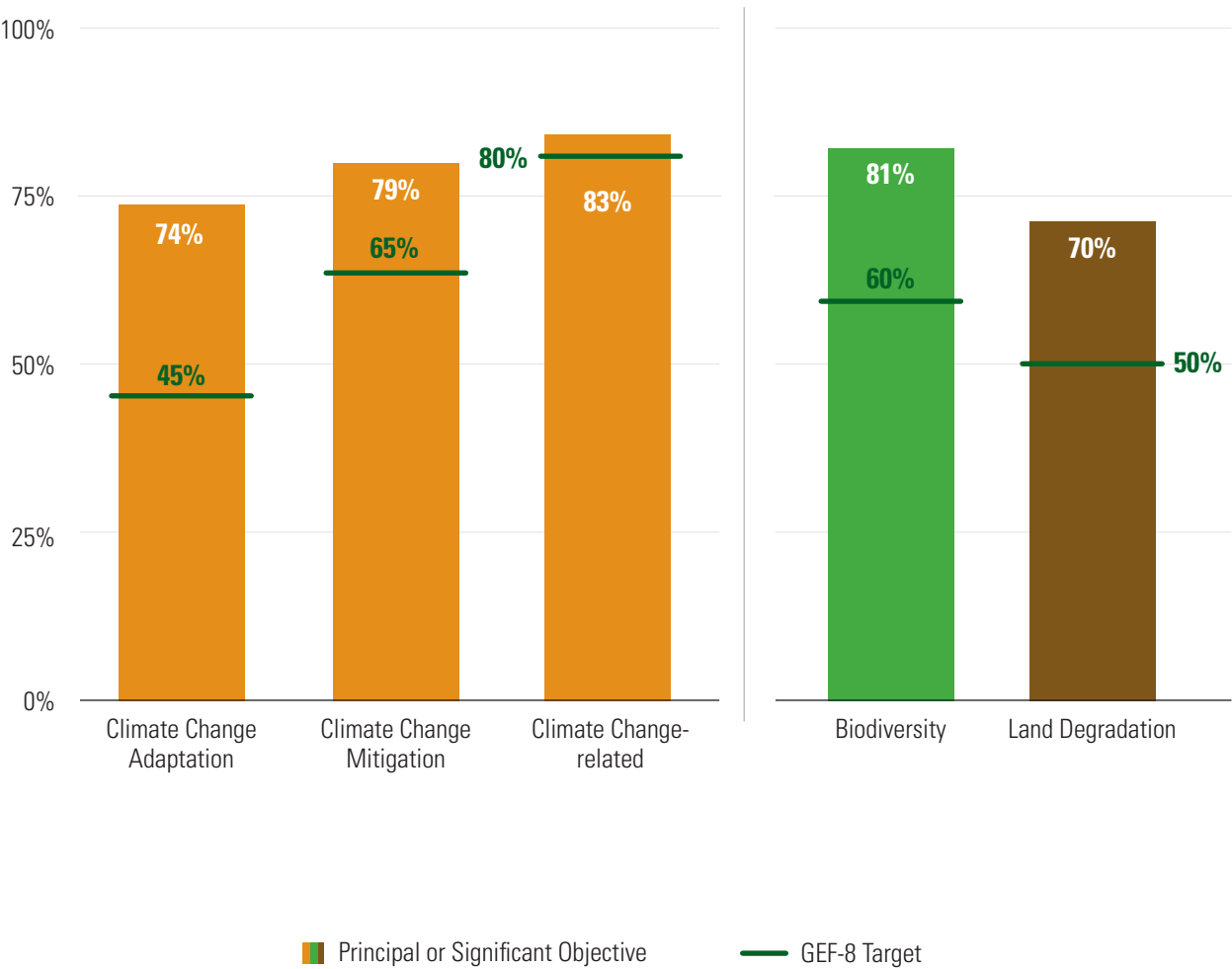


SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)



6. BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE, AND LAND DEGRADATION FINANCING

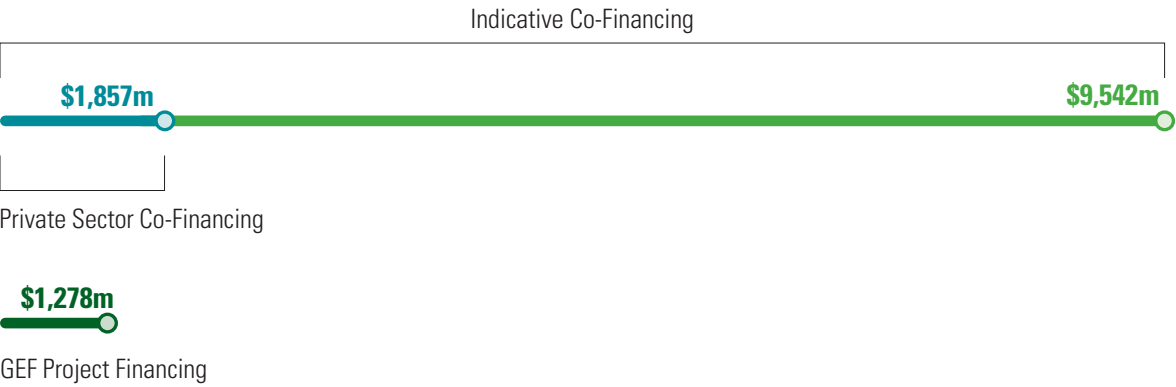
GEF-8 financing contributing toward Biodiversity, Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Mitigation, and Land Degradation as a principal or significant objective is tracked against indicative targets covering GEF-8 investments to date, consistent with the OECD DAC Rio Marker methodology. Climate-related financing refers to any GEF-8 investment marked as having a principal or significant objective for Climate Change Adaptation and/or Mitigation.



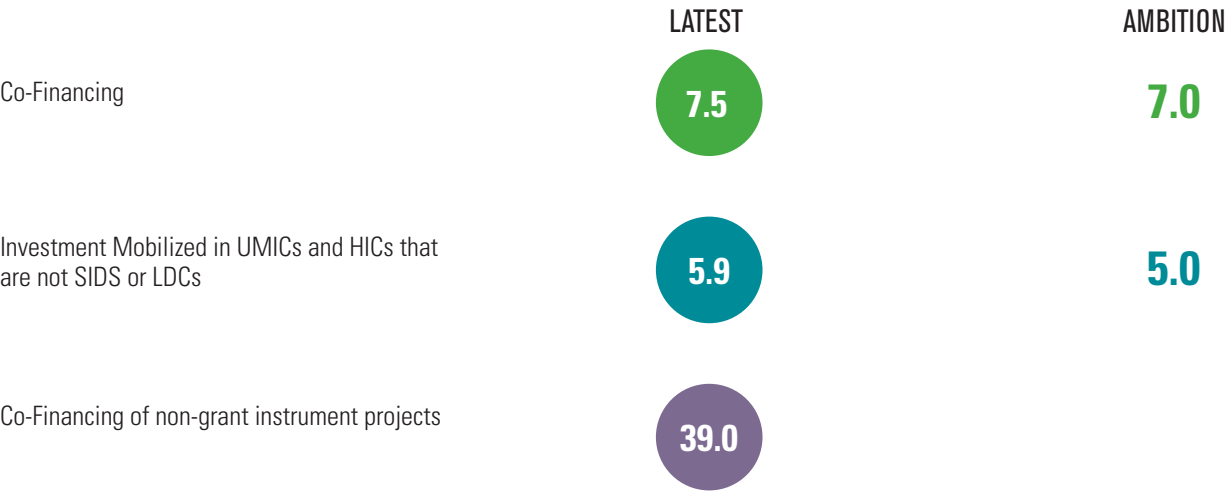
7. CO-FINANCING

The Policy on Co-Financing sets out a goal for the overall GEF portfolio to reach a ratio of co-financing to GEF project financing of at least 7:1, and for the portfolio of projects and programs approved in Upper-Middle Income Countries and High-Income Countries that are not Small Island Developing States or Least Developed Countries to reach a ratio of investment mobilized to GEF project financing of at least 5:1. Co-Financing means financing that is additional to GEF Project Financing, and that supports the implementation of a GEF-financed project or program and the achievement of its objectives. Investment Mobilized means Co-Financing that excludes recurrent expenditures. Enabling Activities qualify for full agreed costs funding from the GEF; there is no co-finance requirement for Enabling Activities.

GEF FINANCING VS. CO-FINANCING



INDICATIVE RATIOS OF RESOURCES MOBILIZED TO GEF PROJECT FINANCING IN GEF-8 (X:1)

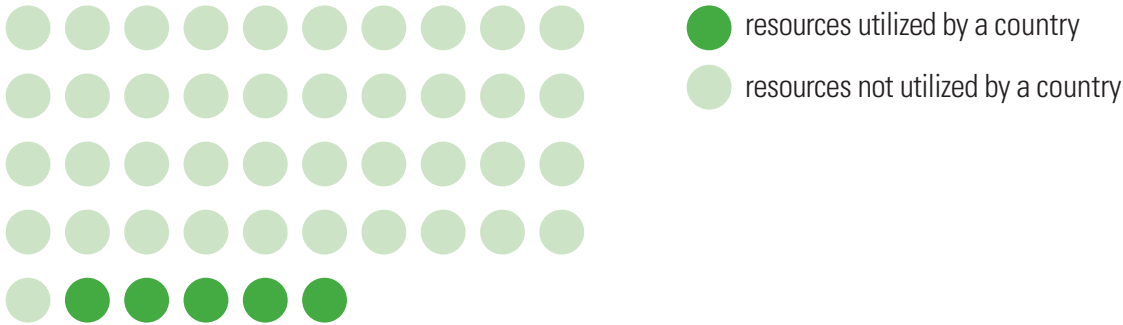


8. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The GEF-8 Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) results framework is linked to the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). Core Indicators track the progress in Adaptation Benefits, including beneficiaries disaggregated by gender. This section depicts the expected results from approved projects and programs.

USE OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$71.7 million. Out of 46 Least Developed Countries, five have used LDCF resources (Bhutan, Cambodia, Comoros, Djibouti, Zambia)



USE OF SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$3.5 million.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CORE INDICATORS

Core Indicator	Total
Direct beneficiaries (number) - of whom women	732,937 365,611
Area of land managed for climate resilience (hectare)	384,528
Coastal or marine area managed for climate resilience (hectare)	2,650
Policies, plans, and frameworks that will mainstream climate resilience (number)	68
People trained or with awareness raised (number) - of whom women	358,278 179,316
Private sector enterprises engaged in climate change adaptation and resilience action (number)	158

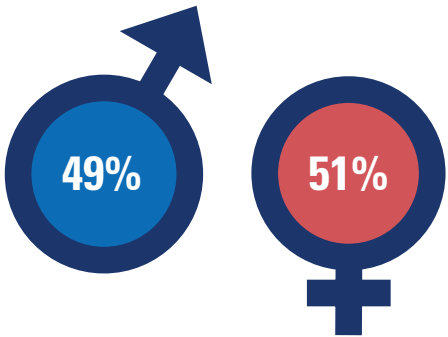
9. GENDER EQUALITY

Without greater equality between men and women, the world will not meet its environment objectives. That’s why the GEF is making sure that projects are gender informed, giving women and men equal opportunities to contribute and benefit from them.

QUALITY AT ENTRY OF GEF-8 PROJECT CONCEPTS



PERCENTAGE OF ANTICIPATED GEF BENEFICIARIES THAT ARE FEMALE AND MALE



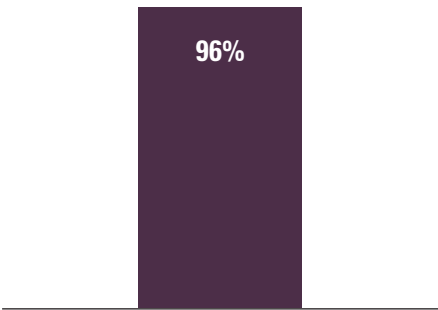
10. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Including stakeholders—civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and the private sector—in preparing projects and defining their expected roles during implementation is key in strengthening the overall impact of a project. The data show that over three-quarters of projects consulted and took into account civil society and the private sector in their design. Not all projects have Indigenous Peoples or private sector as stakeholders. Therefore, the percentages are expected to be lower than those reported for civil society.

CONSULTATION IN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

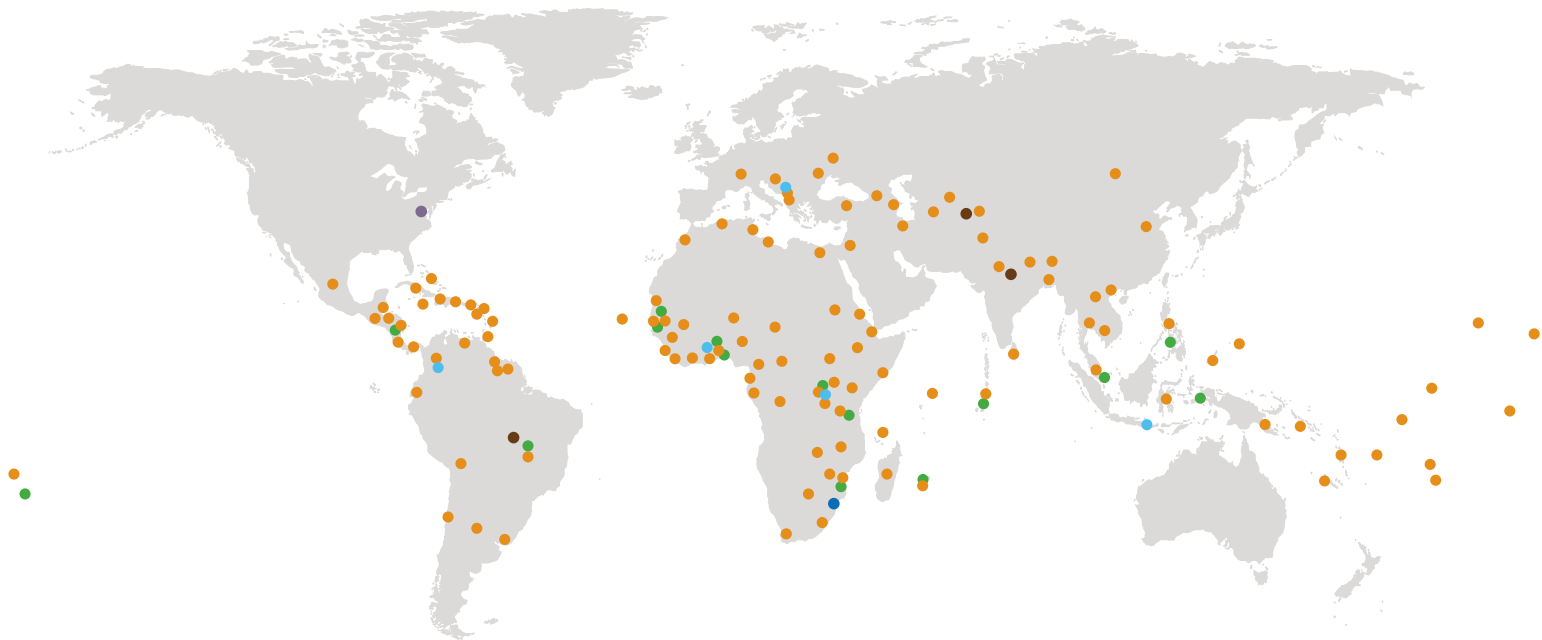


PLANNED PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT DURING IMPLEMENTATION



11. COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Country Engagement Strategy (CES) empowers countries to improve portfolio progress and maximize the impact of GEF resources, including through capacity strengthening activities, upstream country engagement and country-specific knowledge activities. To date, 11 Regional GEF-8 roll-out workshops and 17 Upstream Technical and National Dialogues helped countries identify programming priorities for GEF-8. The online GEF calendar provides information on CES events.




● GEF-8 Roll-Out Regional Workshops ● Countries participating in GEF-8 Roll-out Workshops ● Upstream Technical and National Dialogues

ADDITIONAL COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY ACTIVITIES SINCE JULY 2022 INCLUDE:


- 5 Constituency Meetings
- 1 Expanded Constituency Workshops
- 1 Introduction Seminar

12. COMMUNICATIONS




7045
MEDIA MENTIONS

Number of times GEF is mentioned in English, Spanish, and French language online media.




213
NEWSROOM CONTENT

Number of news and feature stories, press releases, blogs, publications, videos, and stories from partners posted on the GEF website.



2,175,476
WEB/CONTENT ENGAGEMENT

Number of times visitors viewed pages on the GEF website and videos on the GEF YouTube channel.



17,400+
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

Number of subscribers to the GEF newsletter and announcements campaign list.

 **SOCIAL MEDIA = 325,245** Total number of followers of GEF social media accounts: Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram.

In April 2023, the Global Environment Facility launched a new brand identity to reflect the expanded scope of its work to protect and restore the planet’s health. GEF CEO Carlos Manuel Rodríguez said the new logo, which adds blue to the green “planet” shape, represented the increased ambition to end degradation of the planet in all its forms, including through the “30x30” goal to protect 30 percent of the world’s ocean and land by 2030.

Other recent highlights include an update to the decade-old GEF communications and visibility policy, submitted to Council for consideration in June 2023, and a new impetus to improve coordination of communication activities across the GEF partnership for greater collective impact



These efforts built upon major momentum and media visibility for the GEF at the Convention on Biological Diversity COP15, held in Montreal, where countries decided to establish a new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to be housed at the GEF.

In Montreal, the first-ever GEF Pavilion served as meeting point and platform for events and networking opportunities connecting professionals and stakeholders across the partnership.


NEW AND UPDATED PUBLICATIONS




13. KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING

The GEF promotes online learning to strengthen the quality and impact of its investments. It has further increased its reach by making classes available in different languages. Since 2022, the Introduction to the GEF has been taken by 372 participants and 224 participants registered for the GEF Results Framework e-courses. Over 2000 participants received a certificate upon completion of the e-course on gender and the environment.


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Introduction to the
Global Environment Facility



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In addition, South-South learning sessions took place, allowing countries to share lessons learned from GEF investments. These sessions also provided opportunities to exchange about project design and implementation challenges, as well as share experiences among a range of stakeholders: government representatives, experts and CSOs.

SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGE:

Learning from eight Indonesian projects at the GEF-8 Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop in Indonesia (January 10, 2023)



Learning from four LDCF projects in Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, and Togo at the Regional Programming and Strategy Workshop for Least Developed Countries in Senegal (April 24, 2023)



Field visit to learn from LDCF project in Senegal at the Regional Programming and Strategy Workshop for Least Developed Countries in Senegal (April 26, 2023)



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