



# GEF-8 SCORECARD DECEMBER 2024



# 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 toward 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; this issue includes all projects approved from July 2022 to date, including the December 2024 Work Program.

## FOREWORD

Six months past the halfway mark of the GEF-8 implementation period, concrete and measurable progress is evident: the GEF is on track to achieve its ten environmental results targets, with three already surpassed—marine protected areas, greenhouse gas emissions, and sustainable marine fisheries—and five others exceeding 75 percent of their goals. Additionally, 70 percent of allocated resources have been utilized by countries, and co-financing surpasses established targets.

High-impact investments under GEF-8 are driving significant global environmental outcomes. These efforts aim to support 213 million hectares of protected areas, place under restoration 9.1 million hectares of land and ecosystems, mitigate 1,885.5 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions, enhance the management of 35 shared water ecosystems, and eliminate 261.7 thousand metric tons of harmful chemicals and waste. The December 2024 Work Program further expands this impact, contributing to target the plastic life cycle toward circularity and zero waste, with a projected total of 4.7 million tons of residual plastic waste avoided across GEF-8 Work Programs.

Countries are utilizing resources most rapidly in the biodiversity and land degradation focal areas, with 74 percent of allocated funds committed to approved projects and programs, closely followed by investments in chemicals and waste. Notably, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) have demonstrated swift and robust demand, utilizing around 70% of their allocations, highlighting the significant needs to secure GEF financing.

The GEF provides critical financing to address global environmental challenges, including biodiversity conservation, climate change, and land restoration. This is evident in the surpassing of Rio marker targets: 85 percent of financing is allocated to climate objectives, 75 percent to biodiversity, and 61 percent to land restoration. Cumulative shares for biodiversity and land restoration objectives have slightly decreased from their previous highs of 81% and 66%, respectively, due to nearly half of the December Work Program being allocated to chemicals and waste.

Resources mobilized have exceeded the GEF-8 co-financing target, with \$8.50 generated for every GEF dollar invested, totaling over \$26.8 billion in co-financing. The private sector's contribution is expected to reach nearly \$7 billion. Blended finance investments for nature and climate show a co-financing ratio of 24.1:1. Overall, the invested co-financing for the GEF-8 portfolio (net of recurrent expenditures) has reached a ratio of 6.3:1, surpassing the target.

The Country Engagement Strategy (CES) plays a key role in driving substantial and quality programming across countries. As part of this effort, 13 Regional GEF-8 Roll-out Workshops were conducted, complemented by Upstream Technical and National Dialogues in 61 countries. These dialogues focused on promoting programming strategies, especially Integrated Programs. Additionally, Expanded Constituency Workshops are placing a greater emphasis on integrated approaches, bringing together government representatives, agencies, conventions, and civil society organizations, across regions.

Incorporating gender equality and actively involving stakeholders are key elements in GEF projects and programs, strengthening the achievement of global environmental outcomes. Agencies have also pledged to enhance their engagement with Indigenous Peoples and the private sector during the project preparation phase.

Key outputs of the Knowledge Management and Learning Strategy include flagship publications on conservation trust funds and land degradation neutrality, along with learning events on integrated approaches and results-based tool for climate.

As the GEF's mandate expands, strategic communications and media outreach are becoming even more vital. Implementing the communication and visibility policy, the GEF promotes achievements and contributions across the partnership through engaging storytelling, targeted publications, a strong digital presence, and active 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 hectares)



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 CO<sub>2</sub>e)



### 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, 53 percent of this sub-indicator target are achieved, including 16 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

	<b>Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)</b>	<b>89.8</b>
	- of which newly created (million hectares)	6.7
	- of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	83.1
	<b>Marine protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)</b>	<b>123.2</b>
	- of which newly created (million hectares)	22.3
	- of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	100.9
	<b>Area of landscapes under improved practices* (million hectares)</b>	<b>135.2</b>
	- of which under improved management to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	84.9
	- of which that meets third-party certification (million hectares)	2.7
	- of which of High Conservation Value or other forest loss avoided (million hectares)	2.8
	Terrestrial OECMs supported (million hectares)	14.9
	<b>Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)</b>	<b>58.9</b>
	Fisheries under third-party certification incorporating biodiversity considerations (count)	302,082
	Marine OECMs supported (million hectares)	10.4
	<b>People benefiting from the conservation, sustainable use or restoration of biodiversity (million)</b>	<b>28.2</b>
	- of whom women	14.0

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND

	<b>Area of land and ecosystems under restoration (million hectares)</b>	<b>9.1</b>
	- of which degraded agricultural land under restoration (million hectares)	4.3
	- of which forest and forest land under restoration (million hectares)	2.4
	- of which natural grass and woodlands under restoration (million hectares)	1.9
	- of which wetlands (including estuaries and mangroves) under restoration (million hectares)	0.5
	Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems (million hectares)	44.8
	<b>People benefiting from sustainable land management and restoration investments (million)</b>	<b>9.2</b>
	- of whom women	4.6

\*The indicator 'Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems' contributes to this Core Indicator. It is located under the 'Sustainably Managing and Restoring Land' results area.

## REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS

VALUE

	<b>Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>1,885.5</b>
	- of which carbon sequestered or emissions avoided in the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e)	1,325.4
	- of which emissions avoided outside of the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e)	560.1
	- Energy saved (gigawatt hours)	112,654.2
	- Installed renewable energy capacity (megawatts)	3,973.0
	<b>People benefiting from climate change mitigation support (million)</b>	<b>15.9</b>
	- of whom women	8.1

## STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

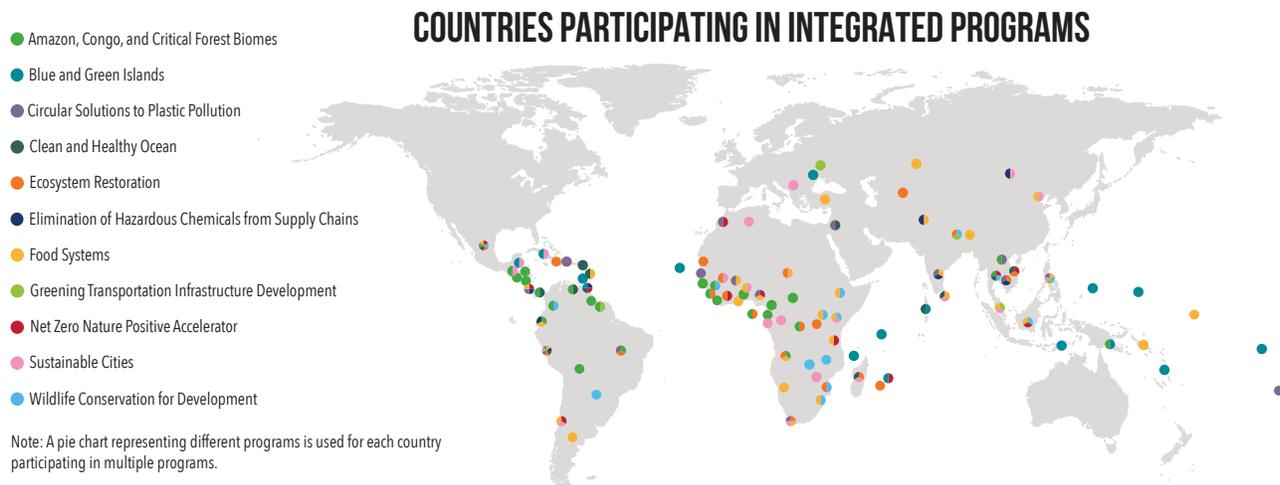
	<b>Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management (count)</b>	<b>35.0</b>
	- Level of Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Program formulation and implementation (1 Low - 4 High)	2.2
	- Level of regional legal agreements and regional management institution(s) to support its implementation (1 Low - 4 High)	2.2
	- Level of national/local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees (1 Low - 4 High)	1.8
	- Level of engagement in IW:LEARN through participation and delivery of key products (1 Low - 4 High)	1.5
	<b>Globally over-exploited fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (million metric tons)</b>	<b>3.5</b>
	- Large Marine Ecosystems with reduced pollution and hypoxia (number)	11.0
	<b>People benefiting from transboundary water management (million)</b>	<b>3.0</b>
	- of whom women	1.4

## REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE

	<b>Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (thousand metric tons)</b>	<b>261.7</b>
	- of which persistent organic pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed (POPs type) (thousand metric tons)	157.8
	- of which mercury reduced (thousand metric tons)	1.0
	- of which hydrochlorofluorocarbons reduced/phased out (metric tons)	6.1
	- of which highly hazardous pesticides eliminated (metric tons)	96.8
	Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control chemicals and waste (number)	35.0
	Low-chemical/non-chemical systems implemented, particularly in food production, manufacturing, and cities (number)	31.0
	POPs/Mercury containing materials and products directly avoided (thousand metric tons)	601.7
	<b>Avoided residual plastic waste (thousand metric tons)</b>	<b>4,682.7</b>
	<b>Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)</b>	<b>4,447.0</b>
	Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control emissions of POPs to air (metric tons)	21.0
	Emission control technologies/practices implemented (number)	25.0
	<b>People benefiting from reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals (million)</b>	<b>46.2</b>
	- of whom women	23.3

## 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 98 countries are participating in these programs, with some in more than one program.



### PROGRAMMED FINANCING AGAINST GEF-8 RESOURCES FOR INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

98.5%

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS	Countries	SIDS	LDCs	Total Financing (\$m)
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	28	5	10	306.6
Blue and Green Islands	15	15	2	135.6
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	15	2	4	107.9
Clean and Healthy Ocean	14	4	1	112.4
Ecosystem Restoration	20	2	13	205.0
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	8	1	1	51.3
Food Systems	32	3	9	281.5
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	5	1	1	26.8
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator	12	2	1	110.0
Sustainable Cities	20	2	3	169.5
Wildlife Conservation for Development	15	-	7	150.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,657.0</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>				
Global Programme to Support Countries to Upscale Integrated Electric Mobility Systems	9	4	4	28.3
Global Clean Hydrogen Programme	9	-	-	16.5
Central Asia Water and Land Nexus (CAWLN) for Ecosystem Restoration, Improved Natural Resource Management and Increased Resilience	5	-	-	29.4
Global Chemicals Monitoring Programme to support implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions (GCMP)	Global	-	-	26.5
Global Electronics Management (GEM) Program	16	6	-	67.3
Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative- TALSISI-GGWI	9	7	-	43.9
Global Elimination Program for PCB (GEP-PCB)	6	-	2	48.9
Integrated Collaborative Approaches for Sustainable Tourism (iCOAST)	14	6	-	91.7
Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Plus (FARM+)	8	-	2	60.0

Notes: 'Total' reflects unique count of countries. Some countries are part of both the SIDS and LDCs country groups. Total financing includes projects financing, agency fee, PPG, and PPG fee.

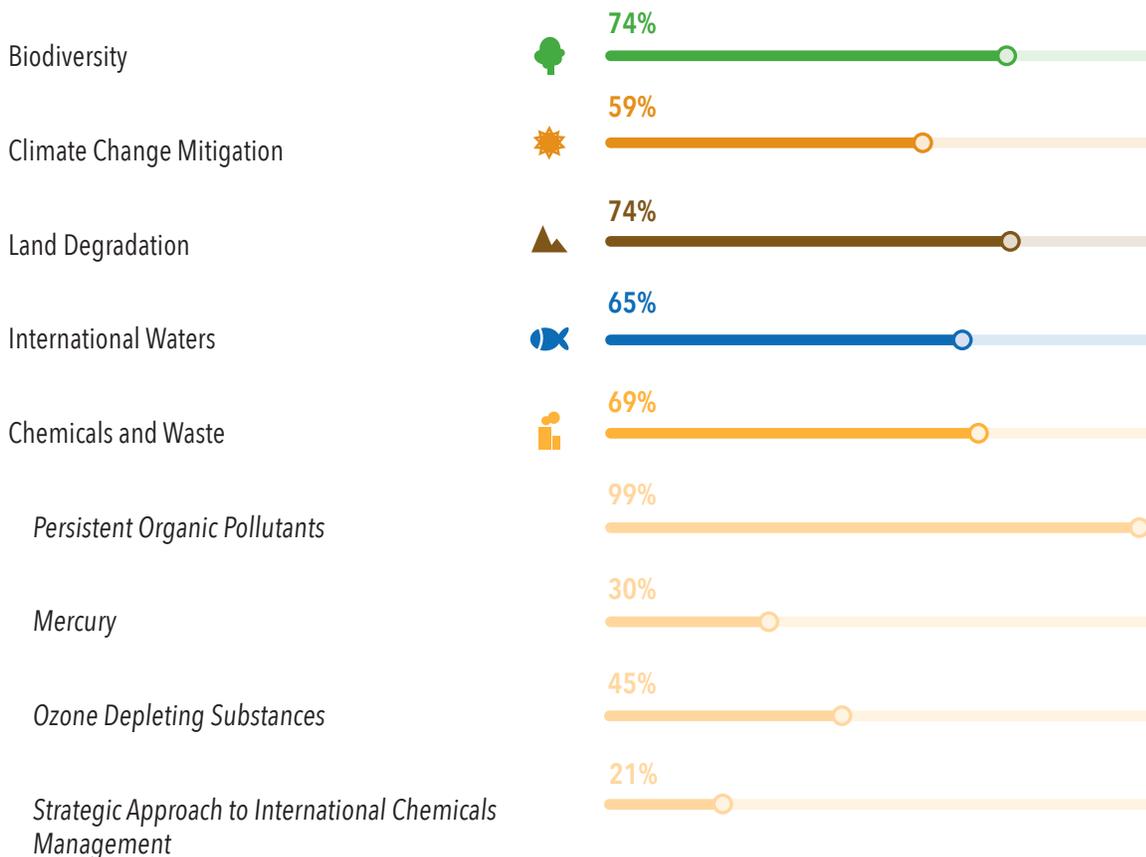
### 3. PROGRAMMING BY FOCAL AREA

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

##### UTILIZATION RATE



##### NON-GRANT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM



##### INNOVATIONS WINDOW

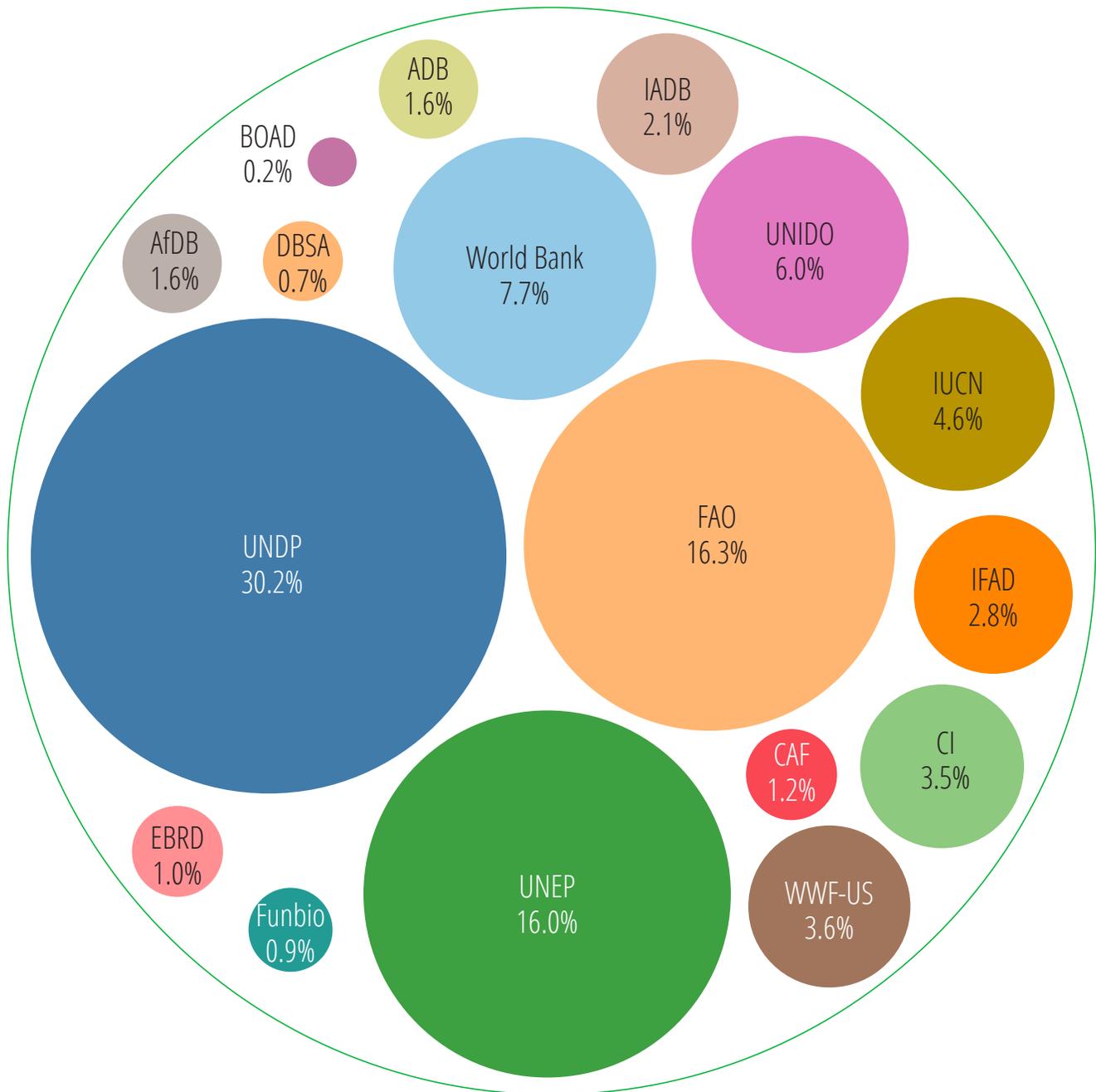


##### SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME



## 4. PROGRAMMING BY GEF AGENCY

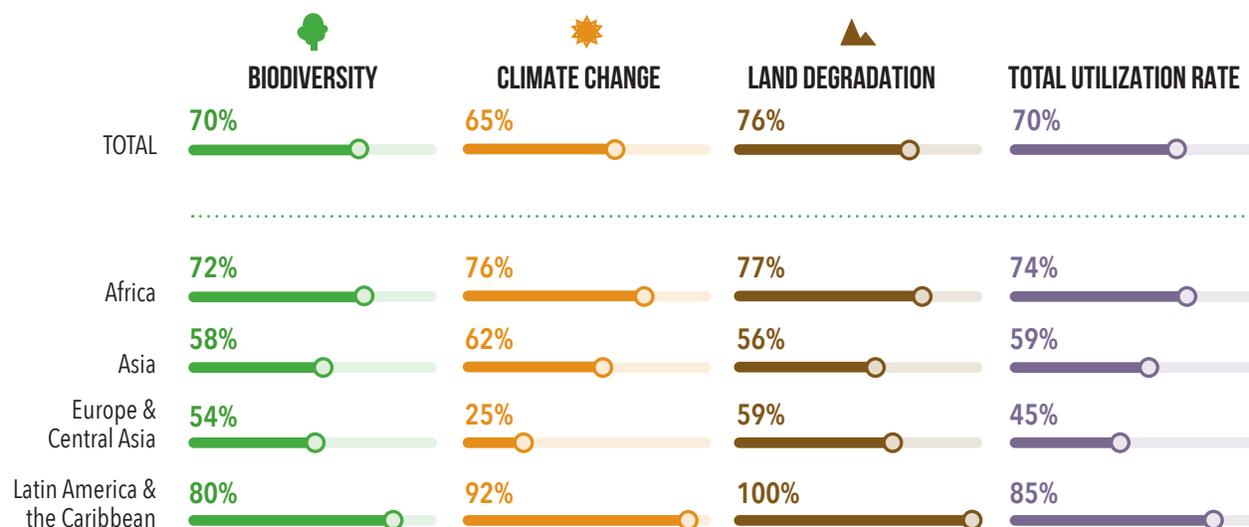
GEF agencies submit new projects and programs in GEF-8 in response to country demand. The data shown here reflects the respective agency share of cumulative programming in GEF-8.



## 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.

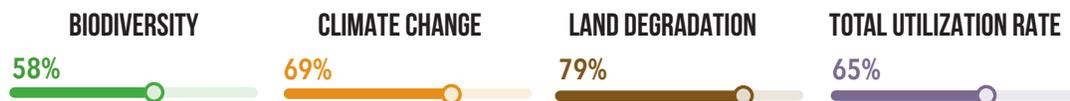
### GEF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



### LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

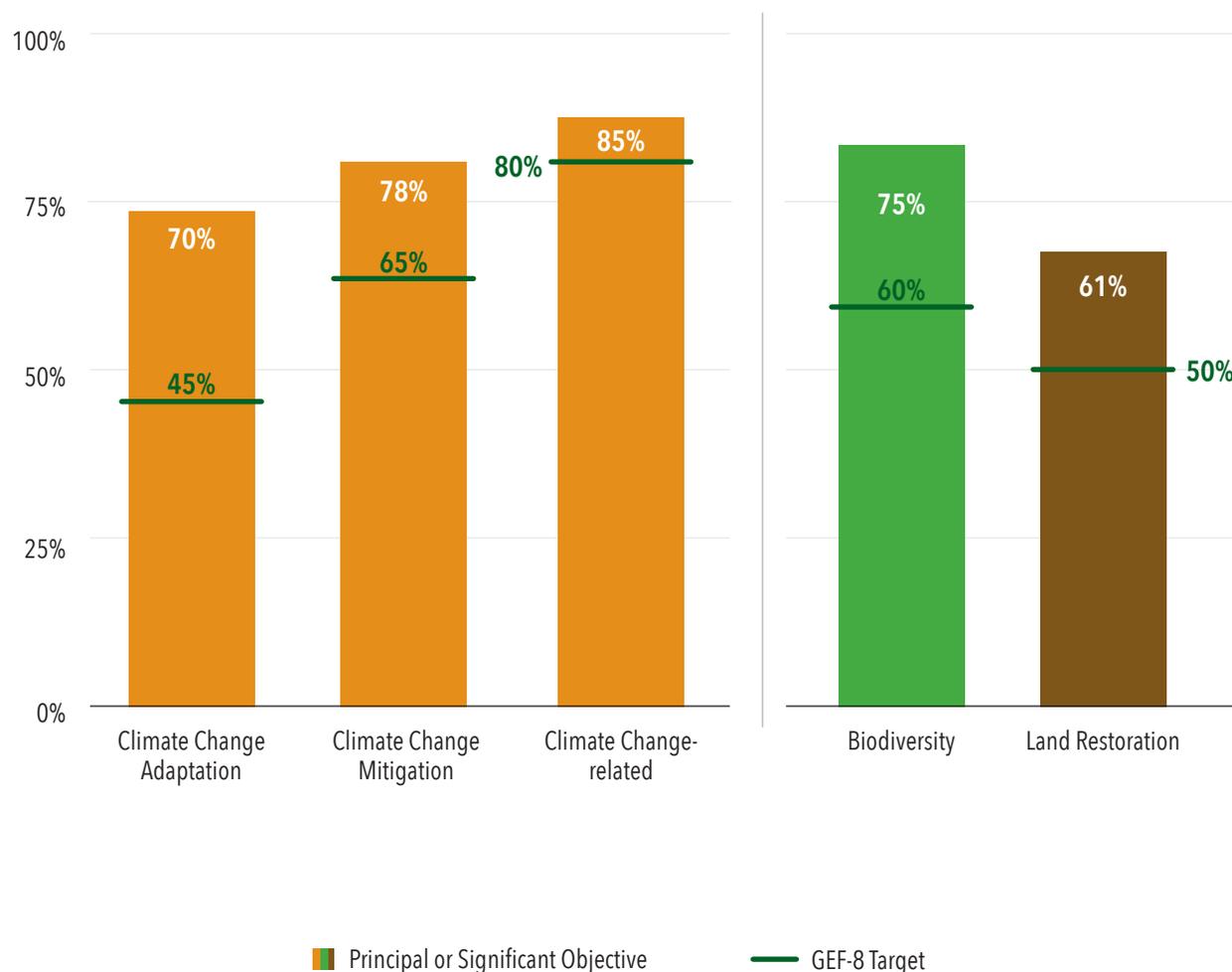


### SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)



## 6. BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE, AND LAND DEGRADATION FINANCING

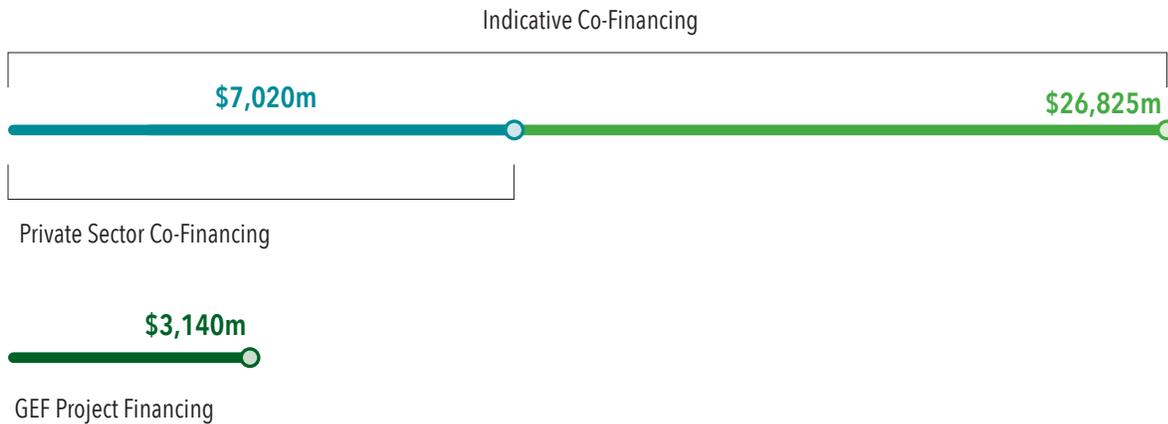
GEF financing contributing toward biodiversity, climate change adaptation, climate change mitigation, and land degradation as a principal or significant objective is tracked against indicative targets, consistent with the OECD DAC Rio marker methodology. Climate-related financing refers to any GEF investment considered as principal or significant 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)

	LATEST	AMBITION
Co-Financing	8.5	7.0
Investment Mobilized in UMICs and HICs That Are Not SIDS or LDCs	6.3	5.0
Co-Financing of Non-Grant Instrument Projects	24.1	

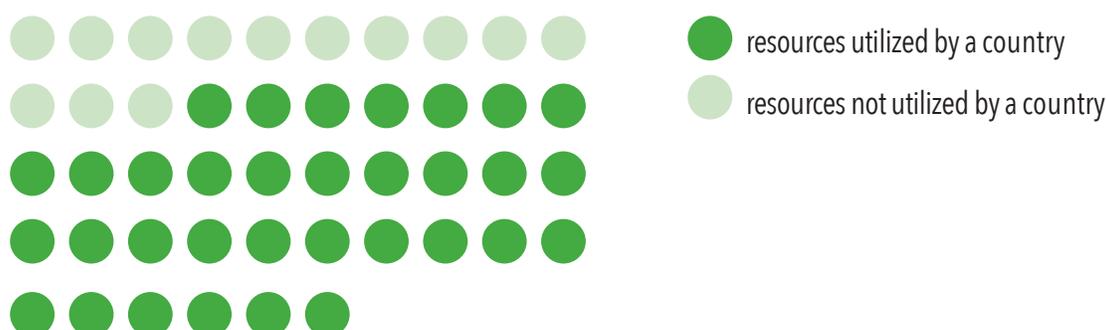
## 8. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

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 \$559.27 million.

Out of 46 Least Developed Countries, 33 have used LDCF resources (Angola, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Yemen, and Zambia).



### USE OF SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$41.48 million.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CORE INDICATORS

Core Indicator	Total
Direct beneficiaries (million)	17.6
- of whom women	9.4
Area of land managed for climate resilience (million ha)	4.8
Coastal or marine area managed for climate resilience (million ha)	2.0
Policies, plans, and frameworks that will mainstream climate resilience	1,516
People trained or with awareness raised (million)	1.9
- of whom women	0.9
Private sector enterprises engaged in climate change adaptation and resilience action	3,446

## 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.

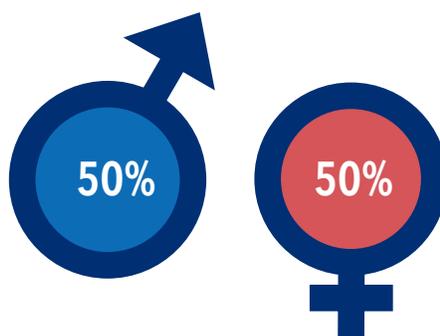
### QUALITY AT ENTRY OF GEF-8 PROJECT CONCEPTS

Percentage of projects that considered gender issues at the initial project design

100%



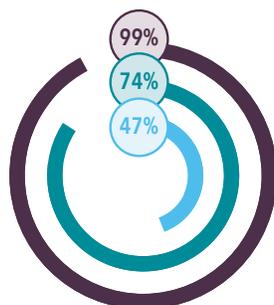
### PERCENTAGE OF ANTICIPATED GEF BENEFICIARIES THAT ARE FEMALE AND MALE



## 10. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

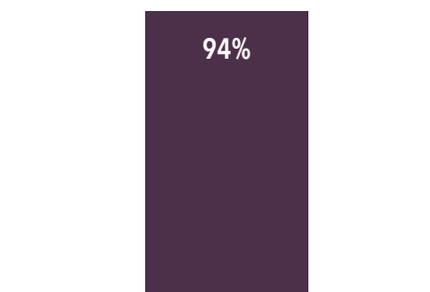
Including stakeholders—civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and the private sector—in preparing projects and defining their expected roles during implementation is key in strengthening the overall impact of a project. The data show that over three-quarters of projects consulted 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



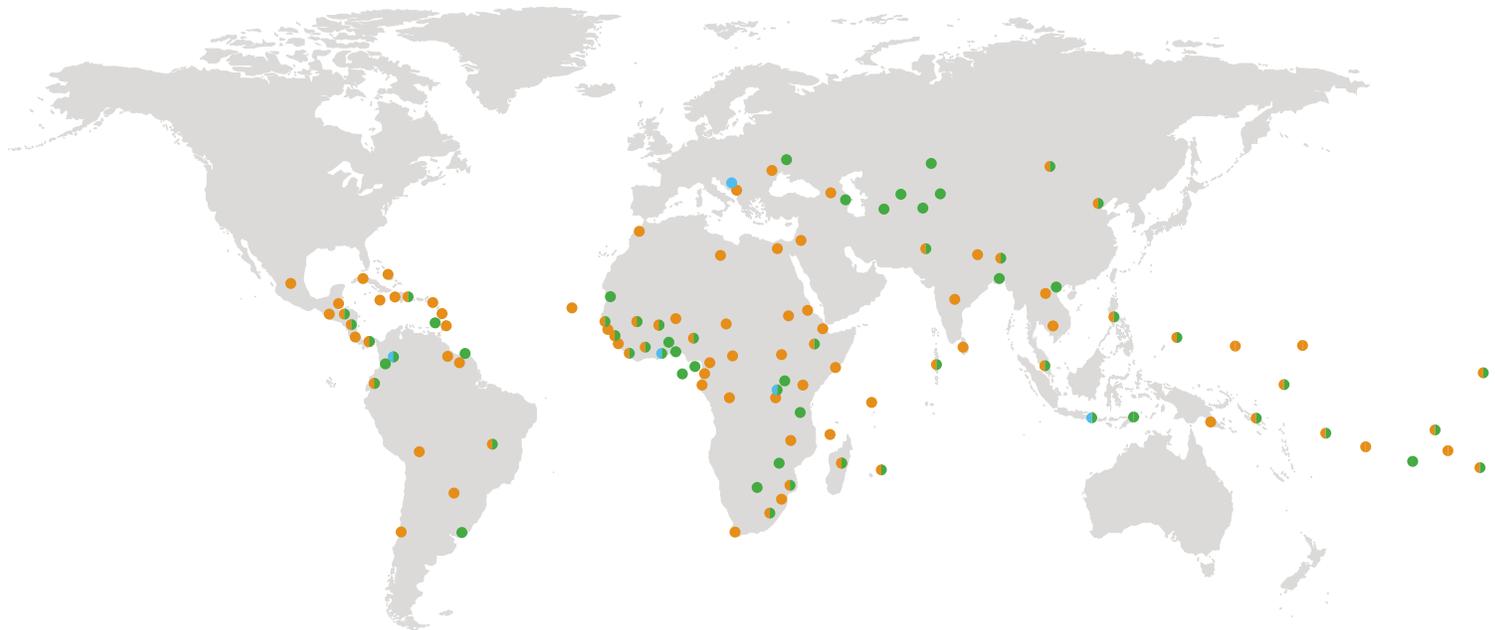
- Private Sector
- Civil Society Organizations
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

### 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, 13 Regional GEF-8 Roll-out Workshops and 62 Upstream Technical and National Dialogues helped countries identify programming priorities for GEF-8.



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

## ADDITIONAL COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY ACTIVITIES SINCE JULY 2022 INCLUDE:

- 49 Constituency Meetings
- 5 Expanded Constituency Workshops
- 3 Introduction Seminars
- 1 Regional Meeting
- 7 LDCF/SCCF Regional Adaptation Workshops

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS

**19,284**  
MEDIA MENTIONS

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

**609**  
NEWSROOM CONTENT

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

**5,593,607**  
WEB/CONTENT ENGAGEMENT

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

**20k+**  
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

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

    **SOCIAL MEDIA = 377,278** Total number of followers of GEF social media accounts: Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram.

In June 2023, the GEF Council approved a new communication and visibility policy that has served as the basis for stronger and more coordinated outreach across the partnership, including implementing and executing agencies and civil society. The new policy, supported by updated brand guidelines, provides a clear roadmap for communicating the impact and significance of GEF investments and raises awareness about the unique role it plays across biodiversity, climate change, and pollution management, using a holistic approach for efficiency and durability.

Over the past year, the GEF communications team has been investing in working more closely with communications professionals at the agency, program, and project level, including through in-person gatherings, active WhatsApp groups, and regular information exchanges supporting the policy and its goals. Investments in video production, design, and social media content creation on platforms including LinkedIn and Instagram are also yielding results with new audiences and more brand recognition for the GEF across the environmental sphere and with priority audiences.

### FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS



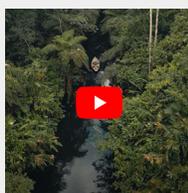
**The GEF at a Glance:** Available in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese, this publication provides a snapshot of the GEF's mandate, organization, funding, and network.



**Investing in the planet, for people:** Look back at the key decisions taken during the Council meetings in June 2024.

#### THE GEF IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

In advance of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity COP16 in Colombia, two videos were produced to celebrate the GEF's involvement in the LAC region.



**Spotlight on GEF programs in Latin America and the Caribbean**



**Latin America and the Caribbean biodiversity support**



**A lab in Cali offers lessons in chemistry for biodiversity:** Executive Secretary for the BRS Conventions Rolph Payet and GEF CEO Carlos Manuel Rodríguez visited a facility where innovative waste management practices are making a difference.



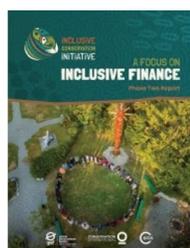
**Nature insurance: a new safety net for coral and coasts:** Financing from the GEF's Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund has helped foster the development of an innovative and much-needed financial tool.

# 13. KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING

## KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS



**How Conservation Trust Funds Are Driving Progress for Nature** explores the crucial role of Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs) in supporting sustainable biodiversity conservation worldwide. Known as Environmental Funds in Latin America and Africa, CTFs mobilize resources from international donors, governments, and the private sector to fund long-term conservation efforts. Through sustainable financing, primarily via grants, CTFs empower government agencies, NGOs, and local organizations to implement effective, on-the-ground conservation. This report showcases CTFs' efficient management of funds and their partnerships with governments and communities to address biodiversity, climate, and development challenges, expanding local successes to meet global environmental goals with the Global Environment Facility and other partners.



**The Inclusive Conservation Initiative (ICI) Phase 2 Report** presents key advancements in inclusive conservation practices, emphasizing Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and local communities (LCs) as leaders in global conservation efforts. Supported by the GEF, the report highlights a rights-based approach that enables IPs and LCs to implement self-directed conservation projects through direct access to funding. In the past year, ICI secured \$14.5 million in direct funding agreements for Indigenous-led initiatives, empowering IPs and LCs to sustainably manage their lands and uphold collective rights. The report also details ICI's "learning by doing" philosophy, fostering adaptability and growth in conservation finance. With a vision for sustained impact, ICI underscores the crucial role of IPs and LCs in preserving biodiversity and combating climate change, setting a path toward a more equitable and sustainable future.



**The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Knowledge Management and Learning Initiative** report highlights lessons from the GEF's portfolio of 67 LDN projects across 56 countries, backed by \$320 million in GEF grants and over \$2.5 billion in co-financing. It captures best practices in integrated land use planning, cross-sector coordination, and stakeholder engagement—key to embedding LDN in national policies. The report also addresses challenges like adapting LDN to national contexts, data gaps, and political alignment. Emphasizing the need for practical guidelines, it promotes inclusive engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities. As GEF projects progress, collaborative learning will refine LDN strategies, supporting coherent policies and sustainable land management globally.

## LEARNING EVENTS

The GEF Secretariat organizes learning events to foster knowledge sharing, strengthen collaboration, and harness the latest advances in science on the global environment. This period featured two Technical Workshops and three hybrid Brown Bag Lunch events covering several globally significant topics.

### Technical Workshops:

- *Advancing the Integrated Approach for Transformative Change in Tropical Forest Biomes* (October 2024, Panama): The GEF Secretariat engaged 50 scientists and experts from agencies, academia, research institutions, and think tanks to develop a knowledge sharing framework for the GEF-8 Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes Integrated Program.
- *Resilient Food Systems (RFS) Program Review Workshop* (November 2024, Kenya): The GEF Secretariat convened this expert workshop to reflect on achievements and lessons learned from the GEF-6 Integrated Approach Pilot program on fostering resilient and sustainable food systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. The workshop synthesized lessons, experiences, and best practices in integrated resource management, stakeholder engagement, and challenges in transforming food value chains.

### Brown Bag Lunches (BBLs):

- *Codex Planetarius and the 1% Solution* (June 2024): Focused on reducing the climate impacts of food production and trade through sustainable practices.
- *Conserving the World's Mammals in the Context of 30x30* (July 2024): Presented progress, challenges, and opportunities for strengthening conservation of the world's mammals under the 30x30 framework.
- *Technical Discussion on Results-Based Tools for Climate and Development Funding* (September 2024): Explored funding mechanisms to maximize climate and development outcomes.

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