

Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

SECOND TRANCHE



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INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

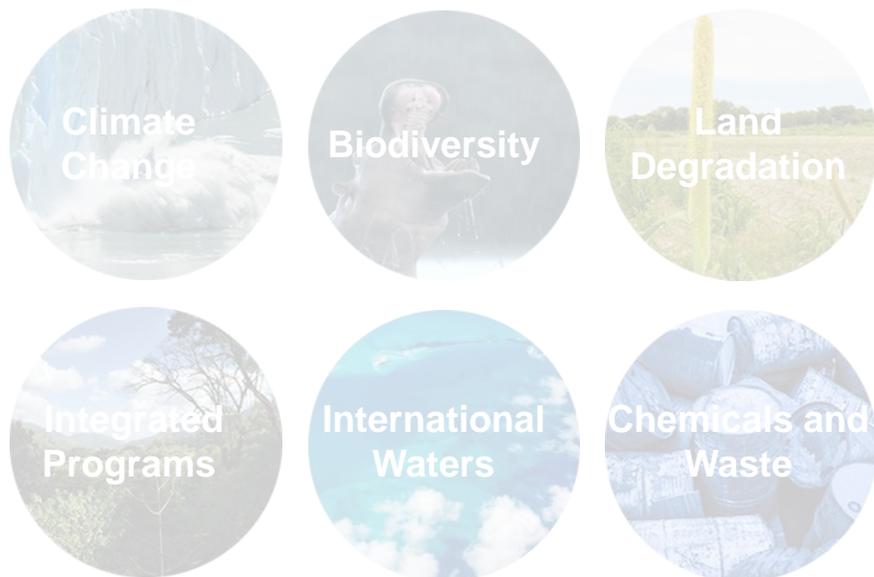
GEF | GBFF

July 2025

GEF Family of Funds

Fund that serves UNFCCC, CBD, CCD, BBNJ, Minamata, Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm

GEF Trust Fund



GEF-8 (July 2023 to June 2026): **\$5.33 billion**

Funds dedicated to the CBD

GBFF

Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF):
Established 2023
\$386 million raised as of July 2025



NPIF Fund

NPIF: **\$15.1 million** for 13 projects
Topic mainstreamed into GEF Trust Fund

Funds dedicated to the UNFCCC

LDCF

SCCF

GEF-8: **\$1.2 billion - \$1.7 billion**



CBIT Trust Fund

\$58.3 million for 44 projects
Topic mainstreamed into GEF Trust Fund

Global Biodiversity Framework Fund



History & Governance

- Established by the Convention on Biological Diversity at COP15 (2022)
- Expanded governance:
 - Council
 - Expanded observers
 - Auxiliary body
 - Advisory group of non-sovereign contributors
- **18 implementing agencies** (same as GEF Trust Fund)



Resources

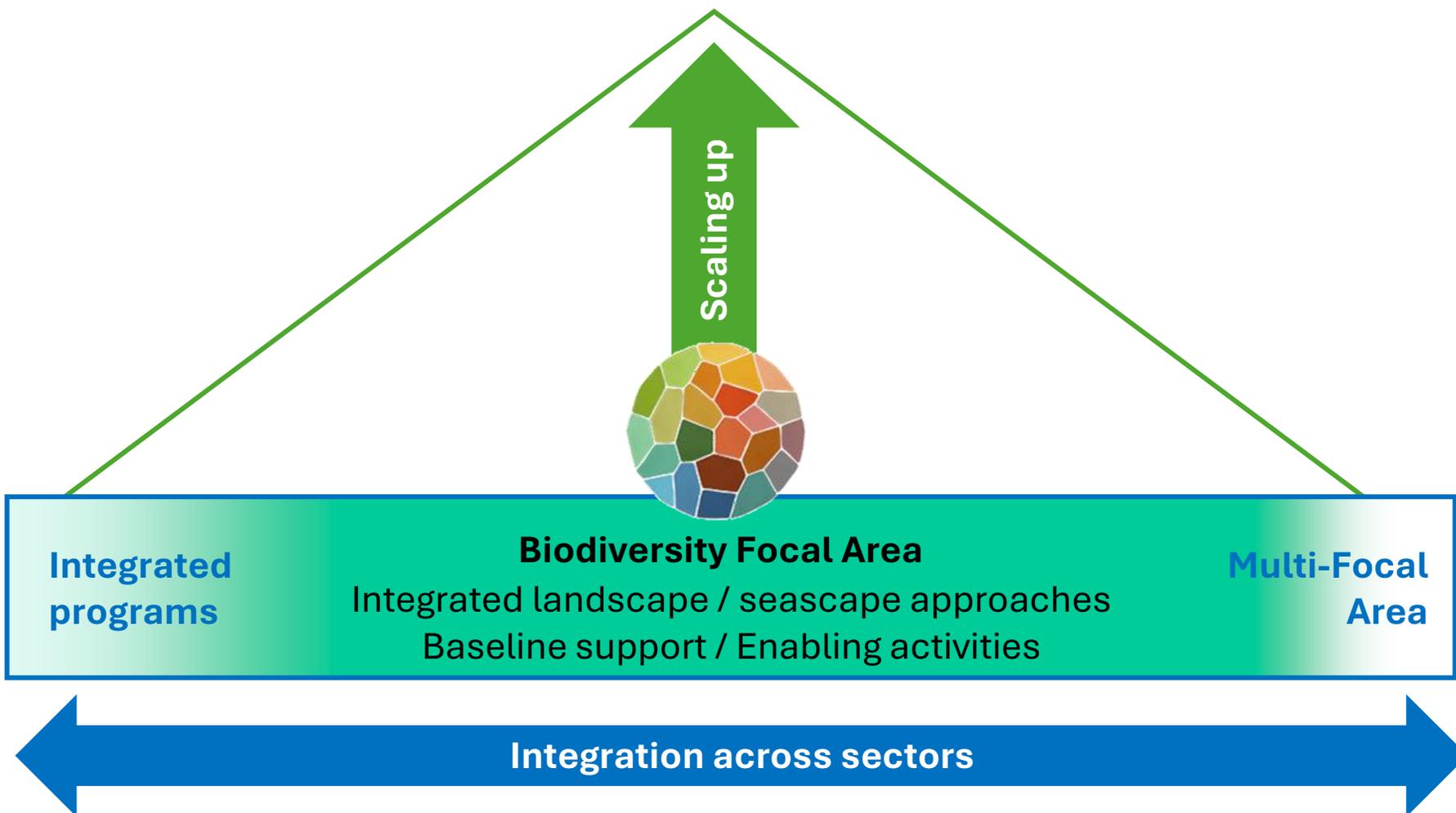
- From all sources
- Contributions on rolling basis
- Approx. \$386 million to date



Project processes & allocation

- Co-finance encouraged, not required
- Streamlined & faster project cycle with single project modality
- **Competitive allocation model**
 - Selection rounds / calls for proposals
 - Agreed selection criteria and targets

Financing Biodiversity at the GEF



GBFF

Competitive allocation to boost biodiversity-focused outcomes

GEF Trust Fund

Predictable, baseline support and integration

GBFF Programming Directions

GBFF ACTION AREA		KMGBF TARGETS
1	Biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea-use and spatial planning	1, 2, 3
2	Support to IPLC stewardship and governance of lands, territories, and waters	1, 2, 3, 22
3	Policy alignment and development	14, 15, 18
4	Resource mobilization	18, 19
5	Sustainable use of biodiversity	5, 9
6	Biodiversity mainstreaming in production sectors	7, 10
7	Invasive alien species	6
8	Capacity building and implementation support for the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols	13, 17

Source: *GBFF programming directions*



Project development cycle

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- Secretariat opens a call for proposals and agencies submit a PPG request and letter of endorsement
- Sec. reviews **according to selection criteria**
- Based on review, **resource availability** and **portfolio-level targets**, CEO approves all or a **subset** of the PPG requests

PORTFOLIO-LEVEL TARGETS

- 36+3% to be allocated to SIDS and LDCs
- 25% to be allocated through IFIs
- 20% to support actions by IPLCs

Source: GBFF Policy on the allocation of resources

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Potential to generate Global Environmental Benefits
2. Alignment with the GBFF Programming directions and advancing the KMGBF implementation
3. Alignment with the NBSAP and BFP or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities
4. Level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector and civil society
5. Mobilization of private sector and philanthropic resources
6. Engagement with and support to IPLCs
7. Balance amongst regions

Source: GBFF Policy on the allocation of resources

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Max 9 months from PPG request selection to full project submission

2

COUNCIL APPROVAL (or delegated to CEO for <\$5m) of fully developed projects

Max 12 months from endorsement to first disbursement

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IMPLEMENTATION



1st tranche portfolio

127 PPG requests submitted

56 submitted by LDCs/SIDS

40 PPG requests approved

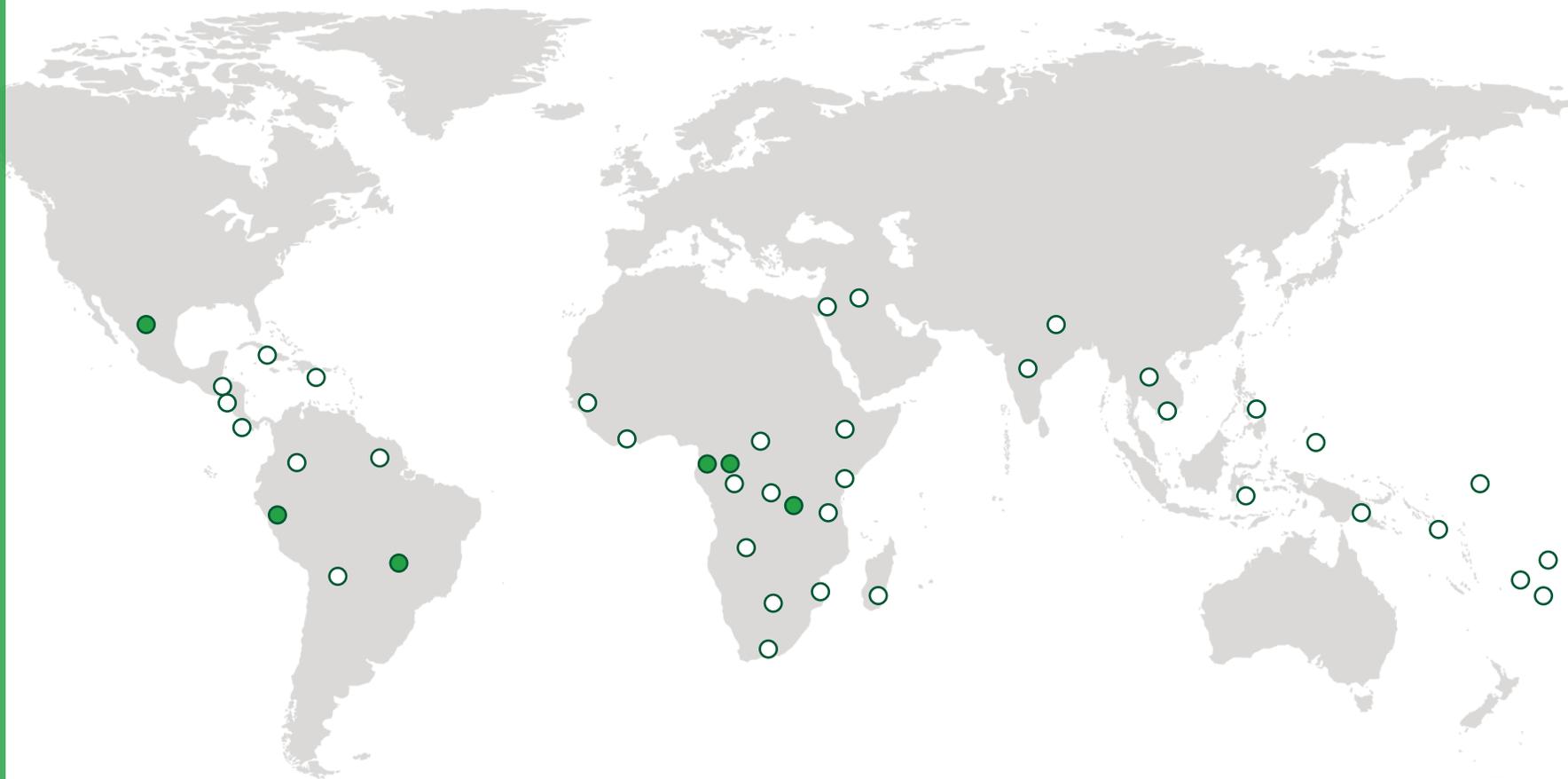
21 approved for LDCs/SIDS

41 Countries

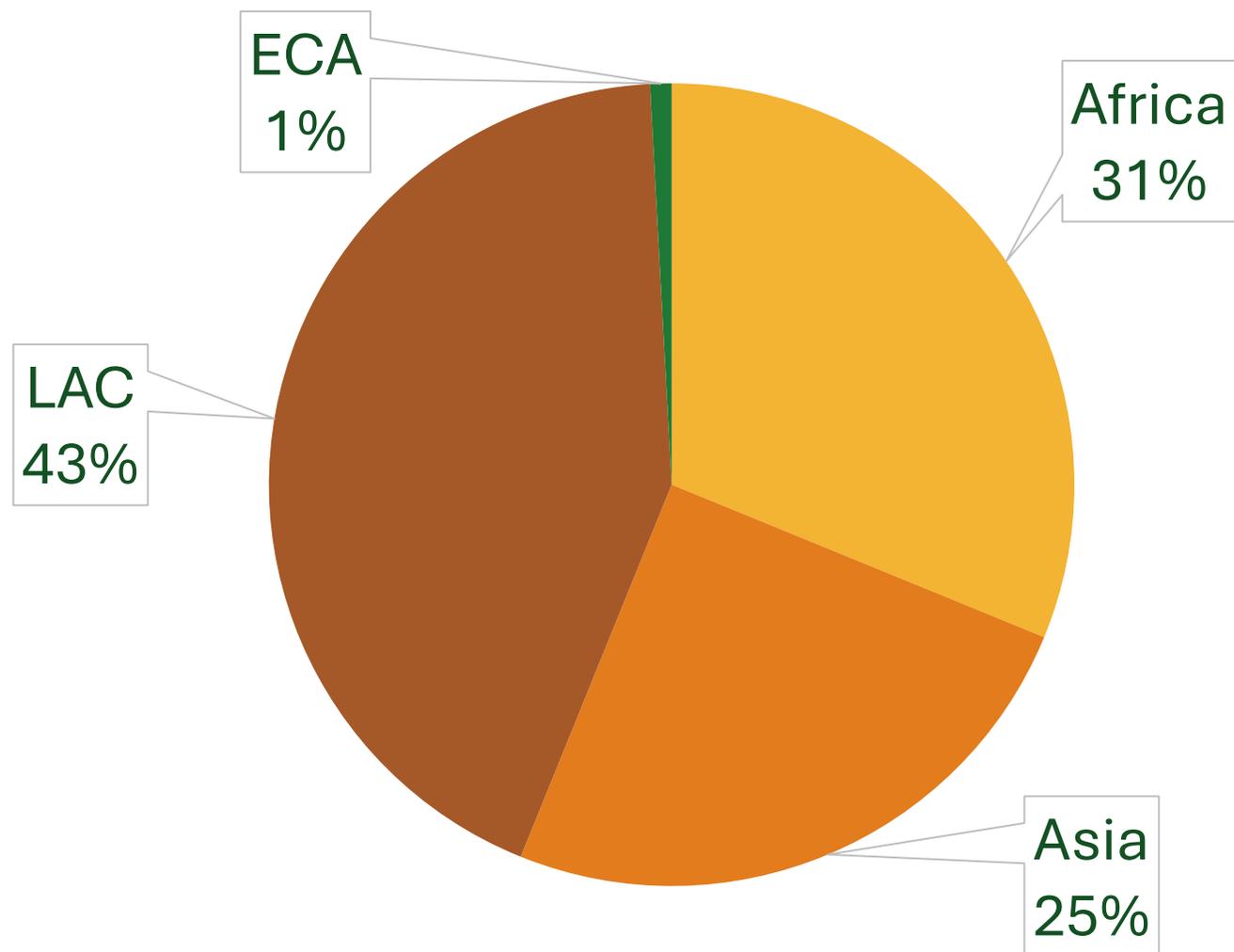
21 LDCs/SIDS countries

\$201.6 million in GBFF Financing

\$73.3 million for LDCs/SIDS



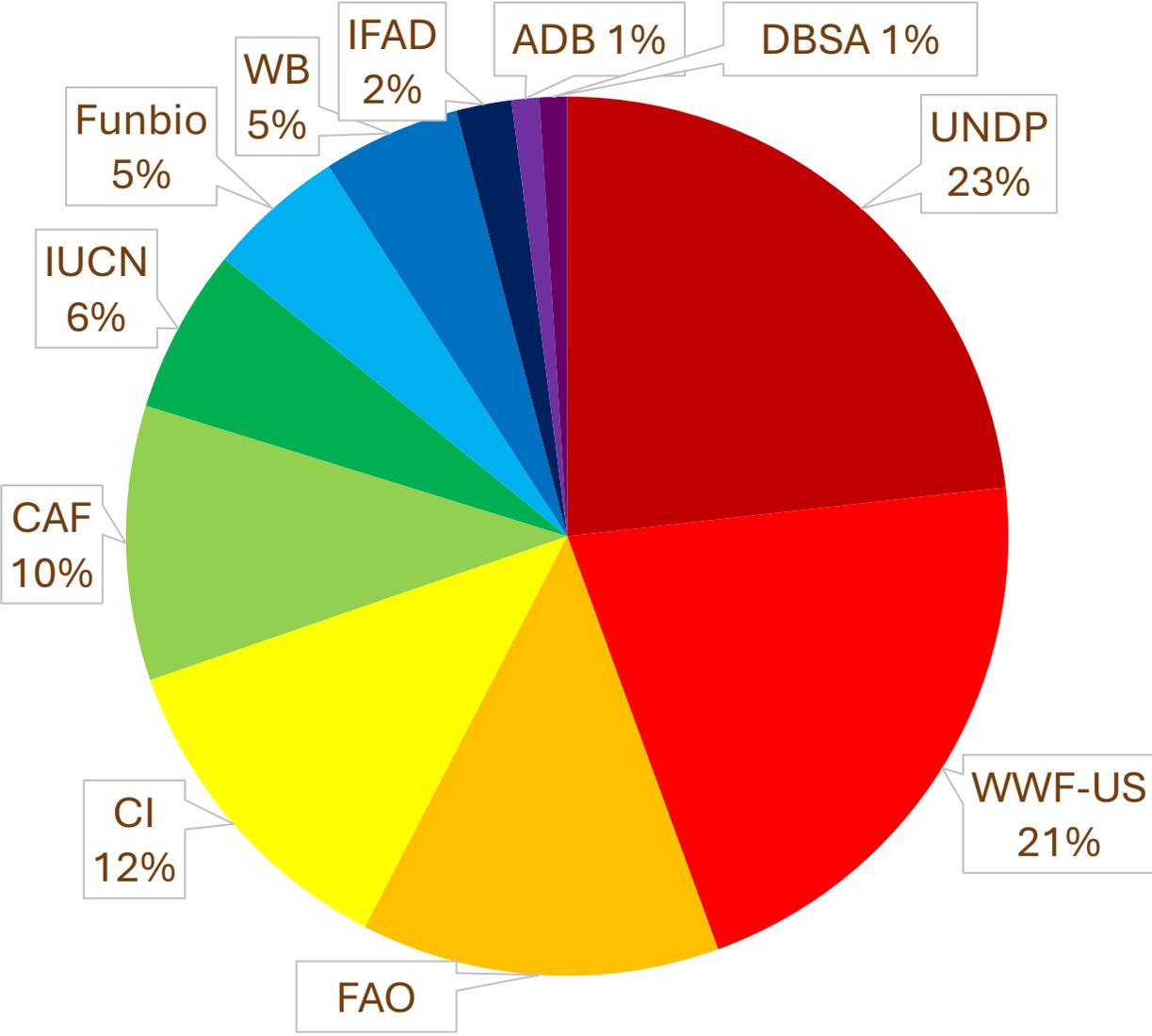
1st tranche: Analysis



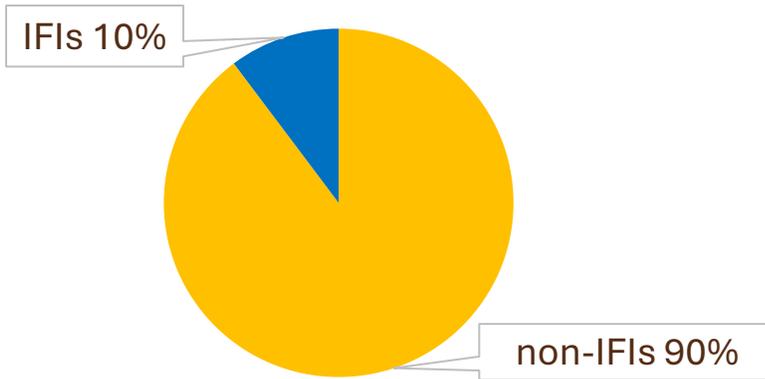
Portfolio-level targets

	TARGETS	RESULTS
To SIDS/ LDCs	36+3%	36%
Through International Financial Institutions	25%	20%
To support actions by IPLCs	20%	32%

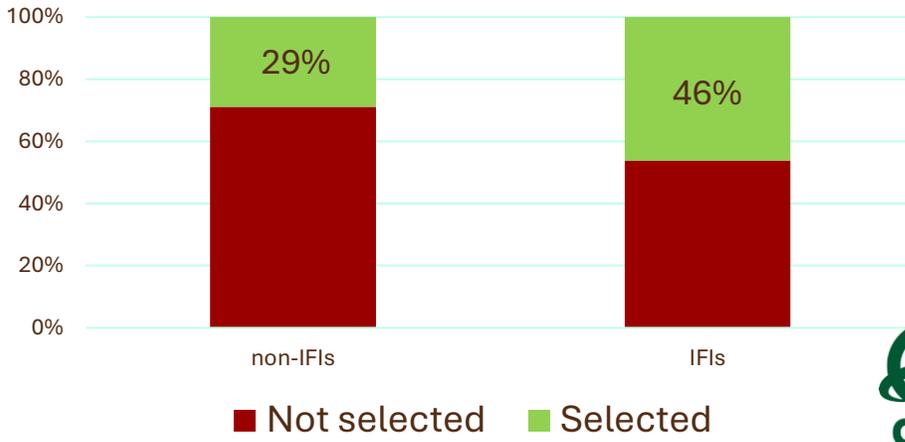
1st tranche: Agency Distribution



No. of submissions by agency type



Success rate by agency type



1st tranche: lessons learnt

Exclusions

No ex-situ
conservation

No single-
species
conservation

Project design

Avoid generic
language

Articulate
baseline &
TOC

Blended finance

Consistent
with Action
Area 4

Aligns with
selection
criterion 5

2nd tranche

Tranche 1

9 March 2024 – 8 August 2025

Tranche 2

Starts 11 August 2025



Country maximums

- Expressed as a % of total pledged to the GBFF
- Carries over tranches but funding programmed is deducted from max
- Indicative maximums under tranche 2 available at <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-gbff-05-inf-01>

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Country	Country Ceiling	Total maximum dollar value of funding request(s) across programming tranches (USD)	Total used in the first tranche (USD)	Total maximum dollar value of funding request(s) in the second tranche (USD)
Cuba	1.67%	6,051,780	3,510,000	2,541,780
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3.1%	11,306,191	6,560,000	4,746,191
Djibouti	0.55%	2,001,025	0	2,001,025
Dominica	0.55%	2,001,025	0	2,001,025



