

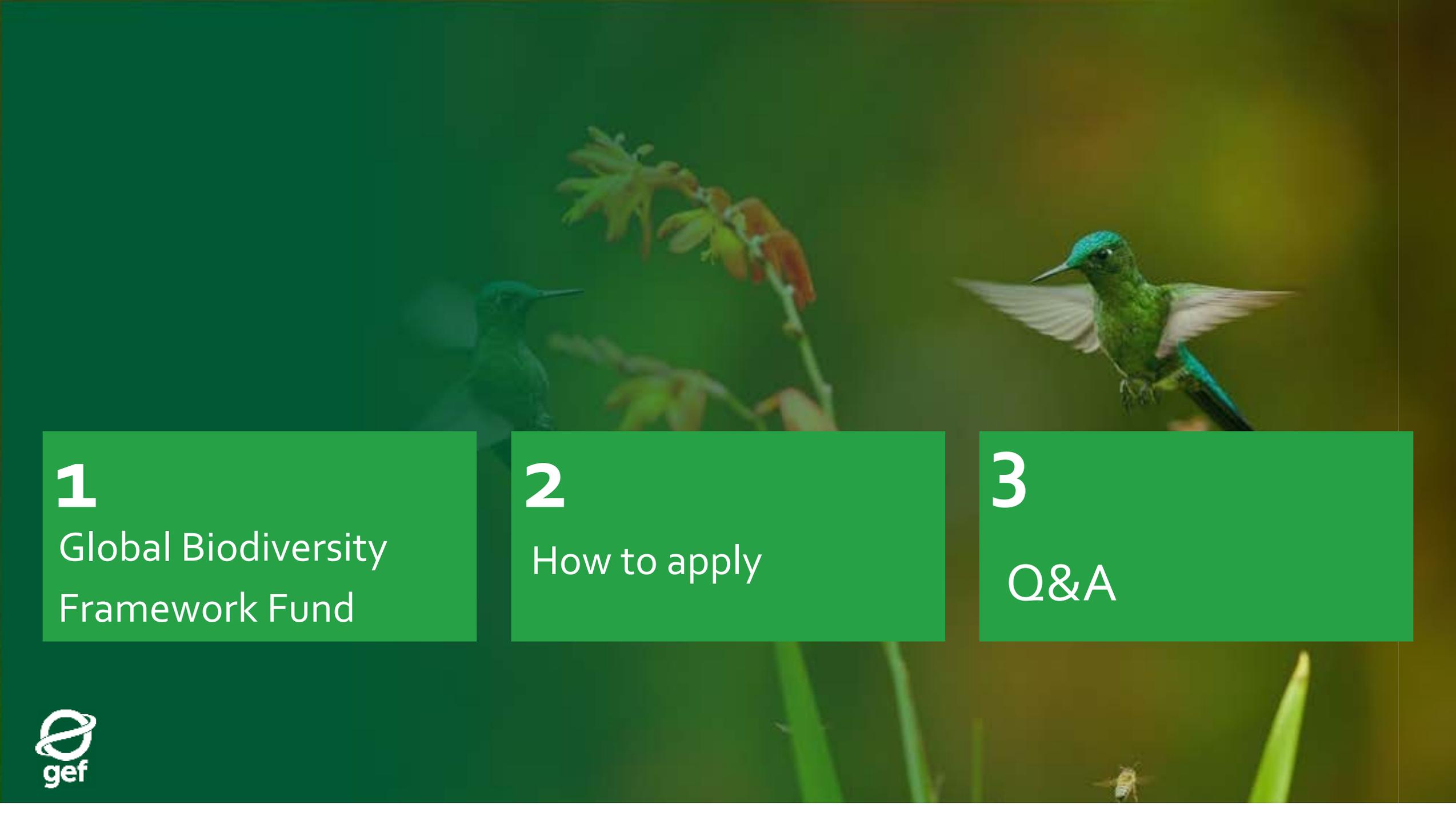
# 5<sup>TH</sup> SELECTION ROUND

Global Biodiversity Framework Fund



global  
environment  
facility  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF | GBFF  
November 2025

A vibrant green hummingbird is captured in mid-flight against a blurred green background. The bird's wings are spread wide, and its body is a mix of bright green and blue. In the background, another hummingbird is visible, perched on a branch with small red flowers. The overall scene is a close-up of nature, with soft lighting and a shallow depth of field.

**1**

Global Biodiversity  
Framework Fund

**2**

How to apply

**3**

Q&A

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# Global Biodiversity Framework Fund



**GBFF**

# GEF Family of Funds

Fund that serves CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, Minamata, Stockholm, BBNJ

**GEF Trust Fund**



Climate Change



Biodiversity



Land Degradation



Integrated Programs



International Waters



Chemicals and Waste

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

Funds dedicated to the CBD



Global biodiversity Framework Fund  
Established in 2023  
**\$386 million** raised as of Sept. 2025



Biodiversity



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**



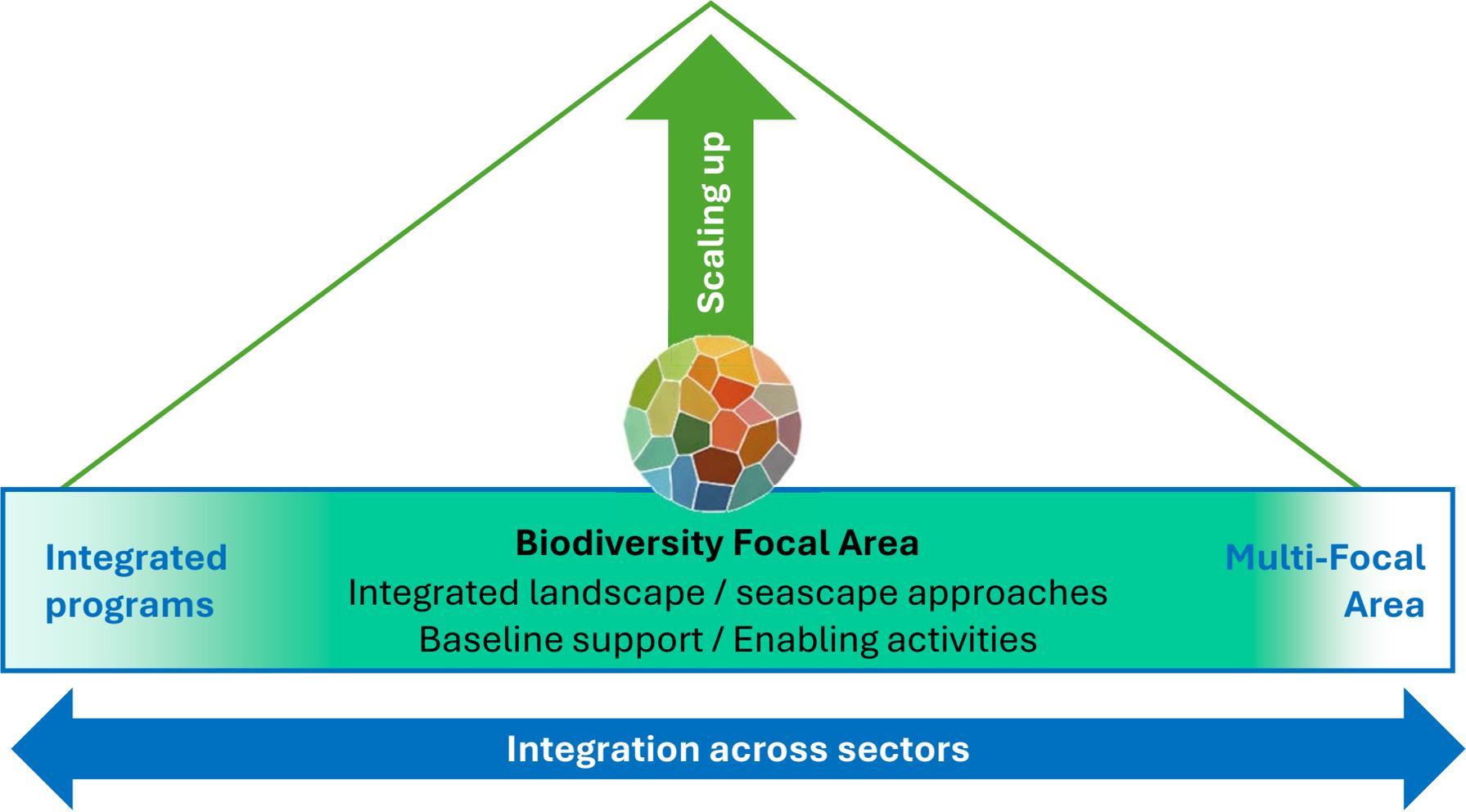
Climate Adaptation



CBIT Trust Fund

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

# Financing Biodiversity at the GEF



**GBFF**  
Competitive allocation to boost biodiversity-focused outcomes

**GEF Trust Fund**  
Predictable, baseline support and integration



# 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 participants
- **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

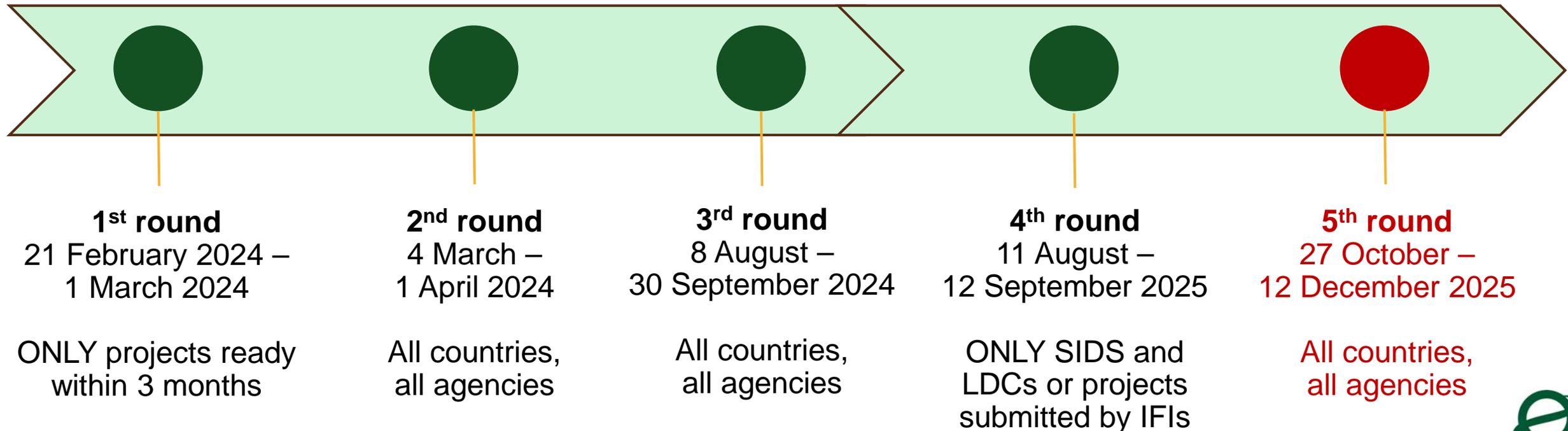
# Second tranche

## Tranche 1

9 March 2024 – 8 August 2025

## Tranche 2

Started 11 August 2025



# GBFF project portfolio after 1<sup>st</sup> tranche

**127**

**PPG requests submitted**

*56 from SIDS/LDCs*



**40**

**PPG requests approved**

*21 for SIDS/LDCs*



**41**

**countries**

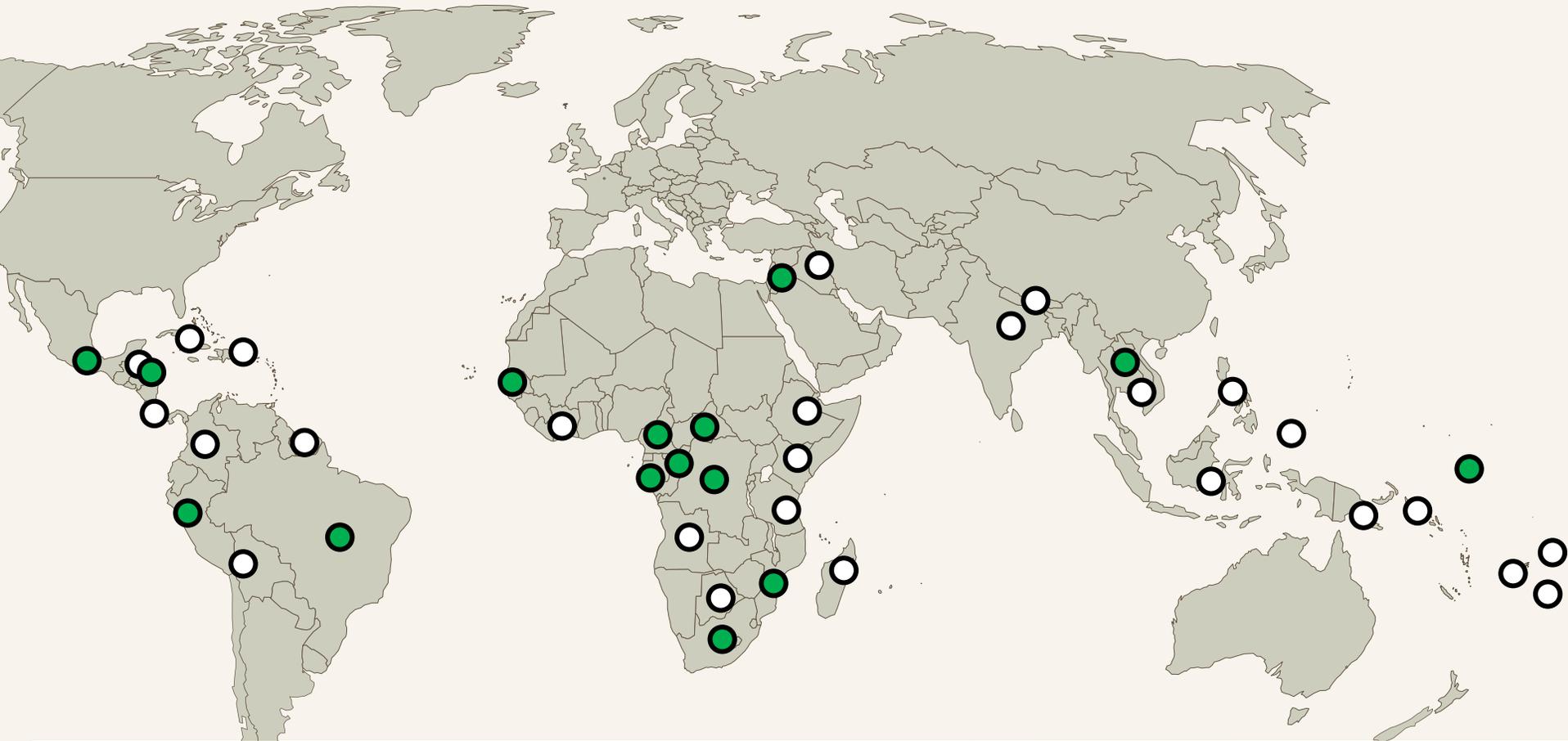
*22 SIDS/LDCs*



**\$201.6**

**million from GBFF**

*\$ 73.3 million for SIDS/LDC*



**36%** to SIDS/LDCs vs **36%+3%** target

**31%** to support actions by IPLCs vs **20%** target

**20%** through International Financial institutions vs **25%** target

# 4<sup>th</sup> round submissions

11 Aug – 12 Sep 2025

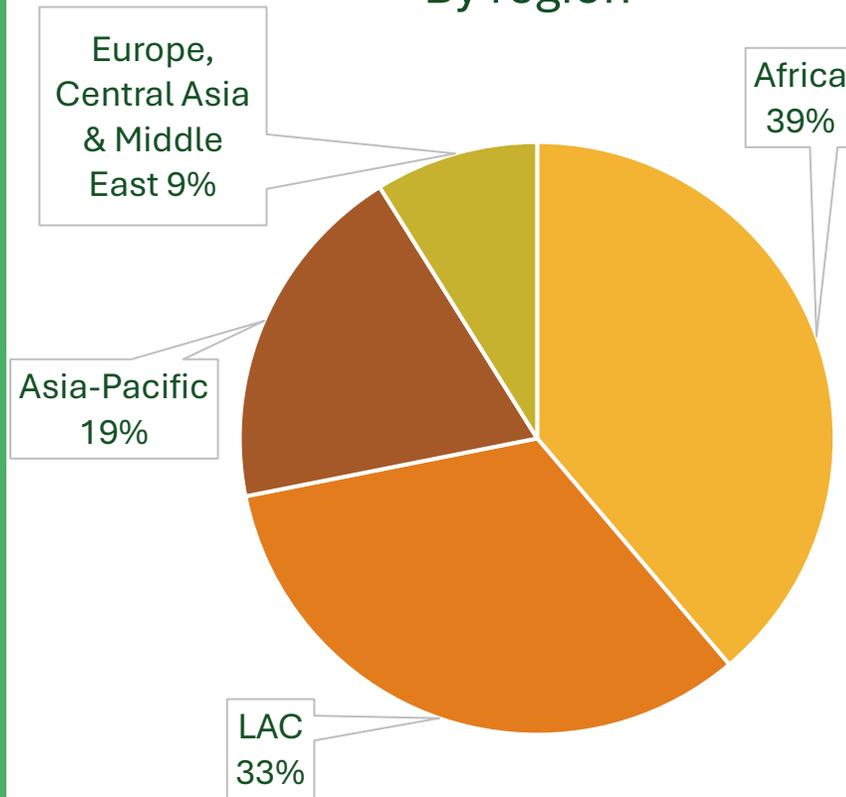
**43** PPG requests submitted  
28 by LDCs/SIDS

**57** countries  
38 LDCs/SIDS

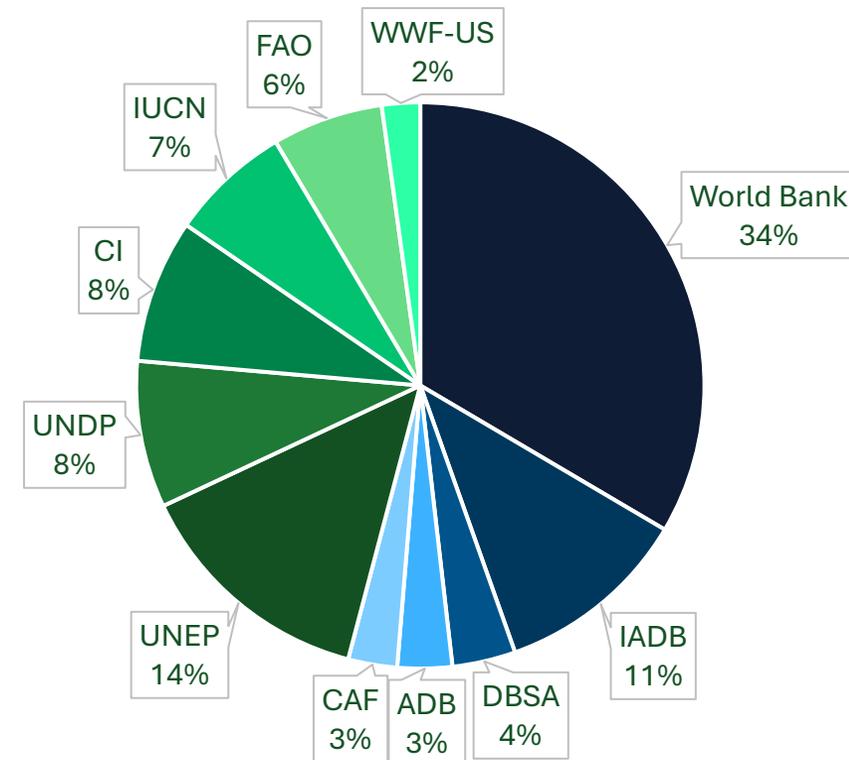
**\$179** million in GBFF financing  
\$91m (52%) LDCs/SIDS  
\$93m (53%) by IFIs  
\$38m (21%) actions by IPLCs

Results imminent

By region



By agency



A person wearing a dark blue or purple headscarf and a long dark dress is walking away from the camera on a dirt path. The path is lined with tall, slender baobab trees with thick, textured trunks and sparse, dark foliage. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with a hazy, orange-tinted sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**ACCESS MODALITY**

**GBFF**

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## Project Preparation Grant (PPG) REQUEST – SELECTION ROUNDS

- Secretariat opens a submission window
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- Based on the review, **resource availability** and the three **portfolio-level targets**, the **CEO approves all or a subset** of the submitted PPG requests

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Potential to generate Global Environmental Benefits
2. Alignment with the GBFF Programming directions and advancing the GBF 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 philanthropies' resources
6. Engagement with and support to IPLCs
7. Balance amongst regions

### PORTFOLIO-LEVEL TARGETS

1. **36%+3%** allocated to **SIDS/LDCs**
2. A full **25%** to be programmed through **International Financial institutions** that are GEF agencies
3. **Aspirational share of 20%** by 2030 to support actions by **IPLCs**



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Maximum 9 months from PPG approval to full project submission

2

**COUNCIL APPROVAL** (or delegated CEO Approval for projects up to \$5 million) of fully developed projects

Maximum 12 months from endorsement to first disbursement

3

**IMPLEMENTATION**



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## GBFF Programming Directions: Strategic complementarity

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 biosafety, handling of biotechnology and access and benefit sharing, including under the Nagoya and Cartagena protocols	13, 17

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## BIODIVERSITY DIFFERENTIATION THROUGH COUNTRY-SPECIFIC CEILINGS

Maximums under for tranche 2 available: <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-gbff-05-inf-01>

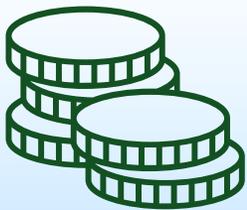
Country	Country Ceiling	Total maximum dollar value of funding request(s) across programming tranches (USD)	Total used in the first tranche (USD)	Total maximum dollar value of funding request(s) in the second tranche (USD)
Cuba	1.67%	6,051,780	3,510,000	2,541,780
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3.1%	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



# 4<sup>th</sup> round lessons learnt



SIDS/LDCs  
International Financial  
Institutions  
Support to actions by  
IPLCs



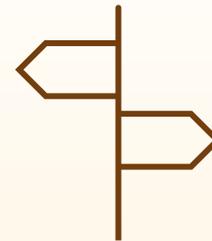
Blended Finance



Alignment with  
Programming  
Directions

*Not eligible:*

- *ex-situ conservation*
- *Urban green spaces (Target 12)*
- *Pure monitoring/baselining with no tangible implementation of KMGBF*
- *Offsetting/compensation measures for other projects/investments*



Baseline

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# A COUNTRY-DRIVEN, GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

*\$26 billion for 5,000+ projects - \$149 billion co-finance leveraged*

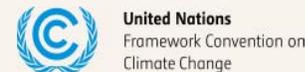
Financial mechanism of six  
Multilateral Environmental  
Agreements

186 COUNTRIES



GEF Operational  
Focal Point

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## 18 IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

