



**Agenda item 17. Initial Guidelines for Enabling Activities and Ratification Support Projects for the BBNJ Agreement - GEF/C.66/07**



**86** Signatories

**1** Ratification

*Need 60 ratification, approval, acceptance, or accession to enter into force*

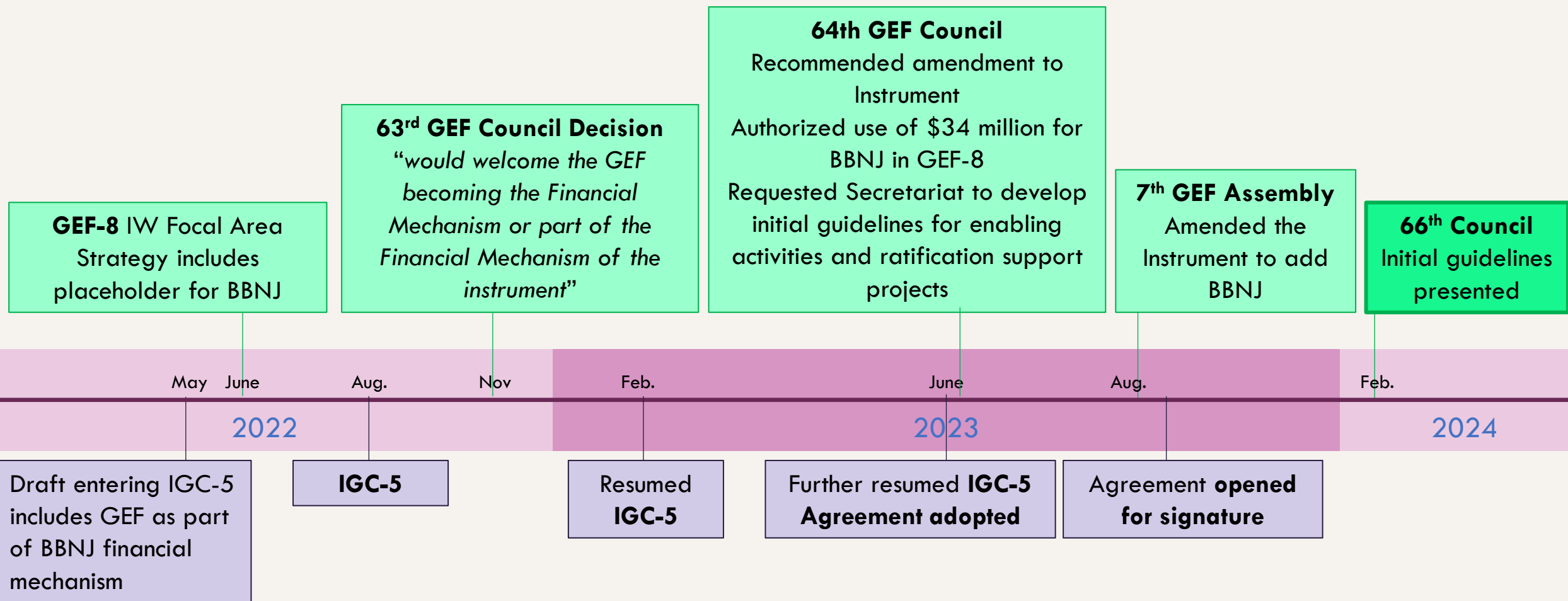
## Article 52 “Funding”

3. A mechanism for the provision of adequate, accessible, new and additional and predictable financial resources under this Agreement is hereby established. The mechanism shall assist developing States Parties in implementing this Agreement [...]

4. The mechanism shall include:

- a) A voluntary trust fund [...]
- b) A special fund [...]
- c) **The Global Environment Facility trust fund**

# Timeline of BBNJ and GEF process



Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

IGC: Intergovernmental Conference negotiating the BBNJ agreement

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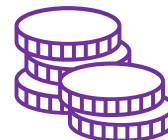


## National level support to:

- Assess current legal, policy and institutional framework
- Carry out ratification, approval, acceptance or accession process
- Enhance readiness to implement obligations under the BBNJ Agreement



**BBNJ initial assessment**



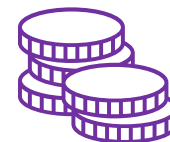
**\$175,000 per country  
maximum \$29 million**

## Global and regional support to:

- Develop necessary tools, guidance, and pool of expertise to be used through national grants
- Ensure coordination and foster international cooperation towards swift entry into force



**Collaboration with DOALOS  
Coordination with similar  
support programs**



**maximum \$5 million**

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## Eligibility



### Developing countries that:

- **Have signed the BBNJ Agreement, or have taken meaningful steps towards becoming a Party, and**
- **Meet the eligibility criteria of the GEF Instrument, paragraph 9(b)**



## Operationalization





Thank you