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# **The GEF-7 System of Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)**

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# Background

- The mechanism by which GEF resources are allocated to countries in three focal areas – Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Land Degradation
- STAR aims to allocate scarce GEF resources within and among focal areas in order to:
  - maximise impact on the global environment
  - promote sound environmental policies and practices
  - meet convention requirements
  - match country driven priorities



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# Initial GEF-7 STAR Country Allocations (\$ million)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Climate change</i>	<i>Biodiversity</i>	<i>Land degradation</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Fully flexible</i>	<i>Marginal adjustment</i>
<b>Benin</b>	1.50	3.00	5.11	9.61	no	2.00
<b>Côte D'Ivoire</b>	1.00	4.70	3.29	8.99	no	2.00
<b>Ghana</b>	1.00	4.27	4.20	9.47	no	2.00
<b>Guinea</b>	1.50	3.70	1.92	7.12	no	2.00
<b>Liberia</b>	1.50	3.13	1.50	6.13	yes	
<b>Nigeria</b>	10.78	5.64	4.26	20.68	no	2.69
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	1.50	3.00	1.50	6.00	yes	
<b>Togo</b>	1.50	3.00	2.73	7.23	no	2.00

This represents the marginal adjustments allowed for countries with total initial STAR country allocations exceeding US\$7 million, at US\$2 million or 13 percent of their total initial STAR country allocations, whichever is higher.

# Calculating STAR Allocations

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- Available Focal Area Funds

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- Calculate “Country Scores”

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- Calculate Preliminary Country Allocations

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- Adjust for Floors and Ceilings

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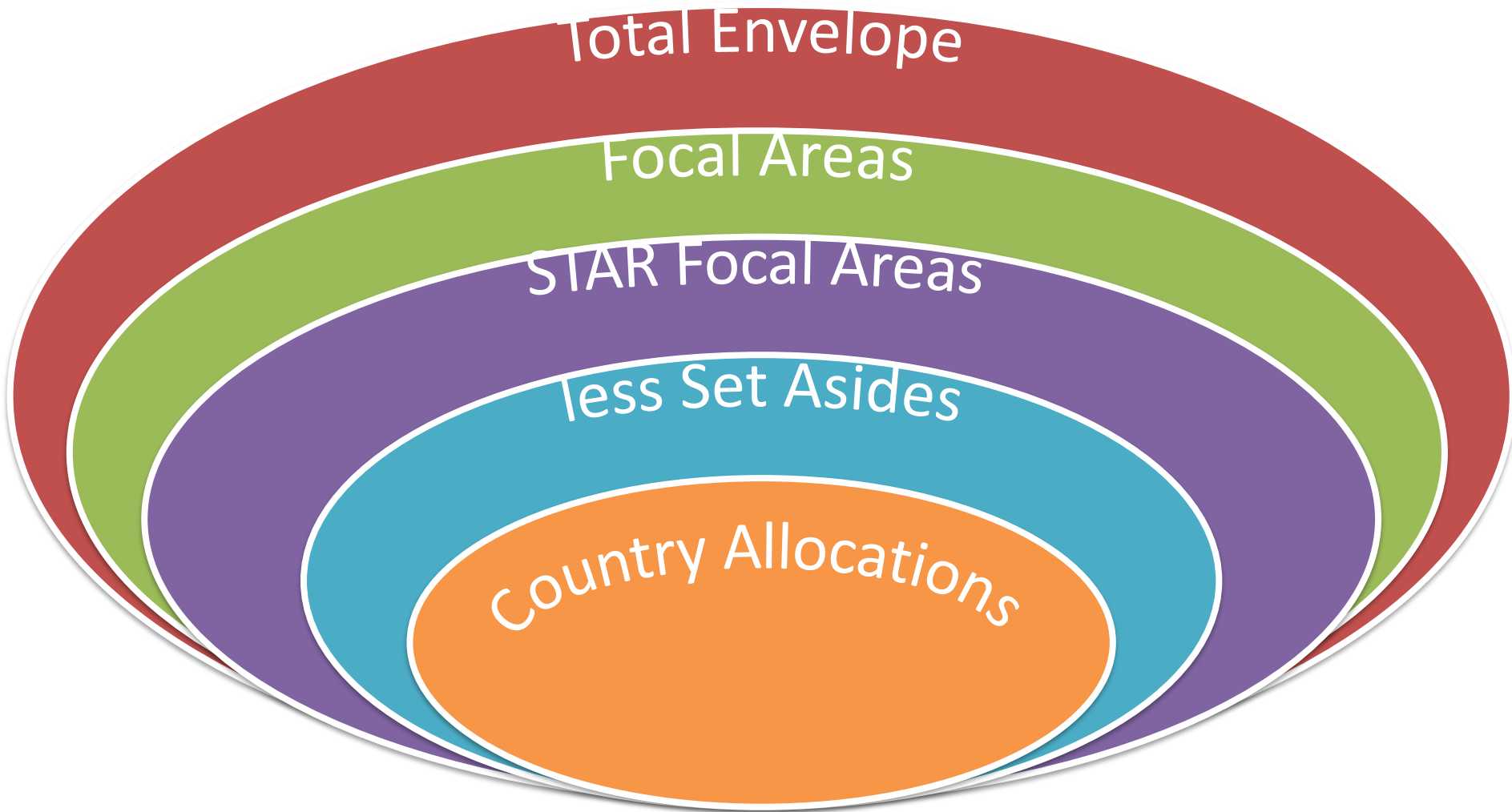
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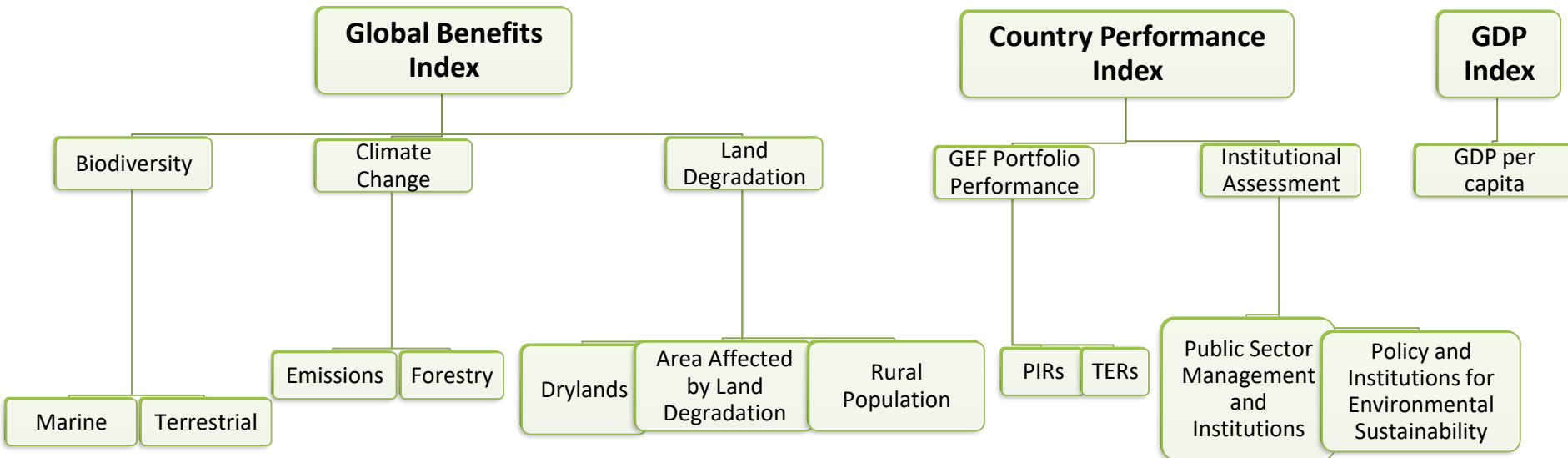
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# The STAR Indices



$$\text{Country Score} = \text{GBI}^{0.8} \text{CPI}^{1.0} \text{GDP}^{-0.12}$$



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# Preliminary Country Allocations

- **Country Share** =

Country Score / Sum of Country Scores for all eligible countries

- Preliminary Allocation =

**Country Share** \* Available Focal Area Funds



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# Floors and Ceilings

Focal Area	Floor for LDCs (US Mn)	Floor for Non LDCs (US Mn)	Ceiling %	Ceilings (US Mn)
Climate Change	1.5	1	10%	80.15
Biodiversity	3	2	10%	129.20
Land Degradation	1.5	1	10%	47.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>		



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# Flexibilities and Marginal Adjustments

- Flexibilities relate to the utilization(not allocation) of GEF resources
- Countries are allowed to adjust their focal area allocations (but not their total envelope)

Total Allocation X	Allowed Marginal Adjustment
$X \leq 7$ million	Unlimited (“fully flexible”)
$X > 7$ million	US\$2 million or up to 13% of their total initial STAR country allocations, whichever is higher.



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# Question 1

Country A has the following STAR allocations:

Biodiversity = 4 million

Climate Change = 4 million

Land Degradation = 2 million

- (a) Does this country have full flexibility in the use of its resources? Why, or why not?
- (b) Is this country allowed any marginal adjustment across focal areas? If so, how much?



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# Question 2

Country B has the following STAR allocations:

Biodiversity = 2 million

Climate Change = 2 million

Land Degradation = 1 million

- (a) Does this country have full flexibility in the use of its resources? Why, or why not?
- (b) Is this country allowed any marginal adjustment across focal areas? If so, how much?



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# Thank you for your attention

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