



GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FUND

WEBINAR

THIRD SELECTION ROUND

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GBF Fund

CBD COP 15

GEF requested to
establish a GBF Fund

December 2022

7th GEF Assembly

GBF Fund ratified

First Pledges

August 2023

First and second selection rounds

Programming started

March-May 2024

Third selection round

More programming

August 8 – Sept. 30

64th GEF Council

GBF Fund Establishment
and Programming
Directions approved

June 2023

1st GBFF Council

Operational policies
approved

February 2024

2nd GBFF Council

First Work Program
and ToRs approved

June 2024



Third selection round



Open from **August 8 to September 30, 2024**



Presentation and recording of September 5 briefing available

<https://www.cbd.int/financial/gbff.shtml>



Maximum dollar value of funding request(s) for third round posted

<https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-gbff-03-inf-01>



Requests from **LDCs and SIDS** and programming through **international finance institutions** to be **prioritized** in light of portfolio-level progress



Decision notified by **December 8, 2024**



Submitting projects to the GBFF

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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

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

Maximum 12 months from endorsement to first disbursement

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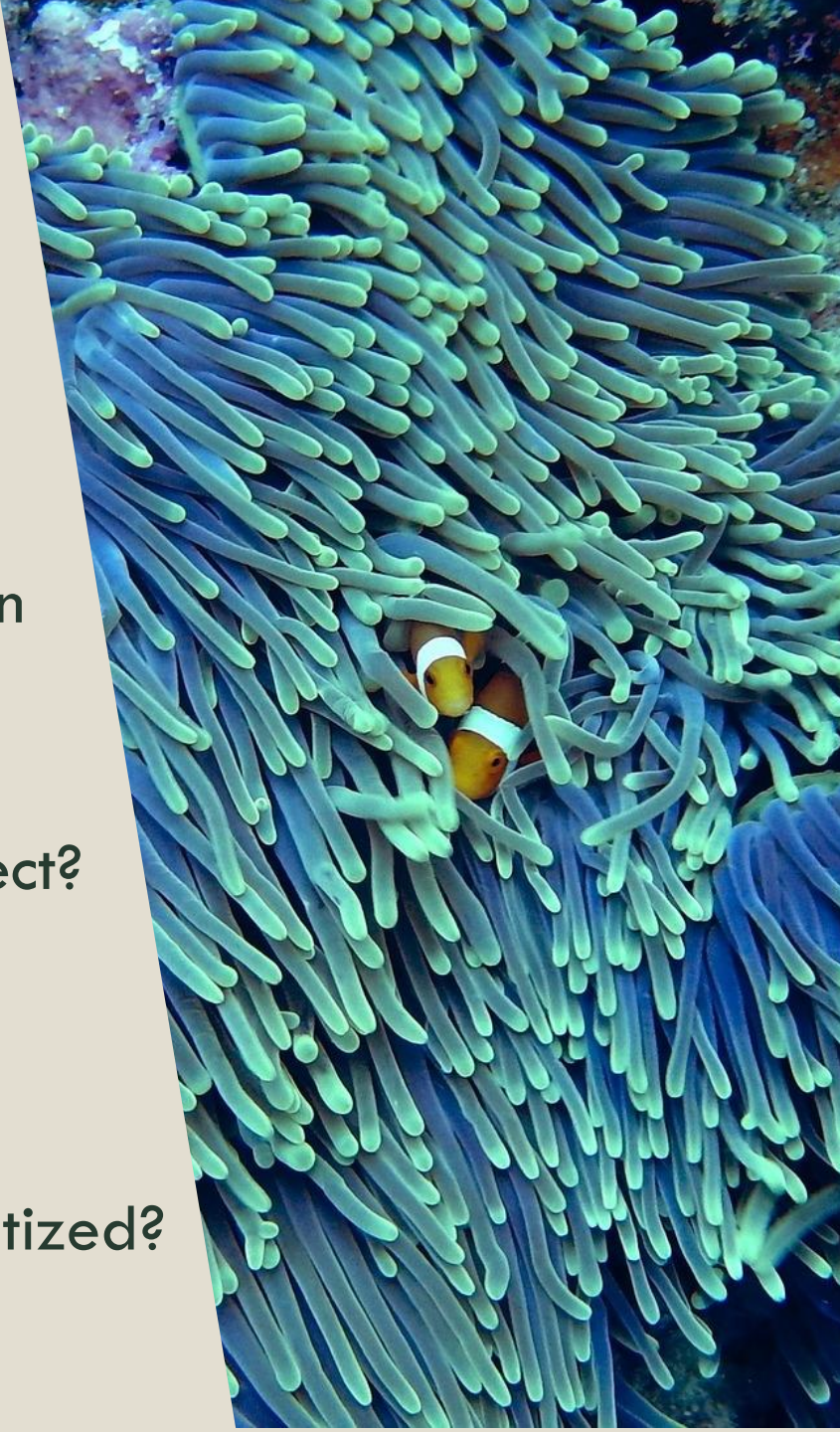
IMPLEMENTATION



FAQ



- How much can I request? Can I submit if I already have a GBFF project?
 - Countries' maximum dollar value of funding request(s) in the third selection round
- Can I resubmit a proposal that has not been selected in previous rounds?
 - Can the GEF Secretariat provide advice on my project?
 - Recording of June webinar for GEF agencies on lessons learnt from first two selection rounds
- Are there themes or KMGBF targets that are prioritized?
 - GBFF Programming Directions



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Q&A