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**Agenda Item 03**

**PROGRESS ON PROGRAMMING FOR  
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FUND (GBFF)**

**Recommended Council Decision**

The Council, having considered document GEF/GBFF.03/03, *Progress on Programming for Global Biodiversity Framework Fund*:

- (i) welcomes the report by the Secretariat and takes note of the progress made in the GBFF programming;
- (ii) urges the relevant GEF Implementing Agencies to comply with the project cycle policy towards timely project development and implementation.

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## INTRODUCTION

1. This document presents the progress made in programming of available resources with the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) since February 2024.

## GBFF SELECTION ROUNDS

2. The first GBFF Council, which convened on February 8 and 9, 2024, enabled the start of programming under the GBFF, with the approval of the GEF Resource Allocation Policy and GBFF Project Cycle policy.<sup>1, 2</sup>

3. The GBFF Council decided to allocate resources through discrete programming tranches to improve predictability for recipient countries, while accommodating financial contributions on a rolling basis. The adoption of the GBFF Resource Allocation Policy triggered the opening of the first GBFF programming tranche on February 21, 2024, which has made available \$211 million for programming. This amount corresponds to all pledges confirmed by the GBFF Trustee at the date of Policy approval, minus corporate budget needs.

4. Within programming tranches, all GBFF resources are allocated in a country-driven manner to projects through consecutive selection rounds open to all eligible countries. Eligible countries have been invited to participate in selection rounds through notifications from the GEF CEO to GEF Operational Focal Points, and from joint notifications with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) to focal points of the CBD and its Protocols.

5. The GBFF Project Cycle Policy is streamlined from the Project and Program Cycle Policy applicable to all other Trust Funds in the GEF family of funds, including the GEF Trust Fund. Selection rounds are organized to approve Project Preparation Grant (PPG) requests, as summarized in Annex A. The GEF CEO then approves all or a subset of PPG requests submitted in a selection round based on the seven selection criteria and three portfolio-level targets agreed by the Council (see Annex A), as well as resource availability at that time.

6. With the opening of each programming tranche, the Secretariat publishes the maximum total dollar value of new funding request(s) that all eligible countries can submit during the programming tranche.<sup>3</sup>

7. Fully developed projects are to be submitted to GEF Secretariat within nine months of PPG request approval. Fully developed projects above \$5 million are then included in a Work

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<sup>1</sup> GEF, 2024, [Policy on Allocation of Resources for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund \(GBFF\)](#), Council document GEF/GBFF.01/03/Rev.03.

<sup>2</sup> GEF, 2024, [Global Biodiversity Framework Fund \(GBFF\) Project Cycle Policy](#), Council document GEF/GBFF.01/04/Rev.02.

<sup>3</sup> GEF, 2024, [Maximum Dollar Value of Funding Request\(s\) for the First Programming Tranche of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#), Council document GEF/GBFF.02/Inf.01.

Program for GBFF Council approval. Projects that are \$5 million or less are approved by the CEO by delegated authority from the Council.

8. This section presents the three selection rounds organized thus far and the first GBFF Work Program, from the first tranche.

### **First Selection Round**

9. A special first selection round was organized immediately after the first GBFF Council held in February 2024, in light of views expressed during the Council meeting to explore the possibility to have the first Work Program at the June 2024 Council. The first selection round was thus dedicated to submissions from Countries and Agencies in a position to submit the endorsement request by April 1, 2024, in time for approval of the fully developed projects by the June 2024 GBFF Council.

10. The submission window of the first selection round opened on February 21, 2024 and closed on March 1, 2024.

11. Four PPG requests were submitted for the first selection round. All were evaluated to meet the selection criteria. Applicants were notified of the selection by March 15, 2024, and the four fully developed projects were submitted by April 1, 2024.

12. The first Work Program for the GBFF was presented to the second GBFF Council for its approval in June, 2024.<sup>4</sup> The Work Program consisted of three fully developed projects above \$5 million from the first selection round, including two from Brazil and one from Mexico, in line with the Council-approved GBFF Project Cycle Policy. One project from Gabon was presented to the GEF CEO for approval after a 4-week electronic review by the GBFF Council, in line with the delegated authority for projects up to \$5 million.

13. All four projects have been approved for implementation by August 2024, for a total GBFF funding of \$39.78 million, inclusive of PPG and fees.

14. Annex B of this document lists the concepts approved in the first selection round and their current status.

### **Second Selection Round**

15. The submission window for the second selection round of the first tranche opened on March 4, 2024 and closed on April 1, 2024.

16. Sixty-six PPG requests were submitted from 63 countries for the second selection round of the first tranche. They included 32 submissions from least developed countries (LDCs) and/or small island developing States (SIDS).

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<sup>4</sup> GEF, 2024, [Work Program for Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#), Council Document GEF/GBFF.02/03.

17. Applicants were notified of the selection by the GEF CEO on May 9, 2024.
18. Eighteen PPG requests from 21 countries were approved for the second selection round, including 11 PPG requests from 13 LDCs and SIDS. In total, \$2.23 million of PPGs, inclusive of agency fees, were approved and \$68.43 million of project funding, inclusive of agency fees, have been set aside pending project approval.
19. In total, \$70.66 million of GBFF funding has been programmed in the second selection round, leveraging \$77.90 million in anticipated co-financing. Annex C of this document presents the list of PPG requests that were approved in the second selection round.
20. The second selection round was open to all agencies and all eligible countries, with no additional restrictions on the timeline for project development beyond the business standards set in the GBFF Project Cycle Policy. Fully developed projects are thus expected to be submitted to the GEF Secretariat by February 8, 2025, within nine months of the PPG approval.
21. By the posting date of this document, no fully developed project from the second selection round had been submitted to the GEF Secretariat. Two GEF agencies have informed the GEF Secretariat about delays in preparation for nine projects, which are expected to request one-time extensions as per the GBFF project cycle policy.
22. Four of the 18 PPG requests approved in the second selection round requested resources above \$5 million, of which three are expected to be included in a Work Program for consideration by the fourth GBFF Council in June 2025. One is expected to request a one-time extension.

### **Third Selection Round**

23. The submission window for the third selection round of the first tranche opened on August 8, 2024 and closed on September 30, 2024. In response to requests for a longer application period, this selection round was open for seven weeks. The Secretariat also notified that proposals from LDCs and SIDS and international financing institutions (IFI) were to be prioritized in light of the portfolio-level progress after the first and second selection rounds.
24. The Secretariat received 58 PPG requests by the deadline. One PPG request was subsequently withdrawn. A total of 57 PPG requests from 54 countries, including 24 PPG requests from 25 SIDS or LDCs were reviewed.
25. Applicants were notified of the selection by the GEF CEO by December 13, 2024.
26. For the third selection round, 18 PPG requests from 17 countries were approved, including 10 PPG requests from 9 LDCs and SIDS. In total, \$2.72 million of PPGs, inclusive of agency fees, were approved and \$88.45 million of project financing, inclusive of agency fees, have been set aside pending project approval.

27. The approved PPGs represents \$91.17 million of GBFF funding programmed in the third selection round, leveraging \$319.32 million in anticipated co-financing. Annex D of this document presents the list of PPG requests that were approved in the third selection round.

### PROGRAMMING OF RESOURCES FOR KMGBF TARGETS

28. Table 1 presents resources programmed for each of the GBFF Action Areas as articulated in the Programming Directions and aligned Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) targets.

29. It should be noted that an assessment of resources allocated to the implementation of the 23 KMGBF target are likely to be more accurate based on data from fully developed projects instead of data from the PPG request stage. The Secretariat continues to monitor and report on the programming of resources for the KMGBF targets.

**Table 1. Resources Programmed per GBFF Action Areas and Alignment with KMGBF Targets**

Action Areas	Description	Resource Programmed to date <sup>5</sup> (\$ million)	Alignment with KMGBF Targets
1	Biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea-use and spatial planning	\$80.31	Targets 1, 2, 3
2	Support to IPLC stewardship and governance of lands, territories, and waters	\$49.90	Targets 1, 2, 3, 22
3	Policy alignment and development	\$4.99	Targets 14, 15, 18
4	Resource mobilization	\$19.35	Targets 18, 19
5	Sustainable use of biodiversity	\$6.63	Targets 5, 9
6	Biodiversity mainstreaming in production sectors	\$14.17	Targets 7, 10
7	Invasive alien species (IAS) management and control	\$1.51	Target 6
8	Capacity building and implementation support for biosafety, handling of biotechnology and access and benefit sharing, including under the Nagoya and Cartagena protocols	\$2.86	Targets 13, 17

### STATUS OF GBFF PROGRAMMING

30. Table 2 presents the status of the programming of GBFF resources from the first, second, and third selection rounds.

<sup>5</sup> Project financing, exclusive of project preparation grant and agency fees.

**Table 2. Programming of GBFF Resources by First Tranche Selection Rounds**

	<b>Number of PPG requests approved</b>	<b>Resources Programmed/ Set-aside (\$ million)</b>	<b>Remaining Resources for Projects in First Tranche (\$ million)</b>	<b>Percent of First Tranche Resources programmed</b>
First Selection Round PPG requests approved (April 2024)	4	39.78	171.22	19%
Second Selection Round PPG requests approved (May 2024)	18	70.66	100.56	34%
Third Selection Round PPG requests approved (December 2024)	18	91.18	9.38	43%
<b>Total in First Tranche</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>201.62</b>	<b>9.38</b>	<b>96%</b>

31. Since the start of GBFF programming in February 2024, 127 PPG requests have been submitted in the three selection rounds, requesting \$443.20 million. 40 PPG requests totaling \$201.62 million have been approved.

32. 96 percent of the first programming tranche has been programmed through these 40 approved PPG requests. Of these, four have been fully developed and approved as GBFF projects and 36 are approved PPG requests.

### **GBFF PROGRAMMING BY COUNTRIES AND REGIONS**

33. A total of 41 countries, including 12 LDCs and 11 SIDS (including one LDC/SIDS), have had a least one project or PPG request approved in the first programming tranche of the GBFF. Of these countries, 38 countries, including 12 LDCs and 11 SIDS (including one LDC/SIDS), have programmed their respective country maximum dollar value of funding requests for the first programming tranche. These countries are: Angola, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Honduras, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, Nauru, Nepal, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Samoa, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Tonga, and Tanzania.

34. Three countries, namely Indonesia, Philippines, and South Africa, have programmed part of their country maximum dollar value. 103 countries have not yet accessed GBFF resources.

<sup>6</sup> Figures include: GEF project financing, Agency fees, PPGs, and associated PPG fees.



35. The LDCs/SIDS have programmed a total of \$73.28 million, or 36 percent of the first programming tranche to date. These include the following countries:

- LDCs: Angola, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nepal, Senegal, Solomon Islands, and Tanzania.
- SIDS: Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Tonga.

36. Table 3 shows the distribution across regions of the GBFF resources programmed across the three GBFF selection rounds. Resources have been programmed in all regions. The level of balance across regions achieved after three selection rounds reflects the distribution of submissions and prioritization made to progress towards the portfolio-level targets, described further in the section below.

**Table 3. Distribution across Regions of the GBFF Resources Requested and Programmed in First Programming Tranche (inclusive of PPG and Fees)**

Region	PPG request		Resources approved or set aside pending project approval		pending project approval	
	\$ millions	Number of projects	\$ millions	% resources	Number of projects	Share of projects
Africa	\$124.47	47	\$63.19	31%	14	35%
Asia	\$150.74	40	\$49.57	25%	12	30%
Europe and Central Asia	\$3.14	3	\$1.74	1%	2	5%
Latin America and Caribbean	\$164.84	37	\$87.12	43%	12	30%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$443.20</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>\$201.62</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>
SIDS/LDCs	\$141.20	60	\$73.28	36%	21	53%

### **GBFF PROGRAMMING BY AGENCY**

37. Table 4 shows the distribution across GEF agencies of the GBFF resources programmed across the three GBFF selection rounds. Resources have been programmed through 11 of the 18 GEF agencies.

**Table 4. Distribution across Agencies of the GBFF Resources Requested and Programmed in First Programming Tranche (inclusive of PPG and Fees)**

Agency	PPG request submissions		Resources approved or set aside pending project approval			
	\$ millions	Number of projects	\$ millions	% resources	Number of projects	Share of projects
UNDP	\$197.81	71 <sup>7</sup>	\$47.21	23%	15 <sup>7</sup>	38%
WWF-US	\$48.00	8	\$42.16	21%	6	15%
FAO	\$84.27	23	\$25.84	13%	8	20%
CI	\$35.52	7	\$23.38	12%	2	5%
CAF	\$20.75	3	\$19.77	10%	2	5%
IUCN	\$12.83	2	\$12.83	6%	2	5%
World Bank	\$11.96	3 <sup>7</sup>	\$10.80	5%	2 <sup>7</sup>	5%
FUNBIO	\$9.88	1	\$9.88	5%	1	3%
IFAD	\$4.53	1	\$4.53	2%	1	3%
ADB	\$4.00	2	\$3.00	1%	1	3%
DBSA	\$2.21	1	\$2.21	1%	1	3%
AfDB			\$-		0	
BOAD	\$2.15	1	\$-		0	
EBRD			\$-		0	
FECO			\$-		0	
IADB	\$4.38	3 <sup>7</sup>	\$-		0	
UNEP	\$4.90	3	\$-		0	
UNIDO			\$-		0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$443.20</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>\$201.62</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

## PORTFOLIO-LEVEL TARGETS

38. The GBFF has three portfolio-level targets, included in the Council-approved GBFF Programming Directions and shown in Annex A. The expected contributions from the three selection rounds towards the portfolio-level targets are summarized in this section.

39. **36 percent + 3 percent allocated to small island developing States (SIDS)/least developed countries (LDCs):**<sup>8</sup> The approved PPG requests from the three selection rounds include 36 percent of resources for SIDS and LDCs. The lower threshold of the portfolio-level target has been satisfied in the first programming tranche. Progress towards programming the

<sup>7</sup> UNDP and the World Bank are co-implementing one selected PPG requests. IABD and UNDP submitted a PPG request planning for co-implementation. The total by agency thus adds up to more than the total of projects received/approved.

<sup>8</sup> As stated in the Programming Directions, the 3 percent portion to SIDS and LDCs will be reviewed after 3 years of the date of the Fund ratification at the Assembly. If unused, the 3 percent will be reprogrammed to other countries.

+3 percent portion is to be reviewed three years after ratification of the GBFF. As per the allocation policy, 36 percent plus 3 percent of resources available for programming since inception will be reserved for SIDS and LDCs during the first 3 years from ratification of the GBFF.

40. **25 percent to be programmed through international financing institutions (IFIs):**<sup>9</sup> 20 percent of the GBFF resources, or \$40.31 million, approved from the three selection rounds have been programmed through IFIs. The IFI share has increased significantly with the third selection round, from 6 percent share from the first and second selection rounds.

41. IFIs have been involved in 14 out of the 127 PPG requests received across the three selection rounds. The scope of PPG submissions from IFIs in the first tranche has been modest, with 11 percent of the submissions and 11 percent of the total GBFF funding requested. Out of the 14 submissions, seven, or 50 percent, have been selected. In comparison, 31 percent of submissions from all GEF agencies have been selected. Based on financing amounts, 80 percent of the funding requested through IFIs has been selected, with \$40.32 million out of \$49.98 million requested. Across all agencies, approximately 45 percent of the total funding requested has been selected, with \$201.62 million out of \$443.20 million requested.

42. Across the three selection rounds, trade-offs have been observed between the IFI target, regional balance, the portfolio-level target related to LDCs/SIDS. This is primarily due to the concentration of IFI submissions from one region and limited submissions from other regions and LDCs/SIDS.

43. Specifically, no PPG request from Europe and Central Asia has been submitted through an IFI. One PPG request from LDCs/SIDS has been submitted but not approved. In contrast, Latin America presented 50 percent of the submissions involving an IFI and 60 percent of the total GBFF funding request made through IFIs (see Table 5). Asia submitted a total of three PPG requests through an IFI, the largest two of which were selected.

**Table 5. Distribution across Regions of the GBFF Resources Requested and Programmed through an IFI in First Programming Tranche (inclusive of PPG and Fees)**

Region	PPG request submissions		request	
	\$ millions	Number of projects	\$ millions	Number of projects
Africa	\$9.42	4	\$6.11	2
Asia	\$10.91	3	\$9.91	2
Europe and Central Asia		0		0
Latin America and Caribbean	\$29.65	7	\$24.30	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$49.98</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$40.32</b>	<b>7</b>
Including SIDS/LDCs	\$1.16	1		

<sup>9</sup> As stated in the Programming Directions, a report on the distribution of GBFF resources by agencies will be presented at the GBFF Council 2 years after the date of ratification of the GBFF at the GEF Assembly. The GBFF Council can, at that time, discuss new measures as needed to ensure that the target for IFIs is achieved.

44. **Aspirational share of 20 percent by 2030 to support actions by IPLCs:** 31 percent of the GBFF resources programmed after three selection rounds (\$63.5 million) are to support actions by IPLCs for the conservation, sustainable use, restoration and management of biodiversity. The portfolio-level aspirational share has been surpassed in the first programming tranche. It should be noted that the amounts allocated to support actions by IPLC may change between the PPG request stage and CEO endorsement stage. The Secretariat continues to monitor and report on the IPLC share.

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

### Ministerial Dialogue and Pledging Session

45. The Ministerial Dialogue and Pledging Session for the GBFF was organized on October 28, 2024, at the sixteenth Conference of the Parties (COP) to CBD in Cali, Colombia. During this meeting, additional voluntary contributions totaling \$163 million from seven countries and the first ever contribution by a sub-national government were announced.

46. The event was opened by the GEF CEO and Chairperson, the CBD Executive Secretary, and the COP 16 President. Ministers and senior representatives from Brazil, Fiji, Gabon, Madagascar, Mexico, and Vanuatu shared their views and perspective on the GBFF.

47. Key stakeholders, including the GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group, philanthropic foundations, and the World Bank group discussed their engagement with the GBFF for partnership, as well as expectations for catalyzing support and impact.

48. A joint donor statement was released by Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the Province of Québec for their announcement of new contributions, and by Canada, Japan, Luxemburg, and Spain for their confirmation of early support provided.<sup>10</sup> An accompanying GEF press release was also issued.<sup>11</sup>

49. With the contributions announced at the Pledging Session, the cumulative resources mobilized for the GBFF increased to \$383 million.

### Resource Needed for Second Tranche

50. As agreed in the Policy on Allocation of Resources for the GBFF,<sup>12</sup> a new programming tranche after the first tranche is opened every time an additional \$250 million in pledges to the GBFF have been confirmed by the Trustee, or 18 months have passed since the prior tranche was opened, whichever comes first.

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<sup>10</sup> [Joint Statement of Donors' Pledge of \\$163 million and confirmation of support to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund.](#)

<sup>11</sup> GEF, 2024, [In a Boost for Nature, Governments Announce \\$163 Million in New Pledges to Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#), GEF Press Release.

<sup>12</sup> GEF, 2024, *Policy on Allocation of Resources for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF)*, Council document GEF/GBFF.01/03/Rev.03.

51. Each new tranche opens for programming \$250 million (minus corporate budget needs) plus any unused resources from the previous tranche, or, in the case of tranches triggered by the 18-month limit, all pledged resources confirmed by the Trustee that have not yet been opened for programming (minus corporate budget needs). The Council may review capitalization thresholds as needed.

52. As of December 11, 2024, the pledges announced and confirmed since the opening of the first programming tranche total approximately \$164 million.

53. Accordingly, the second programming tranche will be opened when additional confirmed pledges totaling ca. \$86 million<sup>13</sup> are made to the GBFF, or on August 9, 2025, 18 months after the first tranche was opened on February 9, 2024, whichever comes first.

54. Given the above, resource mobilization is a key issue for the continued and timely programming of GBFF resources to support the KMGBF implementation.

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<sup>13</sup> The amount depends on exchange rate fluctuations.

## ANNEX A: SUMMARY OF GBFF PROJECT CYCLE

The GBFF Project Cycle Policy is streamlined from the GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy (applicable to all other GEF family of funds including the GEF Trust Fund).<sup>14</sup> All GBFF resources are allocated in a country-driven manner to projects through consecutive selection rounds open to all eligible countries.

**PPG Selection Rounds:** Selection rounds are organized to approve PPG requests as follows.

- i. The Secretariat invites Agencies to submit PPG requests during a set timeframe.
- ii. Agencies submit PPG requests on behalf and with the endorsement of eligible countries. The funding request embedded in a PPG request must be equal to, or smaller than, the country's maximum total dollar value of new funding request(s) at the time of submission. For the first tranche, the maximum total dollar value table document has been posted on the GEF website, and circulated to all GEF Operational Focal Points (OFPs) and Agencies on February 16, 2024.<sup>15</sup>
- iii. The Secretariat reviews all eligible PPG requests submitted by the deadline based on the seven selection criteria set forth in the GBFF Programming Directions document<sup>16</sup>:
  - Potential to generate Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs);
  - Alignment with the GBFF Programming Directions and advancing the KMGBF implementation;
  - Alignment with the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and National Finance Plans or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities;
  - Level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector and civil society;
  - Balance amongst regions;
  - Mobilization of private sector and philanthropies' resources;
  - Engagement with and support to Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs).
- iv. If a PPG does not meet the conditions for approval, the Secretariat may reject it or request additional information.

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<sup>14</sup> GEF, 2024, [Global Biodiversity Framework Fund \(GBFF\) Project Cycle Policy](#), Council document GEF/GBFF.01/04/Rev.02

<sup>15</sup> GEF, 2024, [Country Maximum Dollar Value of Funding Request\(s\) for the First Programming Tranche of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#), Council document GEF/GBFF.02/Inf.01.

<sup>16</sup> GEF, 2023, [Programming Directions of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#), Council document GEF/C.64/06/Rev.02.

- v. The CEO approves all or a subset of the submitted PPG requests, based on the reviews, availability of resources, and three portfolio-level targets set forth in the GBFF Programming Directions document:
- 36%+3% of the total GBFF resources are allocated to LDCs and SIDS; the 3% portion to SIDS and LDCs will be reviewed after 3 years of the date of the fund ratification at the Assembly. If unused, the 3% will be reprogrammed to other countries;
  - A full 25% of the GBFF resources is to be programmed through International Finance Institutions that are GEF agencies;
  - An aspirational programming share of 20% at the portfolio level by 2030 from the total amount of resources allocated under the GBFF is to support actions by IPLCs for the conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of biodiversity.
- vi. Upon approval, the resources corresponding to full project cost are set aside and considered allocated for the purpose of the programming tranche.

**Work Program constitution and CEO endorsement:** After the CEO approval of selected PPGs, the Agencies will submit the fully prepared projects within 9 months in compliance with the GBFF Project Cancellation provisions.

Projects above \$5 million will be included in a Work Program that will be reviewed and discussed by the GBFF Council. The endorsement requests cleared by the Secretariat for inclusion in a Work Program and the Cover Note will be posted on the GEF website and circulated eight weeks in advance of a GBFF Council meeting to Council Members, STAP, and the CBD Secretariat for comments.

Fully prepared projects up to \$5 million cleared by the Secretariat can be endorsed by the CEO based on the delegated authority provided by the GBFF Council. These projects will be circulated to Council Members four weeks prior to CEO endorsement. List of approved projects up to \$5 million will be appended to the Work Program Cover Note posted for the GBFF Council. Projects ranging from \$2 million to \$5 million will be also circulated to STAP four weeks prior to CEO endorsement for comments.

## ANNEX B: APPROVED PPG REQUESTS FROM FIRST SELECTION ROUND OF FIRST TRANCHE

GEF ID	Project Title	Agency	Country	Total funding request (incl. PPG and fees)	Co-financing	Status
11508	Biodiversity Conservation in Indigenous Lands	Funbio	Brazil	\$9,880,000	\$17,900,000	Approved as part of the Work Program considered by 2 <sup>nd</sup> GBFF Council, endorsed on August 21, 2024.
11509	Caatinga Protected Areas Program – ARCA	WWF-US	Brazil	\$9,880,000	\$0	Approved as part of the Work Program considered by 2 <sup>nd</sup> GBFF Council, endorsed on August 21, 2024.
11512	Addressing Outstanding Barriers and Leveraging Durable Financial Mechanism to Achieve Target 3 in Gabon	WWF-US	Gabon	\$1,518,910	\$0	Endorsed by the CEO on July 18, 2024.
11510	Mex30x30: Conserving Mexican Biodiversity through Communities and Their Protected Areas	CI	Mexico	\$18,500,000	\$115,549,532	Approved as part of the Work Program considered by 2 <sup>nd</sup> GBFF Council, endorsed on August 21, 2024.
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,778,910</b>	<b>\$133,449,532</b>	



## ANNEX C: APPROVED PPG REQUESTS FROM SECOND SELECTION ROUND OF FIRST TRANCHE

GEF ID	Project Title	Agency	Country	Total funding request (incl. PPG and fees)	Co-Financing	Status
11582	Advancing integrated participatory spatial planning to enhance Samoa's globally significant biodiversity at a national scale	FAO	Samoa	\$1,160,000	\$1,150,000	In preparation
11583	Scaling up biodiversity-positive and culturally inclusive agrifood and agritourism systems in Palau	FAO	Palau	\$1,160,000	\$1,120,000	In preparation
11588	Reimagining National Parks for People and Nature – Leveraging Durable Financing Mechanisms for Mega Living Landscapes (MLL) to achieve Target 3 in South Africa	WWF-US	South Africa	\$5,000,000		In preparation
11589	Strengthening Globally Significant Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines through Local Community Empowerment	ADB	Philippines	\$3,000,000	\$27,000,000	Agency informed GEF Secretariat of delays in project preparation, one-time extension request to be submitted.
11590	Community-based conservation for biodiversity and livelihoods in the context of climate change in DRC	FAO	Congo DR	\$6,560,000	\$12,000,000	In preparation
11595	Delivering Target 3 at the regional scale in Peru: Applying the ecosystem approach in the Northern Transversal Economic Corridor of Peru (Northern TEC)	WWF-US	Peru	\$12,570,000		In preparation
11598	Support for the development of a national policy, institutional and monitoring framework to effectively implement the Nagoya Protocol in Belize	UNDP	Belize	\$1,160,000		3-month extension request submitted.
11600	Philippines Biodiversity Financing Program	UNDP	Philippines	\$4,000,000		Agency informed GEF Secretariat of delays in project preparation, one-time extension request to be submitted.
11604	Advancing ABS implementation in Cambodia	UNDP	Cambodia	\$1,350,000		Agency informed GEF Secretariat of delays in project preparation,

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						one-time extension request to be submitted.
11606	Responding to Pacific priorities for ecosystem management and NBSAP implementation through strengthening capacities for effective planning and monitoring of ecosystems	UNDP	Fiji, Nauru, Tonga, Regional	\$4,630,000	\$1,000,000	Agency informed GEF Secretariat of delays in project preparation, one-time extension request to be submitted.
11609	Strengthening transboundary conserved area management of the Sangha Tri-National (TNS)	WWF-US	Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Regional	\$7,259,526		In preparation
11612	Empowering Indigenous Peoples for Sustainable Development: Inclusive Biodiversity Management through a Social and Solidarity Economy Approach	UNDP	Suriname	\$1,160,000		Agency informed GEF Secretariat of delays in project preparation, one-time extension request to be submitted.
11616	Restoring Forest Ecosystem Functions Through Community-Based Management in the Royal Botanic Garden of Jordan	UNDP	Jordan	\$870,000		In preparation
11626	Effective protection of Mozambique's Miombo woodlands and marine hotspot conservation areas enhancing global coping mechanisms to climate change	CI	Mozambique	\$4,876,006	\$1,309,990	In preparation
11636	Sustainable Management and Restoration of Threatened Ecological Corridors in Kenya	World Bank	Kenya	\$3,896,750	\$9,800,000	In preparation
11638	Enhancing co-benefits of conservation/protected area management through an inclusive wildlife-based ecotourism strategy (ECOTOURISM)	UNDP	Indonesia	\$7,000,000	\$21,000,000	Agency informed GEF Secretariat of delays in project preparation, one-time extension request to be submitted.
11640	Strengthening the protected area system in Angola through innovation and capacity development	UNDP	Angola	\$3,260,000	\$600,000	3-month extension request submitted
11642	Support for the development of protected areas for the conservation of biodiversity	UNDP	Senegal	\$1,749,625	\$2,920,000	3-month extension request submitted

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			TOTAL	\$70,661,907	\$77,899,990	

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GEF ID	Project Title	Agency	Country	Total funding request (incl. PPG and fees)	Co-Financing
11766	Restoration of the remaining ecosystems in selected urban areas within threatened ecoregion of Central Iraq to conserve biodiversity and strengthen human-nature connectivity	UNDP	Iraq	\$870,000	\$116,000
11769	Sustainable Restoration and Conservation of Malagarasi - Moyowosi Wetland Ecosystem through an Integrated Approach	UNDP	Tanzania	\$6,950,000	\$10,000,000
11775	Transforming the Global Biodiversity Framework into Tangible Action in Madagascar - BioTAct (Biodiversity Tangible Action)	IUCN	Madagascar	\$8,782,000	\$41,714,503
11778	Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Botswana's Financial Sector (MBBF)	UNDP	Botswana	\$870,000	\$250,000
11780	Blue Corridor: connectivity for the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of marine ecosystems of global importance in the Southern Caribbean of Costa Rica.	IUCN	Costa Rica	\$4,050,000	\$778,000
11784	Conservation of Biodiversity, its Sustainable Use, Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits in India (CONSERVE)	UNDP, World Bank	India	\$13,820,000	\$100,000,000
11787	Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) for sustainable management and conservation of critical ecosystems in three Highland provinces in Papua New Guinea	FAO	Papua New Guinea	\$7,270,000	\$30,200,000
11792	Conservation and sustainable use of threatened coastal and inland fish species for sustainable livelihood of fishing and farming communities	FAO	Cuba	\$3,510,000	\$18,552,000
11793	Strengthening Biodiversity in Agriculture, Restoring Ecosystem Resilience, and Empowering IPLCs in Lao PDR	FAO	Lao PDR	\$1,960,000	\$700,000
11795	Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Improved Biodiversity Stewardship in the Solomon Islands	FAO	Solomon Islands	\$2,709,402	\$7,350,000

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11797	Biomanglar: Empowering Collective Territories through Conservation, Sustainable Use, and Restoration Initiatives of Mangroves to Contribute to Colombia's National Biodiversity Strategy	CAF	Colombia	\$16,055,485	\$31,700,000
11798	Sustainable Management of Biodiversity and Natural Resources in the Bolivian Altiplano associated to the production of South American camelids	IFAD	Bolivia	\$4,527,504	\$26,940,000
11800	Enhancing Participatory Conservation and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Ethiopia	UNDP	Ethiopia	\$4,319,999	\$8,356,130
11802	Sustainable Financing and Inclusive Management to Perpetuate Madagascar's Locally Managed Marine Areas	WWF-US	Madagascar	\$5,934,747	\$5,916,189
11804	EcoHarmony RD: Advancing OECMs for Biodiversity Integration in Dominican Landscapes	UNDP	Dominican Republic	\$2,108,942	
11810	Strengthening the Ecological and Economic Functions of Critical Biodiversity Habitats of the N'Zi Voluntary Nature Reserve	DBSA	Cote d'Ivoire	\$2,209,975	\$3,250,000
11811	Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Nagoya Protocol, the Cartagena Protocol, and the Promotion of Sustainable Bio-Businesses in Honduras	CAF	Honduras	\$3,718,654	\$23,502,091
11818	Conservation of Endangered cold water fish species for sustainable livelihoods of fishing communities in Middle Trishuli River Basin, Central Nepal	FAO	Nepal	\$1,508,505	\$10,000,000
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$91,175,213</b>	<b>\$319,324,913</b>