



PROJECT POSTCARDS

Highlights from the GEF portfolio, drawn from the 2024 Monitoring Report



global
environment
facility
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

A row of colorful t-shirts hanging on wooden hangers. The colors from left to right are red, pink, purple, magenta, and bright green. The background is a solid blue color.

GLOBAL

REDUCING HARM FROM GARMENT-MAKING

The Fashion Pact is a CEO-led initiative driving sustainability in the clothing supply chain. It is helping 60+ companies align with targets related to raw materials, mining, and land use practices, helping address biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution. The Fashion Pact spans 160+ brands including Kering, Inditex, J.Crew, H&M, and Ralph Lauren.

Project ID 10658

Implemented by:
Conservation International



AFRICA

COOPERATION FOR TUNA-FISHING COMMUNITIES

In **Comoros, Mozambique, and Tanzania**, GEF funding is helping tuna fishing communities ensure sustainable resources and local economic opportunities through joint work on measures including inspection mechanisms, village savings schemes, and low-cost fish aggregating devices and lobster traps.

Project ID 5905

Implemented by:
World Bank

AFRICA

MANGROVE PROTECTION HELPS CRAB FISHERS

In **Liberia**, the GEF is helping coastal communities build sustainable small businesses in areas that previously relied on mangrove destruction. This work is helping address soil erosion and protect ecosystems, benefiting local crab fishers.

Project ID 9573

Implemented by:
Conservation International



AFRICA

SAVING ELEPHANTS AND ADDRESSING CROP DAMAGE

In **Gabon**, the GEF's Global Wildlife Program is reducing illegal elephant killings through increased ranger patrols and surveillance in national parks, and is helping landowners and farmers manage crop damage by passing elephants.

Project ID 9212

Implemented by:
World Bank

AFRICA



GOAT-REARING, ORGANIC HARVESTING TO HELP THE FOREST

In **Namibia**, the GEF is funding participatory training in forest and rangeland management, including goat-rearing, organic harvesting, and water conservation measures including boreholes. This is improving land health and preventing deforestation, reducing local exposure to heavy rains and droughts.

Project ID 9426

Implemented by:
UNDP



AFRICA

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE = SUSTAINABLE JOBS

In **Tonga**, GEF support for improved land and agricultural practices is improving soil quality and boosting farm production, creating more sustainable jobs. This has included the introduction of keyhole gardening, organic pest control with seaweed, and improved pig-rearing techniques, and has yielded new national land use policies.

Project ID 5578

Implemented by:
UNEP



AFRICA

BLUE BOND UNLOCKS FUNDING FOR OCEAN HEALTH

In the **Seychelles**, the GEF helped provide a boost for ocean health through support for a pioneering blue bond, which combined public and private financing to support sustainable fisheries governance. The proceeds helped expand marine protected areas by 10 million hectares and unlocked a new frontier of environmental finance.

Project ID 9563

Implemented by:
World Bank

GLOBAL



Dawn Po Quimque/planetGOLD Philippines

GOLD ORE PROCESSING WITHOUT MERCURY

Through **planetGOLD**, GEF funding is helping small-scale gold miners in countries worldwide including **the Philippines** access mercury-free processing equipment to prevent toxic exposure and emissions. Globally, nearly 20 million people work in small-scale gold mining, including an estimated 5 million women and children.

Project ID 9695,
ID 9697, ID 10606

Implemented by:
UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO
Conservation International

ASIA



SEA TURTLE HATCHLINGS AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL LIVELIHOODS

In **Timor-Leste**, GEF support for sustainable fisheries and agriculture around protected areas is yielding new livelihoods for local people from community-based ecotourism and biodiversity conservation, including a focus on sea turtle hatchlings.

Project ID 6920

Implemented by:
UNDP

ASIA



SEED BANKS HELP LOCAL FARMERS AND DISASTER RESILIENCE

In **Nepal**, GEF funding for community seed banks has supported the planting of hundreds of varieties of rice, millet, barley, and amaranth, and training on locally adapted seeds and seed maintenance, helping biodiversity and improving resilience against natural disasters.

Project ID 4464

Implemented by:
UNEP



ASIA

NEW PROTECTED AREAS AND INNOVATIVE FINANCING

In **Papua New Guinea**, GEF funding has set up a new Biodiversity and Climate Fund to support community-led conservation work and open the door to new innovative financing such as a potential debt-for-nature swap and blue bond, supporting new protected areas.

Project ID 9536

Implemented by:
UNDP

ASIA



SUPPORT FOR TIGERS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE JOBS

In **Nepal**, the GEF is helping iconic species including the Bengal Tiger and One-Horned Rhinoceros through support to communities in the lowlands and Himalayan foothills. New and more sustainable jobs are helping reduce human-wildlife conflict and local reliance on illegal resource extraction.

Project ID 9437

Implemented by:
WWF-US

EUROPE AND
CENTRAL ASIA



PLANTING TREES TO PREVENT HARM FROM DUST STORMS

In **Kazakhstan**, the GEF is helping to plant trees and prevent harm from sand and dust storms in the dried-out bottom of the Aral Sea, averting health hazards and crop damage from windblown sediments including toxins and salt.

Project ID 10299

Implemented by:
World Bank

**EUROPE AND
CENTRAL ASIA**

PREVENTING OVER-GRAZING TO PROTECT WILDLIFE

In **Türkiye**, GEF support is helping farmers and pastoralists more-sustainably manage vast grasslands through practices to prevent overgrazing, helping diverse flora and wildlife including gazelles.

Project ID 5657

Implemented by:
FAO



GLOBAL

SAFE DISPOSAL OF PCBs FOR BETTER HEALTH

Countries and waste management companies are working with GEF support to safely dispose of toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) through the decontamination of electrical transformers; dichlorination of oils; and treatment of complex waste.

Project ID 5816, ID 5646,
ID 4782, ID 4446, ID 3775

Implemented by:
UNDP, UNIDO
World Bank



LATIN
AMERICA

TACKLING RISKS FROM MEDICAL WASTE

In **Colombia**, GEF funding is helping hospitals avoid releasing dangerous emissions, through non-incineration technologies and improved separation of medical waste. It is also replacing mercury-containing healthcare devices, such as thermometers, with digital alternatives.

Project ID 6928

Implemented by:
UNDP

LATIN
AMERICA



BOOSTING ECOTOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

In **Colombia's** Magdalena River Basin, GEF support for new protected areas have improved freshwater fish populations and rehabilitated watershed habitats, helping sustainable fisheries and creating local economic opportunities through ecotourism.

Project ID 4849

Implemented by:
IDB



LATIN
AMERICA

HELP FOR COFFEE, CACAO, SHRIMP, ECOTOURISM

In **Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico**, GEF funding is helping small-scale coffee and cacao processors, ecotourism operators, and the shrimp industry by investing in improved land, water, and coastal management across the region, “from ridge to reef.”

Project ID 5765

Implemented by:
WWF-US

LATIN
AMERICA



SUSTAINABLE DORADO, SHRIMP, CRABS, MUSSELS

In **Peru** and **Ecuador**, GEF is bolstering sustainable fisheries through improved practices and plans related to dorado, shrimp, crabs, and mussels, improving the traceability and value of seafood in both countries.

Project ID 9124

Implemented by:
UNDP

LATIN
AMERICA



ELECTRICAL UPGRADES BENEFIT PUBLIC HEALTH

In **Argentina**, GEF funding is helping both the public sector and private industry eliminate hundreds of tons of mercury-contaminated waste and remove thousands of tons of PCB waste from electrical equipment including transformers and capacitors.

Project ID 10094

Implemented by:
UNDP

**LATIN
AMERICA**

LOW-EMISSION COOLING IN THE CARIBBEAN

In **Trinidad and Tobago**, GEF funding is helping roll out energy-efficient air conditioning, including passive cooling technologies without ozone-depleting refrigerants, and supporting national policies and building codes for low-emission cooling.

Project ID 9789

Implemented by:
UNDP

LATIN
AMERICA



SUPPORT FOR HEALTHY SOILS, FLOOD RESPONSE

In **Costa Rica** and **Panama**, GEF support for cooperation in the Sixaola River Basin is helping improve soil practices on banana farms and is strengthening early warning systems for emergencies including floods.

Project ID 10172

Implemented by:
UNDP

LATIN
AMERICA



LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS BENEFIT AS LAND IS RESTORED

In **Uruguay**, GEF funding has helped farmers improve livestock management and restore degraded lands, resulting in improved pasture coverage and higher incomes. Satellite imagery showed noticeable improvement in grass height from the project's start to finish.

Project ID 9153

Implemented by:
FAO