



December 19, 2025

5th GBFF Council Meeting
December 18-19, 2025
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 07

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE GBFF COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Mr. Richard Bontjer, Council Member for the Constituency of Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of Korea, acted as Elected Chairperson for the calendar year 2025 as per decision 53/2024 adopted on December 20, 2024.
2. The Elected Chairperson and the GEF Director of Strategy and Operations, Mr. Claude Gascon, made opening statements to the Council.
3. Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), delivered opening remarks.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/GBFF.05/01.

DECISIONS APPROVED

5. The Council approved the following decisions with respect to its agenda items:

Decision GBFF 6/2025 Work Program for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

6. The Council, having considered document GEF/GBFF.04/02, *Work Program for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising three projects, subject to comments made, prior and during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 9, 2026.
7. Total Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$28,280,732, including GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of following projects:
 - i. **Colombia.** Biomanglar: Empowering Collective Territories through Conservation, Sustainable Use, and Restoration Initiatives of Mangroves to Contribute to Colombia's National Biodiversity Strategy (GEF ID 11797). Agency: CAF; GBFF project financing: \$14,429,803; co-financing: \$32,764,615.
 - ii. **Indonesia.** Enhancing co-benefits of conservation area management through an inclusive wildlife-based ecotourism strategy (WILDLIFE ECOTOURISM) (GEF ID 11638) Agency: UNDP; GBFF project financing \$6,192,695; co-financing \$21,000,000.
 - iii. **Madagascar.** Sustainable Financing and Inclusive Management to Perpetuate Madagascar's Locally Managed Marine Areas (GEF ID 11802): Agency: WWF-US; GBFF project financing: \$5,294,722; co-financing: \$3,304,484.

8. With respect to the projects approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these projects (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF or GBFF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully address comments provided the CBD Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Council Members, and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAP) on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF or GBFF policies and procedures.
9. All final project documents approved in this Work Program will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement.

Decision GBFF 7/2025 Progress Report on the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

10. The Council, having considered document GEF/GBFF.05/03, *Progress report on the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund*, welcomes the report by the Secretariat, takes note of the progress made in the operations of the GBFF, and decides to extend the first term of the non-contributing members of the Advisory Group of Non-Sovereign Participants until December 31, 2026.

Decision GBFF 8/2025 Towards a Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund 2025-2030

11. The Council, having considered the document GEF/GBFF.05/04/Rev.01, *Towards a Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund 2025-2030*, decides to establish an Ad-Hoc Working Group on Predictability in Financing and requests the Working Group to explore ways to enhance and strengthen predictability of contributions to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund along with additional approaches for mobilization of resources and present recommendations to the Secretariat on how to revise the document which shall be presented to Council for consideration at its sixth meeting.
12. The Council calls for new and additional contributions from all sources to support the continuous, rapid, and robust capitalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and asks the Secretariat to enhance efforts to mobilize resources.

Decision GBFF 9/2025 Results Framework of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

13. The Council, having considered document GEF/GBFF.05/05, *Results Framework the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund*, approves the modifications to the Results Framework, and requests the Secretariat to take the next steps outlined in the document to implement the new GBFF Results Framework, effective July 1, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. Mr. Anupam Anand, Senior Evaluation Officer, GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), provided an update on the IEO's ongoing evaluation of the GBFF that will be presented at the 6th GBFF Council meeting.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed on December 19, 2025.

Annex I - Table 1

Global Environment Facility
Table 1: Record of GBFF Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, December 15-19, 2025

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$		
						Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved
GBFF											
<i>Biodiversity</i>											
1	11797	CAF	Biomanglar: Empowering Collective Territories through Conservation, Sustainable Use, and Restoration Initiatives of Mangroves to Contribute to Colombia's National Biodiversity Strategy	Colombia	Biodiversity	14,429,803	1,298,682	15,728,485	14,429,803	1,298,682	15,728,485
2	11802	WWF-US	Sustainable Financing and Inclusive Management to Perpetuate Madagascar's Locally Managed Marine Areas	Madagascar	Biodiversity	5,294,722	476,525	5,771,247	5,294,722	476,525	5,771,247
3	11638	UNDP	Enhancing co-benefits of conservation area management through an inclusive wildlife-based ecotourism strategy (WILDLIFE ECOTOURISM)	Indonesia	Biodiversity	6,192,695	588,305	6,781,000	6,192,695	588,305	6,781,000
Sub-total						25,917,220	2,363,512	28,280,732	25,917,220	2,363,512	28,280,732
Grand Total						25,917,220	2,363,512	28,280,732	25,917,220	2,363,512	28,280,732

Global Environment Facility
Table 2: Record of GBFF Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
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Summary of Council Decisions

GBFF

Funding status as of 11/30/2025

\$ 96,501,216

Agency	GBFF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			GBFF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$		
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total
Project/Programs funding						
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	14,429,803	1,298,682	15,728,485	14,429,803	1,298,682	15,728,485
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	-	-	-	-	-	-
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	-	-	-	-	-	-
IUCN	-	-	-	-	-	-

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UNDP	6,192,695	588,305	6,781,000	6,192,695	588,305	6,781,000
UNEP	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNIDO	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWF-US	5,294,722	476,525	5,771,247	5,294,722	476,525	5,771,247
Sub-total	25,917,220	2,363,512	28,280,732	25,917,220	2,363,512	28,280,732
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