



GEF-8 SCORECARD

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ABOUT THE GEF-8 CORPORATE SCORECARD

The GEF-8 Corporate Scorecard is a comprehensive report on the performance of the Global Environment Facility during the GEF-8 period. In particular, the Scorecard reports on the progress made toward the achievement of the GEF-8 targets. It also looks at how the GEF is utilizing resources available for

its eighth replenishment cycle and making progress in the implementation of key policies. The Scorecard is published twice a year; this issue includes all projects approved from July 2022 to date, including the June 2026 Work Program.

FOREWORD

This final edition of the GEF-8 Corporate Scorecard closes the cycle on an ambitious and substantive record of delivery. The portfolio is on track to generate system-level environmental benefits at scale: protecting terrestrial and marine ecosystems, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, restoring degraded land, strengthening shared water governance, and reducing chemicals of global concern. Six of the ten Core Indicator targets have been fully achieved—marine protected areas, marine habitat, land restoration, greenhouse gas emissions, shared water ecosystems, and sustainable fisheries—with the remaining four reflecting the longer time horizons of landscape-scale and pollution reduction investments, and continuing to advance. The indicators not yet at target reflect both the structural complexity of sovereign, landscape-scale investments and a possible understatement of anticipated delivery in some instances, as reported figures capture early-stage commitments that tend to increase as projects advance to CEO Endorsement.

High-impact investments are driving results across all focal areas, with overall STAR utilization at 87 percent: land degradation at 97 percent, climate change at 93 percent, international waters at 91 percent, chemicals and waste at 87 percent, and biodiversity at 86 percent. Least Developed Countries have reached 90 percent utilization and Small Island Developing States 86 percent, reflecting strong and purposeful access by the world's most vulnerable nations. Ninety-eight countries participate in Integrated Programs, with total IP financing reaching \$1,635.6 million, including 31 LDCs and 26 SIDS.

Performance against Rio Markers reinforces the GEF's environmental alignment: 83 percent of investments contribute to climate objectives, 72 percent to biodiversity, and 57 percent to land restoration—all surpassing targets.

Co-financing continues to outperform expectations, with an overall ratio of 8:1 against a 7:1 ambition, total indicative co-financing of \$31.7 billion, and private sector contributions reaching \$7.8 billion. Blended finance operations are generating a 18.6:1 ratio, underscoring the GEF's catalytic role in mobilizing diverse sources of finance.

Country-level engagement remains central to quality programming. Eighty-one upstream dialogues, 13 regional workshops, 81 constituency meetings, and 12 LDCF/SCCF adaptation workshops have supported Integrated Program planning and alignment with national priorities. Advancing gender equality, Indigenous Peoples' participation, and private sector engagement is integral to the GEF-8 approach: all projects addressed gender at design, with 53 percent of anticipated beneficiaries women, and LDCF/SCCF investments expected to reach 32.3 million people—15.9 million of them women.

Knowledge and learning continue to accelerate implementation, with the Global Forum on GEF Integrated Programs convened in Nairobi in April 2026 and a series of webinars covering results management, conflict-sensitive approaches, and biodiversity finance. As the GEF's mandate expands, strategic communications—through compelling storytelling, a stronger digital presence, and targeted global outreach—remain vital to elevating the partnership's voice and impact.

Through this combined progress—the majority of Core Indicator targets fully met, strong resource mobilization including by LDCs and SIDS, co-financing well above ambition, deepening country engagement, and accelerating knowledge delivery—the GEF-8 cycle closes having delivered on, and in several areas surpassed, the environmental and institutional ambitions set at its outset.

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1. CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERATION OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Projects and programs deliver significant levels of expected results for GEF-8 against the Core Indicator targets, presented here along the results areas of the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework and highlighting the contribution of Integrated Programs.

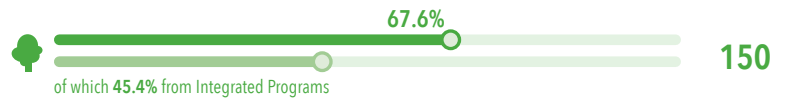
CORE INDICATORS

SHARE OF TARGETS

GEF-8 TARGETS

CONSERVING & SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY

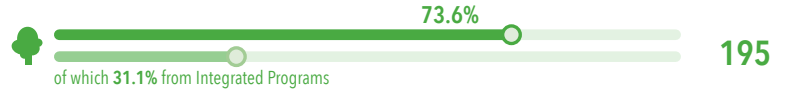
Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)



Marine protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)



Area of landscapes under improved practices* (million hectares)



Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)



SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND

Area of land and ecosystems under restoration (million hectares)



REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS

Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (million metric tons of CO₂e)



STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management



Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (million metric tons)



REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE

Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (thousand metric tons)



Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)








*This Core Indicator also includes a target of 85 million hectares for its sub-indicator 'Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems' shared with the grouping of indicators 'Sustainably Managing and Restoring Land' under the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework. To date, 43.3 million hectares of this sub-indicator are achieved, within which 0.5 million hectares are achieved from the proposed work program contribution.



The GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework is organized around five results areas, which group together Core Indicators on Global Environmental Benefits, associated sub-indicators and sex-disaggregated metrics on direct beneficiaries.

CONSERVING AND SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY

VALUE

	Terrestrial protected areas created and under improved management (million hectares)	101.4
	- of which newly created (million hectares)	7.3
	- of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	94.1
	Marine protected areas created or under improved management (million hectares)	1,926.3
	- of which newly created (million hectares)	522.3
	- of which under improved management effectiveness (million hectares)	1,404.0
	Area of landscapes under improved practices (million hectares)*	143.5
	- of which under improved management to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	94.5
	- of which that meets third-party certification (million hectares)	2.7
	- of which of High Conservation Value or other forest loss avoided (million hectares)	3.1
	Terrestrial OECMs supported (million hectares)	15.6
	Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity (million hectares)	909.4
	Fisheries under third-party certification incorporating biodiversity considerations (number)	5,024
	Marine OECMs supported (million hectares)	10.5
	People benefiting from the conservation, sustainable use or restoration of biodiversity (million)	32.3
	- of whom women	16.6


SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND

	Area of land and ecosystems under restoration (million hectares)	10.1
	- of which degraded agricultural lands under restoration (million hectares)	4.4
	- of which forest and forest land under restoration (million hectares)	3.1
	- of which natural grass and woodlands under restoration (million hectares)	2.0
	- of which wetlands (including estuaries and mangroves) under restoration (million hectares)	0.6
	Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems (million hectares)	43.2
	People benefiting from sustainable land management and restoration investments (thousand)	12.8
	- of whom women	6.8

*The indicator 'Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems' contributes to this Core Indicator. It is located under the 'Sustainably Managing and Restoring Land' results area.


REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS

VALUE




Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (million metric tons of CO₂e)	2,279.1
– of which carbon sequestered or emissions avoided in the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO ₂ e)	1,580.9
– of which emissions avoided outside of the AFOLU sector (million metric tons of CO ₂ e)	698.2
Energy saved (gigawatt hours)	117,060.5
Installed renewable energy capacity (megawatts)	4,601.7
People benefiting from climate change mitigation support (thousand)	34.6
– of whom women	17.6

STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT



Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management (number)	59.0
Level of Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Program formulation and implementation (1 Low – 4 High)	2.1
Level of regional legal agreements and regional management institution(s) to support its implementation (1 Low – 4 High)	2.2
Level of national/local reforms and active participation of Inter-Ministerial Committees (1 Low – 4 High)	1.8
Level of engagement in IW:LEARN through participation and delivery of key products (1 Low – 4 High)	1.8
Globally over-exploited fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (million metric tons)	4.4
Large Marine Ecosystems with reduced pollution and hypoxia (number)	11.0
People benefiting from transboundary water management (thousand)	11.8
– of whom women	6.2

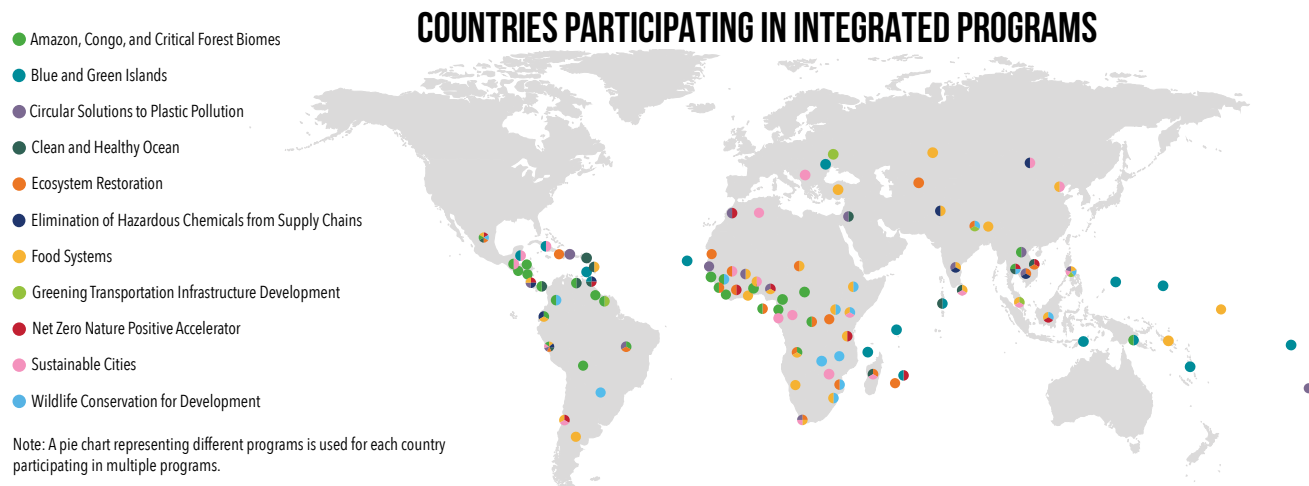
REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE



Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (thousand metric tons)	261.9
– of which persistent organic pollutants (POPs) removed or disposed (POPs type) (thousand metric tons)	157.8
– of which mercury reduced (thousand metric tons)	1.2
– of which hydrochlorofluorocarbons reduced/phased out (metric tons)	6.2
– of which highly hazardous pesticides eliminated (metric tons)	96.8
Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control chemicals and waste (number)	40.0
Low-chemical/non-chemical systems implemented, particularly in food production, manufacturing, and cities (number)	32.0
POPs/Mercury containing materials and products directly avoided (thousand metric tons)	601.7
Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)	4,487.5
Countries with legislation and policy implemented to control emissions of POPs to air (metric tons)	21.0
Emission control technologies/practices implemented (number)	25.0
Avoided residual plastic waste (thousand metric tons)	4,682.7
People benefiting from reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals (thousand)	66.2
– of whom women	35.8

2. INTEGRATED AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Integrated Programs are transitioning from design to delivery, with most now entering implementation. A total of 98 countries are participating in these programs, some in more than one.



PROGRAMMED FINANCING AGAINST GEF-8 RESOURCES FOR INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

98.5%

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS	Countries	SIDS	LDCs	Total Financing (\$M)
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	28	5	10	293.5
Blue and Green Islands	15	15	2	135.6
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	15	2	4	107.9
Clean and Healthy Ocean	14	4	1	109.4
Ecosystem Restoration	20	2	13	205.0
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	8	1	1	51.3
Food Systems	32	3	9	284.2
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	5	1	1	26.8
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator	12	2	1	110.0
Sustainable Cities	20	2	3	169.3
Wildlife Conservation for Development	15	-	7	142.4
Total	98	26	31	1,635.6
PROGRAM				
Global Programme to Support Countries to Upscale Integrated Electric Mobility Systems	10	4	5	30.3
Global Clean Hydrogen Programme	9	-	-	16.5
Central Asia Water and Land Nexus (CAWLN) Program	5	-	-	29.4
Global Chemicals Monitoring Programme (GCMP)	Global	-	-	26.5
Global Electronics Management (GEM) Program	16	6	-	67.3
Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the TALSISI-GGWI	9	7	-	43.9
Global Elimination Program for PCB (GEP-PCB)	6	-	2	37.7
Integrated Collaborative Approaches for Sustainable Tourism (iCOAST)	14	6	-	91.7
Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Plus (FARM+)	8	-	2	60.0
Global Microfinance Initiative for Locally Led Action	7	-	2	10.0
Global elimination of mercury in non-ferrous metals initiative - GEMINI	6	-	1	65.7

Notes: 'Total' reflects unique count of countries. Some countries are part of both the SIDS and LDC country groups. Total financing includes projects financing, agency fee, PPG, and PPG fee.

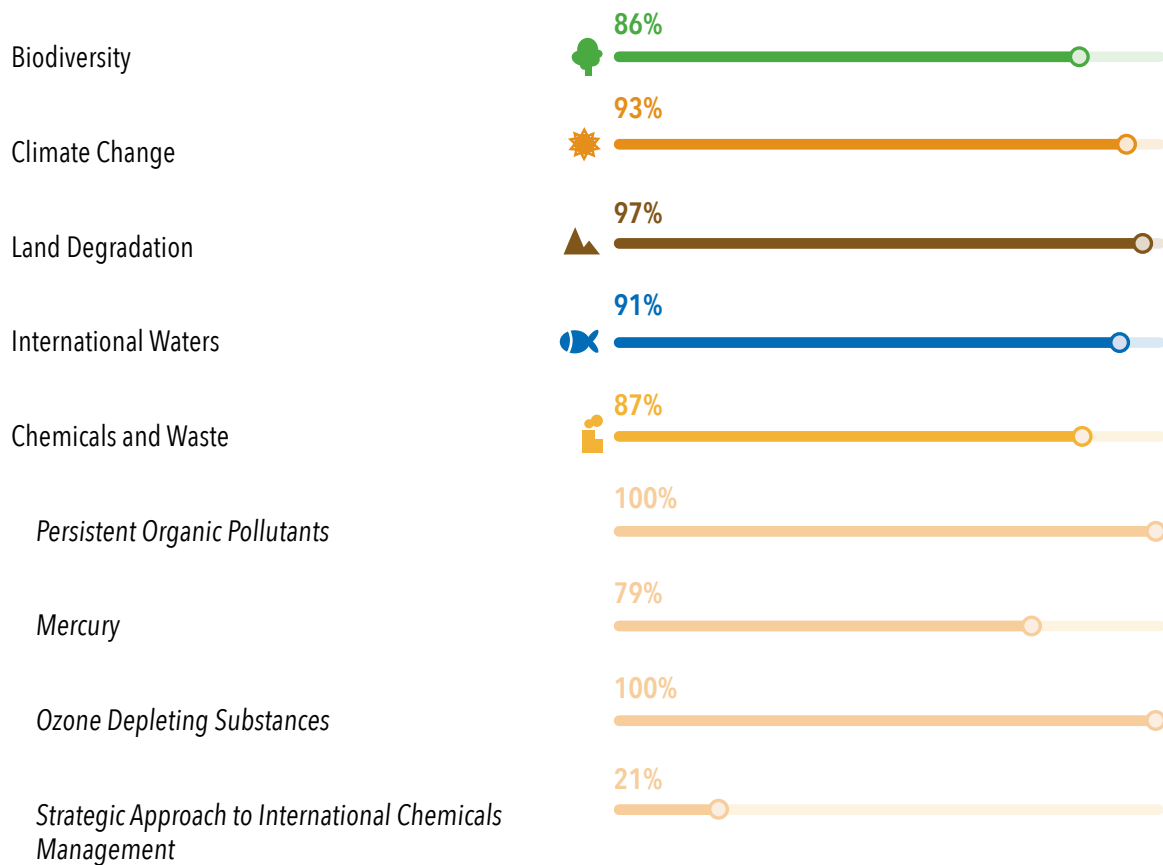
3. PROGRAMMING BY FOCAL AREA

This section summarizes the progress made in programming GEF-8 resources to date. It provides a cumulative summary of GEF-8 utilization of funds against the programming envelopes established during the GEF-8 Replenishment.

GEF TRUST FUND

FOCAL AREAS

UTILIZATION RATE



NON-GRANT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM



INNOVATIONS WINDOW

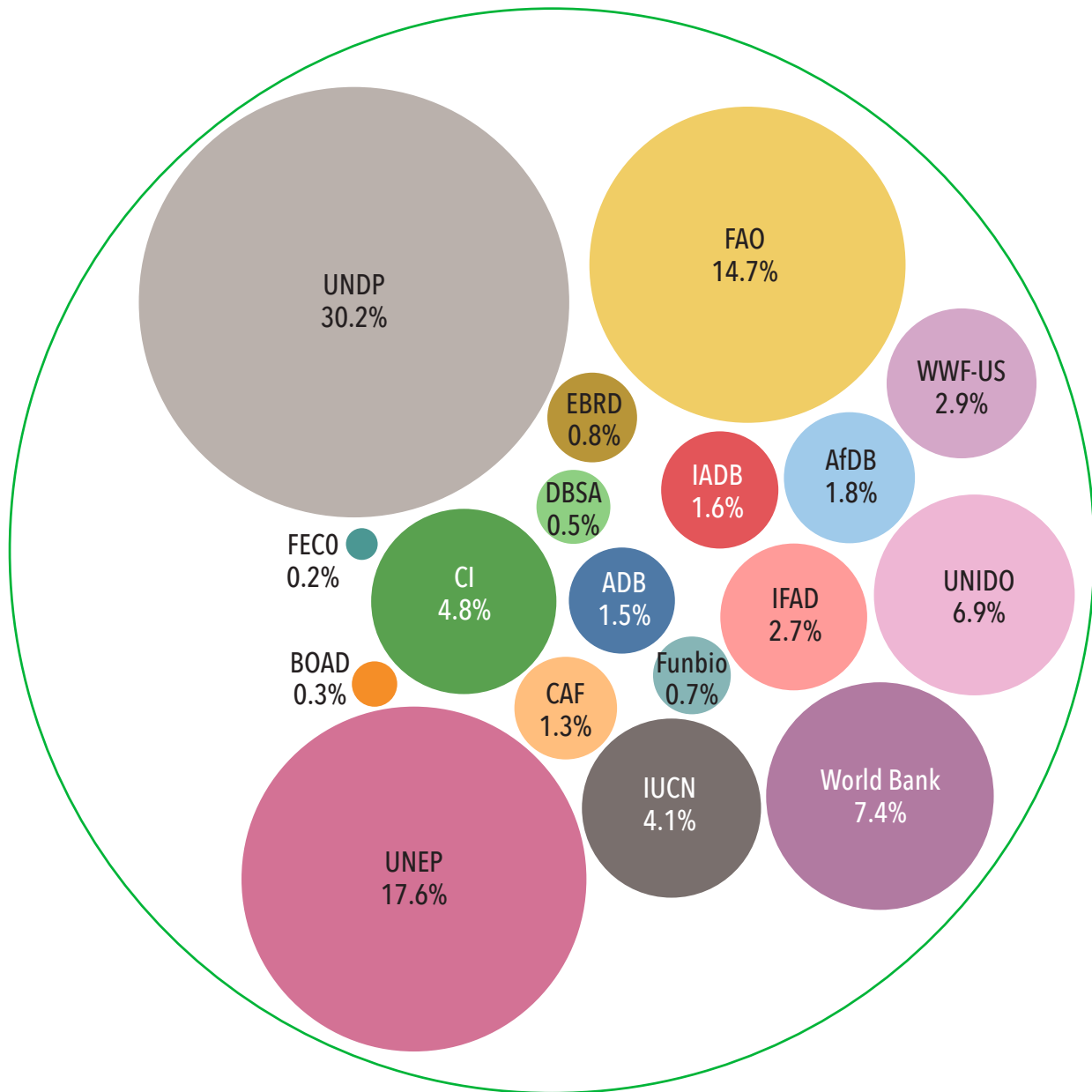


SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM (SGP)



4. PROGRAMMING BY GEF AGENCY

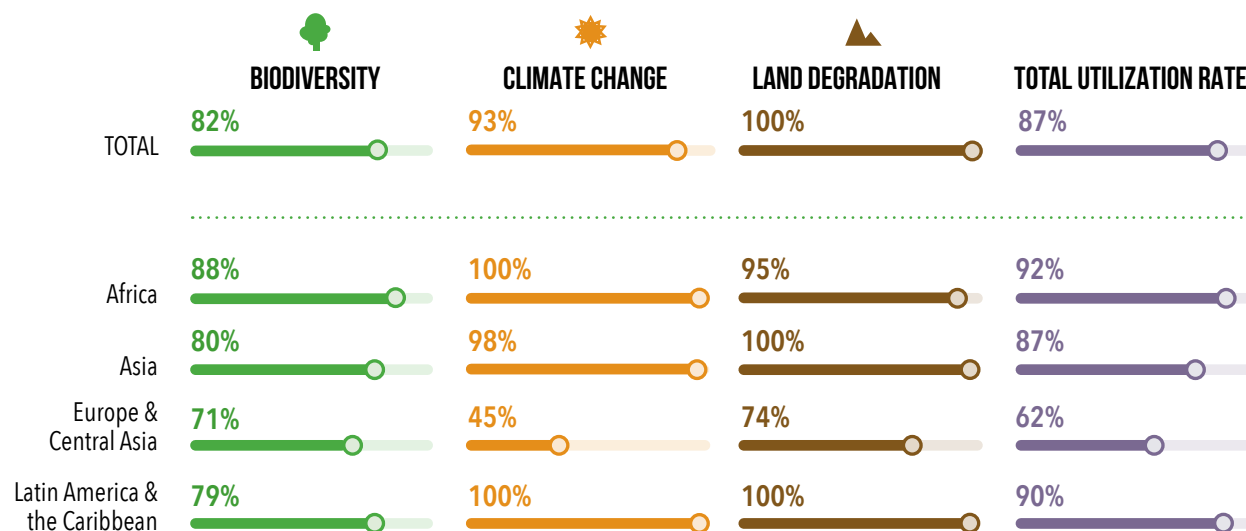
GEF agencies submit new projects and programs in GEF-8 in response to country demand. The data shown here reflects the respective agency share of cumulative programming in GEF-8.



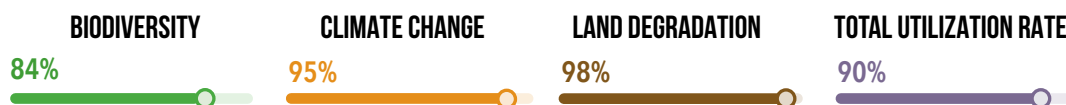
5. SYSTEM FOR TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Utilization of resources allocated to countries under the System for the Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) is high across the three focal areas it covers—biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation—and in every region.

GEF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

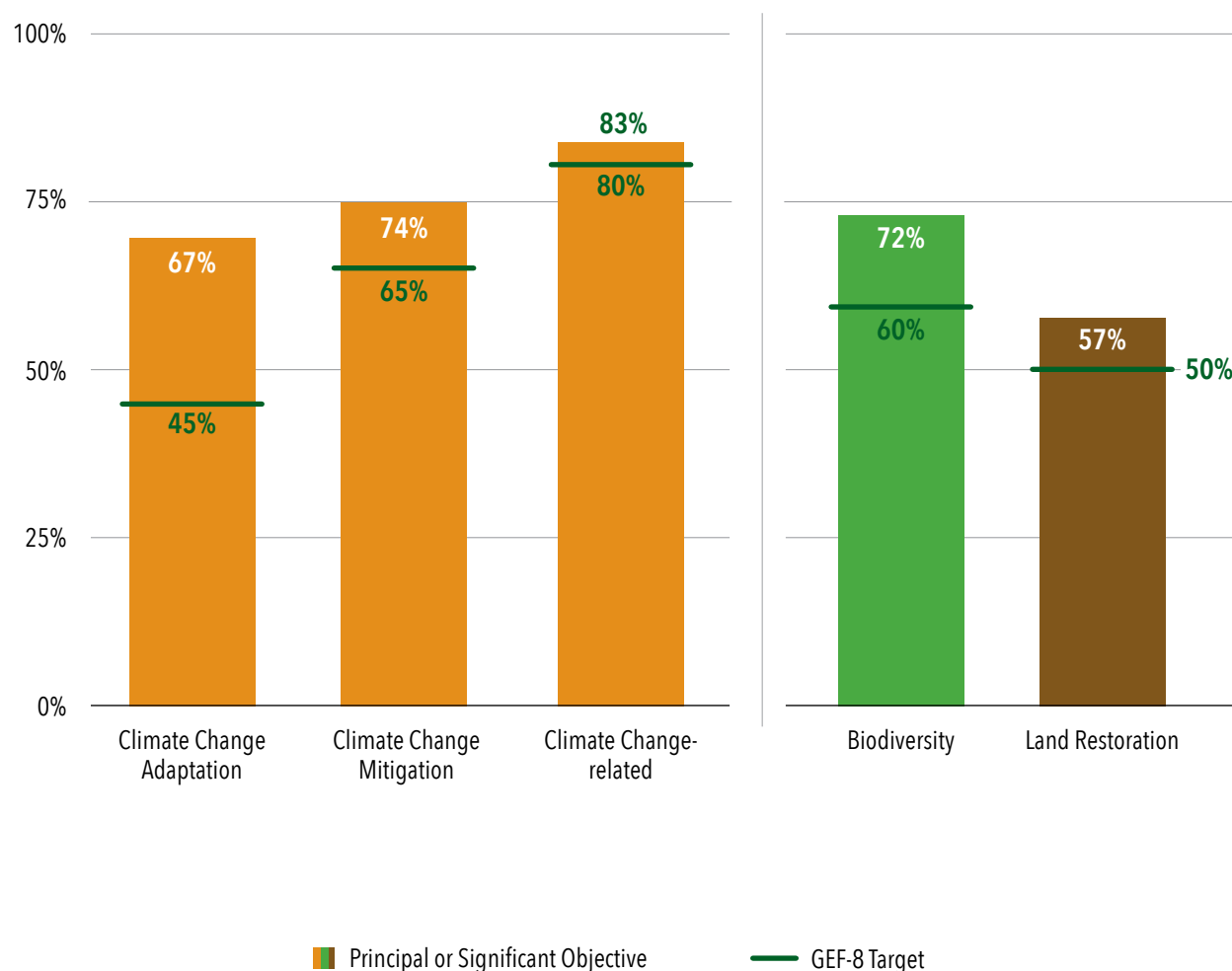


SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)



6. BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE, AND LAND DEGRADATION FINANCING

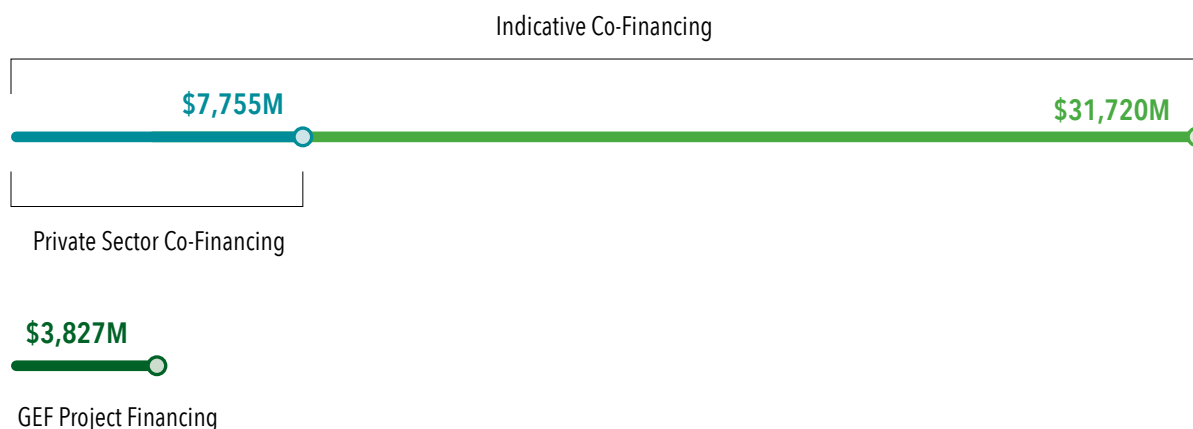
GEF financing contributing toward biodiversity, climate change adaptation, climate change mitigation, and land degradation as a principal or significant objective is tracked against indicative targets, consistent with the OECD DAC Rio Marker methodology. Climate-related financing refers to any GEF investment marked as principal or significant for climate change adaptation and/or mitigation.



7. CO-FINANCING

The Policy on Co-Financing sets out a goal for the overall GEF portfolio to reach a ratio of co-financing to GEF project financing of at least 7:1, and for the portfolio of projects and programs approved in Upper-Middle Income Countries and High-Income Countries that are not Small Island Developing States or Least Developed Countries to reach a ratio of investment mobilized to GEF project financing of at least 5:1. Co-Financing means financing that is additional to GEF Project Financing, and that supports the implementation of a GEF-financed project or program and the achievement of its objectives. Investment Mobilized means Co-Financing that excludes recurrent expenditures. Enabling Activities qualify for full agreed costs funding from the GEF; there is no co-finance requirement for Enabling Activities.

GEF FINANCING VS. CO-FINANCING



INDICATIVE RATIOS OF RESOURCES MOBILIZED TO GEF PROJECT FINANCING IN GEF-8 (X:1)

	LATEST	AMBITION
Co-Financing	8.0	7.0
Investment Mobilized in UMICs and HICs that are not SIDS or LDCs	6.5	5.0
Co-Financing associated with Non-Grant Instrument Projects	18.6	

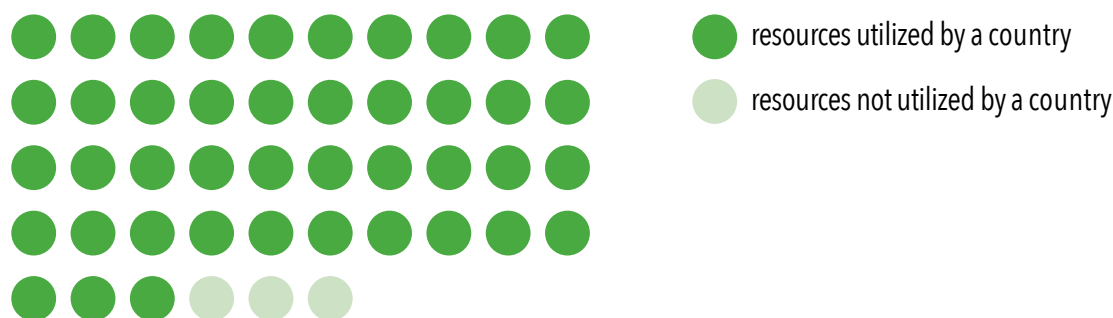
8. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The GEF-8 climate change adaptation results framework is linked to the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). Core Indicators track the progress in Adaptation Benefits, including beneficiaries disaggregated by gender. This section depicts the expected results from approved projects and programs.

USE OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$744.9 million.

Out of 46 Least Developed Countries, 43 have used LDCF resources (Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Condo DR, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guina-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Togo, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia).



USE OF SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

Resources approved to date in GEF-8 amount to \$68.2 million.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CORE INDICATORS

Core Indicator	Total
Direct beneficiaries (million)	32.3
- of whom women	15.9
Area of land managed for climate resilience (million ha)	16.1
Coastal or marine area managed for climate resilience (million ha)	34.3
Policies, plans, and frameworks that will mainstream climate resilience	2,248
People trained or with awareness raised (million)	6.0
- of whom women	3.1
Private sector enterprises engaged in climate change adaptation and resilience action	11,154

9. GENDER EQUALITY

Without greater equality between men and women, the world will not meet its environment objectives. That is why the GEF is making sure that projects are gender informed, giving women and men equal opportunities to contribute and benefit from them.

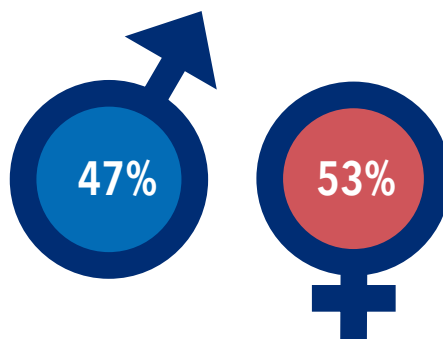
QUALITY AT ENTRY OF GEF-8 PROJECT CONCEPTS

Percentage of projects that considered gender issues at the initial project design

100%



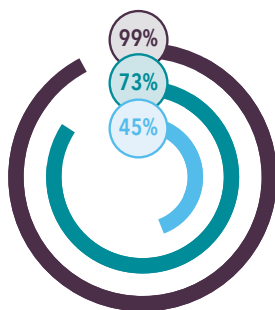
PERCENTAGE OF ANTICIPATED GEF BENEFICIARIES THAT ARE FEMALE AND MALE



10. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

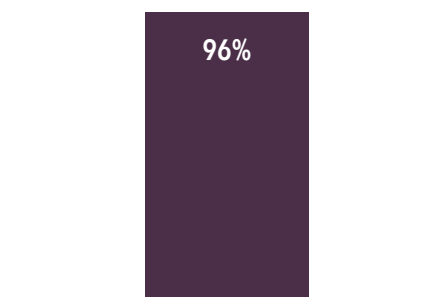
Including stakeholders—civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and the private sector—in preparing projects and defining their expected roles during implementation is key in strengthening the overall impact of a project. The data show that over three-quarters of projects consulted and took into account civil society and the private sector in their design. Not all projects have Indigenous Peoples or private sector as stakeholders. Therefore, the percentages are expected to be lower than those reported for civil society.

CONSULTATION IN PROJECT IDENTIFICATION



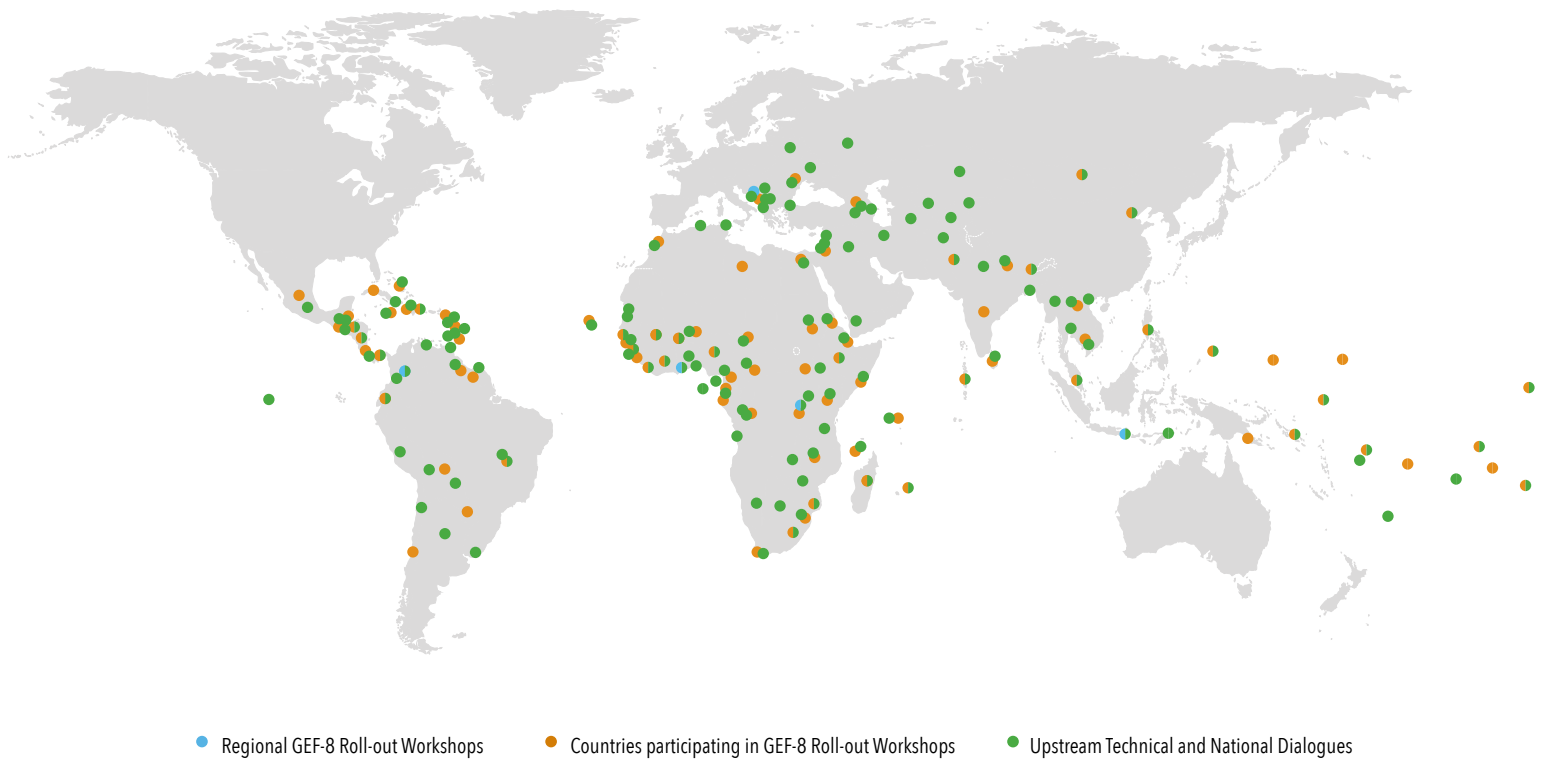
- Private Sector
- Civil Society Organizations
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

PLANNED PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT DURING IMPLEMENTATION



11. COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Country Engagement Strategy (CES) empowers countries to improve portfolio progress and maximize the impact of GEF resources, including through capacity strengthening activities, upstream country engagement and country-specific knowledge activities. To date, 13 Regional GEF-8 Roll-out Workshops and 81 Upstream Technical and National Dialogues helped countries identify programming priorities for GEF-8. The online GEF calendar provides information on CES events.



ADDITIONAL COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY ACTIVITIES SINCE JULY 2022 INCLUDE:

- 81 Constituency Meetings
- 11 Expanded Constituency Workshops
- 3 Introduction Seminars
- 6 Regional Meetings
- 10 LDCF/SCCF Regional Adaptation Workshops

12. COMMUNICATIONS

28,854
MEDIA MENTIONS

Number of times GEF is mentioned in English, Spanish, and French language online media.

854
NEWSROOM CONTENT

Number of news and feature stories, press releases, blogs, publications, videos, and stories from partners posted on the GEF website.

9,021,364
WEB/CONTENT ENGAGEMENT

Number of times visitors viewed pages on the GEF website and videos on the GEF YouTube channel.

22k+
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

68k
LINKEDIN NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

 **SOCIAL MEDIA = 441,180** Total number of followers of GEF social media accounts: X, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and BlueSky.

Communications activities in this period were oriented towards supporting the replenishment process and preparations for GEF-9.

Implementation of the 2023 GEF Policy on Communication and Visibility and the 2025 progress report has continued to improve communications across the GEF partnership in many areas, including branding, media relations, editorial content, and digital communications. New policy guidelines will be developed to support this process in GEF-9.

The policy responds to the need to ensure that donors, recipient countries, and other stakeholders see the value and impacts of GEF-funded activities and initiatives. It outlines a set of guiding principles and requirements for how and when all recipients of GEF funding must describe the organization's role and contribution to project and program outcomes.

The GEF Secretariat has taken steps to disseminate and foster understanding of the policy to help ensure the GEF, its decisions, actions, and impacts are widely known. These include:

- Publicizing the policy via the GEF website, newsletter, and through an online Communications Toolkit
- Working with GEF Agencies to distribute the policy internally and externally, including via the GEF Project Communicators Network
- Highlighting the policy at Expanded Constituency Workshops, focal point training seminars, and relevant GEF learning activities

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS



Results in Motion



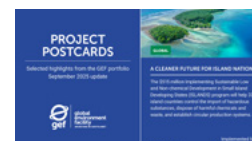
The LDCF in Numbers



The SCCF in Numbers



Project Postcards 1



Project Postcards 2

13. KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING

GEF Webinars & Internal Learning Series

- Recovering the Ridgway's Hawk: A CEPF-Supported Conservation Success in the Dominican Republic (December 2025)
- GEF Learning in Action: Knowledge Exchange on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (January 2026)
- GEF Learning in Action: Framing the Field - The Power of Visual Documentation (February 2026)
- International Women's Day Commemoration (March 2026)
- Bridging Worlds: Mobilizing Best Practices and Examples of Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge in the GEF Portfolio (April 2026)
- Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge in the GEF Portfolio: A Scientific Challenge? (May 2026)

The GEF Assembly App launched as the central hub for all Eighth GEF Assembly information. Accessible to all participants, it will provide the full agenda, speaker details, discussion topics, and key documents to support a seamless Assembly experience.

Global Forum on GEF Integrated Programs (April 2026, Nairobi)

The first Global Forum for the GEF Integrated Programs was held from April 13–17, 2026, in Nairobi, Kenya, co-hosted with the United Nations Environment Programme. The Forum convened nearly 300 participants from across the GEF partnership, including countries, agencies, and partners, to share experiences and lessons from the design and implementation of Integrated Programs. The event featured plenary discussions, thematic workstreams, knowledge cafés, training sessions, and field visits, focusing on key areas such as governance, stakeholder engagement, blended finance, and results-based management. The Forum provided a platform to advance practical solutions and inform the next phase of integrated programming under GEF-9.



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