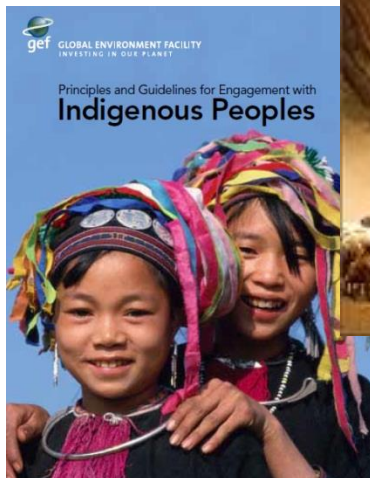




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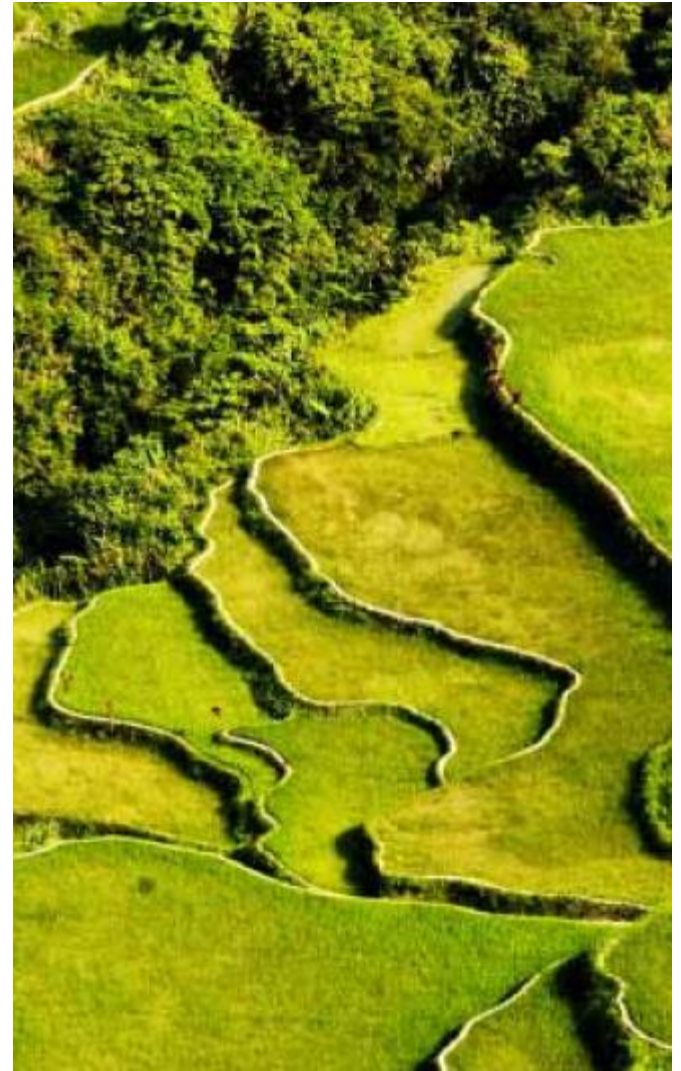
GEF: Engagement with Indigenous Peoples



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Overview

- IP Participation at the GEF
- GEF Indigenous Peoples Projects and Portfolio
- GEF Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples
- Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group



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Participation of Indigenous Peoples at the GEF

- Access to GEF funds for projects
- Involvement and participation in GEF projects
- Involvement in GEF policy and operation processes (e.g. GEF Assembly, Council, etc)
- Involvement in COP processes and help provide guidance to GEF
- Involvement in GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) and CSO Network.



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GEF Portfolio related to Indigenous Peoples

- About 220 Full and Medium Sized Projects involved Indigenous Peoples
- Approximately 15% of GEF Small Grants Programme Projects

FIGURE 1 DEGREE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INVOLVEMENT IN GEF PROJECTS

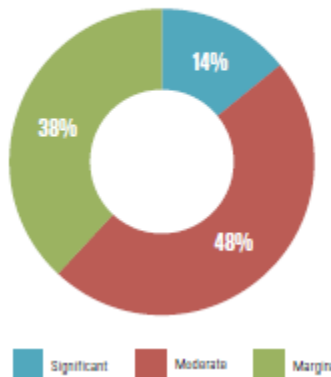


FIGURE 2 DISTRIBUTION OF GEF PROJECTS BY FOCAL AREA

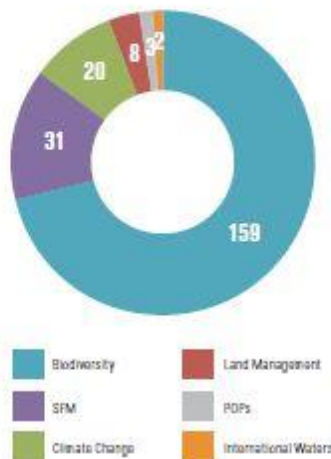


FIGURE 6 DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, BY GEF AGENCY

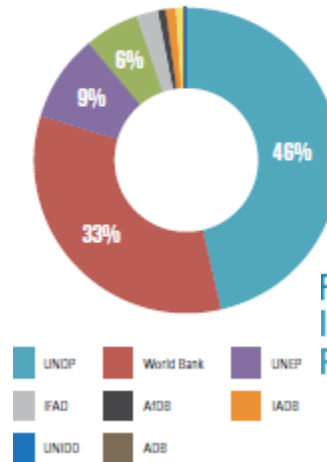
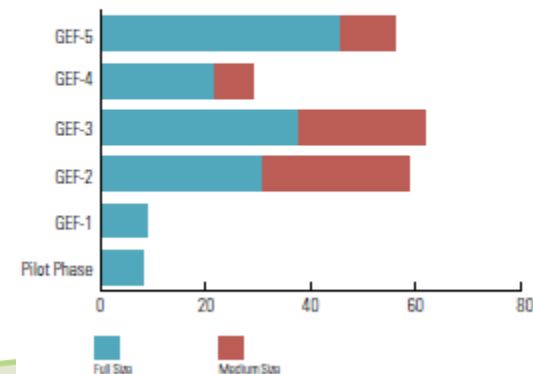


FIGURE 5 TRENDS IN PROJECTS INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, BY GEF REPLENISHMENT CYCLE



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GEF Indigenous Peoples Policies and Strategies

- ☐ GEF Public Involvement Policy (1996)
- ☐ GEF Minimum Standards on Envi. & Social Safeguards, including Indigenous Peoples (2011)
- ☐ GEF Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples (2012)
- ☐ GEF Focal Area Strategies and Results Framework
 - Incorporate strategies and indicators related to Indigenous Peoples
- ☐ GEF Project Review Criteria
 - Clarify stakeholders participation, including indigenous peoples and gender groups, in project preparation and implementation.



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GEF Principles

- Respect for Indigenous Peoples' and their members' dignity, human rights, and cultural uniqueness
- **Full and effective participation** of indigenous peoples in the identification, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of project activities.
- Activities are to be carried out in **transparent and open manner**, including full documentation
- Adoption of a standard of **free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)** for GEF-financed projects for which FPIC is required by virtue of the relevant state's ratification of ILO Convention 169, and where it is required by domestic legislation or other applicable international obligations
- Availability of GEF **Indigenous Peoples Focal point and the Conflict Resolution Commissioner** as needed



GEF IP Principles and Guidelines: Mechanisms for Implementation

**GEF Indigenous
Peoples Focal
Point**

**Indigenous
Peoples
Advisory Group**

**Enhanced
Monitoring
Systems**

**Capacity building
and Information
exchange**

**Strengthened
Financial
Arrangements**



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GEF-6 Biodiversity Strategy

Aichi Target 18 (Traditional Knowledge):
Integrated into project design and implementation as appropriate in all GEF-6 BD programs.

- **Gender:** Explicit recognition on the participation of women of indigenous peoples and local Communities.
- **Protected Area Systems:** Promote participation and capacity building of indigenous peoples and local communities , particularly women, in the design, implementation, and management of PA projects, including ICCA and co-mgmt.

- **Agrobiodiversity:** Capacity building of indigenous peoples and local communities on agrobiodiversity management.
- **Access and Benefit Sharing:** Support activities to build capacity to add value to their own genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources.



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GEF Project Modalities

- GEF Small Grants Programme
 - national project selection process in more than 130 countries
- Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)
 - Project selection at the hotspot level.
- Medium and Full Size Projects
 - National level: STAR allocation for BD, LD, and CC. No STAR for IW and Chemical/Mercury. Country Portfolio Programming.
 - Regional and Global levels
 - GEF Agencies and Operational Focal Point at the country





Thank you!



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