



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF SFM 2014-2017:

- **51 PROJECTS** WORLDWIDE
- **\$766 MILLION** IN GEF GRANTS
- CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION OF **434 MT CO₂EQ**
- BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS AND SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT OVER **160 MILLION HA**

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

A History of Support for Forests

For 25 years the GEF demonstrated through its portfolio the crucial importance of all types of forest to providing a range of important environmental services, in particular to sustain biodiversity, to face the challenges of climate change and land degradation, and at the same time offering livelihood options for many forest dependent people.

The GEF is a key supporter of developing countries' efforts to sustainably manage their forests. Since its inception in 1991, the GEF has supported 418 forest projects and programs totaling more than \$2.7 billion in GEF grant support, leveraging \$14 billion from other sources.



Forests in GEF-6

Building on successful implementation of the SFM program in GEF-5, the GEF support for forests in GEF-6 (from 2014 to 2018) continued addressing a wide range of potential project activities and enhanced the integration of the different environmental challenges and sectors to deliver even more global environmental benefits.

Using the flexibility of a multi-focal area program, GEF-6 established a separate SFM funding window of \$250 million operated as an incentive mechanism for countries willing to enhance the financing of their forests. With a goal of encouraging investments in the forestry sector and promoting integrated approaches, this mechanism allowed recipient countries to add up to 50% of GEF support using their GEF allocation in the focal areas of biodiversity, climate change and land degradation.

This model has reinforced the GEF's unique position in forest financing globally, drawing from the following:

- Mandate from the three Rio Conventions covering the full range of SFM and REDD+ activities, in all types of forest within 144 developing countries;
- Contribution at the global level to the implementation of key international decisions such as the Bonn Challenge, the New York Declaration of Forests, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, the Land Degradation Neutrality goal and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests;
- Partnership with a broad range of international development stakeholders including Governments, development banks, CSOs and UN institutions such as UNFF;
- Capacity to develop synergies addressing cross-cutting themes, avoiding silos in forest funding and achieving increased amount of co-financing; and,
- Ability to direct significant funding to individual countries or at regional level to increase the projects' impact.

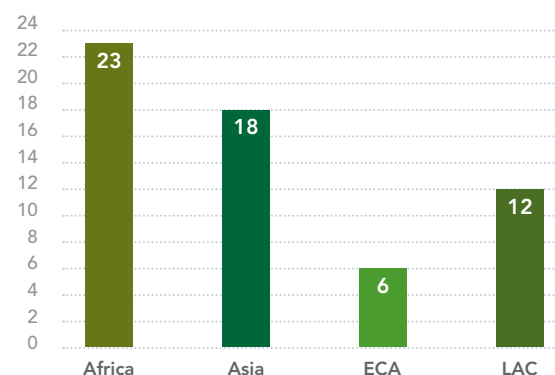
Programming in GEF-6

As of 1st November 2017, a total 51 projects and programs have received funding from the SFM incentive mechanism. These are supported by \$766 million of GEF investments of which \$212 million is derived from the SFM envelope. In addition, \$20 million from this envelope were invested to contribute to a global pilot program to take deforestation out of commodity supply chains. This funding has been distributed to a total of 59 countries through 46 national projects and 5 regional or global programs.

These programs and projects have utilized 93% of the \$250 million SFM envelope. The GEF-6 investments in forests have leveraged \$4.5 billion in co-finance from a range of other sources. This equates to a co-financing ratio of 1:6.

The SFM projects and programs are expected to place 146 million ha of terrestrial habitat under improved conservation and sustainable use practices and ensure 13 million ha of sustainable land management in production systems (agriculture, rangelands, and forest landscapes). In addition, the GEF SFM portfolio aims to mitigate climate change with 434 Mt CO₂e emissions avoided or sequestered.

SFM Geographical Distribution by Number of Countries



GEF-6 SFM Portfolio (July 2014 – November 2017, ongoing)

GLOBAL & REGIONAL PROJECTS/ PROGRAMS:

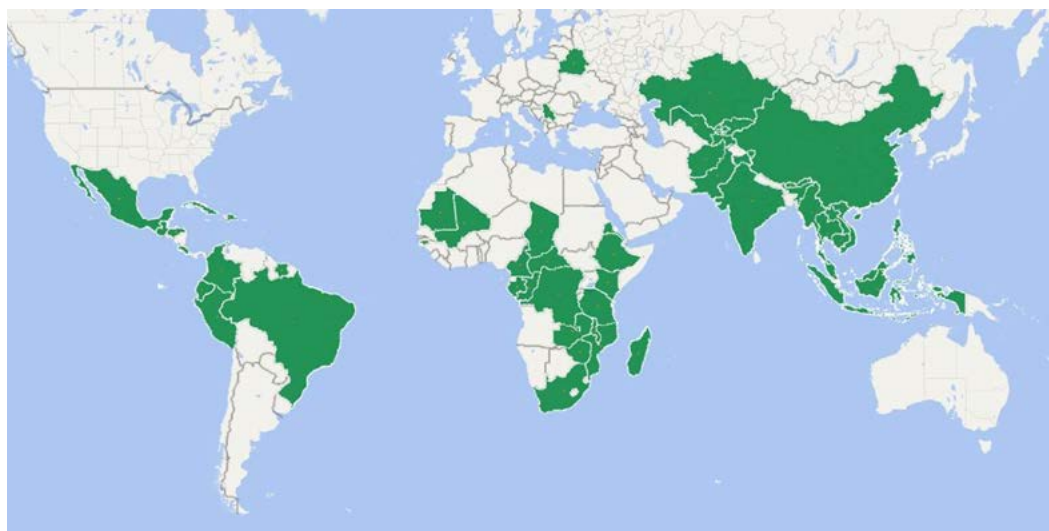
- 🌱 **Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program** (Brazil, Colombia, Peru) – Implementing Agencies: World Bank/WWF-US, UNDP
- 🌱 **Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development** (Afghanistan, Botswana, Congo, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, Philippines, Thailand, Tanzania, Vietnam, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe) – Implementing Agencies: World Bank/UNEP, ADB, UNDP
- 🌱 **Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems in Mekong Countries** (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar) – Implementing Agency: IUCN
- 🌱 **Taking Deforestation out of Commodity Supply Chains** – Implementing Agencies: UNDP/World Bank, WWF-US, CI, IADB, UNEP
- 🌱 **The Restoration Initiative – Fostering Innovation and Integration in Support of the Bonn Challenge** (Central African Republic, Cameroon, China, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Congo DR) – Implementing Agencies: IUCN, FAO, UNEP

NATIONAL PROJECTS:

- 🌱 **Afghanistan:** Community-based Sustainable Land and Forest Management in Afghanistan – Implementing Agency: FAO
- 🌱 **Belarus:** Belarus Forestry Development Project – Implementing Agency: World Bank
- 🌱 **Belarus:** Conservation-oriented Management of Forests and Wetlands to Achieve Multiple Benefits – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Benin:** Sustainable Forest Management and Conservation Project in Central and South Benin – Implementing Agency: AfDB
- 🌱 **Bhutan:** Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience of Forest and Agricultural Landscape and Community Livelihoods – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Brazil:** Realizing the Biodiversity Conservation Potential of Private Lands – Implementing Agency: UNEP
- 🌱 **Chad:** Building Resilience For Food Security and Nutrition in Chad's Rural Communities – Implementing Agency: AfDB
- 🌱 **Chad:** Restoring Ecological Corridors in Western Chad for Multiple Land and Forests Benefits – RECONNECT – Implementing Agency: IUCN
- 🌱 **Colombia:** Contributing to the Integrated Management of Biodiversity of the Pacific Region of Colombia to Build Peace – Implementing Agencies: FAO/UNIDO
- 🌱 **Costa Rica:** Conserving Biodiversity through Sustainable Management in Production Landscapes in Costa Rica – Implementing Agency: UNDP

- 🌱 **Cote d'Ivoire:** Sustainability and Scaling Up Approaches for Transformational Management, Restoration and Conservation of Forests Landscapes and Biodiversity in Cote d'Ivoire (SSATMARC – FOLAB) – Implementing Agency: UNEP
- 🌱 **Cuba:** Incorporating Multiple Environmental Considerations and their Economic Implications into the Management of Landscapes Forests and Production Sectors in Cuba – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Dominican Republic:** Mainstreaming Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Productive Landscapes in Threatened Forested Mountainous Areas – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Ecuador:** Sustainable Development of the Ecuadorian Amazon: Integrated Management of Multiple Use Landscapes and High Value Conservation Forests – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Eritrea:** Restoring Degraded Forest Landscapes and Promoting Community based, Sustainable and Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Rora Habab Plateau, Nakfa Sub-zoba, Northern Red Sea Region of Eritrea – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Guatemala:** Promoting Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes in the Central Volcanic Chain – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Honduras:** Agroforestry Landscapes and Sustainable Forest Management that Generate Environmental and Economic Benefits Globally and Locally – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **India:** Green-Ag: Transforming Indian Agriculture for Global Environmental Benefits and the Conservation of Critical Biodiversity and Forest Landscapes – Implementing Agency: FAO
- 🌱 **Indonesia:** Strengthening Forest Area Planning and Management in Kalimantan – UNDP
- 🌱 **Kazakhstan:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Key Globally Important Ecosystems for Multiple Benefits (Resubmission) – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Kyrgyz Republic:** Conservation of Globally Important Biodiversity and Association Land and Forest Resources of Western Tian Shan Forest Mountain Ecosystems and Support to Sustainable Livelihoods – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Kyrgyz Republic:** Sustainable Forest and Land Management – World Bank
- 🌱 **Lao PDR:** Sustainable Forest and Land Management in the Dry Dipterocarp Forest Ecosystems of Southern Lao PDR – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Madagascar:** Sustainable Agriculture Landscape Project – Implementing Agency: World Bank
- 🌱 **Malaysia:** Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems in Malaysia (SMPEM) – Implementing Agency: IFAD
- 🌱 **Mali:** Scaling up a Multiple Benefits Approach to Enhance Resilience in Agro- and Forest Landscapes of Mali's Sahel Regions (Kayes, Koulikoro and Ségou) – Implementing Agency: AfDB

- 🌱 **Mauritania:** Integrated Ecosystem Management Program for the Sustainable Human Development in Mauritania – Implementing Agency: FAO
- 🌱 **Mexico:** Sustainable Productive Landscapes – Implementing Agency: World Bank
- 🌱 **Mongolia:** Ensuring Sustainability and Resilience (ENSURE) of Green Landscapes in Mongolia – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Myanmar:** Ridge to Reef: Integrated Protected Area Land and Seascape Management in Tanintharyi – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Myanmar:** Rural Productivity and Ecosystems Services Enhanced in Central Dry Zone Forest Reserves – Implementing Agency: ADB
- 🌱 **Nepal:** Integrated Landscape Management to Secure Nepal's Protected Areas and Critical Corridors – Implementing Agency: WWF-US
- 🌱 **Pakistan:** Pakistan Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Palau:** Integrating Biodiversity Safeguards and Conservation into development in Palau – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Peru:** Sustainable Management of Agro-Biodiversity and Vulnerable Ecosystems Recuperation in Peruvian Andean Regions Through Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems GIAHS Approach – Implementing Agency: FAO
- 🌱 **Rwanda:** Forest Landscape Restoration in the Mayaga Region – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Serbia:** Contribution of Sustainable Forest Management to a Low Emission and Resilient Development – Implementing Agency: FAO
- 🌱 **St. Lucia:** Integrated Ecosystem Management and Restoration of Forests on the South-East Coast of St. Lucia - Implementing Agency: UNEP
- 🌱 **Suriname:** Improving Environmental Management in the Mining Sector of Suriname, with Emphasis on Gold Mining – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Tajikistan:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pamir Alay and Tian Shan Ecosystems for Snow Leopard Protection and Sustainable Community Livelihoods – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Timor Leste:** Securing the Long-term Conservation of Timor Leste Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services through the Establishment of a functioning National Protected Area Network and the Improvement of Natural Resource Management in Priority Catchment Corridor – Implementing Agency: CI
- 🌱 **Uzbekistan:** Sustainable Natural Resource Use and Forest Management in Key Mountainous Areas Important for Globally Significant Biodiversity – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Uzbekistan:** Sustainable Management of Forests in Mountain and Valley Areas – Implementing Agency: FAO
- 🌱 **Vietnam:** Mainstreaming Natural Resource Management and Biodiversity Conservation objectives into socio-economic development planning and management of Biosphere Reserve in Viet Nam – Implementing Agency: UNDP
- 🌱 **Vietnam:** Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Project – Implementing Agency: World Bank
- 🌱 **Zambia:** Zambia Lake Tanganyika Basin Sustainable Development Project – Implementing Agency: AfDB



Geographical distribution of 51 GEF SFM projects and programs approved during the sixth replenishment cycle (2014-Nov 2017).