

# IUCN & GEF

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For more than 50 years, IUCN has helped lead the way for a sustainable world. It is, in truth, a “world conservation union” encompassing 75 States, 111 government agencies, 732 non-governmental organizations, 36 affiliates, and 12,000 scientists and experts.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF), by comparison, is just six years old in its current form. Even so, GEF has helped move the global community beyond rhetoric to action in nearly 700 projects in 140 countries. As former IUCN president M.S. Swaminathan once said, “conser-

This includes \$28 million for six projects in Jordan, host of the Second World Conservation Congress, a conservation leader, and one of GEF’s 166 member nations. I hope participants in the Congress will take the opportunity to visit some of these initiatives, including the Dana Nature Reserve and Azraq Oasis. A GEF-funded project, implemented by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (an IUCN member) and the U.N. Development Programme, has helped conserve biodiversity, protect water resources, and provide sustainable livelihoods to local commu-



vation without finance is just conversation.” GEF has allocated close to \$3 billion in grants and mobilized an additional \$8 billion from counterpart governments, international institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

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In nearly 50 projects around the world, GEF partnerships with IUCN and its members work to make environmental protection and economic and social development all part of the same equation. We have far to go, but these efforts are al-

ready yielding positive outcomes in securing the future for younger generations. Examples in the biodiversity focal area include:

- Providing technical assistance to Comoros in conducting biodiversity surveys and inventories, in-situ conservation, environmental awareness, and community outreach
- Supporting conservation strategies for the rhino population in Southeast Asia, including trade studies and a special report on rhino habitat and trade
- Assisting Yemen and Vietnam in the preparation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
- Aiding Sri Lanka in the conservation of medicinal plants of great value to indigenous and local communities as well as the international community.

GEF shares IUCN’s vision of “a just world that values and conserves nature.” Our two organizations recognize that peace and prosperity in the 21st century will be determined as much by environmental security as by economic development and military preparedness. I wish IUCN every success as it steps into the new millennium. GEF will continue to support your essential objectives.

Mohamed T. El-Ashry  
CEO & Chairman  
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## What is GEF?

- GEF is the financial mechanism for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Since 1991, GEF has provided over \$1.18 billion for nearly 395 biodiversity projects and generated an additional \$2.01 billion in cofinance.
- 166 nations participate in the GEF Assembly, which meets every three years. GEF's governing Council is made up of 16 representatives from developing countries, 14 from developed countries, and two from economies in transition. The Council meets twice yearly.
- Day-to-day management of the GEF is undertaken by a Secretariat of 40 people, who evaluate GEF grants and ensure that GEF-funded projects and programs meet the Council's approved policies.
- GEF projects are implemented through the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), the U. N. Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Bank. Regional development banks, the U.N. Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization also implement GEF's work.
- With 400 accredited non-governmental organizations on its roster, NGOs are primary partners of the GEF and play important roles in policy and projects. They also participate in GEF's biannual Council meetings.
- GEF funds medium-size projects of up to \$1 million and small grants of up to \$50,000 to support NGOs and community-based organizations.

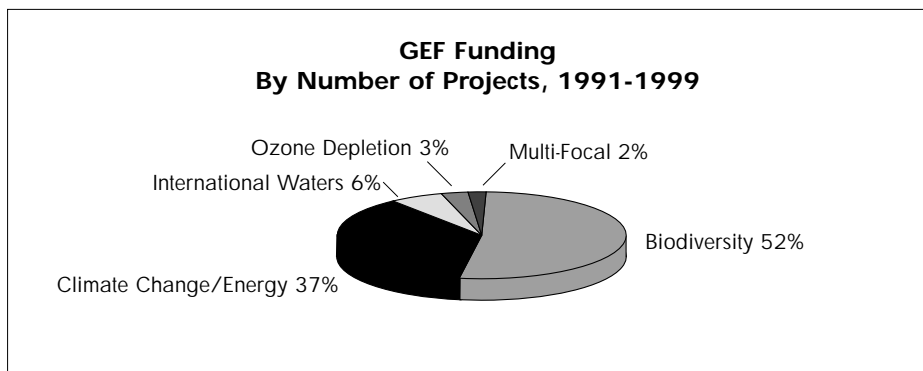
**Jordan's efforts at the Dana Wildlife Sanctuary**, supported by the GEF, offer evidence of effective action at the local level, where environmental protection is integrated with income generation based on indigenous skills and cultural traditions. People become and remain active contributors to their societies when they feel that both their material well-being and their non-material human dignity are assured.

—Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan

## Building Bridges: IUCN & GEF

Yellowstone National Park in the U.S. was the first of its kind 128 years ago. Today, protected areas are found in all countries of the world and cover 10 percent of the earth's surface and a somewhat smaller portion of the oceans. They conserve biodiversity but also sustain human welfare, as they secure and provide clean water, fresh air, and other vital necessities. They also safeguard areas of high cultural significance and are a source of spiritual well-being.

A large proportion of IUCN's work (and GEF's biodiversity funding) has helped create protected areas or expand and make improvements to existing ones. They will continue to be a priority even as GEF launches two new





programs focused on the productive landscape—integrated ecosystem management and agricultural biodiversity.

The Global Biodiversity Forum (GBF) grew out of the negotiation processes that led to the formulation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The forum is independent, open, and strategic. It enables key players in the biodiversity field to analyze, discuss, and debate ecological, economic, institutional, and social issues related to conservation, sustainable use, and equitable sharing of biological diversity. The forum usually meets on the eve of the Conference of Parties to the CBD. It also contributes to further development and implementation of other biodiversity-related global instruments (e.g., CITES) at international, regional, and national levels. It influences and complements intergovernmental processes by:

- Providing a broad spectrum of perspectives, proposals, and expertise from all stakeholders
- Building diverse partnerships among stakeholders, including NGOs, governments, indigenous groups, local communities, academia, and the private sector
- Identifying key issues and areas that require further development and attention.

IUCN has managed the GBF on behalf of its founding members—UNEP, the World Resources Institute, and IUCN itself. GEF actively participates and provides funds to IUCN to foster dialogue on issues of importance to developing countries.

IUCN has been instrumental in strengthening the partnership between GEF and the NGO community. For more than five years, IUCN-US acted as the main NGO focal point and helped strengthen GEF's dialogue with civil society.

It helped more than 300 NGOs from all over the world to obtain accreditation to the GEF roster and, until recently, managed the GEF fund for NGO consultations. IUCN has produced a number of "how-to" guidebooks to GEF, including a publication on accessing funds in the biodiversity and international waters focal areas.

GEF is also providing technical support to the 5th World Parks Congress to be held in South Africa in 2002. This once-a-decade event is expected to draw more than 2,000 participants. Outcomes of the Congress will include a vision statement for protected areas in the 21st century; a State of the Parks report; guidelines for protected areas and the CBD; and groundwork for a future heads of government summit on parks.

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Country/IA	Project Name	Total GEF Allocation (\$ m)	Description of Activities
<b>Biodiversity:</b>			
Belize/UNDP	Sustainable Development and Management of Biologically Diverse Coastal Resources	3.00	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is the major contractor for this project on marine research management, but it sub-contracted a technical study to IUCN at a cost of \$10,000.
Benin/ WB	National Parks Conservation and Management	6.24	This project is innovative in its decentralized approach, which engages village associations. Outreach components were contracted to several NGOs, including IUCN, and each NGO was assigned a village association. Both IUCN and Oxfam-Quebec work in the Koufounou and Danga-zori village groups.
Bolivia/WB	Biodiversity Conservation	4.50	IUCN was contracted to do study of protected areas and scientific inventories.
Burkina Faso/UNDP	Optimizing Biological Diversity Within Wildlife Ranching	2.50	Several NGOs were contracted to do the outreach and scientific planning components for the Rural Partners Program; IUCN is also a member of the project's advisory committee.
Cambodia/WB	Biodiversity and Protected Area Management Pilot Project for the Virachey National Park	2.75	IUCN was contracted to do the outreach component for the Ratankiri and Streung Treung communities (together with WWF, CAREERE, OXFAM and World Concern); IUCN alone was contracted to do the toolkit for the outreach.
Comoros/UNDP	Island Biodiversity and Participatory Conservation in the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros	2.44	IUCN is the co-executing agency for this project with a contract for \$1.73 m; activities include technical assistance, including conduct of surveys and inventories, and environmental awareness, training, and outreach; contract includes \$0.05 m to organize local level consultations and a national workshop.
Congo Dem Rep /WB	Wildlands Protection and Management	10.00	IUCN, WCS, and MDC were contracted to manage three parks in Noubale Ndoki and Lefini Nord, Concouati and Lefini-Sud, and Dimonica.
Djibouti/UNDP	Capacity Building, Development of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	0.56	IUCN was contracted to do technical studies and preparation of the national strategy and action plan and to organize the consultations with local groups.

Eritrea/UNDP	Conservation Management of Eritrea's Coastal, Marine and Island Biodiversity	4.98	IUCN was contracted, through the East African Marine Biodiversity program, to do the national workshops and participatory meetings at the village level.
Gabon/UNDP	Conservation of Biodiversity through Efficient Management of Wildlife Trade	1.00	IUCN-ELC was contracted for scientific inventories and monitoring of wildlife trade and other related studies.
Georgia/WB	Conservation of Forest Ecosystem	9.05	Under the institutional development component of the project, IUCN was contracted, together with WWF, to do the expert consultations and nature tourism programs for the project; IUCN was also asked to convene the NGO Network
Global/UNEP	Global Biodiversity Assessment	3.30	IUCN was contracted to do preparation and synthesis work for several chapters, and IUCN-ELCI was contracted to coordinate the stand-alone volume on human values of biodiversity.
Global/UNEP	Global Biodiversity Forum Phase II	0.75	IUCN is the executing agency for this medium-sized project, and coordinates the participation of several other NGOs.
Global/UNEP	Support to Preparation of Biodiversity Country Studies, Phase I and II	7.00	IUCN, together with WWF, was contracted to develop guidelines for formulation of national biodiversity action plans.
Indonesia and Malaysia/UNDP	Conservation Strategies for Rhinos in Southeast Asia	2.00	IUCN's Asia Rhino Specialist Group, together with other NGOs (WWF, IRF, etc.) was contracted to do inventories and market trade studies; IUCN produced a special report on rhino habitat and trade and conducted consultative workshops.
Iran/UNDP	Conservation of the Asiatic Cheetah, Its Natural Habitat and Associated Biota	0.75	This MSP is executed by IUCN, specifically the IUCN CAT Specialist Group. Local NGOs are involved. The project is notable in that IUCN was instrumental in mobilizing \$0.2 million from local governments and local universities, and IUCN is co-financing \$0.03 million. IUCN will also form a Green Fund to assist in sustainable livelihoods and formed an advisory council.
Lao PDR/WB	Wildlife and Protected Areas Conservation	5.00	IUCN was contracted to do technical studies in cooperation with district governments, land and park demarcation activities, and related activities with villagers.
Lebanon/UNDP	Strengthening of National Capacity and Grassroots In-Situ Conservation for Sustainable Biodiversity Protection	2.50	IUCN is the major contractor for this project for technical studies, awareness raising, and management of three parks (overall supervision involving other local NGOs.
Mauritius/UNDP	Restoration of Highly Degraded and Threatened Native Forests in Mauritius	0.20	IUCN is a sub-contractor from another local NGO to do courses on biodiversity assessment and awareness raising activities.
Nepal	Upper Mustang Biodiversity Conservation	0.75	This MSP is executed by a local NGO, KMTNC, in collaboration with IUCN and WWF-Nepal, CARE-Nepal, and AHF. IUCN is a member of the Steering Committee and is in charge of one of the outreach components and social surveys.

Oman/UNDP	Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	0.27	IUCN is the major contractor for this enabling activity and provides the technical studies to produce the report; IUCN is also in charge of organizing and conducting the consultations.
Pakistan/UNDP	Maintaining Biodiversity in Pakistan with Rural Community Development	2.50	IUCN is co-executing this project with AKRSP through a Memorandum of Agreement with the government. IUCN-Pakistan coordinates work in the North-West Pakistan region and frontier provinces.
Pakistan/UNDP	Mountain Areas Conservancy	10.60	IUCN, through SDC, co-finances this project (at \$0.5 m), but is also contracted by the project, together with WWF-Pakistan, to do the outreach components and establishment of the District Conservation Committees.
Regional Danube/ UNDP	Developing the Danube River Basin Pollution Reduction Program	3.90	IUCN was contracted by UNOPS (the project's executing agency) for \$0.10 m to do technical studies and organize workshops and consultations within country.
Regional East Africa/UNDP	Institutional Support for the Protection of East African Biodiversity	10.00	IUCN was sub-contracted to provide technical support to three national wetlands programs; also conducts regional workshops and case studies, and organizes awareness raising activities.
Regional Central Africa/ REIMP/ WB	Regional Environmental Information Management (REIMP)	4.35	The Dem. Rep. of Congo portion of the project will be executed by IUCN which will form national working groups. IUCN helped organize the regional meeting in Yaounde in February 1996 and provided the technical data for the assessment.
Regional Coral Reef COI/ WB	Regional Coral Reef Monitoring Network in Member States of the Indian Ocean Commission within the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)	0.73	This MSP is executed by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), which contracted IUCN, as part of the GCRMN, to be its co-executing agency. IUCN organized 3 meetings in Madagascar and Comoros and did the national coral reef inventories.
Regional Mediterranean/ UNDP	Conservation of Wetland and Coastal Ecosystems in the Mediterranean Region	13.44	IUCN was contracted, together with Wetlands International and WWF, to do the regional MEDWet Program training and toolkits and to conduct consultations in the region; the proposal does not specify which countries are assigned to IUCN.
Regional Mesoamerica/ UNDP	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System	10.35	This project is executed by CCAD and co-executed by IUCN and WWF, with several local NGOs. IUCN will do the social assessments in selected sites, including the Miskitos in Nicaragua and a special study on sustainable recreation.
Regional South Africa/UNDP	Southern Africa Biodiversity Support Programme	2.48	IUCN-ROSA, together with SADC, was contracted to do the biodiversity strategies for the region, in coordination with local NGOs.
Regional South Africa/UNDP	Inventory, Evaluation, and Monitoring of Botanical Diversity in Southern Africa: A Regional Capacity and Institution Building Network	4.73	IUCN subcontracted to do the inventories in ten countries and the results of the inventory found that 10% of global flora were located in the region. IUCN will monitor over 30,000 species of flowering plants and ferns and, in coordination with local NGOs, has already conducted technical workshops and awareness raising.

Regional South Pacific/UNDP	South Pacific Biodiversity	10.00	IUCN was sub-contracted to do agroforestry and ecotourism alternatives studies.
Regional West Africa Pilot/ WB	West Africa Pilot Community-Based Natural Resource and Wildlife Management	7.00	IUCN was contracted to do the capacity building and training in pilot sites, delineate management zones for wildlife, and provide technical advice. It is a member of the project's steering committee.
Romania/WB	Integrated Protected Areas and Conservation Management	5.00	IUCN is the major contractor for this project for park conservation and management and conduct of awareness raising; IUCN will also coordinate the social assessments and organize the consultations with NGOs, in coordination with the Danube Delta Institute and other regional NGOs;
Samoa/ WB	Marine Biodiversity Protection and Management	0.89	This project is executed by IUCN as part of IUCN's regional marine protected areas program. There will be community marine assessments and zoning plans and community self-monitoring schemes. The project location is in the Aleifa and Sapata districts.
Sri Lanka/UNDP	Development of Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management	4.10	IUCN is the major contractor for technical studies, including surveys in the buffer zones; it also coordinates with local NGOs and community groups.
Sri Lanka/WB	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants	4.60	IUCN is the major contractor for inventories and technical assistance, including awareness raising and community-based training; activities to be linked to IUCN's ongoing Knuckles and Sinharaja Conservation Programs. IUCN coordinated consultations during the preparation phase of the project.
Sudan/UNDP	Biodiversity Inventory and Strategy Report to the CBD	0.33	IUCN is the co-executing agency for this enabling activity and will provide the technical assistance and prepare the report; IUCN will also organize the consultations.
Uganda/ WB	Protected Areas Management and Sustainable Use	10.00	IUCN is contracted, together with WWF, to do the pilot sub-projects and small grants components and to design the village collaborative plans.
Vietnam/UNDP	Conservation Training and Biodiversity Action Plan	3.00	IUCN was contracted to do training and capacity building to assist in preparation of Biodiversity Action Plan.
Yemen/UNDP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD	0.29	IUCN was contracted to do the technical studies and organize the consultations and assist in the preparation of the biodiversity strategy and action plan.
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>177.83</b>	

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Global	World Water Vision: Water and Nature	0.7
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### Climate Change



Regional/UNDP	Pacific Island Climate Change Assistance	2.44	This project is executed by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and several NGO contractors to do the training, outreach, etc. IUCN is a member of the technical advisory committee and was contracted by SPREP to help organize the inception meeting (August 1995) and produce the training program.
Global/UNDP	Alternatives to Slash and Burn (Phase II)	3	This project, which is executed by ICRAF and WRI, sub-contracted to IUCN special studies and workshops, but it is not clear in the proposal as to where these studies will take place; IUCN is in the project's steering committee.
Global/UNEP	Capacity Building and Infrastructure Participation in the Assessment, Methodology, and Development of the IPCC	2.8	This project is executed by UNEP and the IPCC Secretariat. IUCN was contracted, together with CAN-Europe, to conduct expert consultations and produce reports from these consultations. IUCN is a member of the project's steering committee.
Global/UNDP	Research Program on Methane Emissions from Rice Fields	5	This project is executed by IRRI, but it has an external advisory committee. IUCN is a member of this committee and was contracted to do a policy paper.
Global/UNDP	National Communications Support Program	2.15	Executed by UNOPS, this project is also jointly executed with UNEP. IUCN is sub-contracted by UCEE-Denmark to prepare toolkits for national communications on climate change.
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15.39</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>193.92</b>	