

# GEF Investment on Conservation Trust Funds

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- **GEF support to CTFs**
- **Lessons learnt**
- **Looking ahead: GEF-6 strategy**



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# Conservation Trust Funds are:

- A source of sustainable financing for long-term biodiversity conservation;
- Private, legally independent grant-making institutions;
- Mobilizing resources from multiple funding streams and direct them to programs on the ground
- Operating diverse fund formats



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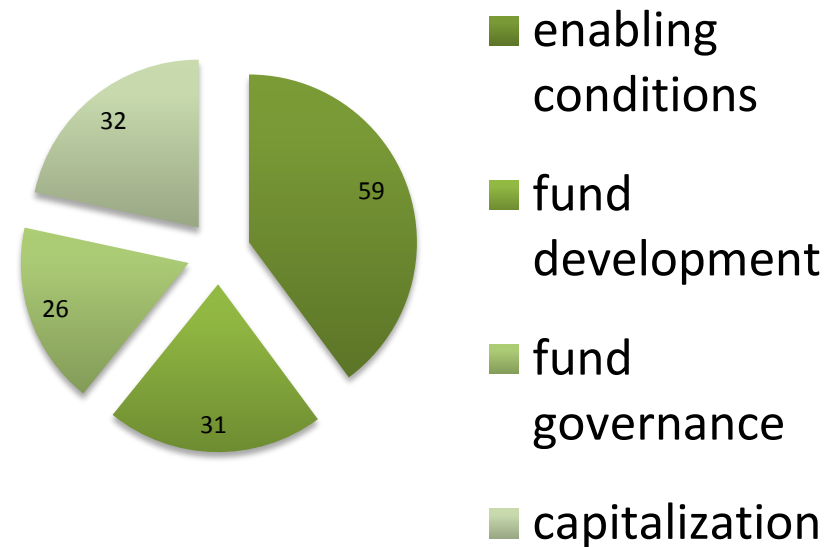
# 20 years of funding toward Conservation Trust Funds

**Total GEF investment**  
\$0,5 billion

**Total Co-financing:**  
\$1.2 billion

**Total Investment:**  
\$1.7 billion

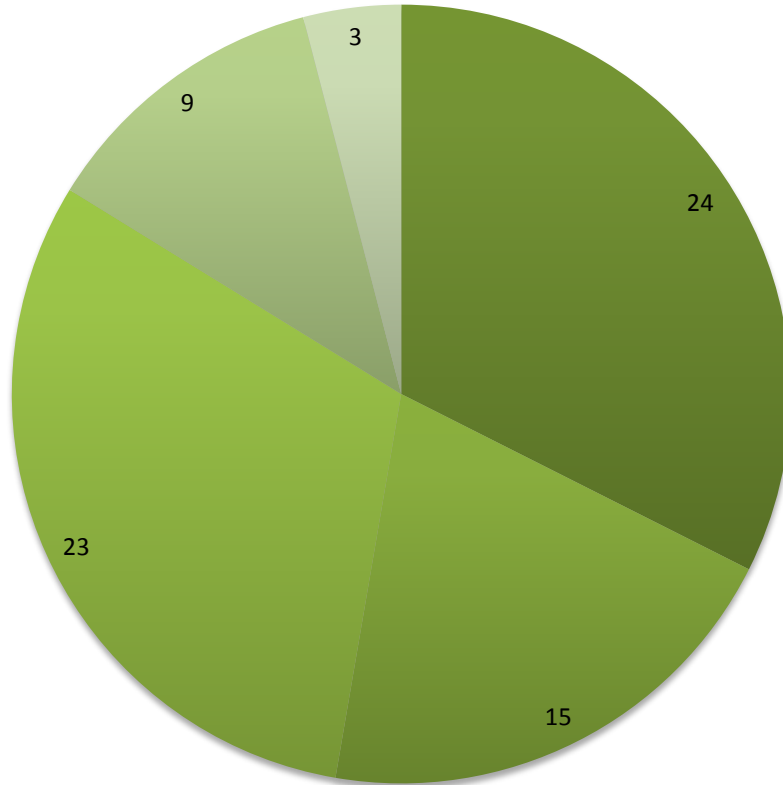
## GEF investments per CTF stage



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# GEF's support by geography

number of GEF CTF projects per region



- Africa
- Asia
- Americas
- Europe
- Pacific



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# The cornerstone's partners

- **Governments and stakeholders** support are crucial including for the development of appropriate legal frameworks, policy formation, protected area institutional strengthening;
- **Funders:** co-financing has come from a variety of sources: 'national', debt-swap, multilateral, private;
- **Networks of pair** such as RedLAC, CAFÉ.



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# Lessons learnt

## **CTF is a successful tool:**

- Institutions of innovation, leading some CTFs to develop broader business areas
- Institution securing national commitment

## **Conditions of success:**

- The need of long-term plan,
- Individual projects must be part of a larger sustainable finance plan and context
- Importance of twinning, networking



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## Looking ahead : GEF-6 opportunities

- The GEF-6 strategy prioritizes the development and implementation of comprehensive, system-level financing solutions;
- GEF-supported interventions are continuing using financial mechanisms that are responsive to specific country situations, including CTFs
- GEF also encourages national policy reform and incentives to engage the private sector and other stakeholders to take part at the conservation financing.



Thank you

