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GEF Sustainable Financing of Protected Area Systems:

An Overview

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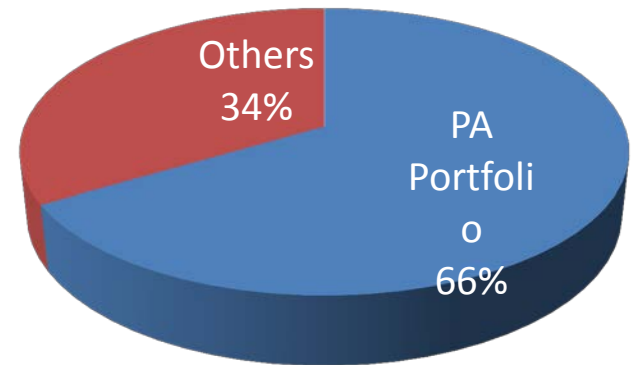
Topics

- GEF Portfolio on Sustainable Financing of PA System
- From site to system
- Steps/Activities to secure sustainable financing
- Types of Sustainable Financing Mechanisms
- Looking Forward



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GEF Investment in Protected Areas



- **Biodiversity:**

Total \$ 3.46 billion invested, \$10 billion in cofinancing to support more than 1,200 projects in 155 countries

- **Protected Area System Portfolio:**

- \$2.3 billion GEF Grant, with \$6 billion cofinance, in creation and management of protected areas
- 3277 protected areas spanning 856 million hectares
- Catalyzed the achievement of the target of 10% of the world's terrestrial areas under protection:

- Conservation of 700 globally threatened species, 30 billion tons of stored carbon

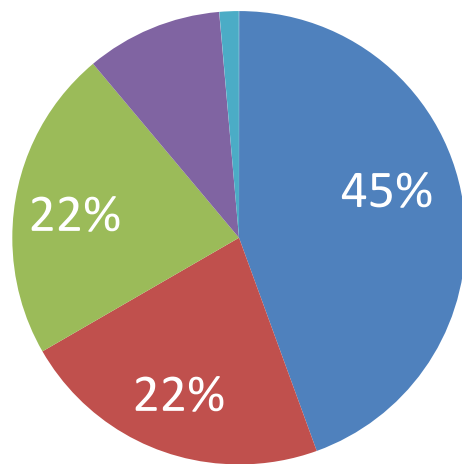


GEF Portfolio Analysis

2006-2014: Total 71 Projects

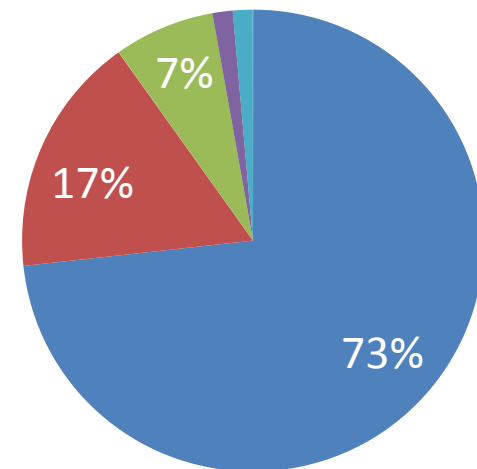
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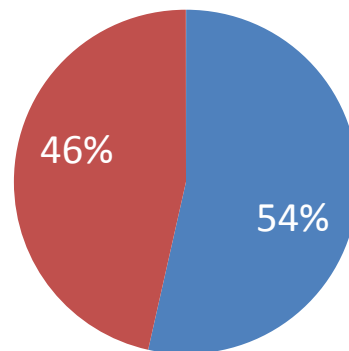
By GEF Agencies

■ UNDP ■ WB ■ FAO ■ IADB ■ FAO/UNDP



By GEF Phases

■ GEF-3 ■ GEF-4



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From Site to System

Sustainable Protected Area System:

- a) Sufficient and predictable financial resources available
- b) Ecologically viable representative samples of a country's ecosystems and adequate coverage of threatened species;
- c) Individual and institutional capacity to manage protected areas



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Steps/Activities to Secure Sustainable Financing for PA System

- 1) Assess financial needs and identify options;
- 2) Establish and implement sustainable financing plans;
- 3) Develop and implement sustainable financing programs;
- 4) Integration of protected area needs into national development and finance strategies.



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Types of Sustainable Financing Mechanism

- **Taxes and Surcharges**
(mining, hotel, airport, and others)
- **Permits, Fees, and Licenses**
(PA entrance fee, hunting permits, water/carbon, etc)
- **Government Funds**
(nat'l budget, gov't donors, CTFs, etc)
- **Donations, volunteers, and cost-sharing**
- **Direct sales** (sales of products and goods)



Innovative and Key Financial Mechanisms

- Conservation Trust Funds
(Pioneer, total over 20 CTFs)
- Payment for Ecosystem Services
(National, Landscape, and site levels)
- Biodiversity Offsets
(Early stages, studies and assessments)
- Increasing National Government Budget
(Diversify revenue sources, etc)
- Private Sector Involvement
(Concession, business planning, etc)



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Looking Forward: GEF-6 Strategy

- Comprehensive, system-level sustainable finance plan.
- A sequence of GEF project support over GEF phases.
- Promote tools and revenue mechanisms that are responsive to specific country situations
- Encourage national policy reform and incentives to engage private sector (concessions, private reserves, etc.)
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities involvement (ICCA, co-mgmt, etc)
- Continue to pioneer innovative, new approaches



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Thank you!



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