

Programme Performance Report January – December 2020

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Climate Change

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Portfolio Overview

by Expected Accomplishment



Expected Accomplishment A Climate resilience

- Ecosystem-based adaptation
- Adaptation planning, M&E
- Institutional frameworks
- Capacity Building
- Finance
- Science & early warning
- Global & Regional Adaptation Networks

Expected Accomplishment B

Low emission growth

- Decarbonization planning
- Standards & technologies
 - Energy, Industry, Agriculture, Transport, Buildings, Forestry
- Finance
 - Investment facilitation
 - Asset decarbonization
- Partnership e.g., Climate & Clean Air Coalition

Expected Accomplishment C REDD+

- UN-REDD
- Multiple benefits & safeguards
- Landscape finance
- Food Systems
- UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration*

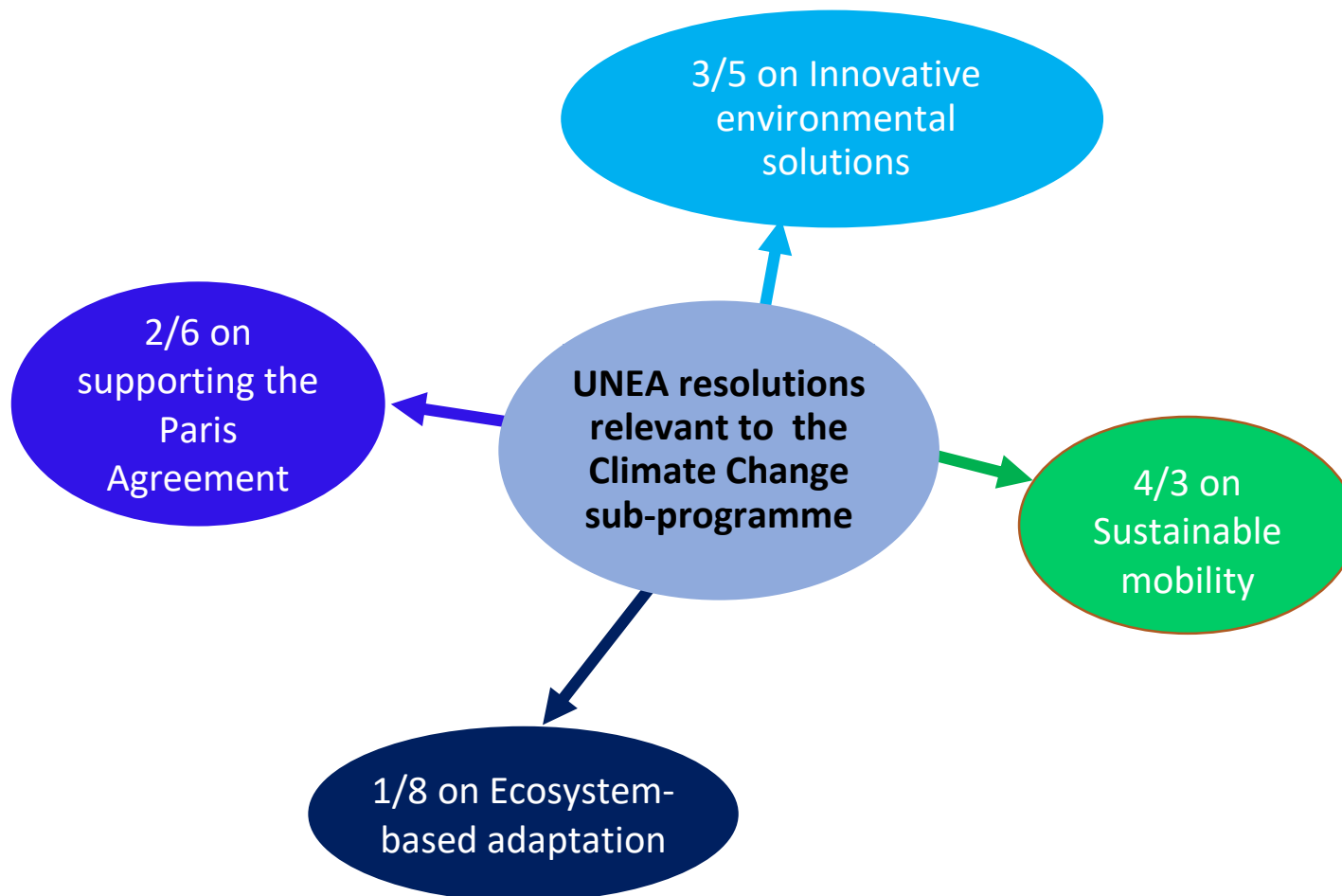
Science-Policy Interface:

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Emissions & Adaptation Gap Reports
- NDC Partnership, Initiative for Climate Action Transparency, Technology Needs Assessment

Linkages to UNEA Resolutions



UNEA 1 Resolutions
UNEA 2 Resolutions
UNEA 3 Resolutions
UNEA 4 Resolutions

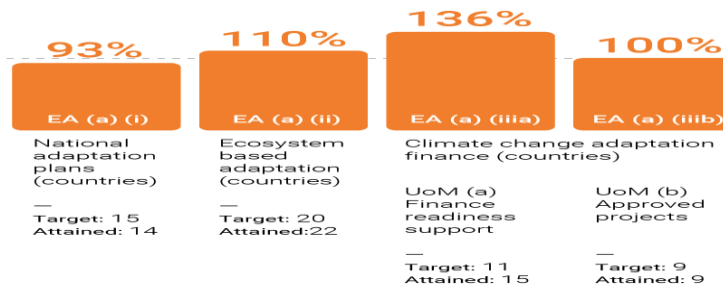


Indicator performance



Climate Change

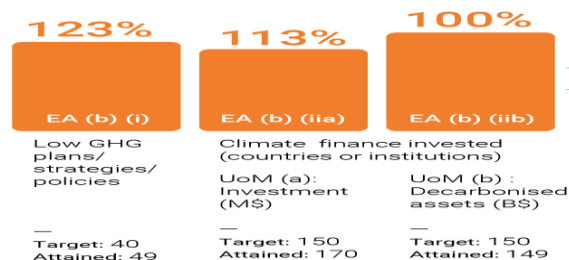
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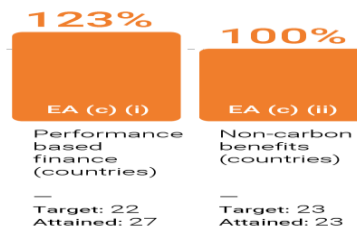
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Highlights of EA(a) - Adaptation

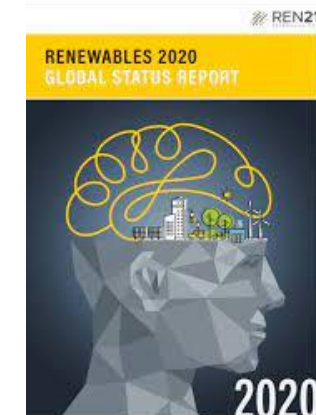
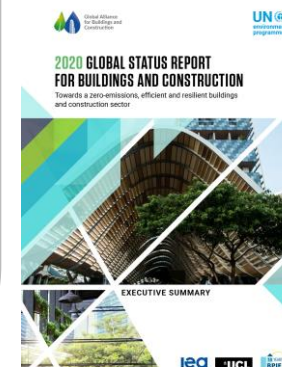
- **Capacity: 14 countries improved their institutional frameworks and capacity to implement ecosystem-based adaptation**
 - **Afghanistan, Angola, Bhutan, Cambodia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Lao PDR, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sudan**
 - **Early warnings support started in the Pacific**
- **Finance:**
 - **Launch of the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA) with Adaptation Fund/CTCN**
 - **Launch of the Global Fund for Ecosystems-based Adaptation with IUCN**



Low-emission growth



- Flagship reports: EGR, PGR, Status reports on renewable energy/buildings and construction
- 14 countries adopted various low emission development plans, strategies and policies
- CCAC supported 22 countries to develop black carbon inventories
- Countries and institutions invested \$70 million in clean energy and energy efficiency
- US\$ 49 billion worth of assets were decarbonized
 - 180 banks signed up to UNEP FI - Principles for Responsible Banking



Reduced Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (REDD+)



- Five countries secured finance for implementation of REDD+
- Peru and Paraguay made progress to generate social and environmental non-carbon benefits
- Launch of the Restoration Seed Capital Facility
- Dutch government and Rabobank announce **USD 40 million** investments in **AGRI3 Fund**
 - **Fund closed 2 deals worth USD15 million**

UN-REDD
PROGRAMME



AGRI3
FUND

FOREST
FARMERS
FOOD

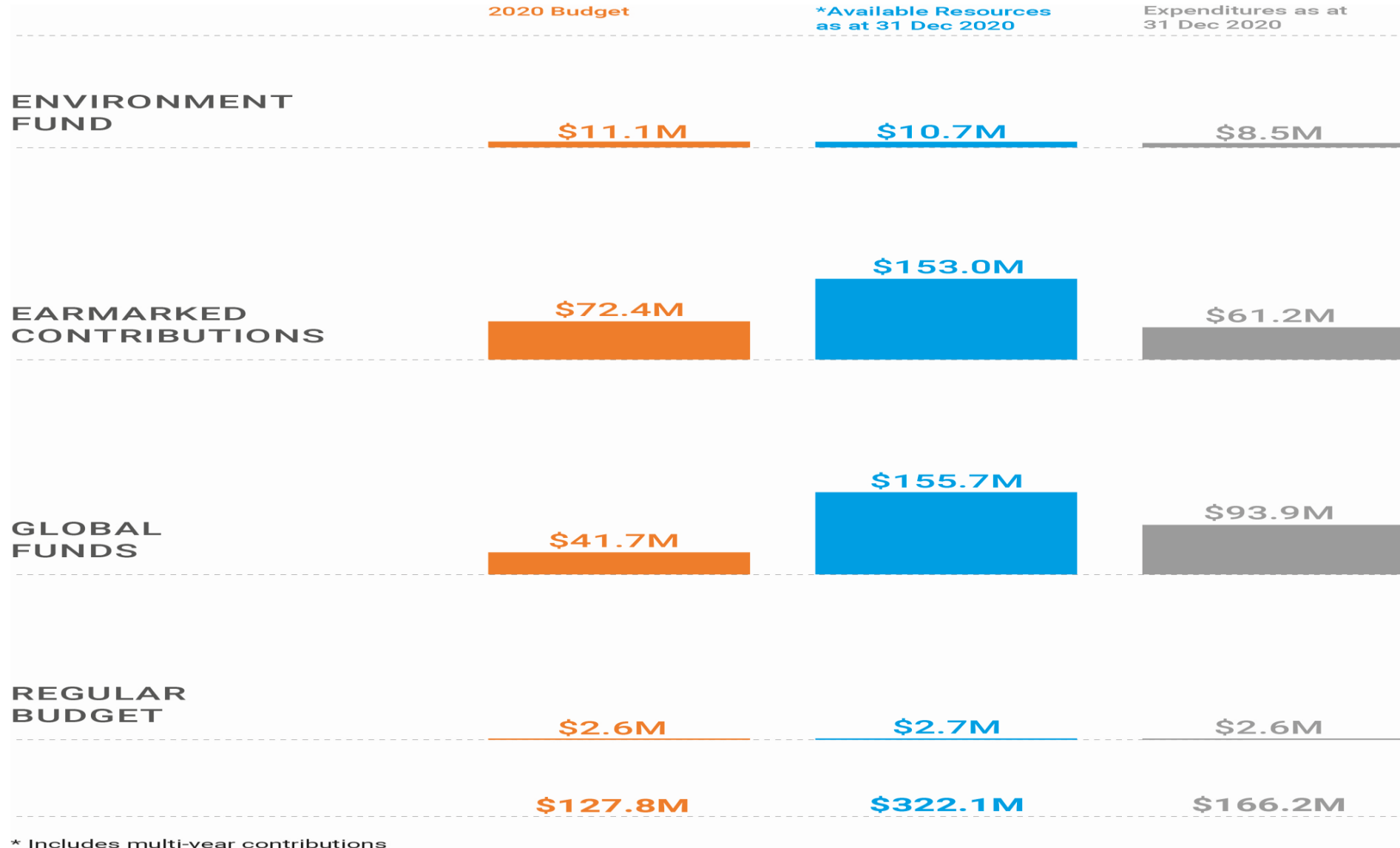
www.restorationfacility.org

Climate action solution to build back better

- Advocacy about climate strategies as the blue print for COVID-recovery investments
 - Gap Reports
 - Media effort



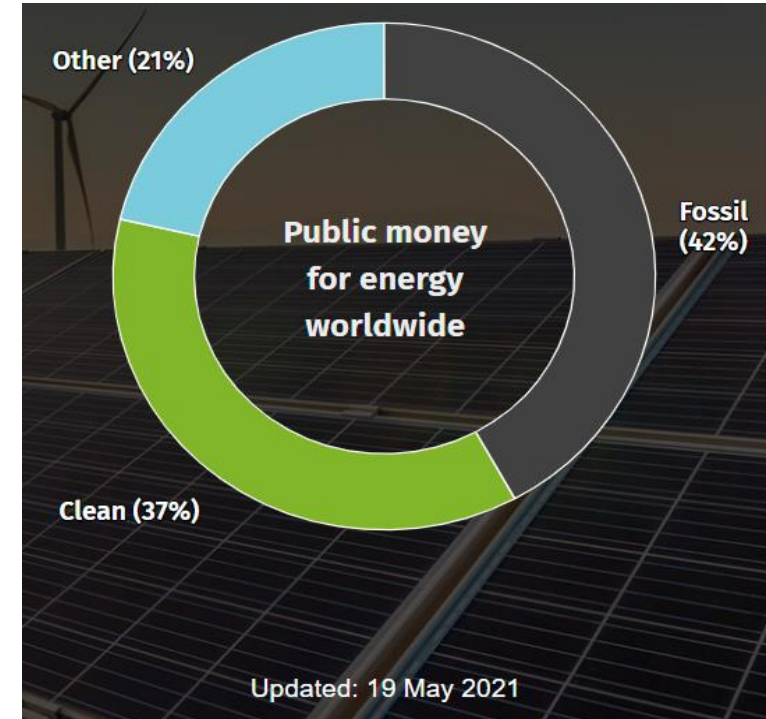
Financial overview



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2020 year for increased ambition

- NDC ratchet mechanism towards COP26
 - 1% reduction in emissions by 12/2020
- COVID-19 recovery investments as crossroad
 - Majority of COVID-19 recovery investments in carbon intensive energy



Looking Ahead



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- SG-led advocacy for increased ambition
 - COVID-19 recovery investment to take full advantage of established policies & capacity
- ⇒ Build transparency around COVID-19 investments, public support and advocate for NDCs as investment blue prints
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Thank you



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Portfolio Overview

by Expected Accomplishment



Expected accomplishment A Cross-sector and transboundary collaboration

- Ecosystem health and wildlife
- Economics and ecosystems
- Integrated marine ecosystems management
- Integrated land & water management
- Institutional frameworks
- Capacity Building
- Science & early warning
- Networks

Expected Accomplishment B Inclusion of Ecosystems in Economic Decision-Making

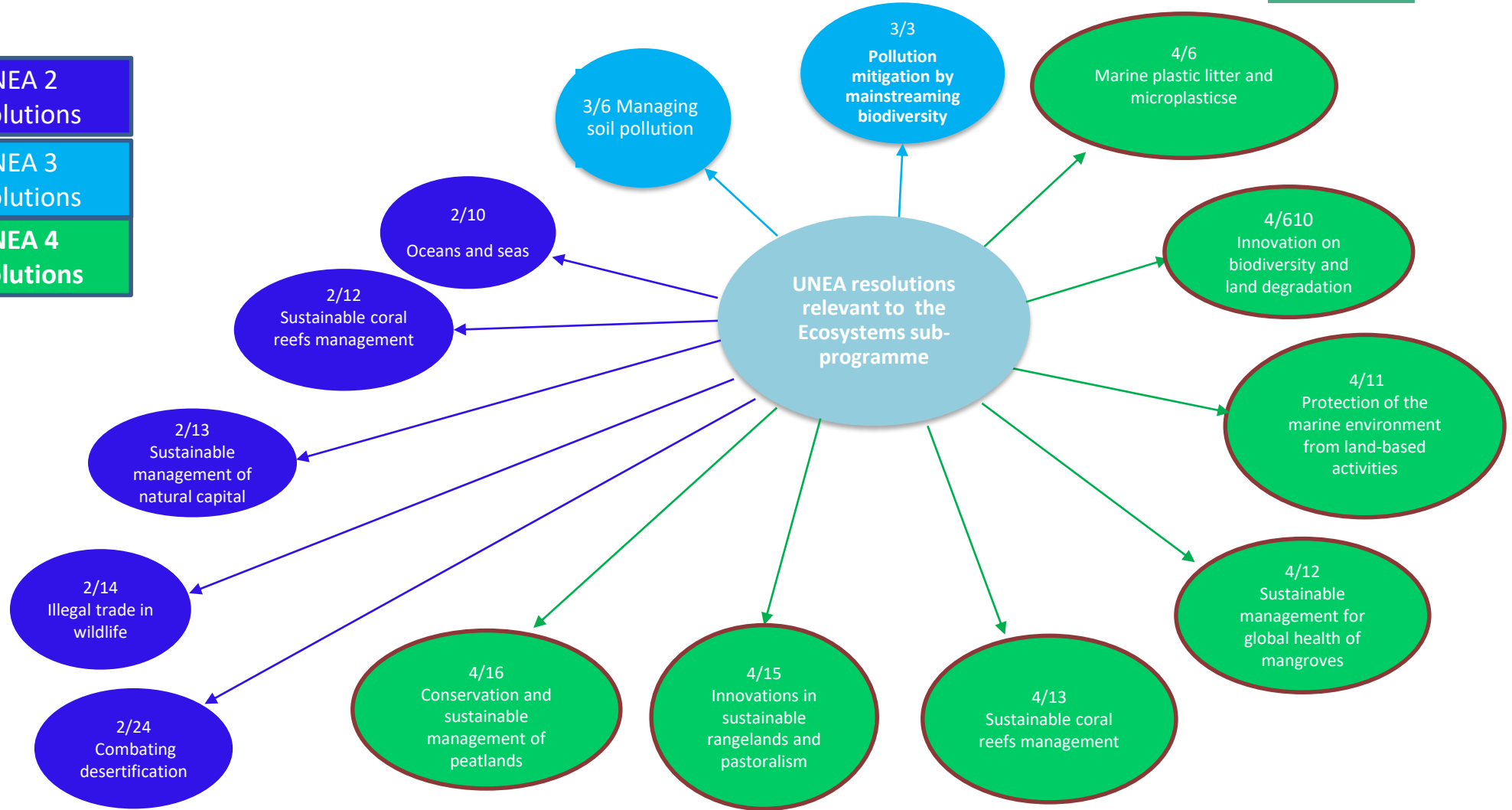
- Poverty and environment action
- Finance initiatives
- Public-private sector frameworks
- System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
- Capacity Building
- Networks

- Communication and outreach
- Education for sustainability

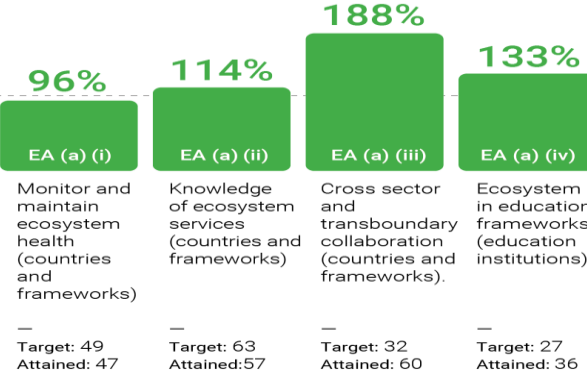
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CROSS-SECTOR AND TRANSBOUNDARY COLLABORATION FRAMEWORKS

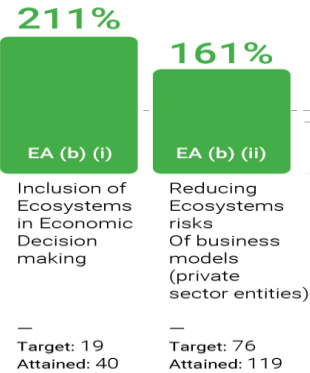


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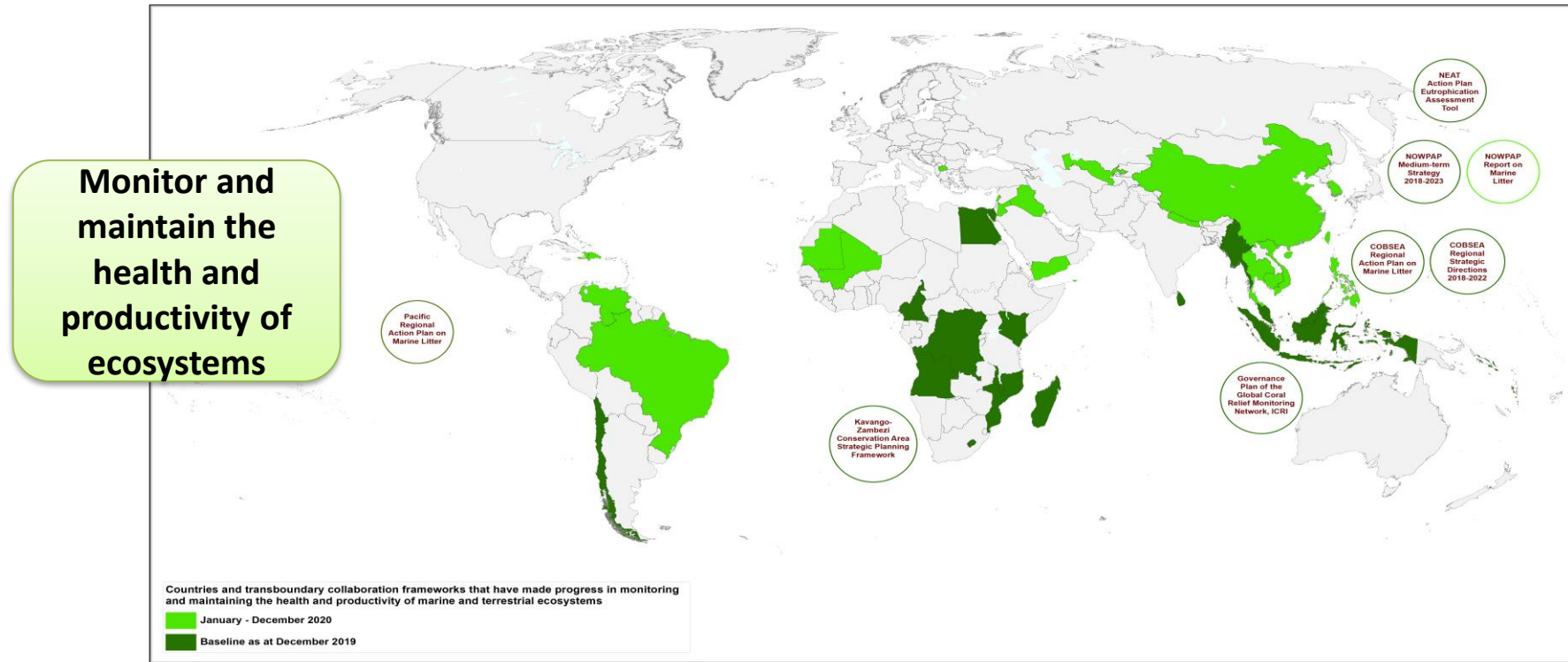
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Key Result Highlights EA (a)



- 21 countries (38 cumulative) and 1 transboundary collaboration frameworks (9 cumulative) had made progress in monitoring and maintaining the health and productivity of marine and terrestrial ecosystems

Progress in monitoring and maintaining the health and productivity of marine and terrestrial ecosystems

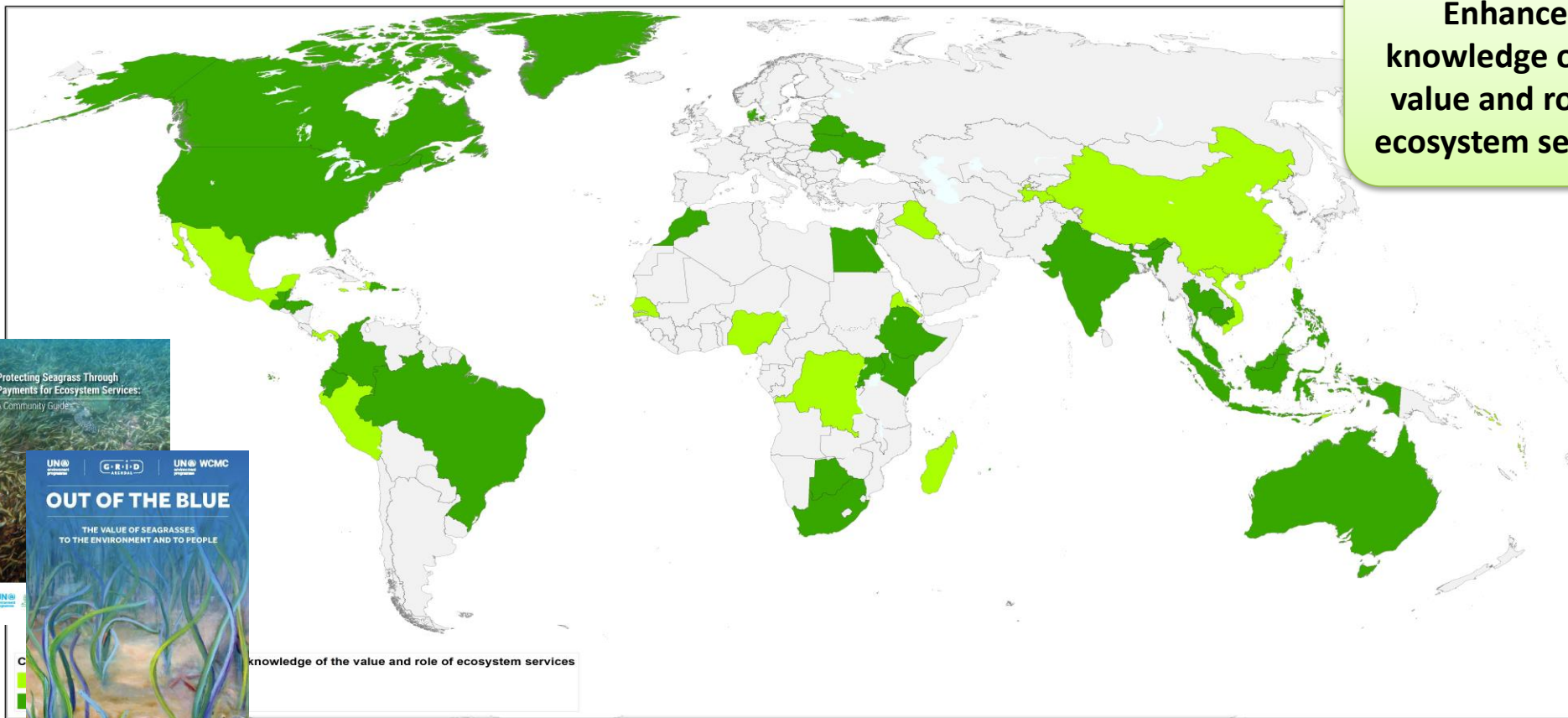


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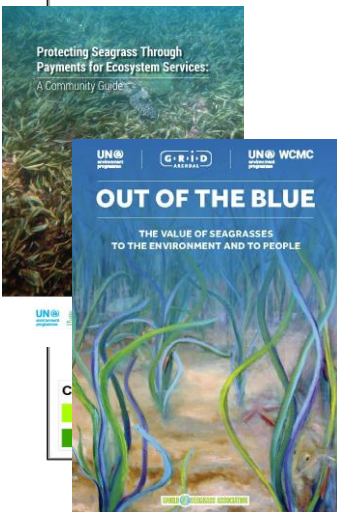


20 countries (56 cumulative) and 1 multi-country initiative (7 cumulative) had demonstrated enhanced knowledge of the value and role of ecosystem services

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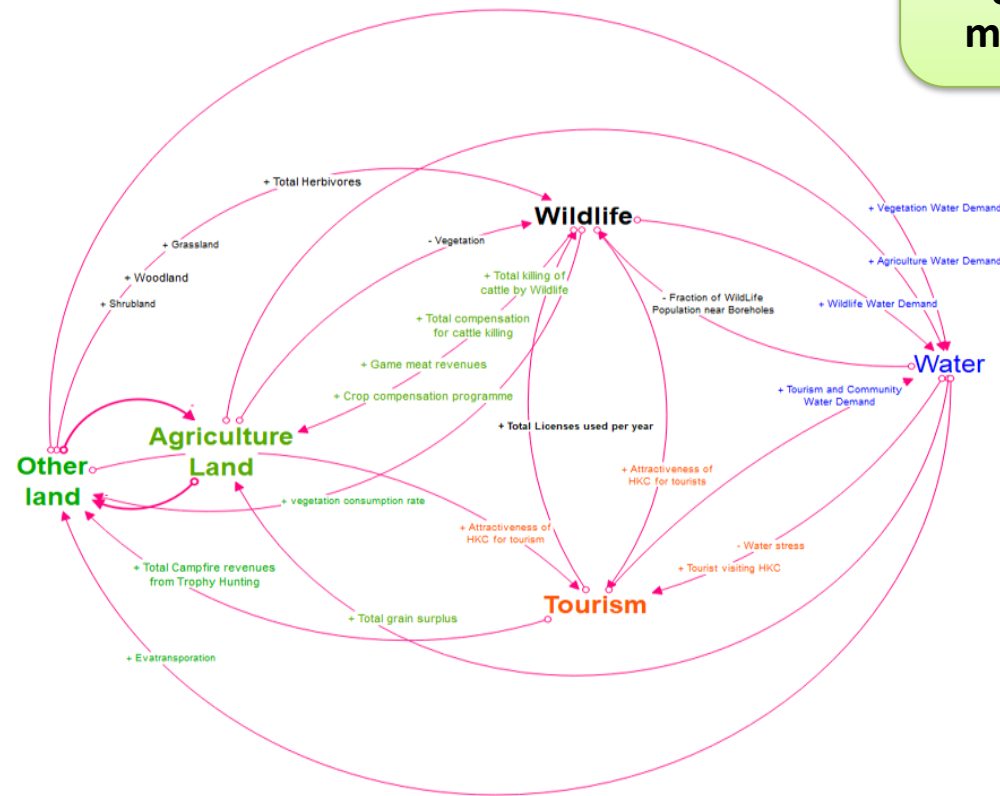


Improvement in collaboration frameworks for ecosystem management

41 countries (54 cumulative) and 6 transboundary frameworks demonstrated improvement in the institutional set-up for cross-sector collaboration for terrestrial ecosystem management.

Africa's Coexistence Landscapes: Applying the System Dynamics modelling Methodology for developing pathways to coexistence:

Improved cross-sector and transboundary collaboration frameworks for management of the transfrontier Conservation Area between north-eastern Botswana and north-western Zimbabwe



Key Result Highlights EA (b)



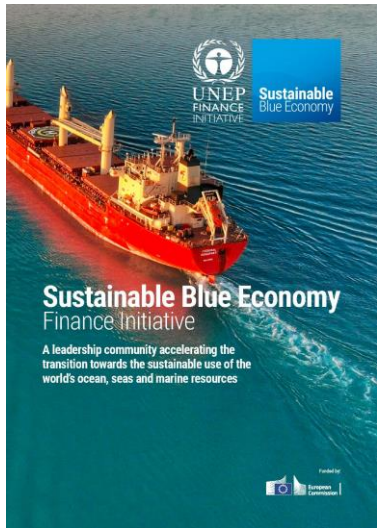
22 public sector institutions (40 cumulative) tested the incorporation of the health and productivity of marine and terrestrial ecosystems in economic decision-making at the national level

Incorporation of ecosystems in economic decision-making

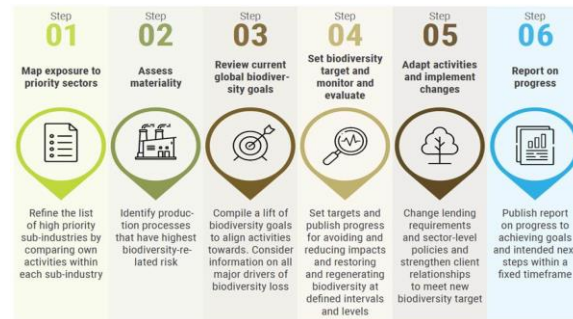
37 financial institutions (119 cumulative) had adjusted their business models to reduce their ecosystem-related risks

Private sector reduces ecosystem-related risks and/or impacts

- Expanded membership of the [Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Initiative](#).

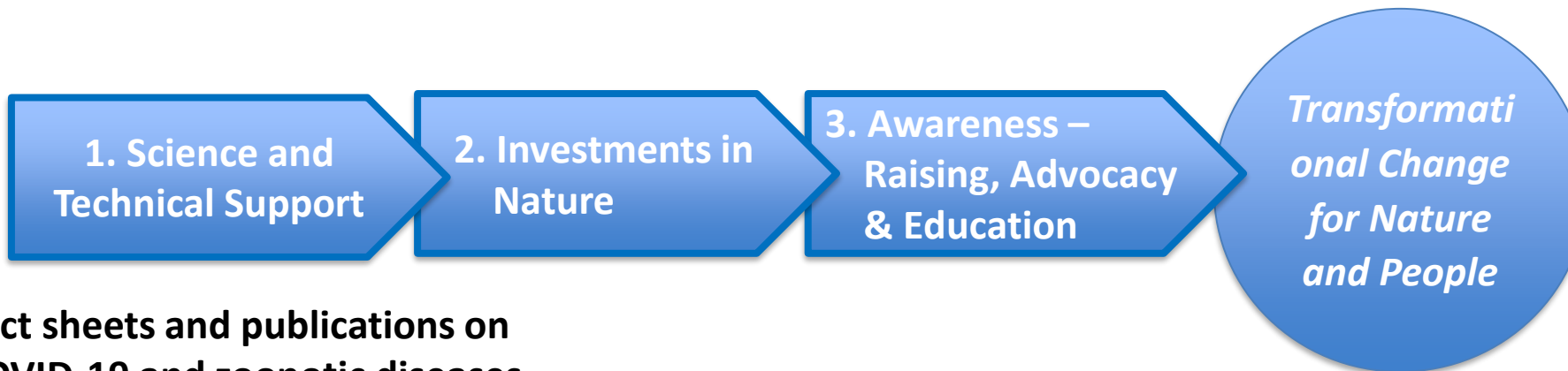


- [Established Restoration Seed Capital Facility and Global Fund for Coral Reefs](#)

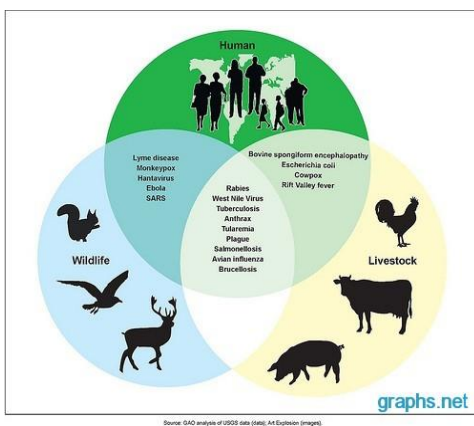


- [Beyond Business As Usual: Biodiversity Targets and Finance](#)

UNEP COVID-19 response plan - Building Block 2 *Building Back Better:*



- Fact sheets and publications on COVID-19 and zoonotic diseases



UNEP Factbook
New ZOO

Zoonotic Diseases
"Never before have so many opportunities existed for pathogens to pass from wild and domestic animals to people"

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),
Executive Director, Inger Andersen

UNEP's mission is to protect and improve the environment and to ensure sustainable development for all. In response, UNEP is strategically complementing the work of its partners to advance a One Health approach that links the health of people, agriculture, systems and nature. To explore from the perspective of the world's ecosystems, and to offer practical recommendations to be implemented.

COVID-19 and Zoonotic Diseases
The link of all animals, infectious diseases, and the environment. And when the answer is not all conclusive as to the origin, factors may be COVID-19 transmission from wildlife, livestock and the role of people in all countries in the world. But this should not be the case. While the transmission of COVID-19 was transmitted from animals to humans in 2019, and it is not clear if this is the case for all of these animals in order to human transmission. As more and more people around the world are coming to realize that, we do the prevention of zoonotic diseases in our region in 2019, we should not ignore the role of zoonotic pathogens. Unless we address our relationship to nature, zoonotic pathogens could be re-emerged again in the future.

UNEP environment programme | COVID-19 RESPONSE | ILRI | CGIAR

PREVENTING THE NEXT PANDEMIC

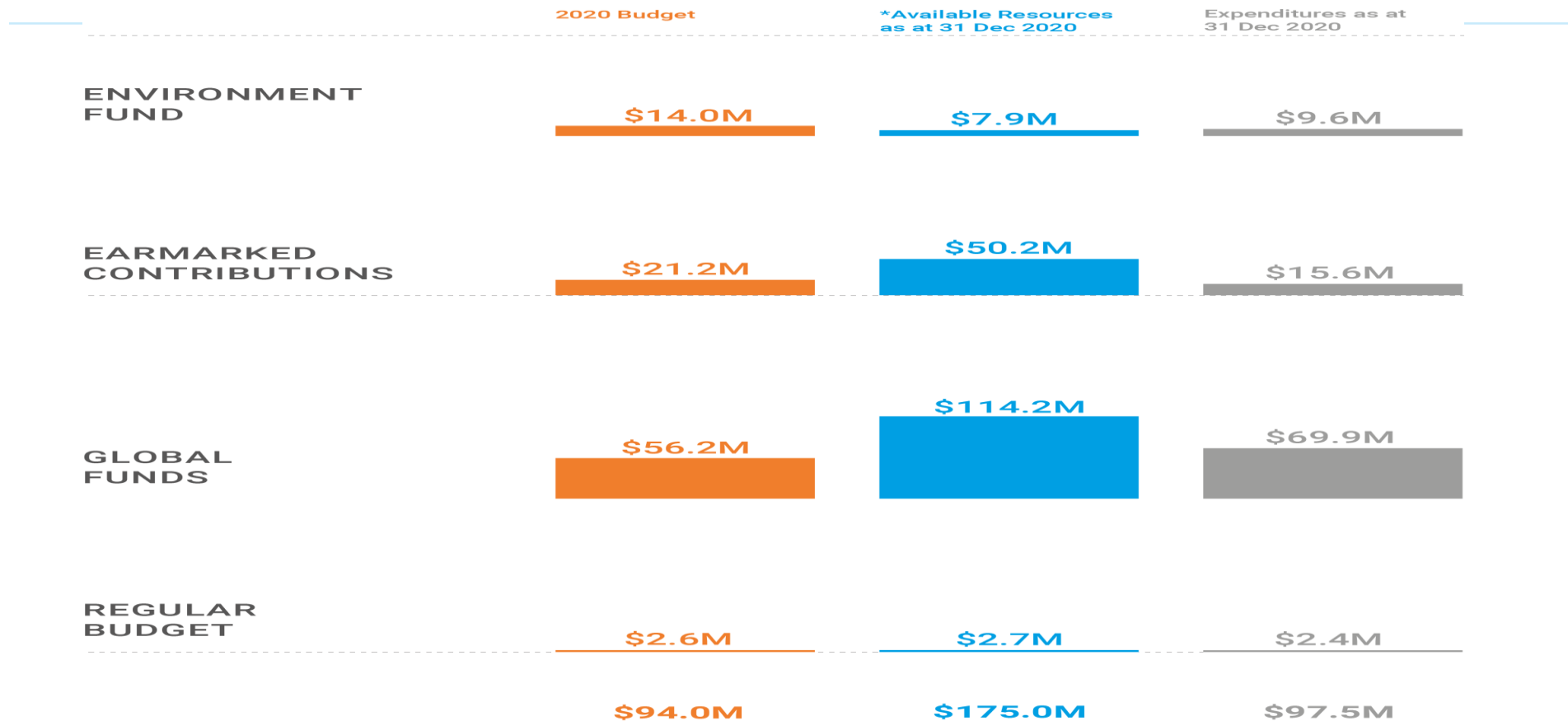
Zoonotic diseases and how to break the chain of transmission

A Scientific Assessment with Key Messages for Policy-Makers
A Special Volume of UNEP's Frontiers Report Series

- Online engagement - a series webinars, workshops and toolkits



SP3 Financial Overview



* Includes multi-year contributions

Challenges, Risk Management, Lessons Learnt



Challenges

- Negative trends in biodiversity and ecosystems continue.
- Economic and social impacts of COVID 19.
- Delayed development and adoption of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework

Opportunities

- Thought COVID-19 delayed some processes, global attention to biodiversity and ecosystems grew significantly.
- Continued efforts for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystems-based approaches.
- Mobilizing private sector partnerships.
- Synergetic involvement of MEAs in the post 2020 process.

Looking Ahead



Thank you



Resource Efficiency

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Portfolio Overview



Resource efficiency

Expected Accomplishment A

Enabling Policy Environment

- Green Economy Research, Modelling, Advisory
- Partnership for Action on Green Economy
- 10YfP/One Planet network
- Sustainable Consumption and Production (incl. regional programmes)
- Environment and Trade
- Resource Efficient Cities
- Sustainable Infrastructure
- Green finance, economic transformations and SDGs

Expected Accomplishment B

Sustainability in Businesses and Value Chains

- Green and Sustainable Finance: UNEP Finance Initiative
- Circular Economy and Value Chains
- Sustainability Reporting
- Eco-innovation
- Cleaner Production
- Sustainable Tourism
- Buildings & Construction
- Sustainable Food Systems
- Minerals & Extractives

Expected Accomplishment C

Lifestyles and Consumption

- Sustainable Lifestyles and Education
- Food Waste and Food Loss
- Sustainability Campaigns
- Consumer Information & Eco-labelling
- Sustainable Public Procurement
- Behavioural Change

Science-Policy Interface:

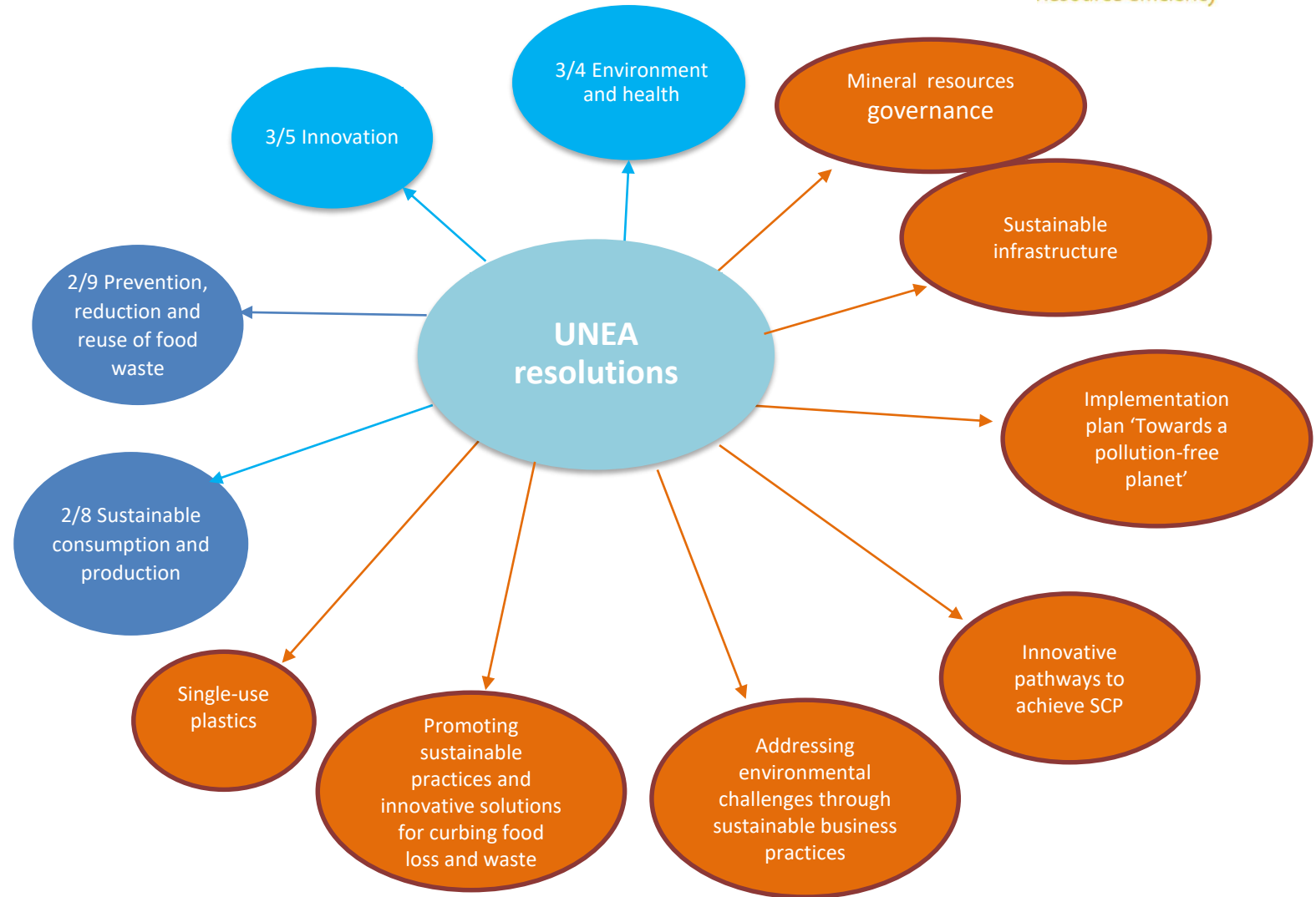
International Resource Panel – Green Growth Knowledge Platform – Life Cycle Initiative

UNEA-4 IRP/OPN task group on catalyzing science-based-policy action on SCP

Linkages to UNEA Resolutions



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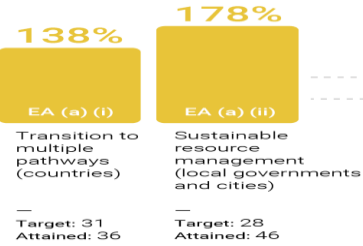


Indicator Performance



Resource efficiency

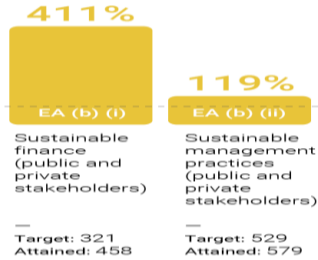
ENABLING POLICY ENVIRONMENT



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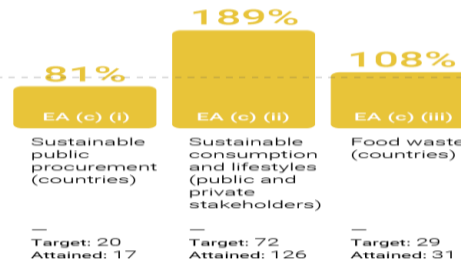
SUSTAINABILITY IN BUSINESSES & VALUE CHAINS



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SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES & CONSUMPTION



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Key Results

EA A - Enabling Policy Environment



Resource efficiency

Science to Policy to Action

- **Green & Inclusive Recovery** support to countries
- [PAGE Covid-response](#)
- **Four countries** undertook green economy reviews, developed tools or SCP strategies.



Outreach & Advocacy – on SCP and green economies

- **One Planet network:** Leveraging its membership, database, SDG12 Hub and Clearinghouse to provide the latest data, knowledge and news on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- [Covid-knowledge](#) by Green Growth Knowledge Partnership (GGKP)

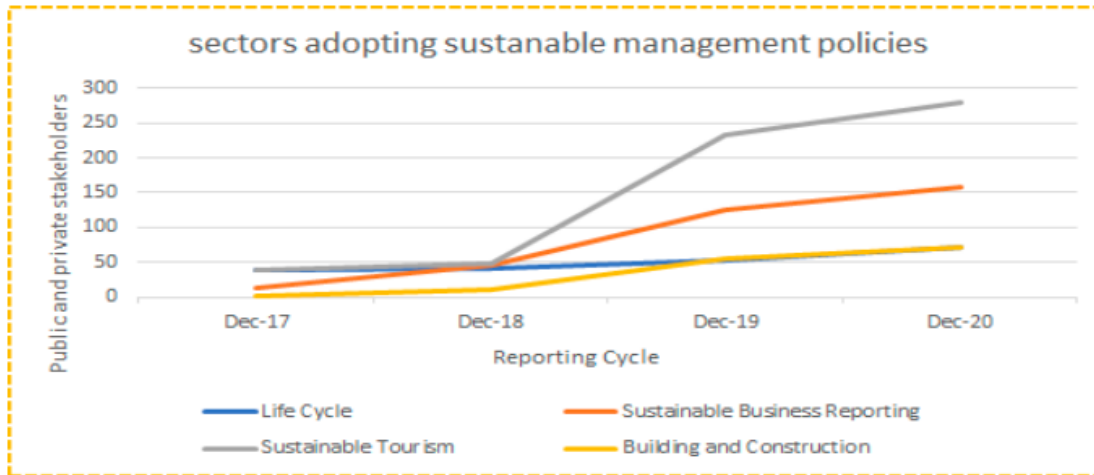
Strengthening Capacity – on circular economies in cities

- **Twenty cities** using ‘jobs’ as a proxy indicator to start assessing their transition from linear to circular economies.

Key Results EA B - Sectors and Supply



Resource efficiency



RECPnet



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Life Cycle



Initiative



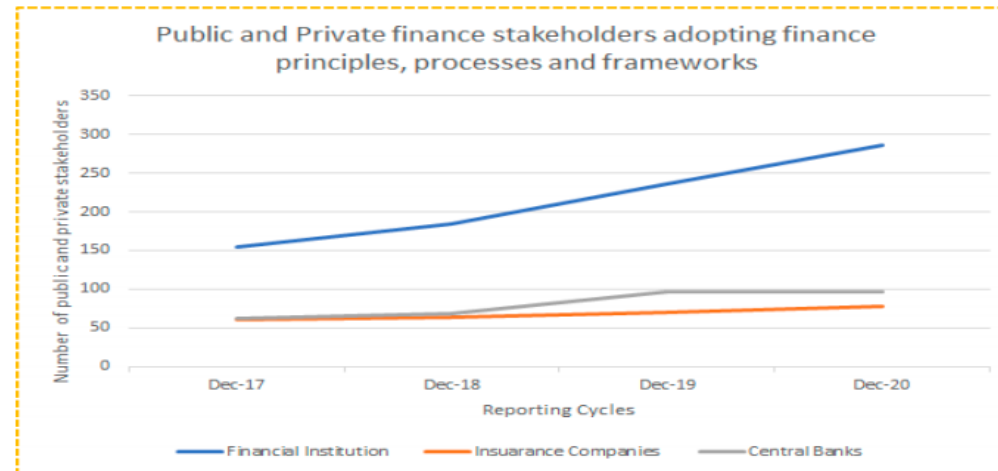
One planet
handle with care



Global Alliance
for Buildings and
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FINANCE INITIATIVE



Key Results

EA C - Sustainable Lifestyles and Consumption



Science to Policy to Action – Food waste

Measuring national food waste using the Food Waste Index (SDG12.3):

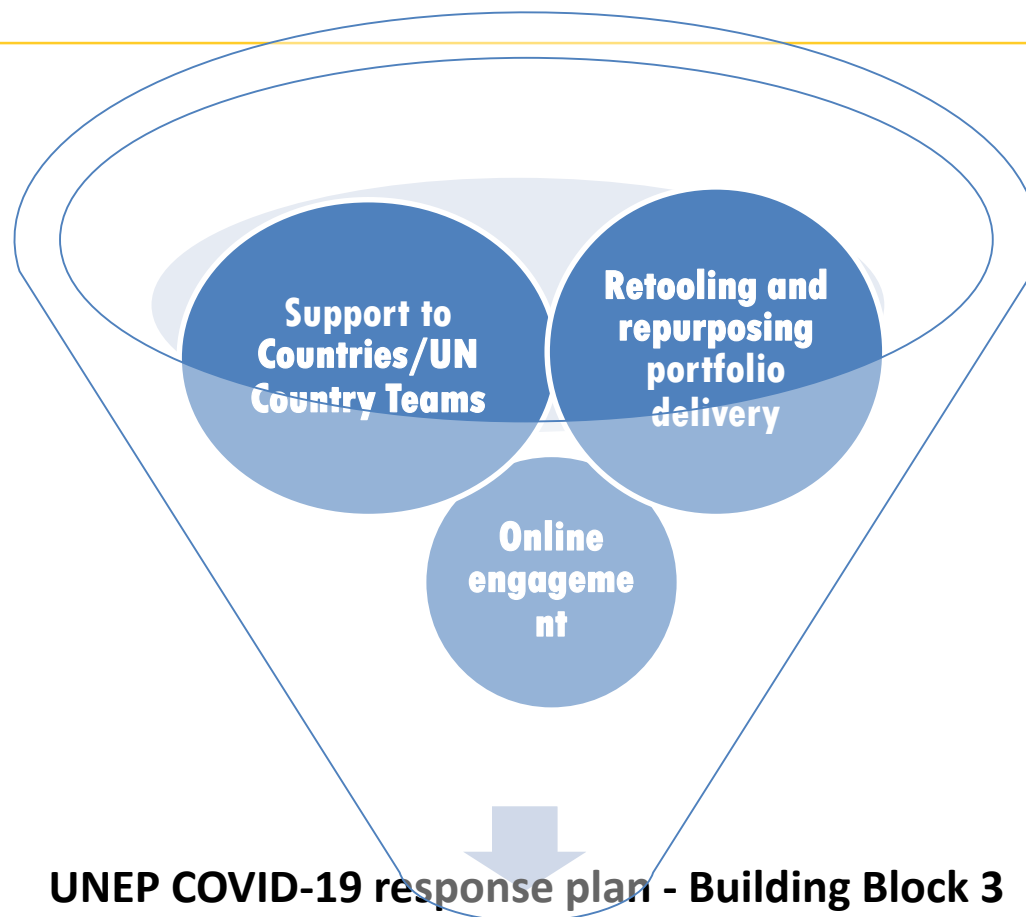
- **Measured by 14 countries.**
- **Data collection under way in 38 other countries.**

Outreach & Advocacy – Sustainable Lifestyles

20 countries and 40 public and private sector stakeholders on consumer information and sustainable living

Strengthening Capacity – on sustainable public procurement

- **Capacity building** was undertaken in the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada and Senegal.
 - No new country started **implementing** policies on sustainable public procurement, as measured by the indicator.
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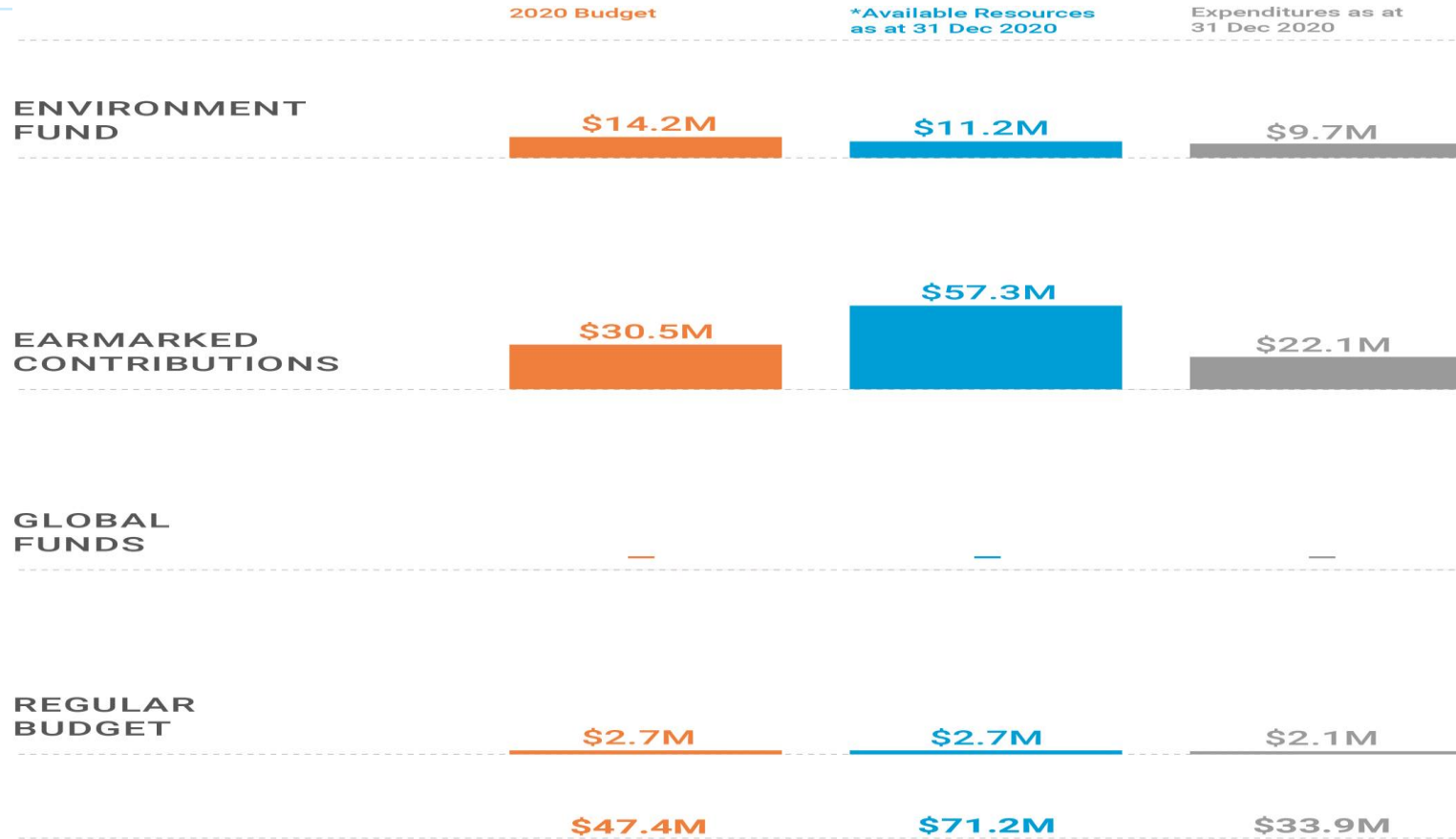


UNEP COVID-19 response plan - Building Block 3
Building Back Better: Greening Fiscal Stimulus Packages & Accelerating Sustainable Consumption and Production

Financial Overview



Resource efficiency



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Challenges

- **Unsustainable Natural Resource extraction and use**
- **SDG12 one of the least funded SDGs.**

Risk Management

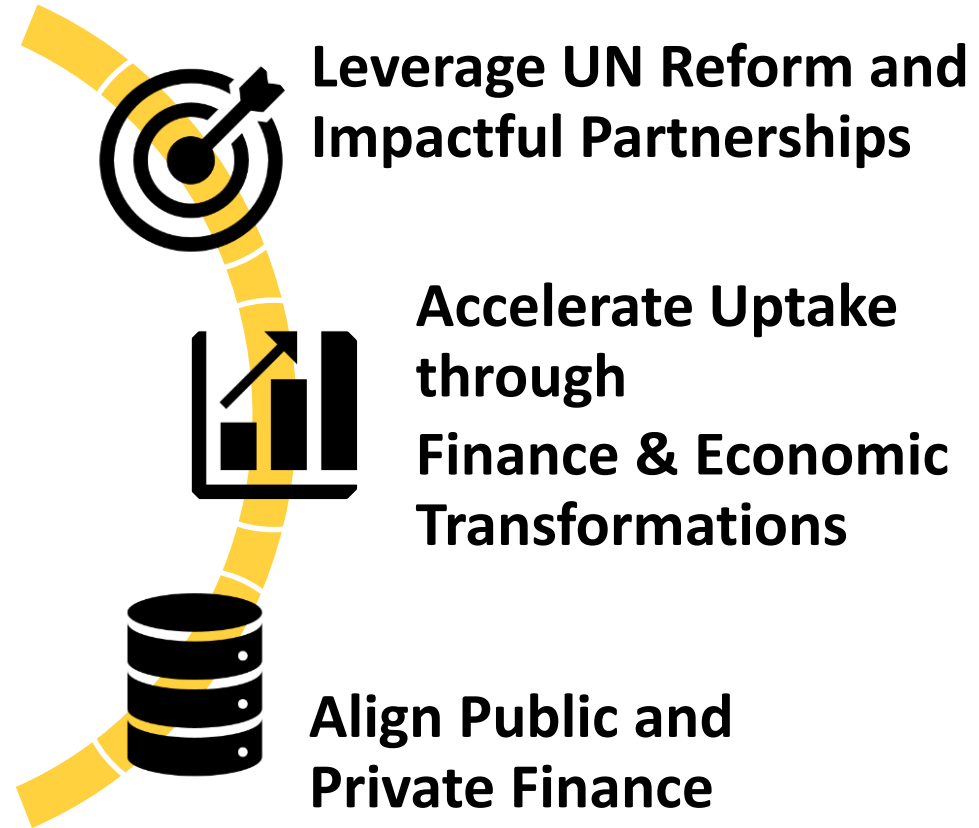
- **Urgent need to reverse trend.**
- **In 2020, only 18.0% of recovery spending and 2.5% of total spending had positive green characteristics.**

Lessons Learnt

- **Mainstream Sustainable Consumption and Production**
- **Deepen attention and support to SDG12**
- **Recalibrate development strategies with inter and intra-generational equity lens**



**Towards
MTS 2022-
2025 and
Agenda 2030**



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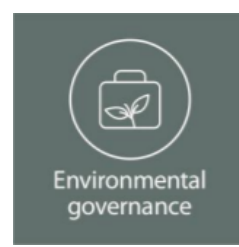


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Portfolio Overview



Expected Accomplishment A Policy Coherence

- **Coherent Implementation of the SDGs**
- **Environment Management Group**
- **Environmental Treaties Programme**
- **Sustainable United Nations (SUN)**

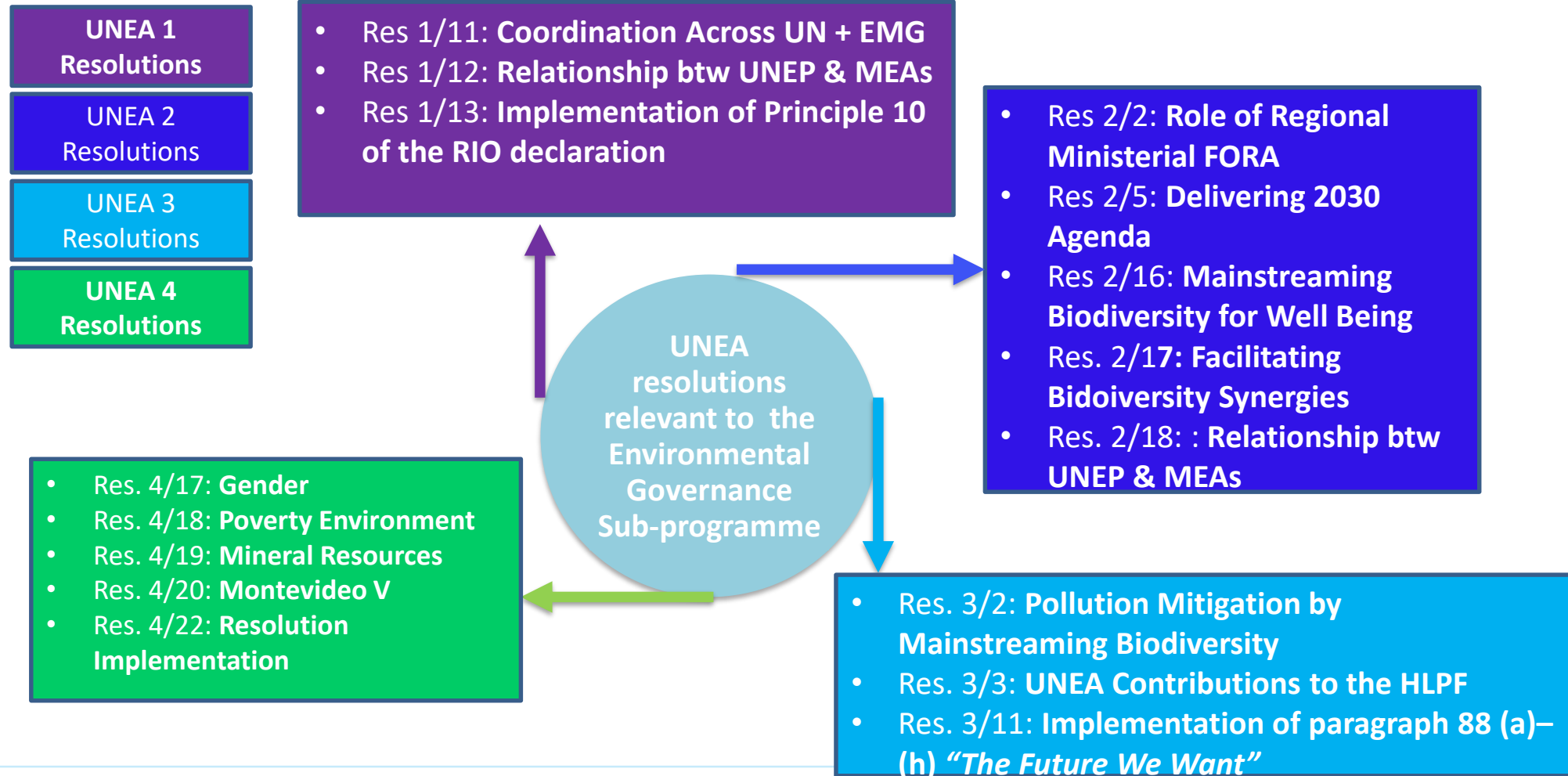
Integrated approaches

Expected Accomplishment B Institutional Strengthening

- **Environmental Law**
- **MEA support & Implementation**
- **Engaging with Faith-based Organizations**
- **Intelligence for Environmental Governance**
- **Poverty-Environment Action for SDGs**
- **Environment Sustainability Programme**
- **Caribbean Biological Corridor**

Enhanced policies

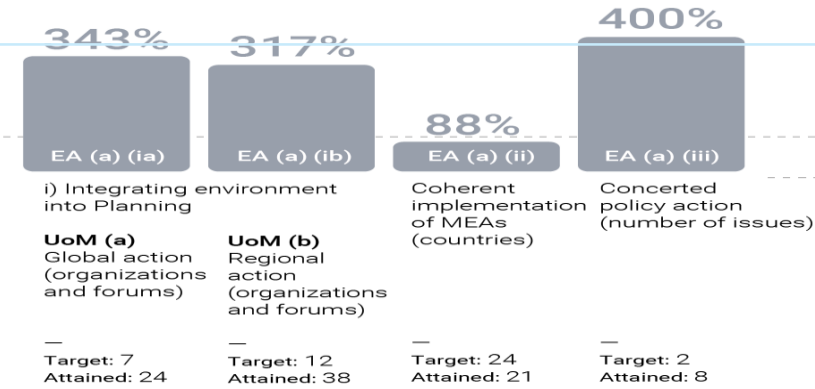
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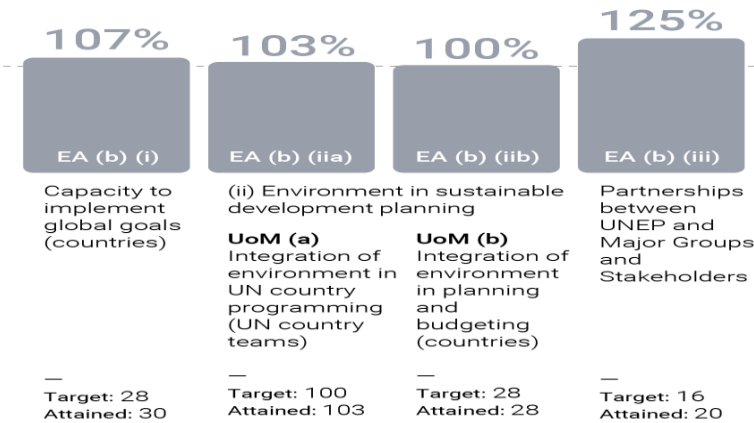
POLICY COHERENCE & SDGs



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LEGAL & INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS



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Key Result Highlights

EA A –Global Uptake of UNEP Policy Advice



GREENING THE BLUE

- 2020 Greening the Blue report observes a 22% reduction in UN System per capita GHG emissions between 2010 and 2019 through actions such as 5 additional UN entities Updating EMS
- UN 2020- 2030 Sustainability Strategy Phase I -environmental sustainability in the area of management (developed by SUN and EMG) integrated in guidance for UN Business Operations' Strategies at country level
- Sustainable Procurement indicators framework for UN organizations integrated in UN Global Market Place procurement platform to report progress on UN SP uptake.



- Development of Policy Note for Parliamentarians on Green Approaches to COVID-19

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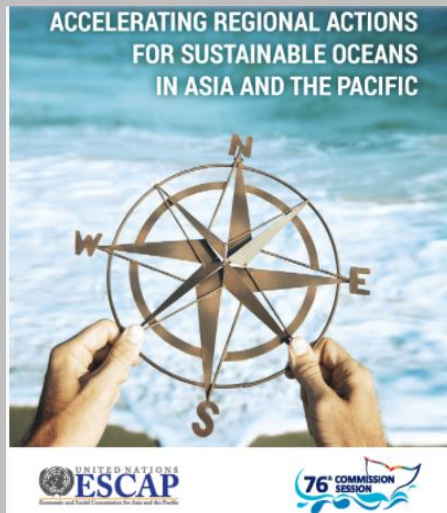
EA A -Regional Uptake of UNEP Advice



Africa: 8th special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) adopts ministerial statement and common approaches to UNEA 5



Europe: Launch of Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change



**Asia Pacific: Flagship
Report on Oceans**



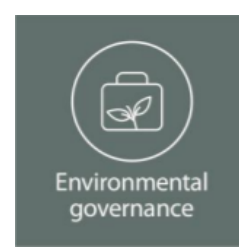
**Latin America & Caribbean: Adoption of model laws
on climate change, food security, electric mobility
and energy efficiency**



**West Asia: Ministerial meeting on Impact
of COVID-19 recommended actions**

Key Result Highlights

EA A – Collaboration with MEAs



Work With MEAs

- **13 MEAs provided contributions to the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.**
- **The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime adopts resolution 10/6 on Preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment.**
- **UNEPs Biosafety Clearing House III project implements Cartagena Protocol conducts Regional Training of Trainers workshop for National Focal Points and National Authorized Users**



Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa adopts decisions on hazardous substances to be considered hazardous waste.



Official Launch of the Data Reporting tool for MEAs (DaRT)

Key Result Highlights

EA B –Institutional Strengthening

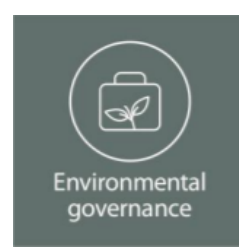


Technical support provided in;

- **Enhanced policies and laws: Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Guyana.**
- **Institutional Strengthening: MEA Implementation (Burkina Faso & Nigeria)**
- **Improved public information on illegal trade and Waste Management**

Key Result Highlights

EA B –Mainstreaming Environment and Partnerships



MAINSTREAMING ENVIRONMENT AND PARTNERHSIPS



10 countries Integrated environment into Voluntary National Reports: Comoros, Ecuador, Finland India, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Morocco, Mozambique, Panama, Samoa

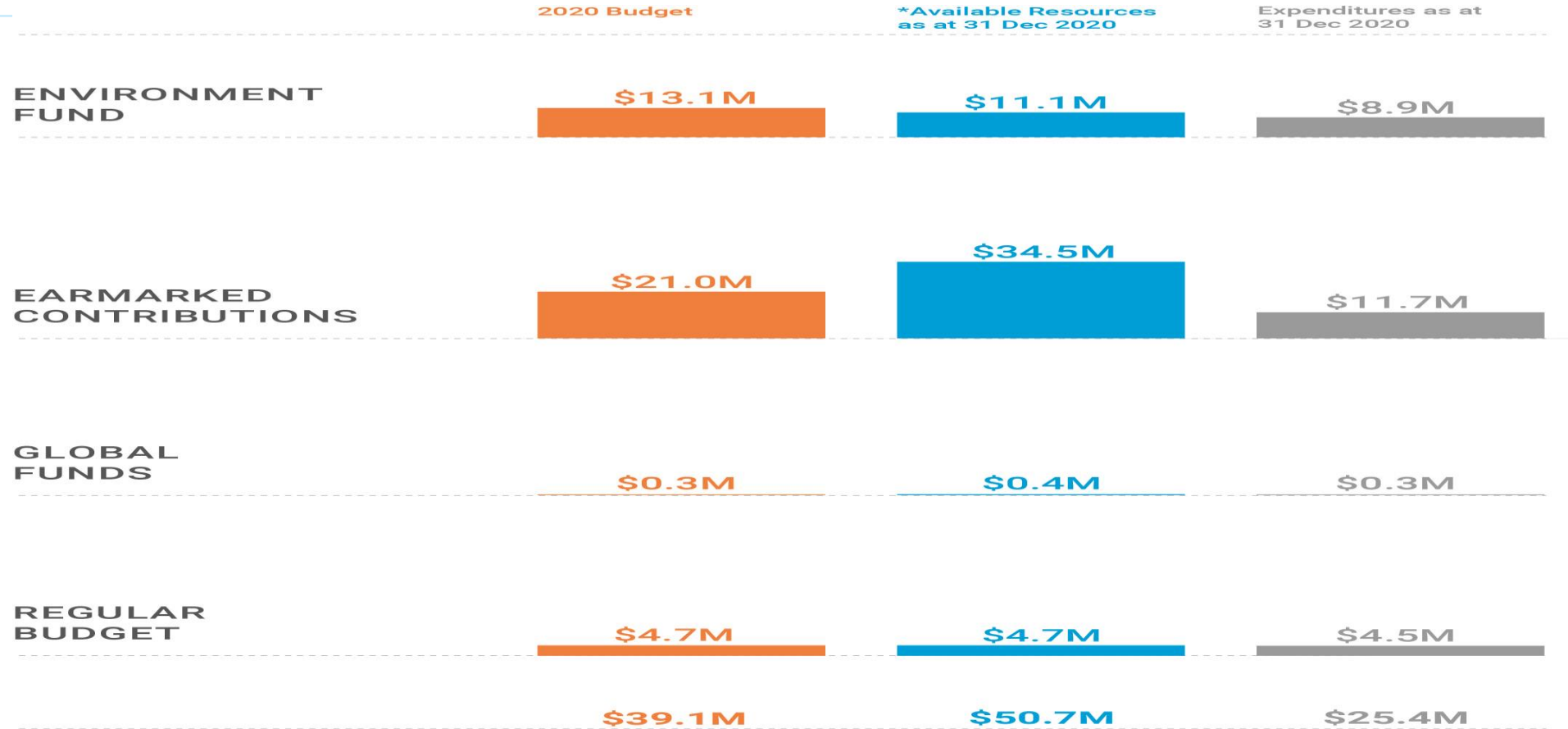


10 Countries developed UN cooperation Frameworks (Argentina, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Colombia, East Timor Georgia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan Mali, North Macedonia,)



4 partnerships with major groups and stakeholders for promoting the achievement of internationally agreed environmental goals, including the SDGs

Financial Overview



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Challenges, Risk Management, Lessons Learnt



Challenges

- Covid-19 Implementation Delays
- Slow adoption of UNEP policy advice
- Missed Opportunity: Billions of Covid Stimulus shifting focus away from governance



Risk Management

- Leveraging UN system expertise and resources
- Implementing recommendations from programmatic evaluations and reviews
- Leveraging Technology to foresee implementation difficulties



Lessons Learnt

- Scale up UNEP engagement in UNCTs through the regional offices



- Strategic Partnerships
- Reorient Sub Programme to Implement Foundational Aspects of MTS 2022-2025



Thank you

