



Synergy among biodiversity-related MEAs and the GEF

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A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

5,000 projects, \$23 billion of funding provided and \$130 billion of co-finance leveraged

Largest environmental multi-donor family of funds in the world

Financial mechanism of six Multilateral Environmental Agreements



186 COUNTRIES

18 IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES





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GEF-8

4-year

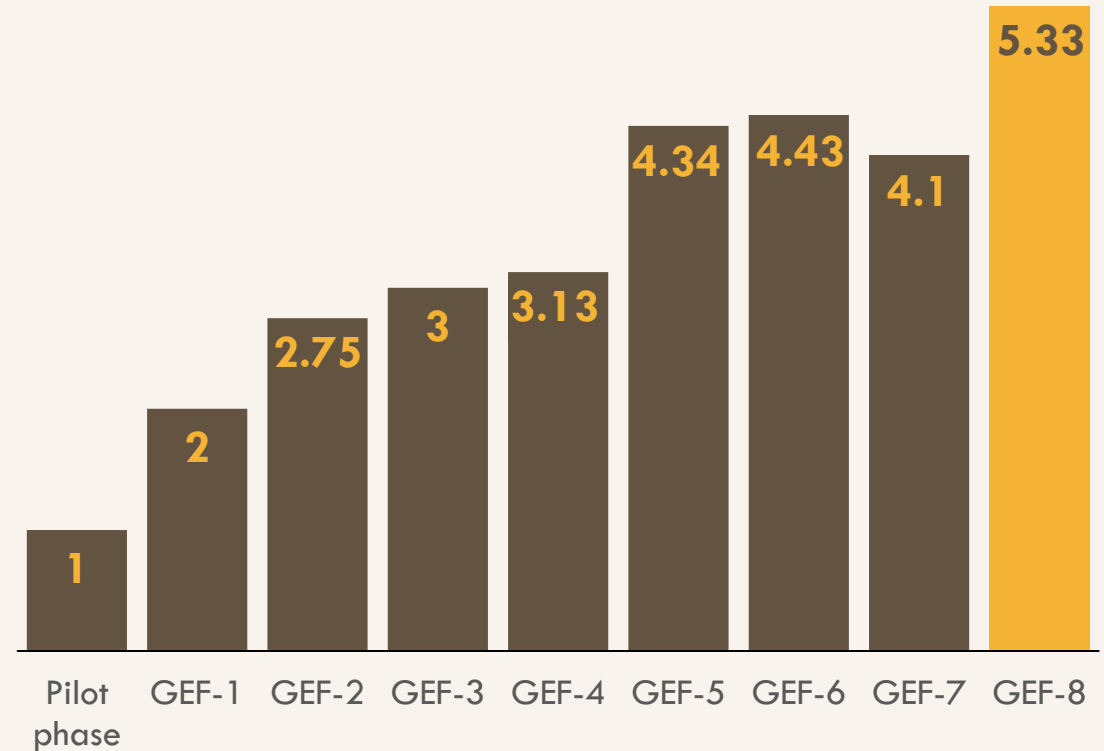
replenishment cycle
from July 1, 2022
to June 30, 2026

\$5.33 billion

pledged by
39 donor nations

GEF-8 strategy responds to conventions and takes **an integrated approach to systems transformation**

GEF Replenishment Cycles (billion USD)



GEF-8: Unified Action Towards 2030 Goals and Commitments

FOCAL AREAS

Biodiversity

Climate change mitigation

Land degradation

International waters

Chemicals and waste

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Food Systems

Ecosystem Restoration

Sustainable Cities

Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution

Blue and Green Islands

Clean and Healthy Ocean

Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development

Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator

Wildlife Conservation for Development

Elimination of Harmful Chemicals from Supply Chains

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance




Community Action for Global Transformation - Small Grants Program and Beyond
























































CROSS-CUTTING

Circular economy • Nature-based solutions • Gender responsiveness • Resilience • Private sector engagement

Biodiversity highly benefits from ***integrated programs (IPs) in GEF-8***

Contribution from the IPs to the focal area

-  **Major**
-  **Moderate**
-  **Minor**

Integrated Programs	Biodiversity	Climate Change	Land Degradation	International Waters	Chemical and Waste
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Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program

GEF grant: \$135 million - Co-financing: \$892 million
15 countries



Secure wildlife populations and landscapes for the benefit of people & planet

Health Planet, Healthy People

Human & Wildlife coexistence

Illegal, high-risk & unsustainable trade and use

Wildlife for prosperity

Conserve key wildlife landscapes

Wildlife health monitored

Prevent and mitigate human-wildlife conflict

Reduce poaching

Disrupt trafficking

Reduce demand

Diversified sustainable livelihoods

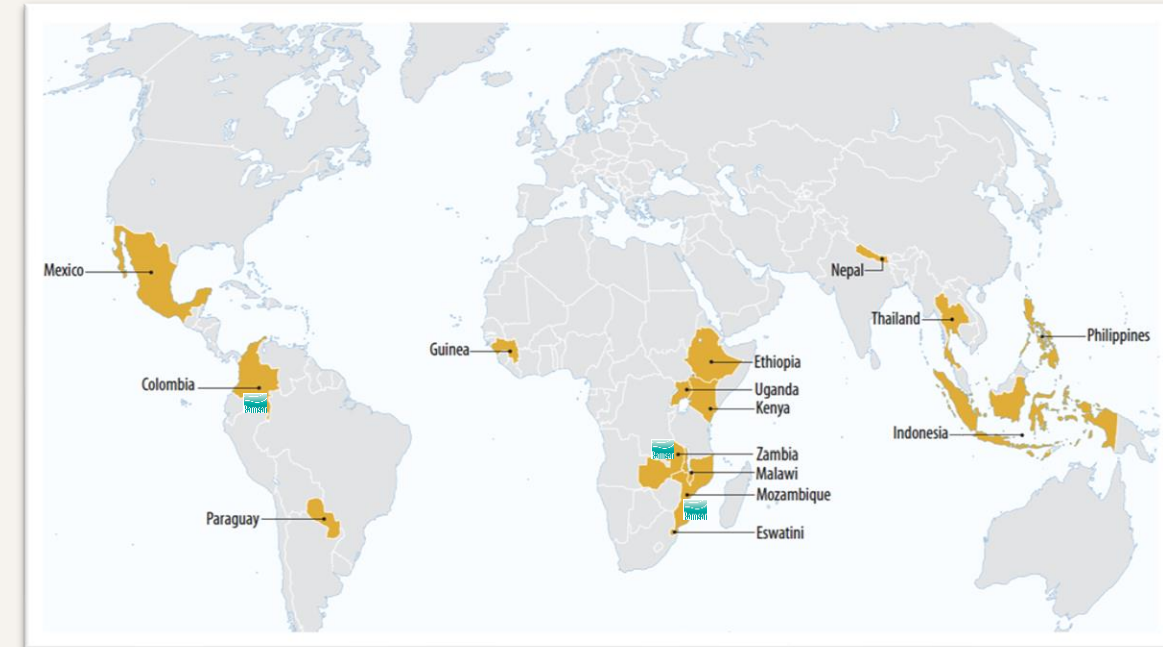
Wildlife-based economies

Landscape integrity & connectivity increased

Wildlife populations maintained

Zoonotic spillover risk reduced

Sustainable livelihoods increased





GEF-8 Biodiversity Focal Area Strategy

GOAL



Globally significant biodiversity conserved, sustainably used, and restored

OBJECTIVES



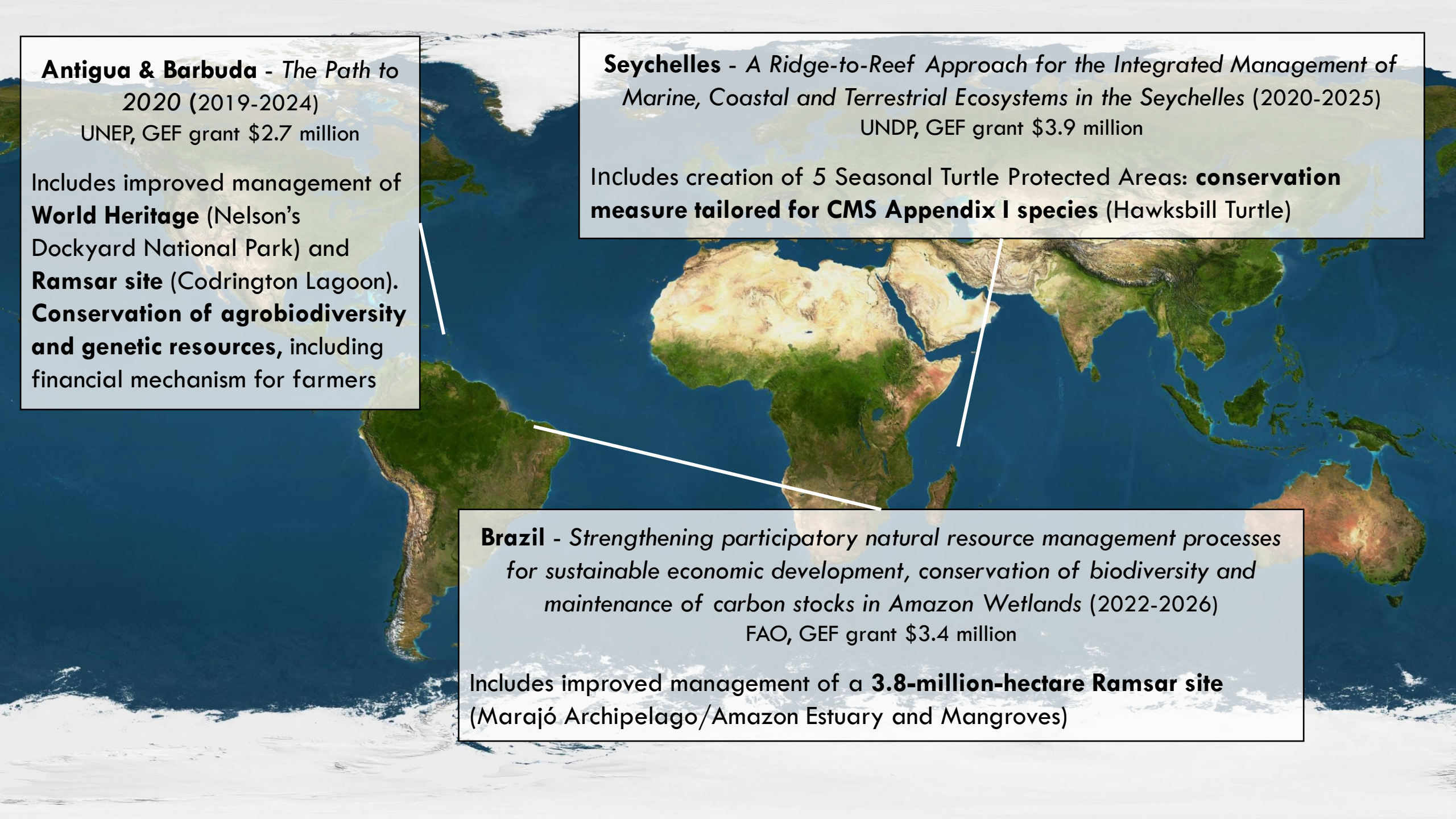
To improve conservation, sustainable use and restoration of natural ecosystems through **integrated landscape approaches**



To implement the **Cartagena and Nagoya protocols** effectively



To increase **mobilization of domestic resources** for biodiversity

A world map showing the locations of three project sites. Three white callout boxes with black borders point to specific regions: Antigua & Barbuda in the Caribbean, Seychelles in the Indian Ocean, and Brazil in South America. The map uses a satellite-style color palette with green for land and blue for oceans.

Antigua & Barbuda - The Path to 2020 (2019-2024)

UNEP, GEF grant \$2.7 million

Includes improved management of **World Heritage** (Nelson's Dockyard National Park) and **Ramsar site** (Codrington Lagoon). **Conservation of agrobiodiversity and genetic resources**, including financial mechanism for farmers

Seychelles - A Ridge-to-Reef Approach for the Integrated Management of Marine, Coastal and Terrestrial Ecosystems in the Seychelles (2020-2025)

UNDP, GEF grant \$3.9 million

Includes creation of 5 Seasonal Turtle Protected Areas: **conservation measure tailored for CMS Appendix I species** (Hawksbill Turtle)

Brazil - Strengthening participatory natural resource management processes for sustainable economic development, conservation of biodiversity and maintenance of carbon stocks in Amazon Wetlands (2022-2026)

FAO, GEF grant \$3.4 million

Includes improved management of a **3.8-million-hectare Ramsar site** (Marajó Archipelago/Amazon Estuary and Mangroves)

Enabling activities for the GBF

GEF-7 GBF Early Action Grants

274 k\$ per 138 country
+ global platform
(\$3 million)

UNEP – UNDP

GEF-8 Biodiversity Finance Plans

300 k\$ per 91 countries
+ global platform
(9 million)

UNDP

GEF-8 NBSAP & CDB reporting

450 k\$ per 139 country
+ global platform
(6 million)

UNEP - UNDP

\$1 + million per country (in addition to country STAR allocation)



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GBF Fund Establishment

**CBD COP 15 requests the
GEF to establish a GBF Fund**
December 2022

GBF Fund Ratified
at 7th GEF Assembly
August 2023

**GBF Fund Establishment and
Programming Directions
approved at 64th GEF Council**
June 2023

First GBF Fund Council
8-9 February 2024



GBF Fund Programming Directions



ACTION AREA		GBF TARGETS
1	Biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea-use and spatial planning	1, 2, 3
2	Support to IPLC stewardship and governance of lands, territories, and waters	1, 2, 3, 22
3	Policy alignment and development	14, 15, 18
4	Resource mobilization	18, 19
5	Sustainable use of biodiversity	5, 9
6	Biodiversity mainstreaming in production sectors	7, 10
7	Invasive alien species	6
8	Capacity building and implementation support for the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols	13, 17

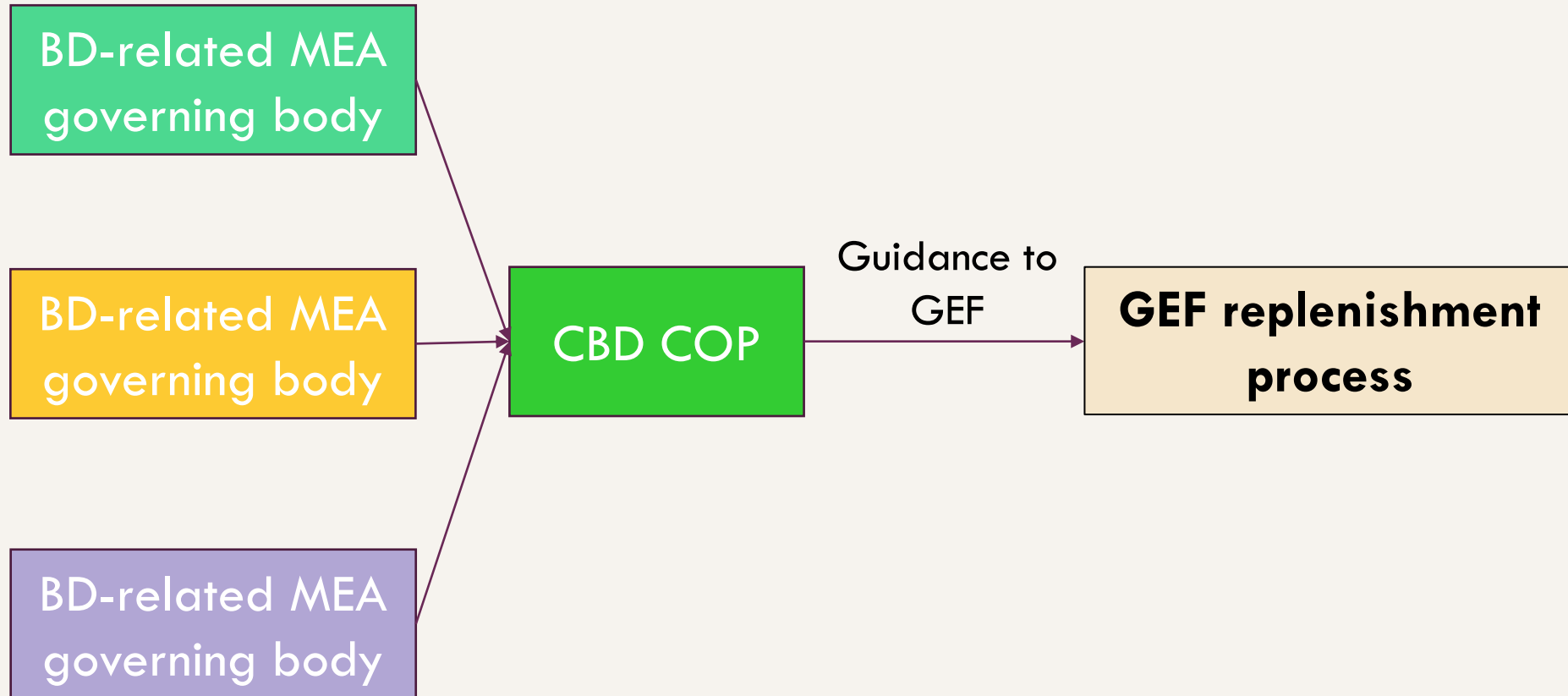




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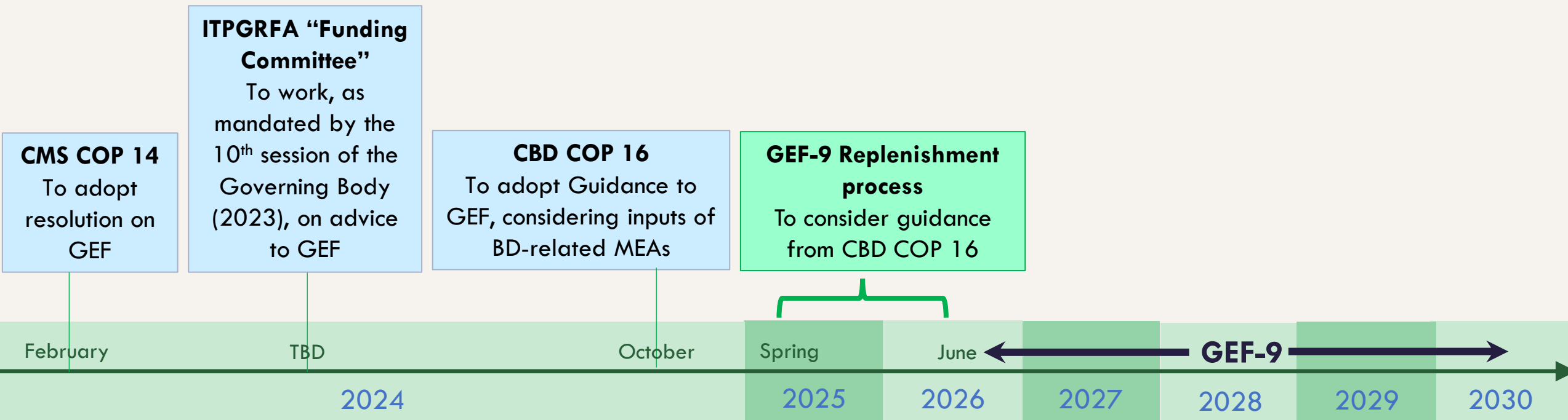
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CBD COP decision 15/5 - “Financial Mechanism”

Invites the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to repeat the exercise described in decisions XII/30 and XIII/21 for the development of strategic guidance for the 9th GEF replenishment in time for consideration by CBD COP 16





Thank you

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GEF-8 Results

38% timeline of GEF-8 cycle

48% of GEF-8 funds programmed

60% of Biodiversity funds programmed

Core Indicator	Cumulative Total - Feb. 2024	GEF-8 Target
CONSERVING & SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY (million ha)		
Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management	79.5	150 (53% achieved)
Marine protected areas created or under improved management	115.9	100 (>100%)
Area of landscapes under improved practices	114.3	195 (59%)
Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	38.3	70 (55%)
SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND (million ha)		
Area of land and ecosystems under restoration	7.6	10 (76%)
Area of landscapes under sustainable land management in production systems	35.8	85 (42%)
REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS (million tCO₂e)		
Greenhouse Gas emissions mitigated	1,610	1,850 (87%)
STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT		
Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management	22	40 (55%)
Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels (million metric tons)	0.9	2.1 (49%)
REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE		
Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced (Thousand metric tons)	65.8	300 (22%)
Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced (grams of toxic equivalent)	1,977	5,900 (33%)