ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION

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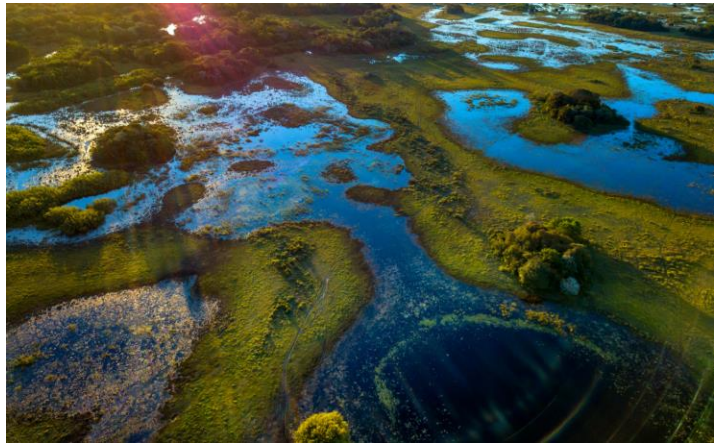


DEVELOPMENT WITH NATURE

We drive conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems to achieve benefits for nature and people: today and future generations.

The Ecosystems Division works with Member States and partners to strengthen resilience by providing policy and technical support to catalyze sustainable social and economic transformation for biodiversity, people and peace.

DIVISION'S WORK

- $644 million portfolio, including $465 million GEF
- Over 200 projects
- Over 160 countries
- Supporting Member States to meet their Biodiversity MEA commitments
  - CBD
  - UNCCD
  - Regional Seas
  - CMS
  - CITES

A GLOBAL DIVISION

Over 300 colleagues from 57 countries

50% at HQ in Nairobi

50% in 27 duty stations in 24 countries around the world

ORGANOGRAM

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

UNEP – WCMC (Cambridge)

UNEP - IEMP Centre (Beijing)

Youth, Education & Advocacy

Operations & Programme Services

BIODIVERSITY & LAND

Biodiversity, People and Landscapes

The Economics of Nature

GEF Biodiversity

Transformation and Mainstreaming for Nature

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

DISASTERS & CONFLICTS

Disaster Risk Reduction

Policy & Analyses

Response / Recovery

Joint Environment Unit

MARINE & FRESHWATER

Pollution-free Ecosystems

Freshwater Ecosystems

Marine and Coastal

GEF - International Waters

REGIONAL SEAS

Barcelona Convention/ MAP

North-West Pacific Action Plan

Cartagena Convention

Abidjan Convention

East Asian Seas Action Plan

Nairobi Convention

GBF EARLY ACTION SUPPORT

UNEP, in collaboration with UNDP and other partners is supporting 138 nations in their work to align their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) with the GBF.

UNEP is supporting 70 countries to:

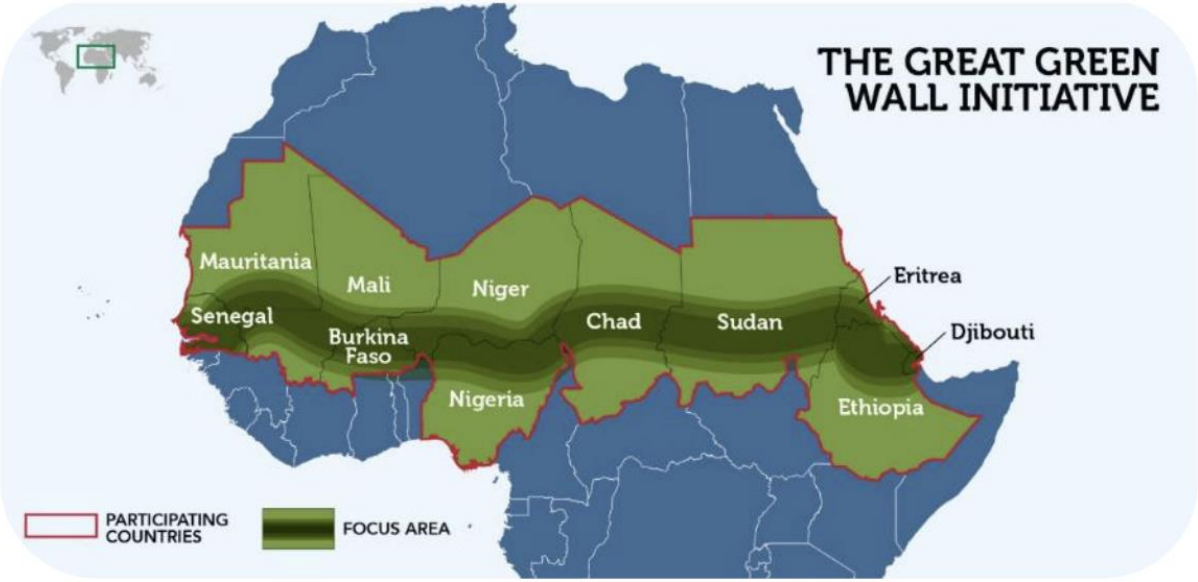
- assess gaps,
- update and develop national biodiversity monitoring plans,
- assess and update their policy coherence and
- biodiversity finance frameworks.
- 75% have submitted their National Targets by CBD CoP-16 with a majority advancing progress to complete updating their NBSAPs.

TACKLING LAND DEGRADATION: GREAT GREEN WALL INITIATIVE

From a generous GEF/LDCF grant of nearly $80 million, this project is restoring landscapes and ecosystems services for resilient communities living in arid and semi-arid environments across the Great Green Wall region of the Sahel using a transnational and integrated approach, supported by good adaptation activities, strengthened local, regional capacity for sustainable land management, natural resource management and knowledge sharing.

Targets:

- 2,621,000 ha protected areas created or under improved management
- 6,335,000 ha under sustainable land management in production systems
- Expected total beneficiaries: 5,050,260

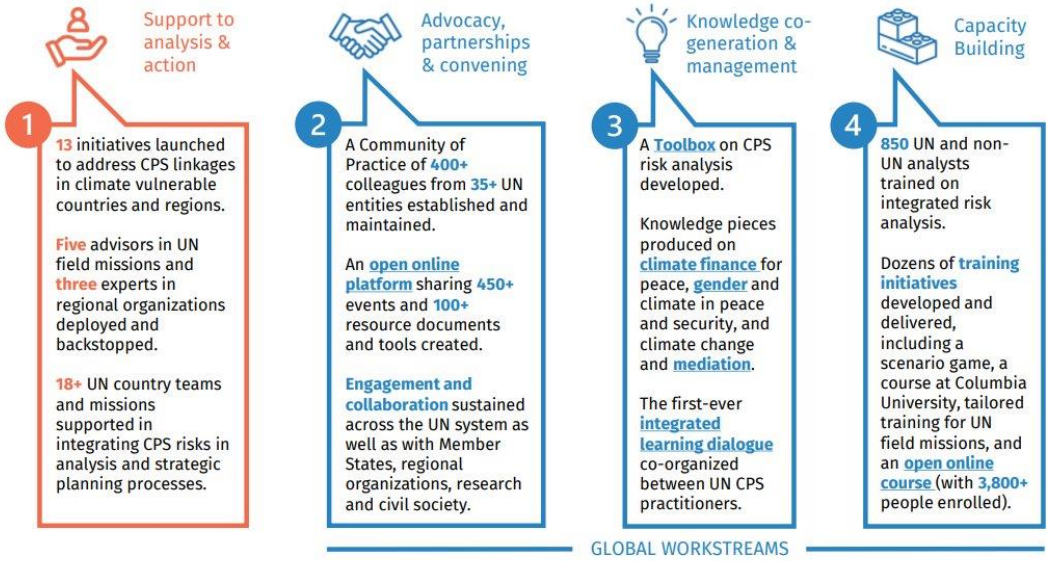


WASTEWATER AND SANITATION SUPPORT FOR MARGINALIZED COASTAL COMMUNITIES

- An 18-month initiative funded by the Malaysia-UN SDG Trust Fund
- Supporting marginalized communities in coastal areas of Sabah, Malaysia.
- To improve their livelihoods, and prevent and address the degradation of marine ecosystems.
- Through sustainable sanitation, and wastewater and nutrient management.

CLIMATE SECURITY MECHANISM (CSM)

- Joint initiative by UNEP, UNDP, UN DPPA and UN DPO.
- To advance peace-positive climate action and climate-informed approaches to peace and security.



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