

# GEF funding opportunities for NBSAP revision

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# GEF EA as “Foundation” Activities

- Enabling Activities were defined by the GEF as:

*“Activities that prepare the foundation to design and implement effective response measures to achieve Convention objectives.”*

## **GEF Secretariat Guidance on Biodiversity EA:**

“[Enabling Activities] will assist recipient countries to develop national strategies, plans or programs referred to in Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and to identify components of biodiversity together with processes and activities likely to have significant adverse impacts on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.”

# Brief history of Biodiversity Enabling Activities (EA)

2007 /  
2008

Joint UNDP-UNEP Global Project: **Fourth National Report (4NR)**  
2010 Target Assessment



\$20K per country



UNDP/GEF Global Project: **Third National Reports (3NR)**



\$20K per country

2005

OR

UNEP/GEF Global Project **Third National Reports (3NR)**



\$20K per country



2002 /  
2003

**Second National Report (2NR)**

\$20K channeled  
through on-going BD  
EA

Around  
2000

**BD EA "Add-On":**  
Capacity needs assessment within selected biodiversity topics  
Country Driven CHM

Summing \$450K  
together with funding  
for Original BD EA

Around  
mid  
1990's

**"Original" BD EA:**  
National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)  
**First National Report (1NR)**  
Initial support to developing a national Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)

Up to \$350K under  
expedited approval  
procedures

# GEF Focal Area Strategy

## GOAL:

Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and maintenance of ecosystem goods and services

## OBJECTIVES

(1) Improve sustainability of protected area systems

(2) Mainstream biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into production landscapes/seascapes and sectors

(3) Build capacity to implement Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

(4) Build capacity on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing

(5) Integrate CBD obligations into national planning processes through enabling activities

## GEF Biodiversity Objective 5:

*Integrate CBD Obligations into National Planning Processes through Enabling Activities*

GEF Focal Area set-aside funds (**outside STAR**) to prepare:

- **Revision of NBSAP**,
- 5<sup>th</sup> National report under CBD (**5NR**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> National report under Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- *(and undertake Clearing–House Mechanism activities per their CBD Obligations)*



# GEF Funding for NBSAP revision

## 3 basic options

1. UNEP-GEF LDC/SIDS Umbrella on Revision of NBSAPs and development of 5th National reports
2. GEF Direct Access
3. Collaboration with a GEF Implementing Agency



# 1. UNEP-GEF Umbrella

- Up to 60 eligible **LDCs and SIDs**
- Maximum amount is **\$220,000** per country
- PIF currently final stage of revision for CEO endorsement



# 1. UNEP-GEF Umbrella

## Eligible countries in this workshop

- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Lao PDR
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Timor-Leste
- Singapore

How to join...?

GEF Operational  
Focal Point to  
send Letter of  
Endorsement





## 2. Direct Access

- Up to **\$500,000** per country
- Application (**template** available on the GEF Website) submitted by GEF OFP
- **Eligibility** (fiduciary requirements) assessed from template
- One national agency to act as Executing Agency

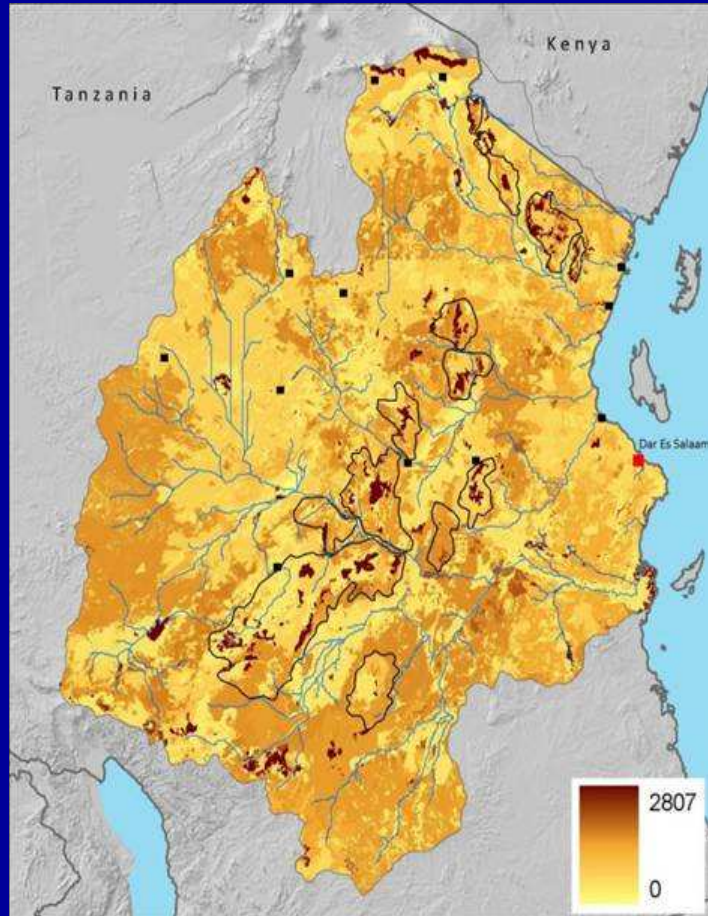


# 3. Working with a GEF Agency

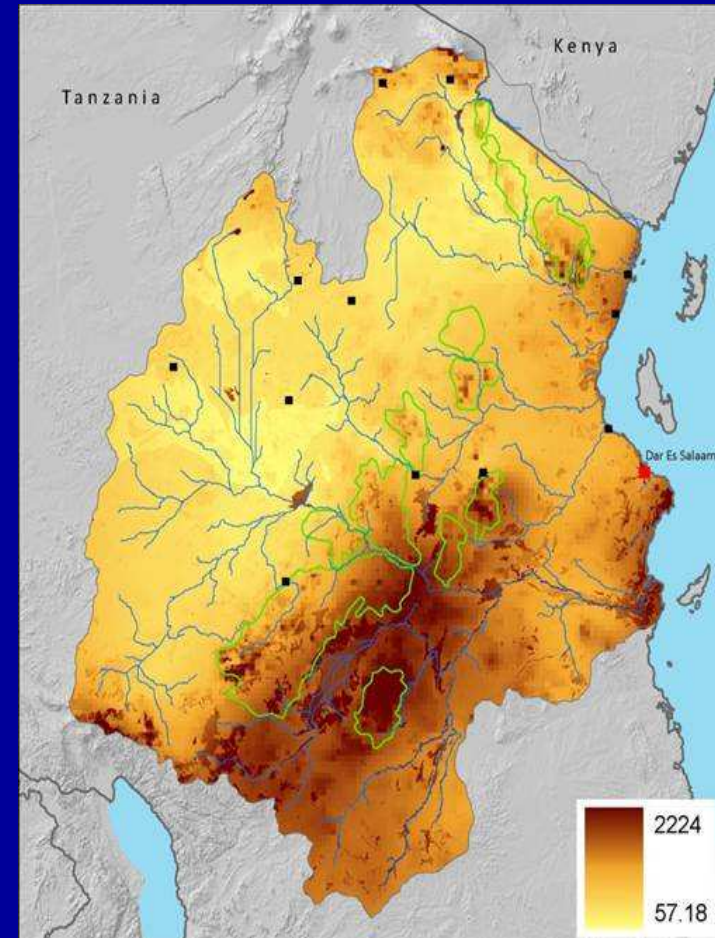
- OFP sends Letter of Endorsement to the Agency of choice
- Most likely the agency will prefer:
  - Grouping multiple countries into regional/subregional projects (UNEP, others)
  - Expanded MSP NBSAP project, e.g. to include **strategic studies** or **economic valuations** (UNDP)



# Why NBSAP: The power of strategic studies



Carbon Storage in PAs up to 155 T/ Ha as opposed to 80 tons for unprotected land



# Why NBSAP: Economic Valuations

- Latin America: A Biodiversity Power House:
- Every Mexican peso (US\$0.07) invested in protected areas generates 52 pesos (US\$4.0) to the economy.
- Sustaining protected areas in Latin America costs less than 1% of the GDP

The screenshot shows the homepage of the website 'Latin America and the Caribbean: A Biodiversity Super Power'. The header features a logo with a tree and the text 'LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN A BIODIVERSITY SUPER POWER'. Navigation links include HOME, BIODIVERSITY, ECONOMIC REPORT, POLICY BRIEF, PARTNERS, PRESS, and COMMISSION. A 'Welcome!' section contains a paragraph about the region's biodiversity and a photo of pink flamingos. Below are four columns: 'SECTOR PAGES' (Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Tourism, Protected Areas, Hydrological Services), 'SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS' (Ethics, Health, REDD, Biotrade, Conservation Finance), 'POWER CENTERS' (a map of Latin America), and 'DOWNLOAD REPORTS' (a report cover titled 'LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN BIODIVERSITY SUPER POWER').





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