

Gender responsive biodiversity financing

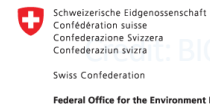


Accelerating Systemic Change for Gender Equality and Biodiversity Conversation through NBSAPs

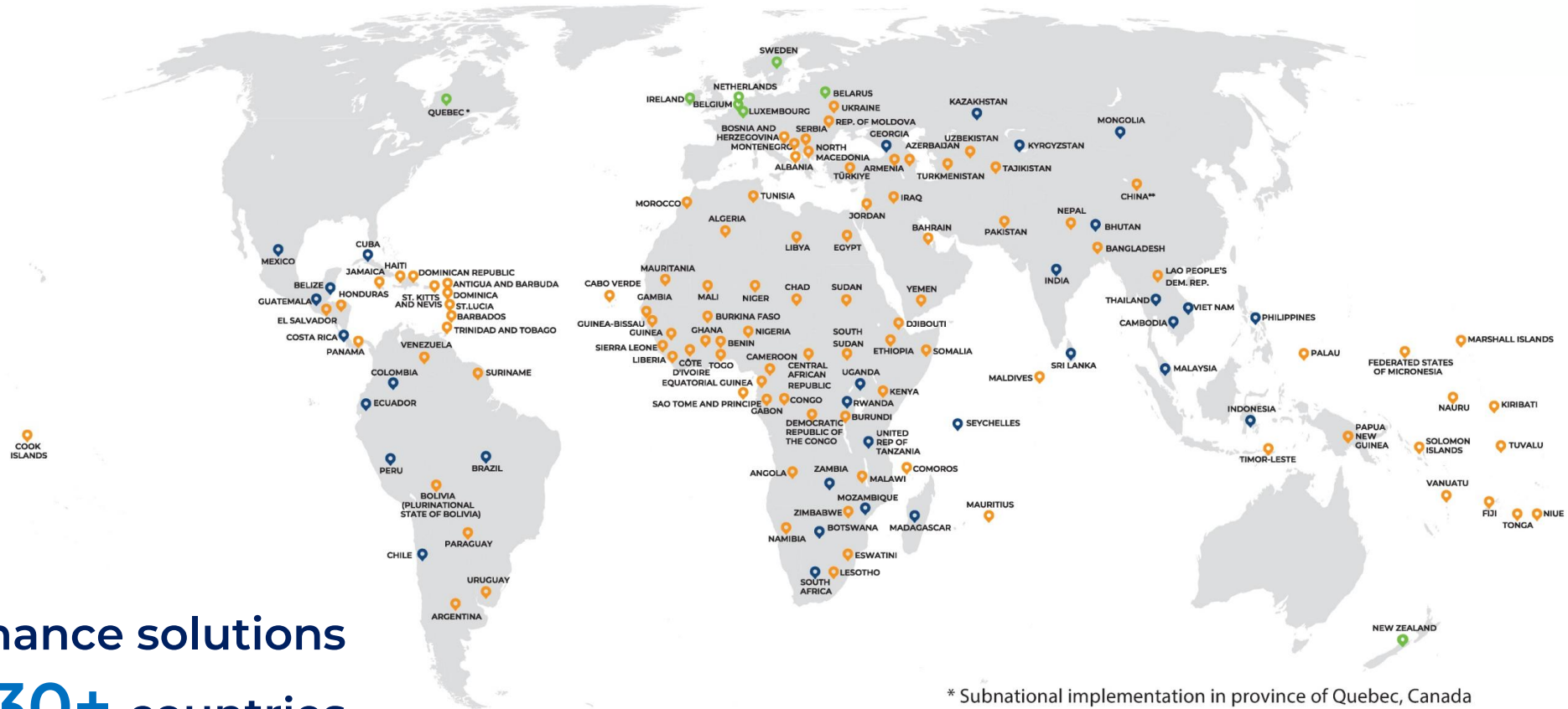
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A GLOBAL PROGRAMME



150 finance solutions
130+ countries

Implementation stage (UNDP)

Design stage (UNDP)

Design stage (other)

131+
countries

\$2.7 billion
catalysed since
2018

150
finance solutions

90+ countries
preparing
Biodiversity
Finance Plans

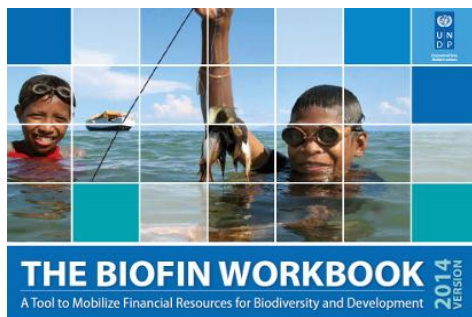
40+
countries
implementing finance
solutions

Recognized by CBD
COP 16
resource
mobilization
strategy

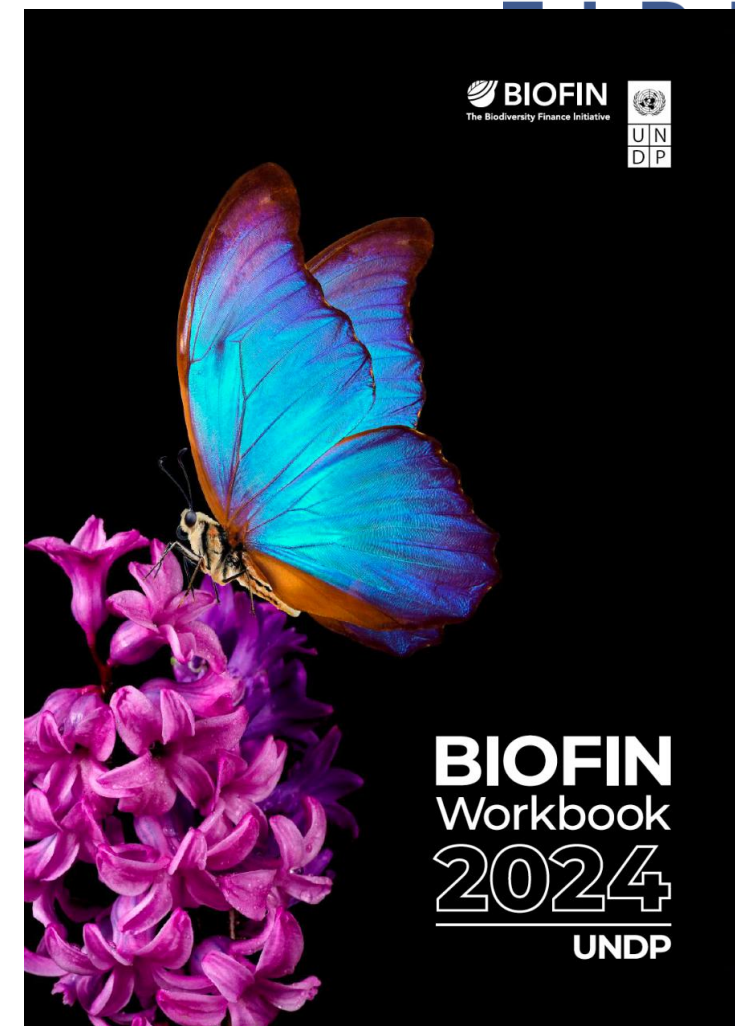
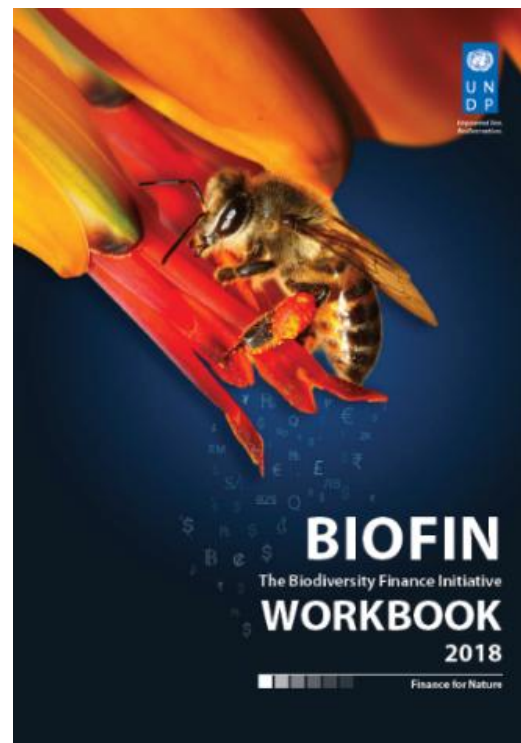
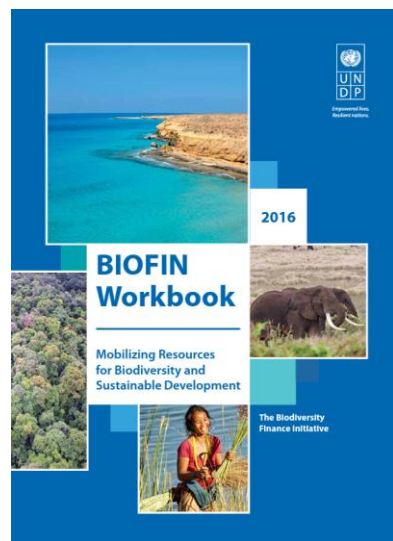


A METHODOLOGY

A methodology in constant revision based on country implementation experiences



BIOFIN – The Biodiversity Finance Initiative



Delivering for multiple wins: Gender & BIOFIN

Biodiversity finance solutions aligned for meeting national biodiversity, climate, and gender equality goals across 16 countries



Objectives

- **Support countries to implement Biodiversity Finance Solutions that:**
 - Contribute to GEWE & BD
 - Improve outcomes for local & Indigenous communities



Approach

- **Implement finance solutions that:**
 - Enhance **women's economic opportunities**
 - Remove **structural barriers**
 - Strengthen **country capacity**

Solutions in Action

- **India:** women-led green enterprises benefitting and landscape conserved
- **Costa Rica:** Indigenous women entrepreneurship unlocked
- **Mexico and Belize:** women-led biodiversity positive ventures supported
- **Fiji:** women's leadership advanced in conservation led tourism

Gender Criteria Embedded

- **Philippines:** gender-responsive biodiversity budgeting
- **Thailand:** First Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (LBSAP) with a Gender Plan of Action
- **Zambia & Belize:** gender integrated into finance/planning systems

Integration Strengthened

- Gender integrated into BIOFIN global conferences and country support
- Increased integration of gender into Biodiversity Finance Plans and finance solutions
- Country teams applying gender-responsive biodiversity finance approaches

Global Knowledge Enhanced

- BIOFIN gender guidance for 130+ Countries
- Women's Champions Series elevating women leaders in biodiversity finance
- Global webinars and knowledge exchange platforms established
- Expanding global visibility of gender-responsive biodiversity finance solutions

Advancing finance solutions that deliver for Multiple Wins : Gender Equality • Biodiversity • Livelihoods

■ BIOFIN Definition -A gender responsive finance solution

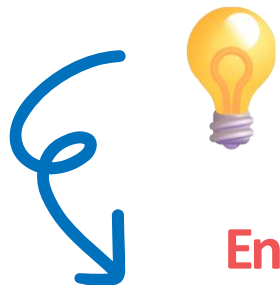


A gender-responsive biodiversity finance solution is a set of activities, mechanisms, and/or instruments intentionally designed to promote simultaneous measurable benefits for both **biodiversity**

and **gender equality**



ensuring **equal opportunities and rights** for women and men, **meaningful participation and leadership in decision-making**, and **strengthened access to and control of land, natural resources, and benefits** thereby delivering to nature and gender equality.

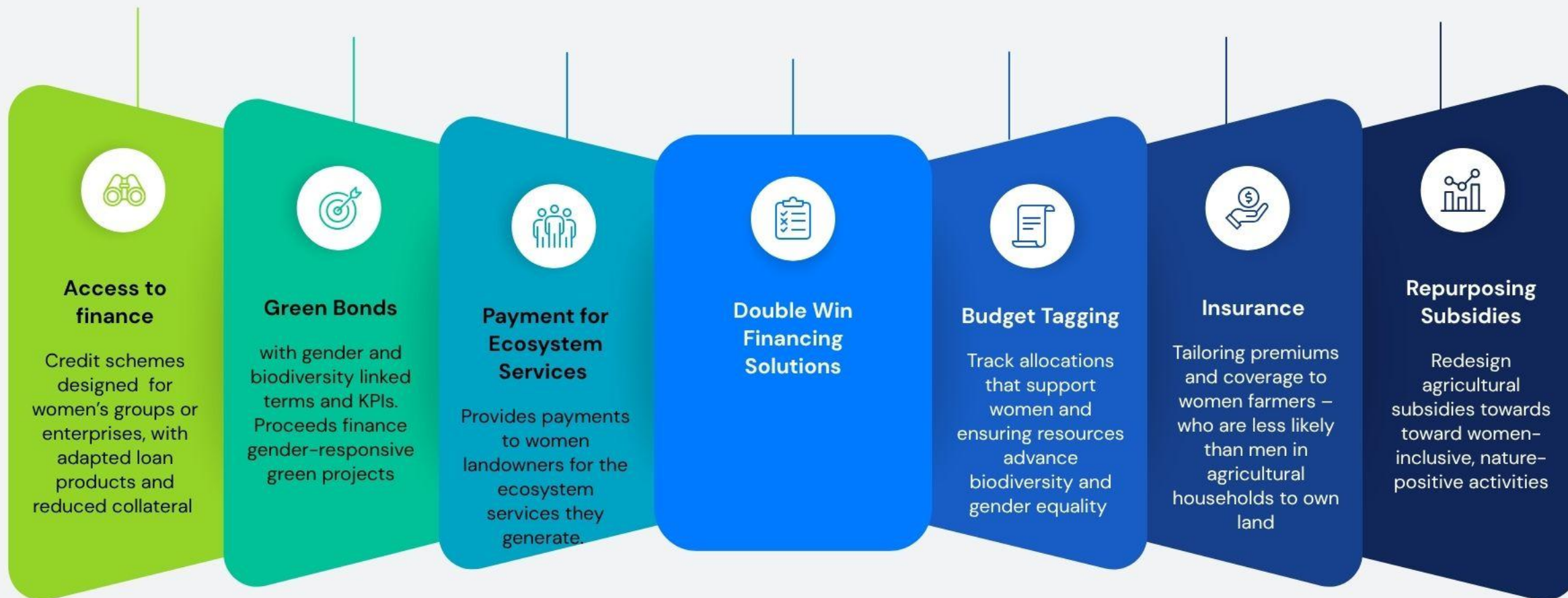


GOAL

Ensure that the next generation of BIOFIN Biodiversity Finance Plans and solutions deliver tangible results for both gender and nature

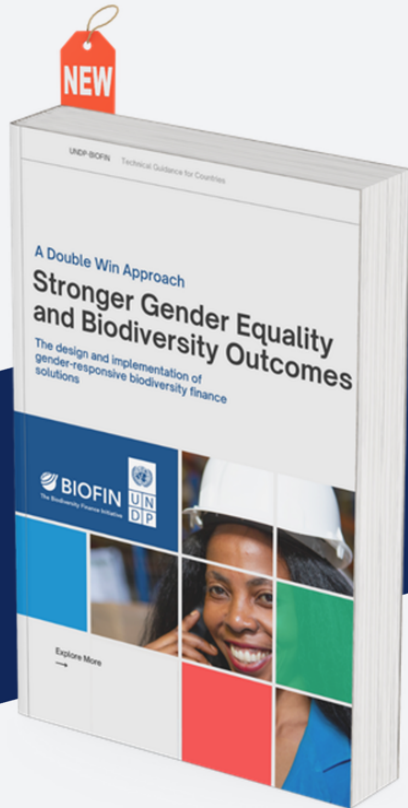
Double Win: Finance for Gender Equality and Nature

Examples of gender responsive finance solutions



Gender-Biodiversity Double Win

Biodiversity finance solutions with a dedicated gender equality objective



BIOFIN Guidance for 130+ Countries

Double Win Approach: Stronger Gender equality and biodiversity outcomes

Green Bond Frameworks

Proceeds finance gender-responsive green projects, and the bond framework includes gender criteria and monitoring to ensure women benefit equitably.



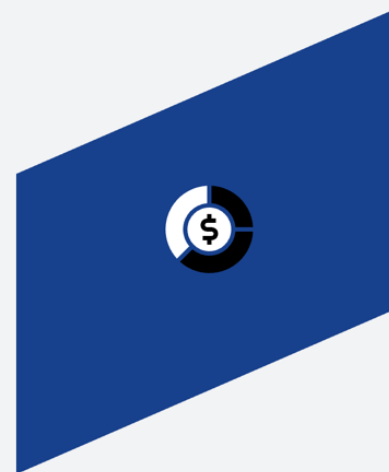
Access to Credit

Credit schemes designed specifically for women's groups or enterprises, with adapted loan products, reduced collateral, and capacity support



Resource Ownership

Payment for Ecosystem Services that provide payments directly to women landowners or resource managers for the ecosystem services they generate



Gender-responsive planning systems



THAILAND

First Local Biodiversity Strategy with a Gender Plan of Action.

Systemic Reform: Phetchaburi became Thailand's first locality to implement an LBSAP that integrates a Gender Plan of Action.

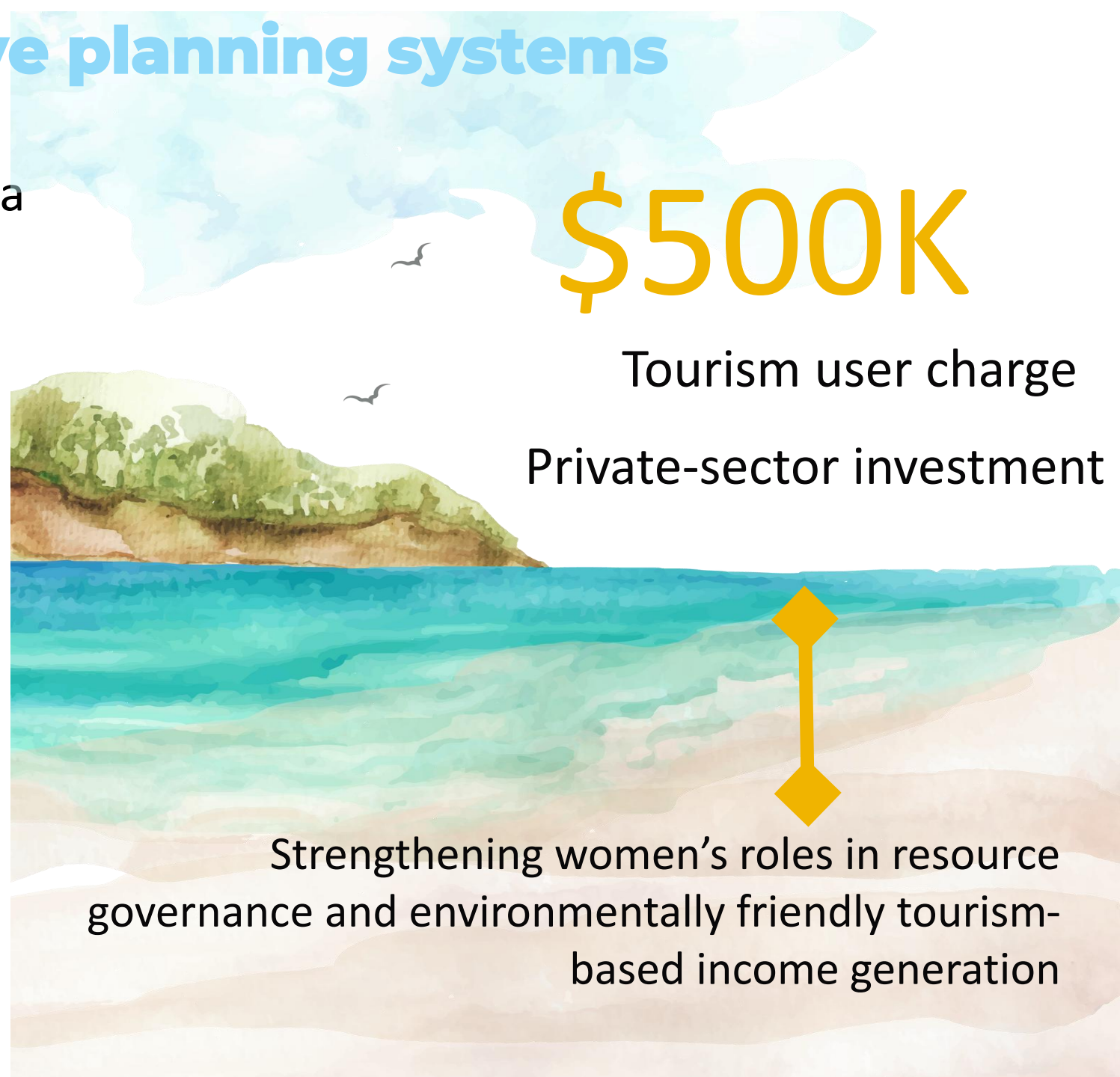
Private Sector Engagement: USD60K from Krungthai Bank for sustainable management, social enterprises and financial literacy

\$500K

Tourism user charge

Private-sector investment

Strengthening women's roles in resource governance and environmentally friendly tourism-based income generation





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FINANCE RESOURCES FOR BIODIVERSITY (FIRE)

06/2026





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FIRE

1. The Database and the CBD discussions

A concept...

“A one stop-shop tool, where project owners could find in one place, a multitude of different funding opportunities matching with their specific project’s criteria.”

... which is part of the new GBF.

An important tool to support the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization mandated by the CBD COP, which aims among other activities, to:

“provide an overview of the global biodiversity funding landscape and identify which institutions, including global, regional and national, are funding activities related to addressing biodiversity loss, and ways in which coherence, coordination and synergies among them can be enhanced”.





FIRE

Who is the database for?



Citizen-led organizations

who want to implement biodiversity projects



Non-profit organizations

who want to implement or fund biodiversity projects



Public entities

Who engage into biodiversity project, by funding or implementation



Individuals

who want to research or learn about biodiversity or implement projects



Private entities

who invest into biodiversity projects, have foundations or look for biodiversity-specific finance offers



Scholar Institutions

who want to research or offer learning opportunities in the biodiversity field



Finance Institutions

who want to offer biodiversity specific products



FIRE

What funding opportunities can you find at the database?

from public and private donors



different type as e.g.grants, credits and loans

country-specific and global opportunities



ecosystem-specific

Deserts, Forest, Freshwater, Marine and Coast, Mountains, Wetland and also focusing on Wildlife

funding for different project sizes



specific biodiversity activities

Access and benefit sharing, Biodiversity awareness and knowledge, Biodiversity development planning and finance, Pollution management, Invasive Alien Species, GMO, Sustainable Use (of productive areas) (incl. Desertification), Protected Areas and other conservation measures, Restoration, Green Economy (incl. Ecotourism)

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Wildlife Acoustics

Funding type
Grants

Funding Size
< \$4,000

Targeted Countries
Global

Deadline/Apply by
15 November 2024

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Database for Biodiversity

**European Outdoor
Conservation Association**

Funding type	Project size funding	Targeted regions
Grants	< €30,000	Global (except US and Canada)

Deadline/Apply by
29 November 2024

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**Biodiversity and
Transformative Change**

Funding type
Grants

Project size funding
1.2 - 1.5M€

Targeted countries
Global

Deadline/Apply by
8 November 2024

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Funding type
Grants

Funding Size
< 5,000 \$CAD

Targeted Countries
Global

Deadline/Apply by
5 November 2024

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Database (FIRE) for Biodiversity

Where do we stand?

87 000 Users

Over **400** entries

22,000+ followers on
LinkedIn
+7,500 this year alone

29,000 Users

365,000 Views





Where do we stand?

Filters Showing 420 resources Item per page **9**

Funding type
Any

Target countries/regions ?
Any

Eligible Organisations for funding ?
Any




Project size funding
Any

Ecosystems ?
Any

Biodiversity categories ?
Any

Advanced search

FILTER **Reset**

Organisation	Funding Type	Project Size	Target Countries/Regions	Ecosystem	Biodiversity Categories
 Idea Wild	Grants	< US\$ 5,000	Global	Forest & Woodlands, Freshwater, Marine & Coast, Wetland, Deserts & Semi-Deserts, Mountains & Rocky Areas, Savannas & Shrubland & Grasslands	Biodiversity awareness and knowledge, Protected Areas and other conservation measures, Restoration, Wildlife / Endangered Species
 Bat Conservation International	Grants	< US\$ 5,000	Global		Biodiversity awareness and knowledge, Wildlife / Endangered Species
 Tusk Conservation Awards	Grants	US\$ 20,001 - 50,000, US\$ 50,001 - 150,000	Africa		Protected Areas and other conservation measures

Publicly available since June 2023

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FIRE

Key Information and View of the Database

Overview Information

- Name
- Funding type
- Project Size
- Eligible Countries
- Ecosystem
- Biodiversity Categories
- Additional Information on detail page

Filters

Funding type

Any

Target countries/regions

Any

Eligible Organisations for funding

Any

Project size funding

Any

Ecosystems

Any

Biodiversity categories

Any

Advanced search

FILTER

Reset

Showing 306 resources



Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund

FUNDING TYPE

Grants

PROJECT SIZE

US\$ 5.001 - 20.000, US\$ 20.001 - 50.000

TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS

Global

ECOSYSTEM

Wildlife / Endangered Species

BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES

Protected Areas and other conservation measures



West African Savannah Foundation (FSOA)

FUNDING TYPE

Grants

PROJECT SIZE

< US\$ 5.000, US\$ 5.001 - 20.000, US\$ 20.001 - 50.000, US\$ 50.001 - 150.000, US\$ 150.001 - 300.000

TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS

Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger

ECOSYSTEM

Savannas & Shrubland & Grasslands

BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES

Protected Areas and other conservation measures



Maasai Landscape Conservation Fund

Creating Opportunities

BBVA

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Blue Action Fund

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FUNDING TYPE

Grants

PROJECT SIZE FUNDING

US\$ 2.000.001 - 10.000.000

TARGET REGION/COUNTRIES

Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDING

Non-profit or Civil Society Organization (NGO)

ECOSYSTEM

Human-changed areas, Marine & Coast

BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES

Green Economy (incl. Ecotourism), Protected Areas and other conservation measures, Restoration, Sustainable Use (of productive areas)

SECTOR TAGS

Finance

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Germany

FUNDING ORGANIZATION TYPE

Charity/philanthropic Foundation

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Detail page overview

FUNDING CRITERIA

topics:

- selected marine and/or coastal conservation projects in (future) marine protected areas and their buffer zones

eligibility:

- own funding of min. 25% required

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Calls for application (Funding alert available)

<https://www.blueactionfund.org/funding-opportunities/>

APPLICATION LANGUAGE

English

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Founded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in conjunction with KfW Development Bank and the funding partners: Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and Irish Aid

Forms the Nature Trust Alliance together with Caucasus Nature Fund (CNF), PONT (Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust) and LLF (Legacy Landscape Fund).



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1. Go to FIRE: fire.biofin.org
2. Scroll through the funding opportunities or use the filters
3. Select interesting options and check application opportunities
4. Initiate the contact!

Filters

Funding type
Any

Target countries/regions
Any

Eligible Organisations for funding
Any

Advanced search

Name
Enter a word

Headquarter
Any

Particular consideration of
Any

Application language
Any

Advanced search

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Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund FUNDING TYPE: Equity, Grants, Loans PROJECT SIZE: US\$ 50,001 - 150,000, US\$ 150,001 - 300,000, US\$ 300,001 - 500,000, US\$ 500,001 - 2,000,000 TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS: Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, Middle Africa, Western Africa ECOSYSTEM: Human-changed areas, Marine & Coast BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES: Green Economy (incl. Ecotourism), Sustainable Use (of productive areas)	Maasai Landscape Conservation Fund FUNDING TYPE: Grants PROJECT SIZE: not specified TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS: Africa ECOSYSTEM: Forest & Woodlands, Freshwater, Marine & Coast, Wetland, Wildlife / Endangered Species BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES: Protected Areas and other conservation measures, Restoration, Sustainable Use (of productive areas)	Crowder-Messersmith Conservation Fund (nature forward) FUNDING TYPE: Grants PROJECT SIZE: < US\$ 5,000 TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS: Developing countries ECOSYSTEM: Forest & Woodlands, Freshwater, Marine & Coast, Wetland, Wildlife / Endangered Species, Human-changed areas, Savannas & Shrubland & Grasslands, Mountains & Rocky Areas, Deserts & Semi-Deserts BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES: Access and benefit sharing, Biodiversity awareness and knowledge
Milltrust International FUNDING TYPE: ...	BioCarbon Fund BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes (ISFL) FUNDING TYPE: ...	Postcode Planet Trust FUNDING TYPE: ...

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FUNDING TYPE: Grants	PROJECT SIZE FUNDING: US\$ 2,000,001 - 10,000,000	CONTACT THE FUNDING SOURCE: Markus Krüger (Business Director) mkrueger@blueactionfund.org +49 39 2009296
ECOSYSTEM: Human-changed areas, Marine & Coast	ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDING: Non-profit or Civil Society Organization (NGO)	SHARE THIS: [Social media icons]
BIODIVERSITY CATEGORIES: Green Economy (incl. Ecotourism), Protected Areas and other conservation measures, Restoration, Sustainable Use (of productive areas)	SECTOR TAGS: Finance	

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