



Living in harmony with nature

The CBD LifeWeb Initiative

The Convention on Biological Diversity's LifeWeb Initiative strengthens financing for protected areas to sustain biodiversity, secure livelihoods and address climate change, through implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.

LifeWeb provides value-added to international development cooperation by:

1. Enabling recipient countries to profile their financing priorities to multiple donor partners
2. Assisting donors to access information about recipient countries' financial priorities and coordinating counterpart funding opportunities with others
3. Providing global recognition of financial commitment and progress in implementing relevant international commitments.

The range of services to protected area donors and recipient partners include:

- ▶ Easy to use website clearing-house
- ▶ Assistance with establishing partnerships that meet the needs of donors and recipients
- ▶ Co-hosting financing round table processes at regional/national level to mobilize funding
- ▶ Coordinating media, communications and high-profile events to promote and encourage successful partnerships.

Well managed protected areas act as cornerstones of biodiversity conservation and provide vital ecosystem services on which we rely for human well-being. The need for increased financial resources to support protected areas is recognized by the decisions of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and support is increasing from Parties, public donors and private foundations. Adequate funding for the creation and management of the global network of protected areas not only protects ecosystem services, but it also safeguards the future of the planet's biodiversity and provides demonstrably significant return on investments.



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protected areas



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Fast Facts

- ▶ Healthy ecosystems within protected areas deliver \$100 worth of ecosystem services, such as freshwater and food security, for every \$1 invested in management to maintain and increase the provision of these services
- ▶ Protected coral reef ecosystems contribute the equivalent of US\$9 billion per year in coastal protection around the world
- ▶ Nearly 1.1 billion people worldwide depend on forest-protected areas for their livelihoods
- ▶ A review of 112 studies in 80 marine protected areas found that fish populations, size and biomass all dramatically increased inside fishing reserves, resulting in more and bigger fish in nearby areas, which have led to greater protein intake and an improvement in children's health in many fishing communities in and around marine protected areas
- ▶ About a third (33 out of 105) of the world's largest cities obtain a significant amount of their drinking water directly from protected areas
- ▶ 20% to 25% of global greenhouse gas emissions result from the conversion of forests and other ecosystems
- ▶ Three different wild peanuts have been used to breed commercial varieties resistant to root knot nematodes, helping to save growers around the world an estimated \$100 million a year

Learn More

The Value of Nature: Ecological, Economic, Cultural and Social Benefits of Protected Areas, SCBD, 2008 ▶ www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-value-nature-en.pdf

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for National and International Policy Makers, 2009 ▶ www.preventionweb.net/files/11753_UNEP.pdf

Rio Conventions' Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion
▶ www.ecosystemspavilion.org

World Database on Protected Areas ▶ www.wdpa.org

IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas
▶ www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa

Terra Viva Grants Directory ▶ www.terravivagrants.org

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