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GEF Funding for Biodiversity Enabling Activities: History and current framework

- GEF eligibility
- Enabling Activities before and now



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 funding has been provided according to eligibility criteria for the BD window under the GEF and through ‘blocks of funds’, which can be summarized as follows...

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)

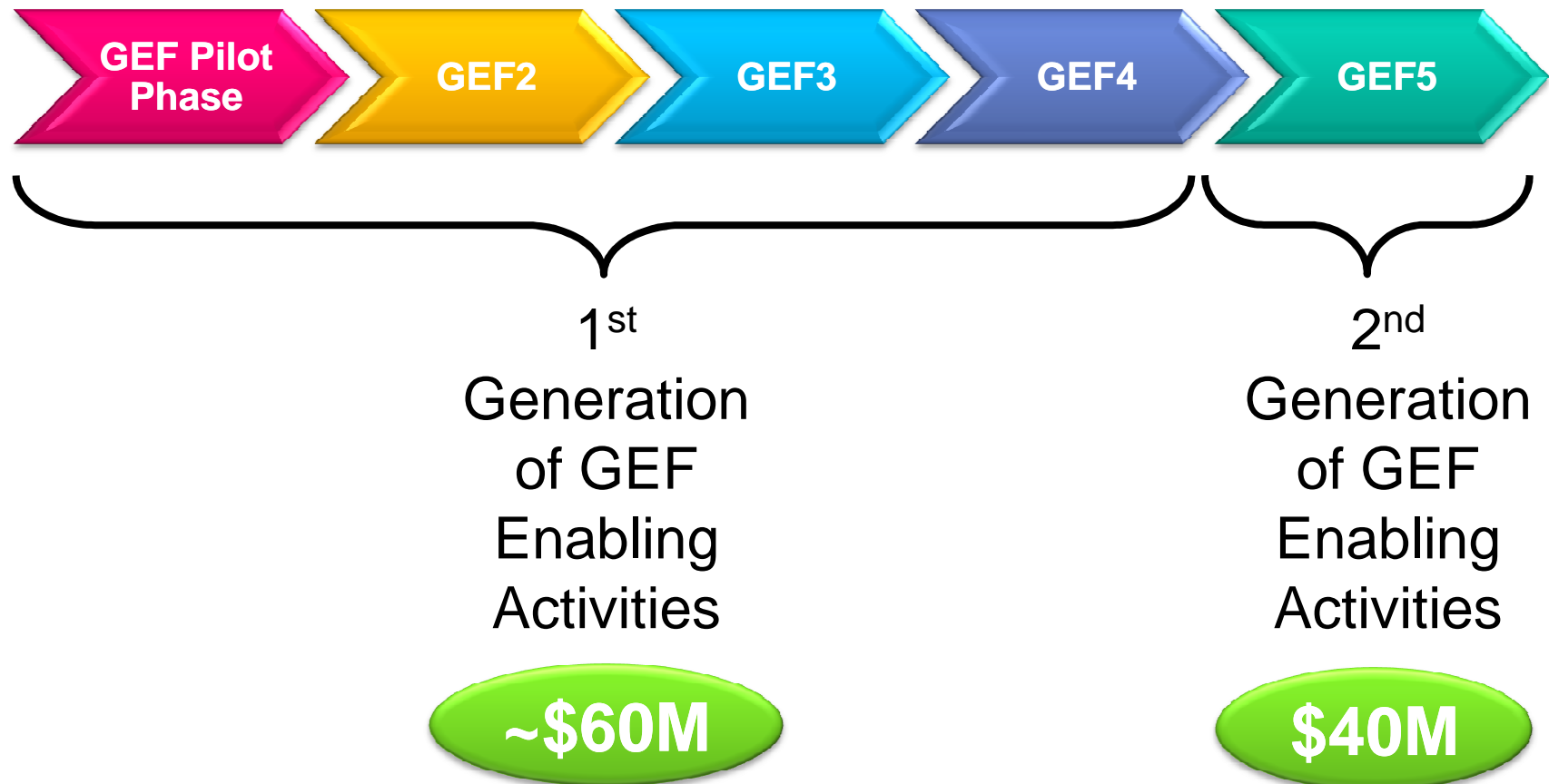
Up to **\$350K** under
expedited approval
procedures

Funding History

Funding for	Number of countries that benefitted	Total number of countries eligible
NBSAP	139	157
CHM and 2NR	92	157
3NR	123	155
4NR	90	146

The GEF's investment in Biodiversity Planning so far exceeds **\$60M in GEF funding**.
It also leveraged large amounts of co-funding, although it is a full cost activity.

Generations of Enabling activities





Some figures from EA projects

- **170 CBD Parties** have finalized their NBSAPs or equivalent instruments have revised NBSAPs, or are in the process of doing so.
- At least **48 Parties** have *revised* NBSAPs, or are in the process of doing so.
- Of these, **139 GEF eligible countries** (out of the original 157 in total) accessed funding for the **preparation of NBSAPs** within the Biodiversity Enabling Activities window
- **146 countries** accessed the **GEF EAs window overall**, which also included “funding packages” for national CBD reporting.
- **UNDP** (89 countries), **UNEP** (29 countries) and the **WB** (21 countries) were the GEF agencies to assist countries specifically with NBSAPs (in the early 1990's). UNDP and UNEP have then been the primary agencies for Enabling Activities, working jointly and in coordination with each other.

The effect of funding and the ‘project approach’

Statistical data from the 4NR / Towards 2010 project

CBD Parties that participated in the project were **38% more likely to submit their national report on time** compare to the overall universe of CBD Parties.

Based on calculations on timely submission of 4NR to the CBD Sec (Feb 2010)

More Practically

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How to access GEF funding for Enabling Activities



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

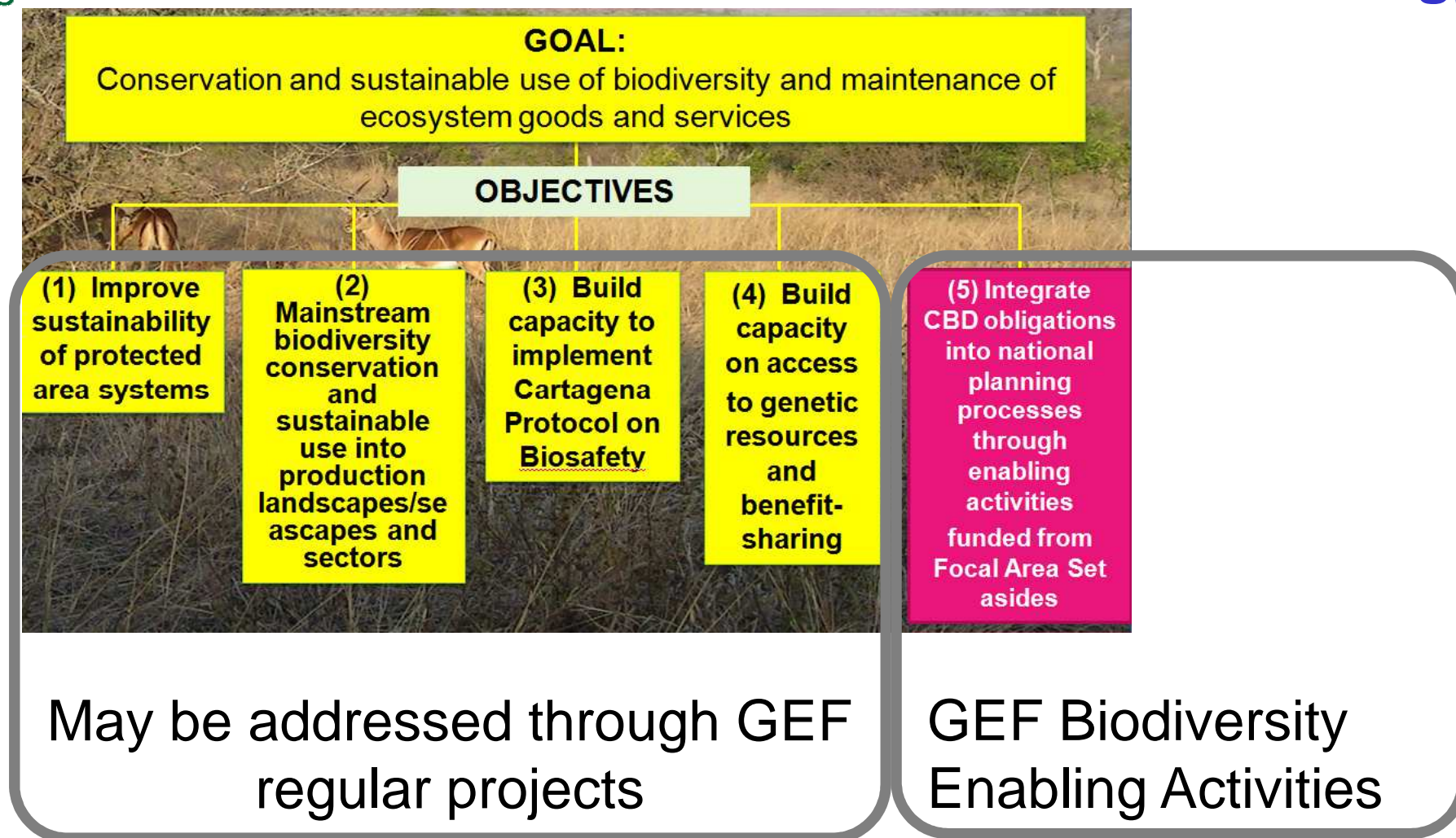
(5) Integrate CBD obligations into national planning processes through enabling activities funded from Focal Area Set asides



GEF Support to Biodiversity Enabling Activities

- The first four objectives may be addressed using funding under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)
- The fifth objective may be addressed using funds under the Focal Area Set-Aside (FAS), where eligible countries will be able to access **up to** \$500,000 to implement all four enabling activities .

GEF Focal Area Strategy





Biodiversity Strategy Objective 5: Integrate CBD obligations into national planning processes through enabling activities (NBSAPs, national reporting)

Total funding for SO5
\$40 M

Outcome (Portfolio level)	Indicators	Measurement Tools	Core Outputs (Portfolio level)
Development and sectoral planning frameworks at country level integrate measurable biodiversity conservation and sustainable use targets.	% of revised NBSAPs that successfully integrate measurable biodiversity conservation and sustainable use targets into development and sectoral planning frameworks.	Project reports and evaluations	<p>Number and type of development and sectoral planning frameworks that include measurable biodiversity conservation and sustainable use targets.</p> <p>NBSAPs revised (number), and national reports submitted (number)</p>



GEF Support to Biodiversity Enabling Activities

- Enabling Activity support could be provided for:
 - revising National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in line with the CBD's new strategic plan to be adopted at COP-10;
 - implementation of guidance related to the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM);
 - 5th Biodiversity National Report, plus
 - Biosafety 2nd Report (will be processed separately in a stand-alone umbrella project with UNEP – please contact UNEP Nairobi immediately to join the project (2nd NR is due in September 2011))



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Templates for accessing these funds are available on the GEF Website:

- Enabling Activity template proposal which is presented in collaboration with an Implementing Agency (UNDP, UNEP);
URL: <http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/3891>
- Direct access for executing entities that pass World Bank fiduciary procedure assessment. Template for Direct Access will be posted soon on GEF website.
- Expedited access to Enabling Activity funds for 2nd Biosafety National Report (due in Sept 2011) will be made available through UNEP. This funding modality is being finalized now.