



GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FUND BRIEFING

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GBF Fund establishment

CBD COP 15

GEF requested to
establish a GBF Fund

December 2022

7th GEF Assembly

GBF Fund ratified

August 2023

First and second selection rounds

Programming started

March-May 2024

Third selection round

More programming

August 8 – Sept. 30

64th GEF Council

GBF Fund Establishment
and Programming
Directions approved

June 2023

1st GBFF Council

Operational policies
approved

February 2024

2nd GBFF Council

First Work Program
and TORs approved

June 2024



How is the GBFF different?



Governance

- **GBFF Council**
- **Expanded observers**
 - IPLCs
 - Youth
 - Women
 - Conservation and philanthropic organisations
 - Private sector
- **Auxiliary body**
- **Advisory group(s)**



Resources

- **From all sources**
- **Contributions on rolling basis**

Approx. \$244 million to date



Resource allocation & project cycle

- **Co-finance encouraged, not required**
- **Streamlined & faster project cycle** with single project modality
- **Competitive allocation model**
 - Selection rounds / calls for proposals
 - Agreed selection criteria and portfolio-level targets

How is the GBFF different?



GBFF Programming Directions: Strategic complementarity

ACTION AREA		KMGBF TARGETS
1	Biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea-use and spatial planning	1, 2, 3
2	Support to IPLC stewardship and governance of lands, territories, and waters	1, 2, 3, 22
3	Policy alignment and development	14, 15, 18
4	Resource mobilization	18, 19
5	Sustainable use of biodiversity	5, 9
6	Biodiversity mainstreaming in production sectors	7, 10
7	Invasive alien species	6
8	Capacity building and implementation support for the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols	13, 17



Submitting projects to the GBFF

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SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Potential to generate Global Environmental Benefits
2. Alignment with the GBFF Programming directions and advancing the GBF implementation
3. Alignment with the NBSAP and BFP or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities
4. Level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector and civil society
5. Mobilization of private sector and philanthropies' resources
6. Engagement with and support to IPLCs
7. Balance amongst regions

PORTFOLIO-LEVEL TARGETS

1. **36%+3%** allocated to **SIDS/LDCs**
2. A full **25%** to be programmed through **International Financial institutions** that are GEF agencies
3. **Aspirational share of 20%** by 2030 to support actions by **IPLCs**



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Maximum 9 months
from PPG approval to
full project submission

2

COUNCIL APPROVAL (or delegated CEO Approval for projects up to \$5 million) of fully developed projects

Maximum 12 months
from endorsement to
first disbursement

3

IMPLEMENTATION

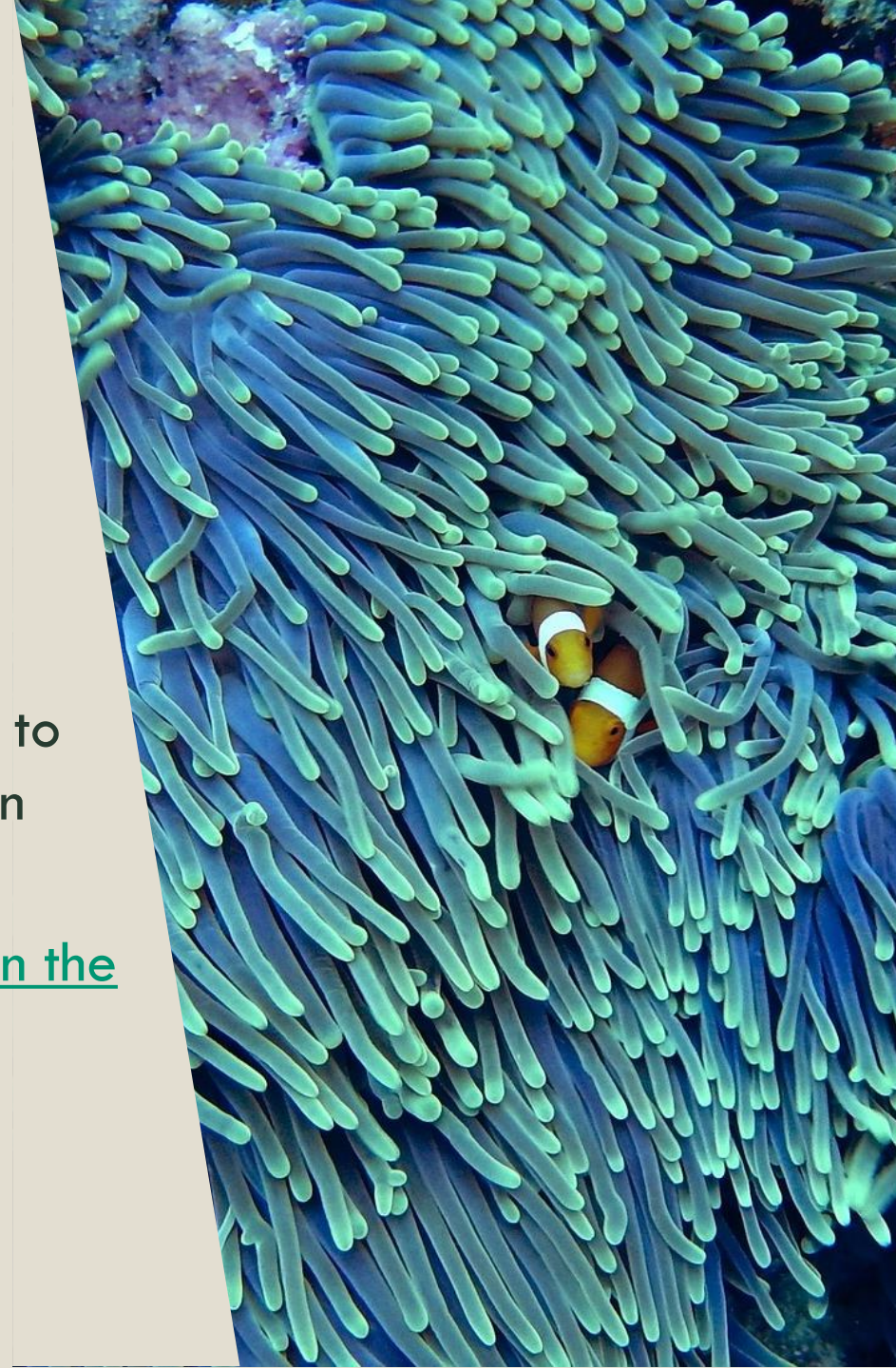


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BIODIVERSITY DIFFERENTIATION THROUGH COUNTRY-SPECIFIC CEILINGS

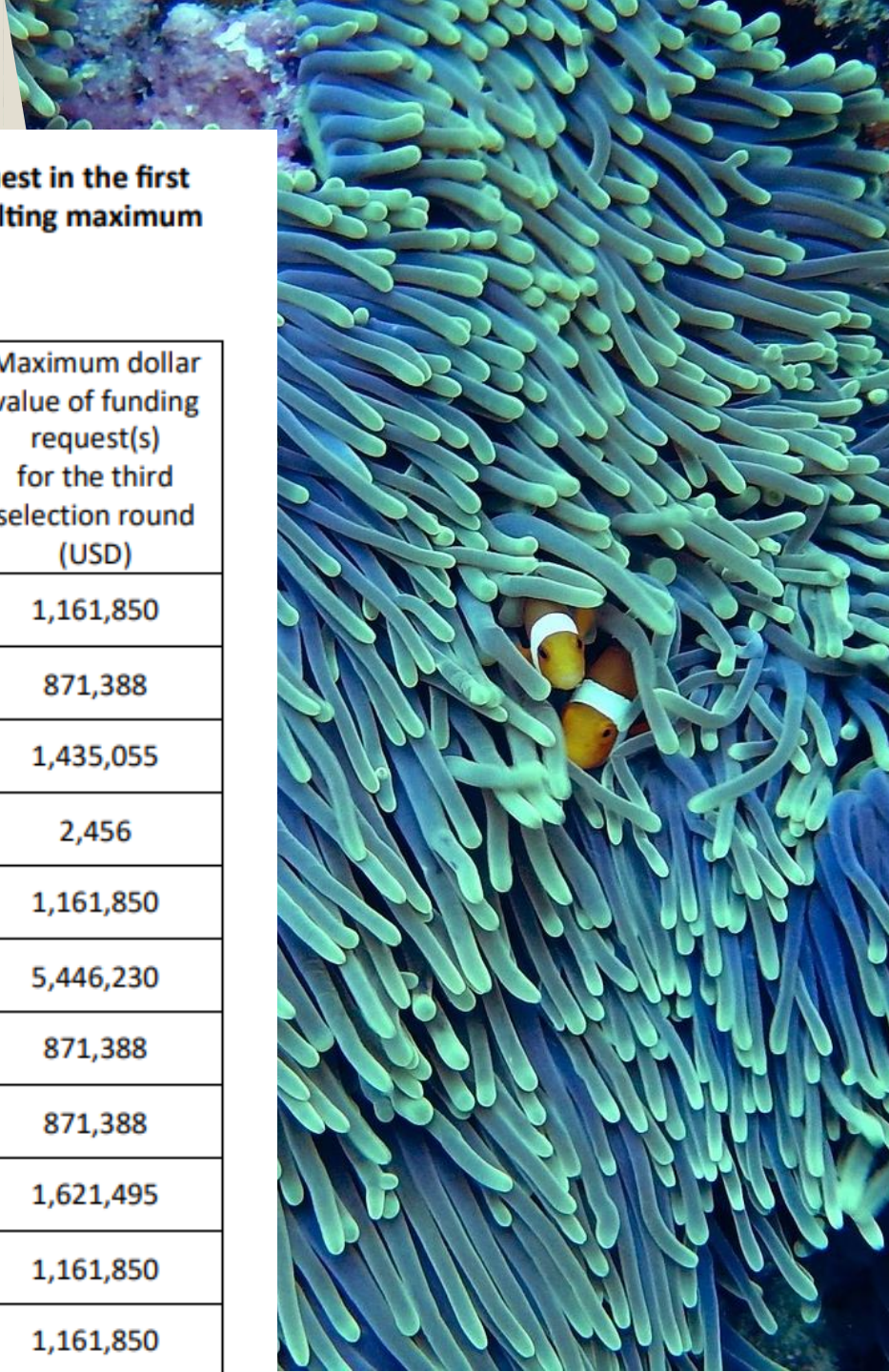
- Share of GBFF resources a country may receive limited to twice its share of the GEF-8 Biodiversity STAR allocation
- Countries' maximum dollar value of funding request(s) in the third selection round recently published



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Table 1: Country-specific ceilings, maximum total dollar value of funding request in the first programming tranche, total used after the first two selection rounds, and resulting maximum dollar value of funding request(s) for the third selection round

Country	Country Ceiling	Maximum dollar value of funding request(s) in the first tranche (USD)	Total used by projects with approved PPGs in the first two selection rounds (USD)	Maximum dollar value of funding request(s) for the third selection round (USD)
Afghanistan	0.55%	1,161,850	0	1,161,850
Albania	0.41%	871,388	0	871,388
Algeria	0.68%	1,435,055	0	1,435,055
Angola	1.55%	3,262,456	3,260,000	2,456
Antigua and Barbuda	0.55%	1,161,850	0	1,161,850
Argentina	2.58%	5,446,230	0	5,446,230
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Azerbaijan	0.41%	871,388	0	871,388
Bahamas	0.77%	1,621,495	0	1,621,495
Bangladesh	0.55%	1,161,850	0	1,161,850
Barbados	0.55%	1,161,850	0	1,161,850



PROGRAMMING TO DATE



Portfolio to date

70

PPG requests submitted

32 submitted by LDCs/SIDS

22

PPG requests approved

11 approved for LDCs/SIDS

24

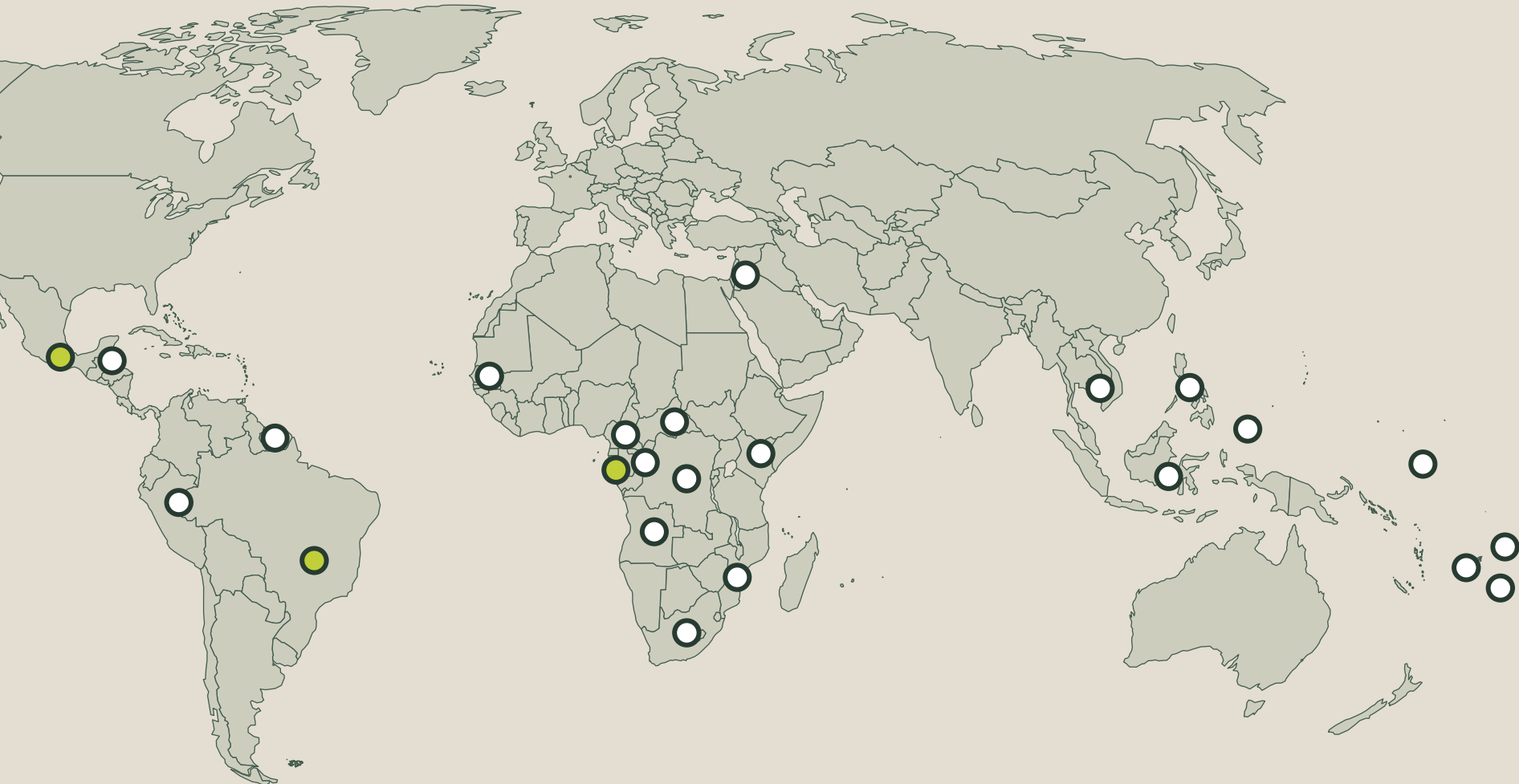
Countries

13 LDCs/SIDS countries

\$110.4

million in GBFF Financing

\$28.2 million for LDCs/SIDS



← First programming tranche (\$211 million) →

Green light for
implementation

Set aside pending
Council/CEO approval

↑
PPGs approved

Portfolio: Targets

Portfolio-level targets:

- **26%** to **SIDS/LDCs**
- **6%** through **International Financial institutions**
- **35%** to support actions by **IPLCs**

ROUNDS	PPG REQUEST SUBMISSIONS	SELECTED
First Selection Round	4 proposals 3 countries \$39.8 M	4 submissions approved \$39.8 M
Second Selection Round	66 proposals 63 countries \$210.1 M	18 proposals 21 countries \$70.7 M

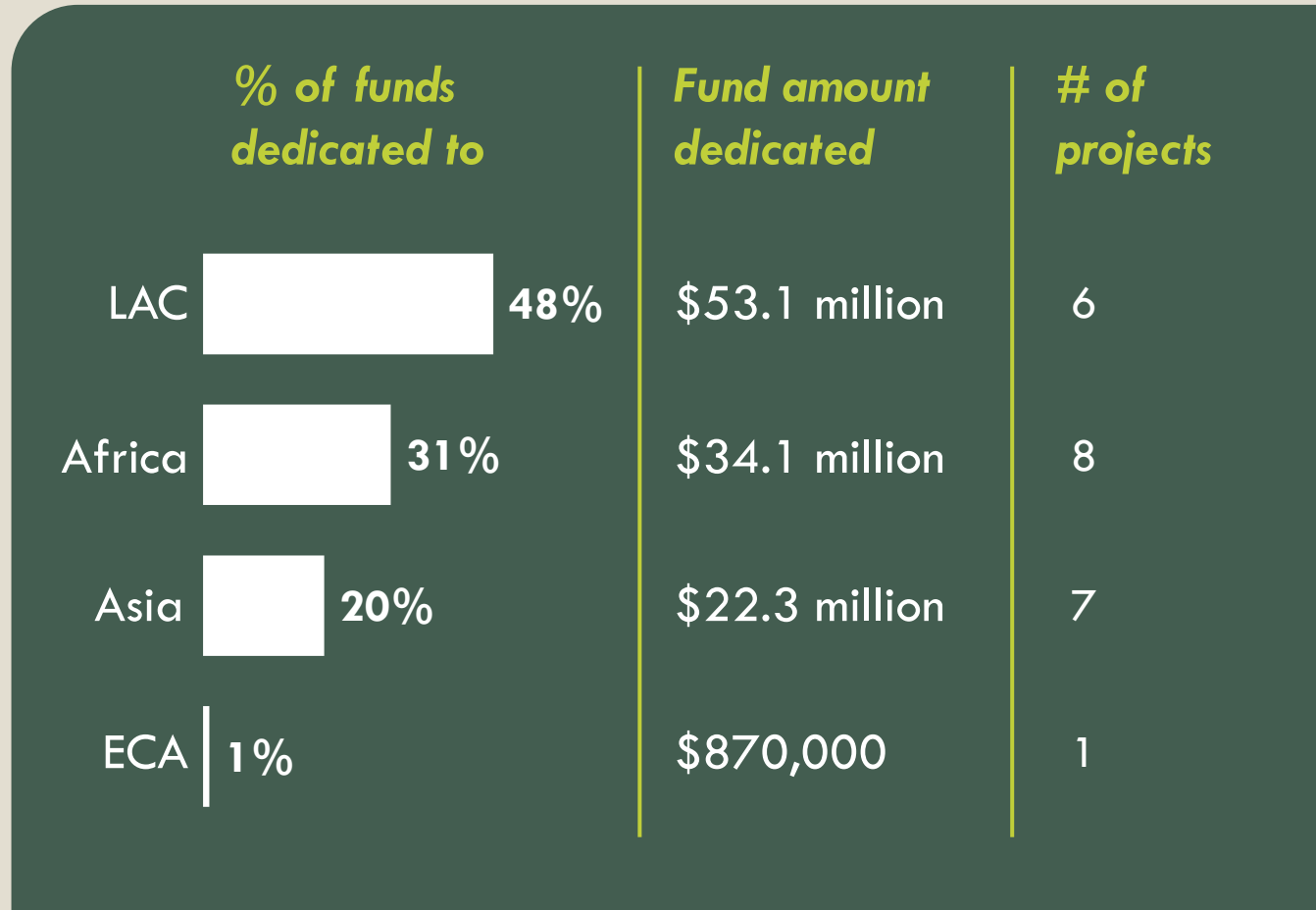
All Countries

A total of **\$110 million**
set aside for projects
in **24 countries**

PPG REQUEST SUBMISSIONS	SELECTED
0 proposals 0 countries \$0	No submissions \$0
32 proposals 35 countries \$72.7 M	11 proposals 13 countries \$28.2 M

LDCs/SIDS

Portfolio: Regional distribution



% of funds dedicated to	Fund amount dedicated	# of projects
SIDS	\$9.3 million	7
LDCs	\$18.9 million	6

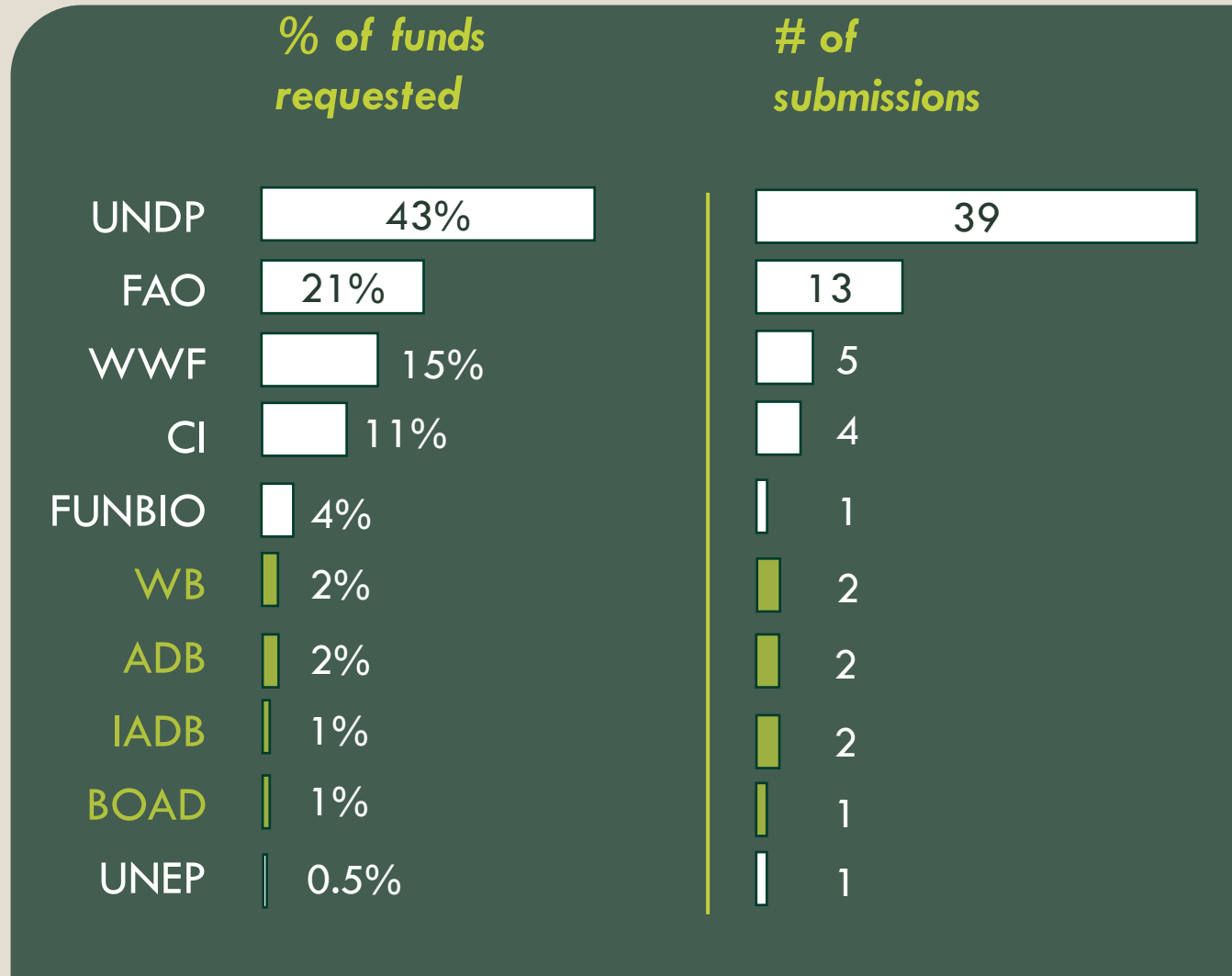
List of countries

Angola, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Fiji, Gabon, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Nauru, Palau, Peru, the Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, South Africa, Suriname, and Tonga

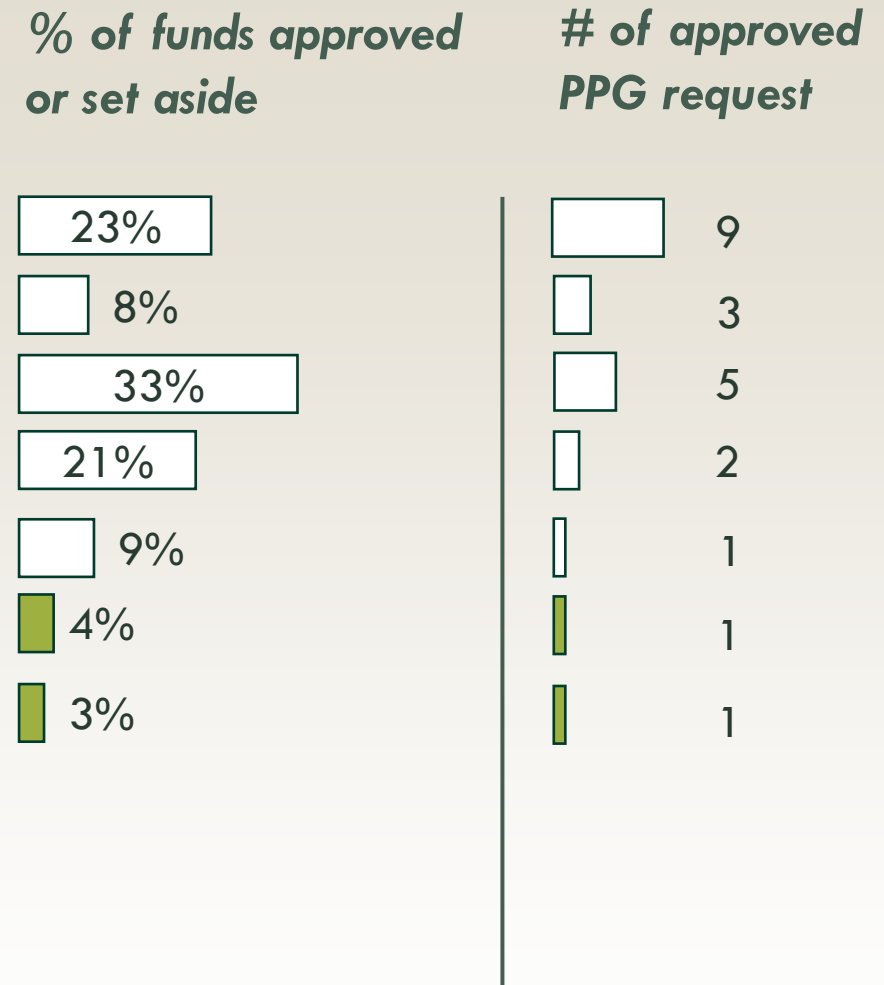
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LDCs/SIDS

Portfolio: Agency distribution



Submissions



Approvals

Third selection round



Open from **August 8 to September 30, 2024**



Decision notified by **December 8, 2024**



Maximum dollar value of funding request(s) for third round posted on GEF website (<https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-gbff-03-inf-01>)



Requests from **LDCs and SIDS** and programming through **international finance institutions** to be **prioritized** in light of portfolio-level progress

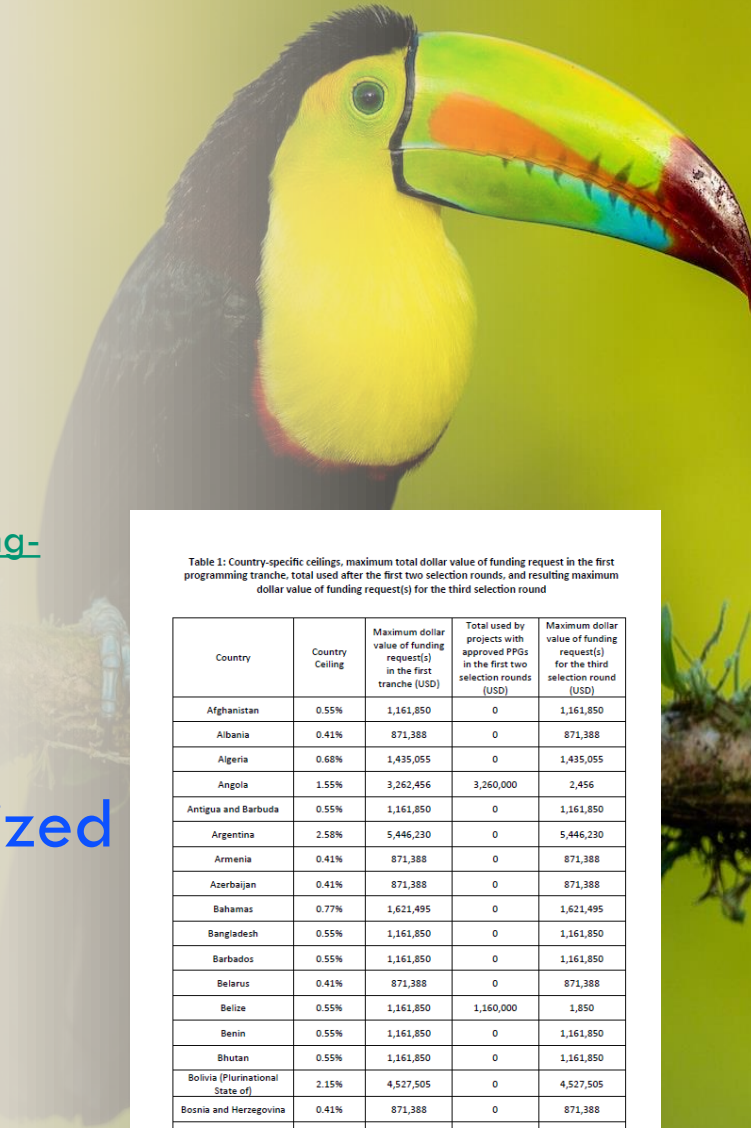


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Benin	0.55%	1,161,850	0	1,161,850
Bhutan	0.55%	1,161,850	0	1,161,850
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2.15%	4,527,505	0	4,527,505
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.41%	871,388	0	871,388
Botswana	0.41%	871,388	0	871,388
Brazil	9.37%	19,760,870	19,760,000	870

A vibrant, low-angle photograph of a dense forest. In the foreground, a large, gnarled tree trunk with thick, dark bark rises from the bottom right, its branches spreading out towards the top of the frame. The background is filled with a thick canopy of green trees, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a warm, golden glow. On the left side, a waterfall is visible, cascading down a rocky ledge. A large, semi-transparent green circle is positioned on the left side of the image, partially overlapping the tree trunk and the background forest. Inside this circle, the text "Q&A" is written in a bold, dark green, sans-serif font.

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