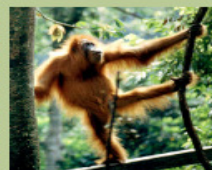


BACP

BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL
COMMODITIES PROGRAM



THE ISSUE

Agricultural expansion is the leading cause of habitat loss around the world. In the last fifty years, tropical export commodities dominated by palm oil, soybean, sugarcane, and cocoa have dramatically increased production and now comprise over 138 million hectares under cultivation (2007 FAO est.). The expansion of these commodities into forest habitats poses one of the gravest threats to global biodiversity.

The Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program (BACP), a ten year program implemented in two phases of five years, seeks to reduce these threats by transforming target agricultural commodity markets. Currently, BACP is focusing on the palm oil and soy markets.

BACP'S MARKET-BASED APPROACH

BACP uses a market-driven approach and engages the private sector through commodity roundtables such as the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and the Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS).

The roundtables provide platforms by which BACP involves market players in initiatives that will improve the standards under which target commodities are produced, processed and traded to ensure the preservation of biodiversity along the market value chain. Within these roundtables, BACP supports knowledge-sharing among stakeholders of best practices related to the preservation of biodiversity in agriculturally productive settings.

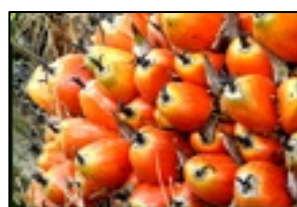
BACP'S SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS

To achieve its objectives, BACP provides grants to projects with the potential to transform target agricultural commodity markets.

The BACP Grants Facility considers funding projects that address at least one of the following four components:

- 1) **Policy** - Promote the adoption of biodiversity-friendly practices within institutional and regulatory environments.
- 2) **Better Management Practices** - Improve production practices of targeted commodities to increase preservation of global biodiversity.
- 3) **Markets** - Increase demand for products with positive biodiversity impacts.
- 4) **Financing** - Promote the development of financial products and services to facilitate and encourage the adoption of biodiversity-friendly practices.

Funding priorities among these components are specified in the Market Transformation Strategy Documents (MTS's) produced for each target commodity. These MTS documents define priority interventions that potential grantees can address when applying for BACP grants.



GOVERNANCE OF BACP

International Finance Corporation - Executor of the BACP program; provides the program with strategic direction and supervises the PMU and M&E Units.

Steering Committee - BACP target commodity experts; approve BACP strategic documents and targets.

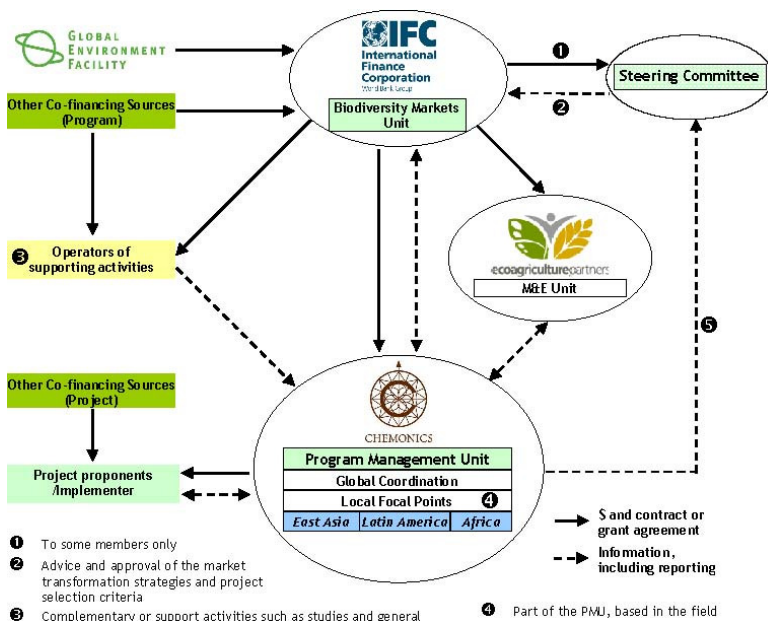
PMU (Project Management Unit) – Staffed by Chemonics International; responsible for day-to-day management of the BACP Grants Facility including management of Local Focal Points.

LFPs (Local Focal Points) - Regional representatives of BACP in Brazil (FUNBIO), South East Asia (SHEMSI), and West Africa (IITA).

M&E unit (Monitoring and Evaluation Unit) – Staffed by EcoAgriculture Partners; monitors and assesses program M&E data and works with BACP grantees to strengthen their M&E components.

Grantees - Implement specific projects that fall under the BACP market transformation strategies

The governance of BACP:



BACP TARGET COUNTRIES

BACP is a global program, but initially will fund projects in the countries specified below. These countries were identified as major producers of the targeted commodities and BACP received endorsement by the GEF Secretariat of each of these countries:

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Brazil
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ghana

BUDGET OF BACP

For Phase 1 (5 years), the amount of \$7 million has been provided by the GEF, with \$620,000 from the Government of Japan and \$380,000 from IFC, the Netherlands, Norway, and Luxembourg. Together, these resources leverage at least 1:2 from other partners, donors, and stakeholders.

STATUS & TIMING OF BACP

BACP is presently in its fourth year of Phase 1. Organizations can apply for funding through Request for Applications (RFAs) posted at www.bacp.net.

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