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# Financing the Conservation of Tigers

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# Overview of the Presentation

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- Introduction
- GEF's Experience in financing tiger conservation
- GEF's Contribution to the Global Tiger Initiative
- GEF-5 Strategies and Focus
- GEF's project financing modality

# What is the GEF?



A financial mechanism established to protect the global environment and promote sustainable development.

GEF supports developing countries and economies in transition on incremental cost of actions to protect the global environment.

Financial mechanism for the CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, and POPs.



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# GEF's global portfolio 1991-2009

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- Over 2400 projects
- In over 165 developing countries and transition economies
- Provided \$8.6 billion in grants
- This sum leveraged \$36.1 billion in cofinancing
- More than 10,000 small grants to NGOs and community-based organizations in 100 countries



# Biodiversity: Investments and Key Achievements

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- **GEF Investment of \$2.3 billion, with \$5.4 billion in co-financing, to support 790 projects in more than 155 countries**
  - **Improved management of 2,302 protected areas, covering 634 million hectares; helped achieve global target of 10% of the world's land under protection**
  - **Enabled productive landscapes and seascapes to become biodiversity-friendly, covering over 160 million hectares**
  - **Pioneer investor in testing and scaling-up of conservation trust funds and payments for ecosystem services**

# GEF Funding for Tiger Habitat

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- GEF has provided substantial support for the tiger and its habitats
- 19 projects have been funded across the range of the tiger, with total GEF financing of \$96.7 million
- The World Bank and the UNDP have implemented 8 and 10 projects respectively
- The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), a partnership initiative of GEF, WB, CI and others, has also provided several grants related to tiger and its habitat conservation



# GEF Funding for Tiger Habitat

## World Bank (Total GEF\$ 65.3M)

- **Cambodia:** Biodiversity and Protected Area Management Pilot Project for the Virachey National Park (GEF\$2.75M, Cofinance \$2.25M)
- **India:** Ecodevelopment Project (GEF\$20.2M, Cofinance \$53M)
- **India:** Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihoods Improvement (GEF approved – GEF\$11.8M, Cofinance \$35.6M)
- **Indonesia:** Kerinci Seblat Integrated Conservation and Development (GEF\$14.4M, Cofinance \$25.5M)
- **Laos:** Wildlife and Protected Areas Conservation (GEF\$5.2M, Cofinance \$0.2M)
- **Russia:** Strengthening Protected Areas Network for Sikhote-Alin Mountain Forest Ecosystems Conservation in Khabarovsk Krai (GEF\$0.75M, Cofinance \$1M)
- **Vietnam:** Forest Sector Development Project (GEF\$9.2M, Cofinance \$65.6M)
- **Vietnam:** The Green Corridor Project (GEF\$0.99M, Cofinance \$1M)

## UNDP (Total GEF\$31.4M)

- **Bhutan:** Integrated Management of Jigme Dorji National Park (GEF\$1.5M, Cofinance \$1M)
- **Bhutan:** Linking and Enhancing Protected Areas in the Temperate Broadleaf Forest Ecoregion of Bhutan (LINKPA) (GEF\$0.79M, Cofinance \$1M)
- **Bhutan:** Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (GEF\$10M, Cofinance \$7.5M)
- **Cambodia:** Establishing Conservation Areas Landscape Management (CALM) in the Northern Plains (GEF\$2.5M, Cofinance \$2.6M)

# Funding for Tiger Habitat

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- Despite close to \$100 million invested by GEF, not counting other sources of funding, tiger populations continue to decline
- Funding is only one of the critical needs



# GEF Support towards the Global Tiger Initiative

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## 1. Tiger Futures Project

- For early action through the emerging Global Tiger Initiative
- Medium-size project (MSP) approved *via* the World Bank in May 2008
- GEF \$1 million (leveraging \$1.9million)

### Project Components:

- Harnessing national and regional commitments
- Gap analysis of financing needs for effective tiger conservation.
- Building regional capacity and transnational cooperation to address wildlife trade

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## 2. Global Tiger Summit

- Preparing and holding the Year-of-the-Tiger Summit to launch a Global Tiger Conservation and Recovery Program
- Medium-size project (MSP) approved *via* the World Bank in March 2010
- GEF grant of \$560,000, totaling \$1.25million to Russian Federation

### Project Outcome:

- a) Expertise and analytical support for the Summit preparation provided
- b) Organizational and logistic support for the Summit preparation provided
- c) Information campaign to highlight the Summit and promote its goals delivered

# GEF-5 Biodiversity Program: Goals and Strategic Objectives (FY2007-2010)

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**Goal:** Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the maintenance of ecosystem goods and services

## **Objectives**

1. Improve Sustainability of Protected Area Systems
2. Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in Production Landscapes/Seascapes and Sectors
3. Build capacity for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
4. Capacity Building on Access and Benefit Sharing

# Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and REDD+

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**Goal:** Achieve multiple environmental benefits from improved management of all types of forests.



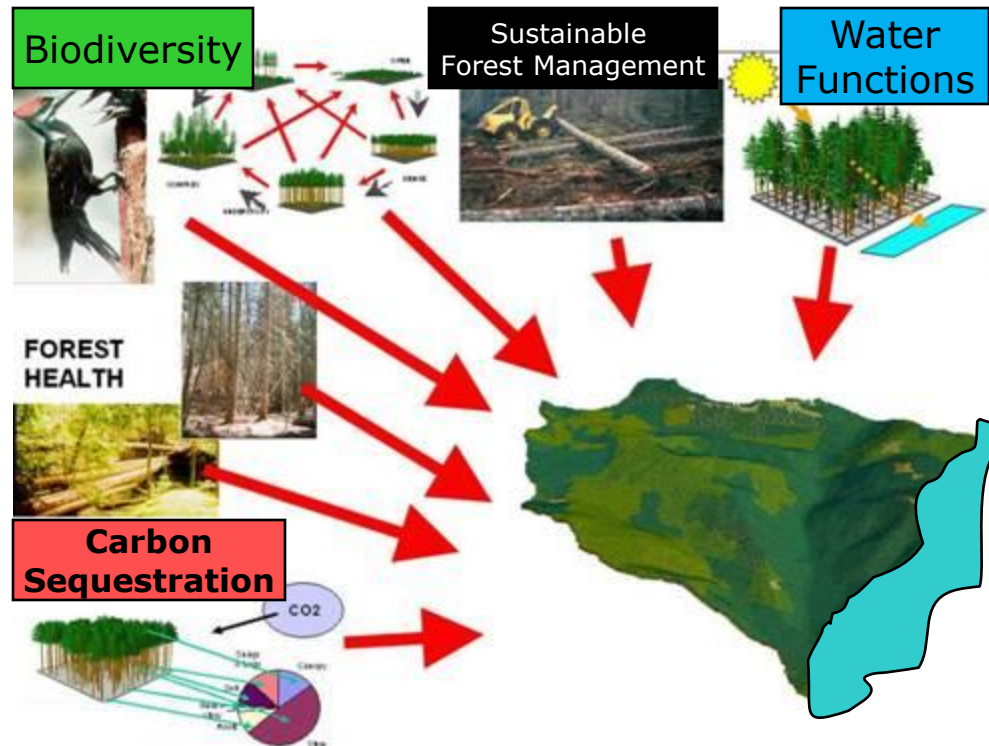
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# REDD+ at the GEF:

A tool to support Integrated Natural Resources Management

*The GREEN, The WHITE, The BLUE and The REDD*



# GEF Grant Modalities

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## Grant sizes:

- Full-size project (above \$1 million)
- Medium-size project (below \$1 million)
- Small Grants Program (max \$50000)

## Grant modalities:

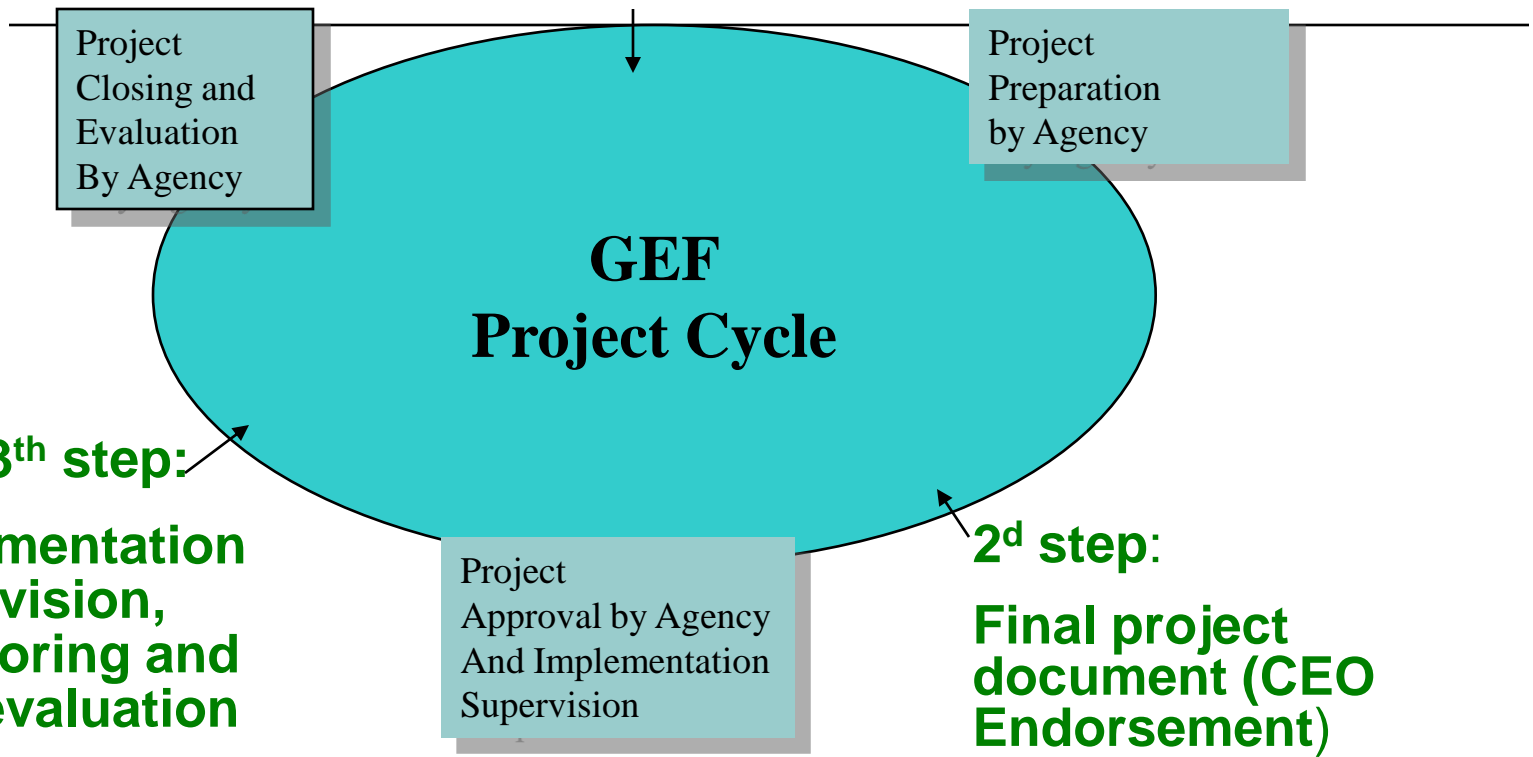
- Country, Regional and Global level Projects (STAR and Focal Area Set-Aside)
- Programmatic Approach (i.e. umbrella program framework with sub-projects)

## STAR Allocations

- Country, Regional and Global allocations
- \$2 million floor for Climate Change, \$1.5 floor for Biodiversity, \$0.5 million floor for Land Degradation
- Countries with floor of \$4 million are given full flexibility

# GEF Project Cycle

**1<sup>st</sup> step:**  
**Project and Program Concept (PIF and PFD)**  
**and Project Preparation Grant (PPG)**



# New Funding for the Tiger

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- New initiative needs to look in a more focused way to the multitude of threats to tigers
- Target key habitats (tiger conservation units) more comprehensively
- Address depletion of prey base
- Address trade issues through regional initiatives
- For GEF funding, strategic prioritization and planning at the country and regional levels





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