



GEF Support to Cooperation in International Waters

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Global Environmental Multi-Donor Trust Fund

International Environmental Agreements



18 Implementing Agencies





International Waters Focal Area Programming

By the Numbers

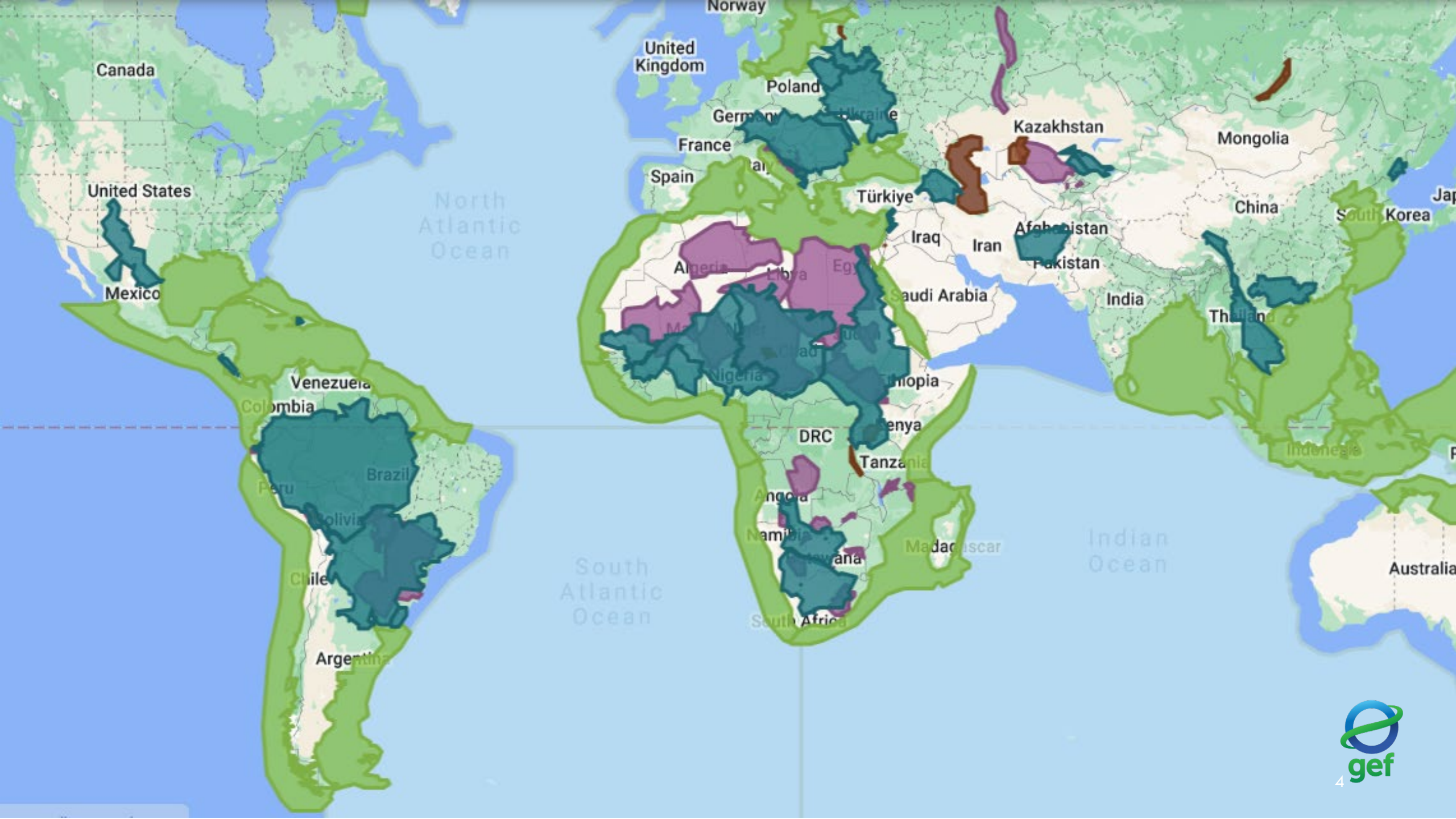
Financed transboundary freshwater projects for 60 rivers, 14 aquifers and 16 lakes around the world. These investments total US\$960 million in grant financing.

US\$1.2 billion in grants in more than 200 projects within the world's Large Marine Ecosystems (110 countries and 22 Large Marine Ecosystems) and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

Cumulative GEF funding in IW and Multi-Focal Area (MFA) with IW as one participating focal area from Inception Phase to date is **\$2.8 billion**.

Total number of projects: 401

Largest grant funding mechanism for multi-country collaboration on shared freshwater and marine ecosystems



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**Objective 1 -
Accelerate Joint Action to support a
sustainable blue economy**

**Objective 2 -
Advance Management in the Areas
Beyond National Jurisdiction**

**Objective 3 -
Enhance Water Security in Freshwater
Ecosystems**





Objective 3

Enhance Water Security in Freshwater Ecosystems

The collage consists of three images. The top image shows a map of a region with a green box overlaid containing the text 'International Waters Focal Area Programming'. The middle image shows a sign that reads 'EDUCACIÓN Para Crear CONCIENCIA de POCOS Recursos y COMO optimiz' and another sign below it that says 'Political Buy-in' and 'LEADERSHIP'. The bottom image shows a group of people sitting around a table in a meeting, with a laptop and various documents on the table.

International Waters Focal Area Programming

Elements

Process: Building Trust; Create a common fact base; Establish an understanding of needs vs. positions

Leveling the playing field - Capacity strengthening; Creating inter-sectoral dialogue and national buy-in and awareness of opportunities

Support high-visibility local investments in parallel to longer-term regional processes for cooperation.

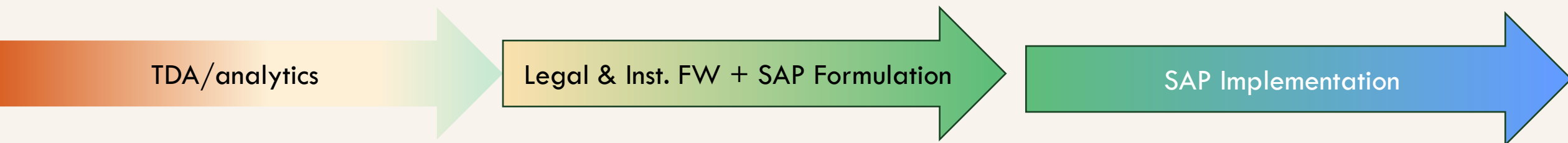
Create a Vision for the Outcome of Cooperation – higher level ambition

Formulation/negotiation process of legal and institutional frameworks for cooperation - “Fit for Purpose” to achieve Cooperation Priorities

Sustainability and Scale-up: Sustainable Finance (range of options); Policy coherence and strengthening of country systems

GEF IW projects work at multiple scales — from CSO action to cross-sectoral ministerial engagements; across water—food- energy-sheds and ecosystems; Connect source-to-sea/ridge-to-reef

Cooperation Continuum



Often Regional Grant + national in-kind to support process \$

National \$ + Multilateral \$ + Private Sector \$ + other innovative/sustainable finance

Need for greater action ...

Groundwater and Resilience; Groundwater Overabstraction & Pollution

Policy coherence across sectors and scales

Emerging and Persistent Pollutants

Source-to-Sea Governance & Management (incl. nutrient, plastic loads, & POPs)

Water – Food – Energy – Ecosystems – Fragility and Peace

Climate Change – Impacts on the Water Cycle at large; Global Public Good

Fragmentation of water & land resources and biodiversity loss

GEF-8: HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE

Unified action towards 2030 Goals and Commitments



FOCAL AREAS

Biodiversity

Climate change mitigation

Land degradation

International waters

Chemicals and waste

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

- Food Systems
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Sustainable Cities
- Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes
- Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution
- Blue and Green Islands
- Clean and Healthy Ocean
- Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development
- Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator
- Wildlife Conservation for Development
- Elimination of Harmful Chemicals from Supply Chains

CROSS-CUTTING

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

- Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance
- Small Grants Program

LDCF/SCCF Trust Fund - Adaptation Finance

Separate TF which can be co-programmed in one concept application – as applicable

Circular economy • Nature-based solutions • Gender responsiveness • Resilience • Private sector engagement

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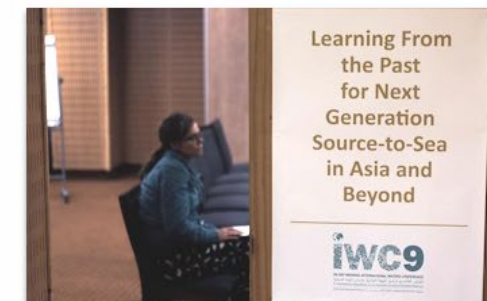
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A large group of people, approximately 100-120 individuals, are posed in a large circle on a sandy beach. They are dressed in a variety of casual and semi-formal attire, including shirts, blouses, and trousers. The background is a vast, flat expanse of sand under a clear sky. The overall mood is positive and communal.

Thank you

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