

PROTECTED AREA BENEFITS



Climate Change Mitigation

20% to 25% of global greenhouse gas emissions result from the conversion of forests and other ecosystems.



Climate Change Adaptation

Protected coral reef ecosystems contribute the equivalent of US\$9 billion per year in coastal protection around the world.



Freshwater Security

About a third (33 out of 105) of the world's largest cities obtain a significant proportion of their drinking water directly from protected areas.



Income Generation

Healthy ecosystems within protected areas are estimated to deliver \$USD 100 worth of ecosystem services, such as freshwater and food security, for every \$USD 1 invested in management to maintain and increase the provision of these services.



Cultural and Spiritual Access

In so many ways and in so many places, sacred sites, beliefs, faith groups and protected areas meet, from the water resources inhabited by ancestor spirits of Madagascar's parks and reserves to the Christian monasteries in Romania's protected areas.



Human Health

Globally at least 60% of medicinal plants are gathered from the wild, and countries like India and China reportedly harvest 90% and 80% respectively of their medicinal plants from uncultivated sources.



Food Security

A review of 112 studies in 80 marine protected areas found that fish populations and size dramatically increased inside fishing reserves, resulting in more and bigger fish in nearby areas, this has led to greater protein intake and an improvement in children's health in many fishing communities located in and around marine protected areas.



The Convention on Biological Diversity's LifeWeb Initiative



We facilitate financing for protected areas to conserve biodiversity, secure livelihoods and address climate change, through implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.



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ROLE OF THE CBD LIFEWEB INITIATIVE

We assist development cooperation partners by helping:

Recipient countries to convey their financing priorities to multiple donor partners through our internet-based clearing-house (www.cbd.int/lifeweb);

Donors to gain information about recipient countries' financial priorities and coordinate counterpart funding opportunities with others; and

Global recognition of financial commitment and progress in implementing relevant international commitments.

CBD LifeWeb is designed to be consistent with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. Implementation of projects profiled through the CBD LifeWeb clearing-house and funded by donor partners is reinforced by capacity development activities undertaken by the Friends of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, in coordination with the CBD Secretariat.



The CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas

Adopted in 2004, it is the most comprehensive global plan of action for the development of participatory, ecologically representative and effectively managed national and regional protected areas systems, integrating other land uses and contributing to human well-being.

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CBD LIFEWEB MANDATE

The CBD LifeWeb Initiative was invited by the 9th Conference of the Parties (COP9) to the CBD in 2008 and has been managed by the CBD Secretariat since May 2009.

The 10th Conference of the Parties to the CBD, held in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010, validated the role of CBD LifeWeb in Decision X/31(11-12), by:

Encouraging developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition to express funding needs based on their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including through the CBD LifeWeb Initiative;

Urging donors and countries in a position to do so to support these funding needs, taking into account the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness; and

Inviting donors and Parties to hold sub-regional and national donor roundtable meetings to support mobilization of funding, involving relevant funding institutions, in collaboration with the CBD LifeWeb Initiative.

A number of European Union Council Conclusions also encourage Member States to take an active part in the LifeWeb Initiative, as well as stress the need to promote all necessary measures to protect biodiversity, including the establishment and effective management of protected areas through the CBD LifeWeb Initiative.

CLEARING-HOUSE FOR FUNDING PRIORITIES



Visit the CBD LifeWeb Clearing-House at www.cbd.int/lifeweb

An Expression of Interest profiled on the CBD LifeWeb clearing-house invites financial support for protected areas from the international community. It also provides an overview of funding priorities within a project. The CBD LifeWeb Initiative does not charge a fee for this service.

Developing countries or countries with economies in transition are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest using the template available on the CBD LifeWeb website. Submissions are encouraged by indigenous and local communities. All submissions require endorsement of the country's CBD Primary National Focal Point or the Focal Point for the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.

For more information on eligibility criteria and to download the Expression of Interest template please visit: www.cbd.int/lifeweb/recipients/.

FINANCING ROUNDTABLES



Mexico Financing Roundtable Meeting, 7 October 2010

www.cbd.int/lifeweb/roundtables

Financing roundtable meetings have proven to be an effective way to strengthen and coordinate funding among multiple donors partners, based on the recipient government's vision of protected area priorities. Benefits include leverage opportunities among donor partners; greater awareness of the contribution biodiversity and protected area systems can make to economic development; and the potential to engage a diversity of traditional and new partners over time.

For more information on readiness criteria and actions to be taken for financing roundtables, please visit: www.cbd.int/lifeweb/donors/roundtables/

Suggested readiness criteria include:

1. Political will of the host country
2. Clearly defined vision of priorities based on action plans
3. Expression of Interest submitted to CBD LifeWeb Initiative
4. Potential donor interest
5. Collaboration with other sub-regional or national processes

RECOGNITION OF PROTECTED AREA FINANCING



Financing Protected Area Solutions Celebratory Dinner at COP10 in Nagoya, Japan

24 October 2010

Successful funding partnerships, facilitated with support of the CBD LifeWeb Initiative, provide an important opportunity to highlight tangible examples to conserve biodiversity, address climate change and secure livelihoods through implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas. Some relevant international events to promote and recognize these partnerships include:

- UNCCD COP10 Korea, 2011
- UNFCCC COP17 South Africa, 2011
- Rio +20 Brazil, 2012
- CBD COP11 India, 2012

These activities will be undertaken in collaboration with the Rio Conventions' Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion (www.ecosys-tempavilion.org). A collaborative outreach program linking biodiversity, climate change and sustainable land management, will also be held at each of the meetings of the Rio Conventions.

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