

GEF Financing to Achieve Multiple Benefits from Forest Ecosystems: Sustainable Forest Management & REDD+

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Triple Role of Forests in the GEF Mandate

- ▣ **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Slowing tropical deforestation will mitigate climate change.
- ▣ **BIODIVERSITY:** Forests harbor over 60% of terrestrial plant and animal species.
- ▣ **LAND DEGRADATION:** Forests provide livelihoods and environmental services to hundreds of millions of people.

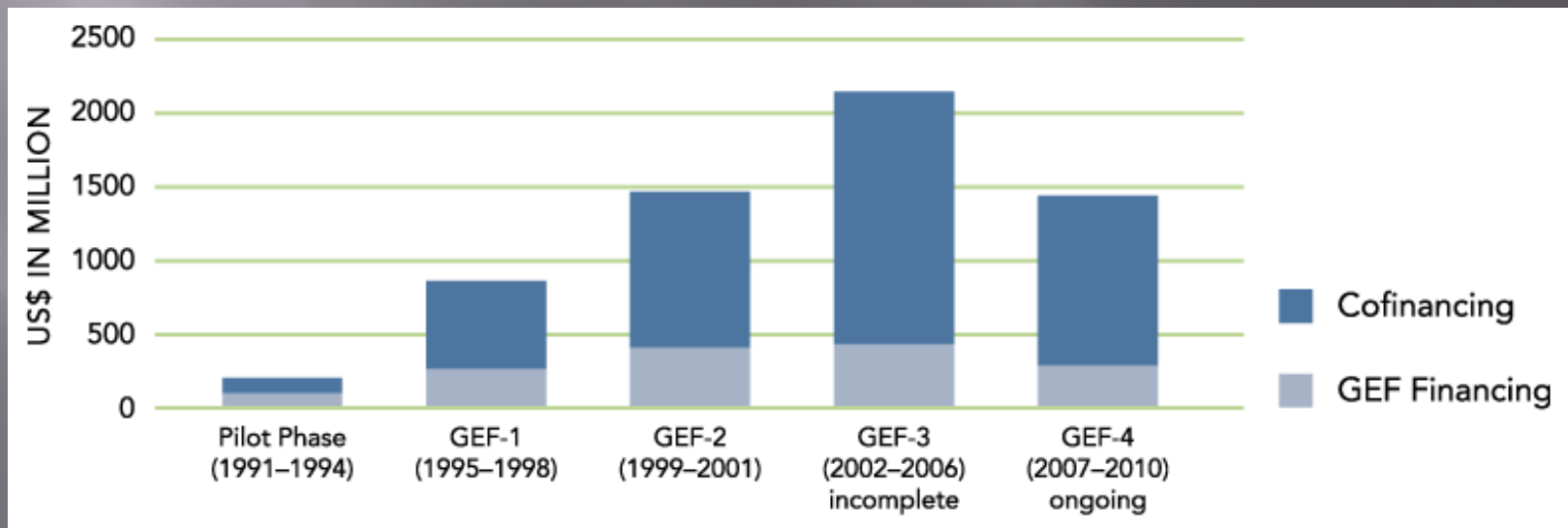


Forests in the GEF

- ▣ GEF operates under the combined framework of the three conventions (CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD) dealing with forest ecosystems
- ▣ Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) is a multi-focal area at the GEF drawing on resources from Biodiversity, Climate Change and Land Degradation Focal Areas
- ▣ GEF provides funding to meet the agreed incremental costs of measures to achieve agreed global environmental benefits

Highlights of GEF Achievements

- ▣ Largest financier of forests: \$1.5 billion to forest initiatives supplemented by more than \$4.5 billion in cofinancing
- ▣ More than 300 projects focusing on forest conservation and management
- ▣ GEF Council approved a SFM Program in GEF-4, increasing demand for forest financing in a short-time span
- ▣ Programmed \$350 million in forest financing during 2007-2009



SFM Financing to Countries

	GEF Grant	Co-financing
Ecuador	2.70	10.98
Panama	1.58	12.45
DR Congo	19.00	75.18
Tanzania	6.39	15.20
Indonesia	12.82	60.45

Incremental financing – catalytic effect of the GEF

GEF Comparative Advantages on Forest Financing

- **Country-drivenness** – Actions to generate multiple environmental benefits that reflect the transversal nature of forests globally
- **Convention Mandate** – The UNFCCC, the CBD, and the UNCCD all emphasize forests in achieving their Convention objectives
- **Financial mechanism** - GEF provides ready-made financing platform by incorporating components and financial contributions from multiple focal areas



SFM/REDD+ Strategy for GEF-5 (2010-2014)

- ▣ Objective 1: Reduce pressures on forest resources and generate sustainable flows of forest ecosystem services
- ▣ Objective 2: Strengthen the enabling environment to reduce GHG emissions from REDD and enhance carbon sinks from LULUCF activities



Sustainable Forest Management & REDD+

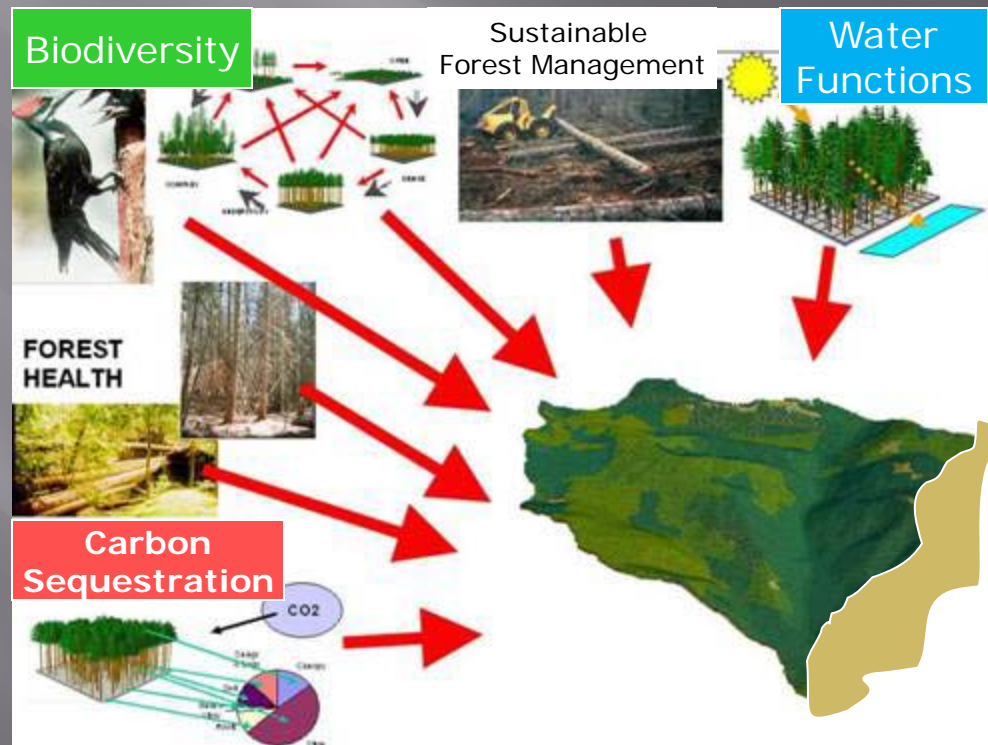


Goal: Achieve multiple environmental benefits from improved management of all types of forests

REDD+ at the GEF:

A tool to support Integrated Natural Resources Management

The GREEN, The WHITE, The BLUE and The REDD



GEF SFM/REDD+ Program

An Incentive Program for Countries to:

- ✓ Strengthen the enabling environment to reduce GHG emissions from REDD+ and enhance carbon sinks from LULUCF activities
- ✓ Reduce pressures on forest resources and generate sustainable flows of forest ecosystem services through the introduction of SFM frameworks and tools

