

PROGREEN and the Global Biodiversity Framework

Forest landscapes and biodiversity are intrinsically linked.



With **80 percent** of global terrestrial biodiversity found in forests, efforts to tackle deforestation and land degradation simultaneously mitigate habitat destruction for critically endangered species and other wildlife.

The World Bank Group (WBG) is working to end poverty on a livable planet. Our vision to mainstream nature considerations across economic policy, development programs, and strategic sectoral investments is in full accordance with the ambitions of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). As the leading multilateral financier of biodiversity, the WBG is committed to supporting countries to adopt nature-positive development approaches that protect nature while contributing to people's well-being and economic potential.

In line with the WBG's forest, landscape, and biodiversity agenda, PROGREEN provides over

US\$ **200 million** in grant support to **62 activities** in **53 countries**

Through knowledge, capacity building, grants, and investments, PROGREEN strives to respond to the needs of country partners and support activities aligned with the GBF goals and principles. PROGREEN adds value by focusing on key issues of nature and finance, building on the WBG's country engagement model, blended finance approaches, operating models, and ability to engage upstream at the policy level and downstream at the investment and implementation level.

Overview of PROGREEN support to GBF goals and targets

PROGREEN activities, ongoing and planned, contribute to 3 GBF goals and 15 targets

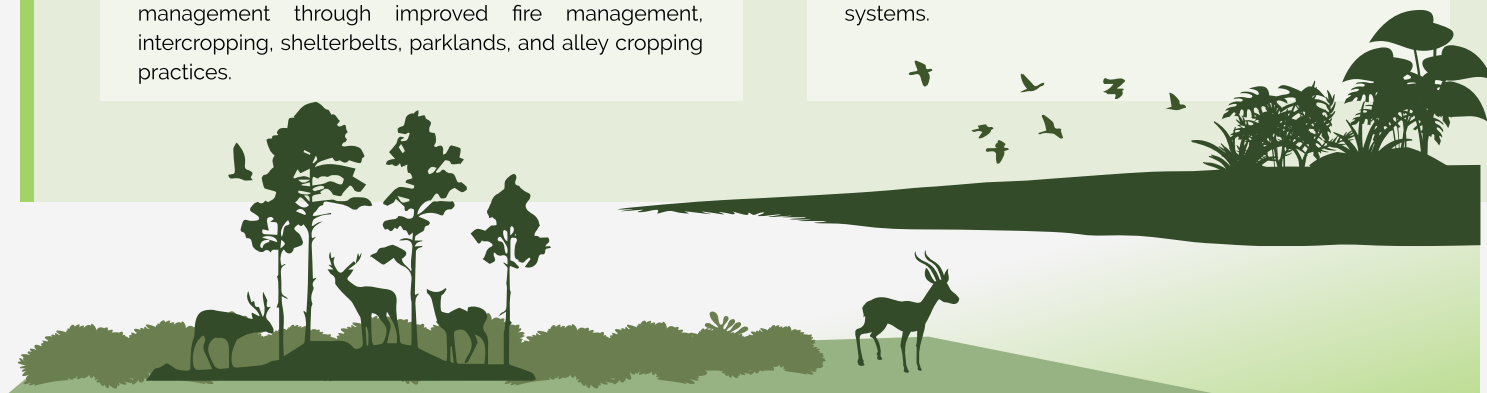
1. Reducing threats to biodiversity

Target 1 Plan and manage all areas to reduce biodiversity loss

PROGREEN supports land-use planning and integrated landscape management to safeguard biodiversity by supporting analytics, convening, technical assistance, and co-financing.

- In **Argentina**, PROGREEN provides co-financing and analytical support to the [Sustainable Recovery of Landscapes and Livelihoods Project](#), which aims to bring over 160,000 hectares (ha) of northern tropical forest in the Chaco and Yungas ecoregions under sustainable management through improved fire management, intercropping, shelterbelts, parklands, and alley cropping practices.

- In **Uzbekistan**, PROGREEN supports the [Central Asia Resilient Landscape Restoration Program \(RESILAND\)](#), which integrates biodiversity hotspots within agricultural lands by introducing agroecological horticulture and sylvo-pastoral food production systems.





Target 2 Effectively restore 30 percent of degraded areas

PROGREEN-supported projects aim to restore 3 million ha of land, of which 132,693 ha are attributable to PROGREEN's contribution alone.

- In **Ethiopia**, PROGREEN enhances ongoing landscape restoration efforts on 419,000 ha of degraded land through the Second Resilient Landscapes & Livelihoods Project, using a comprehensive biodiversity approach that centers habitat restoration and conservation measures.
- Supported by PROGREEN, the WBG chairs the [Finance Task Force of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#), which catalyzes action to unlock the capital needed for effective ecosystem restoration. It does so by leveraging partnerships, and developing data, tools, and knowledge products, such as its first [Stock Take report](#), outlining challenges and opportunities for scaling up restoration investments.

Target 3 Effectively conserve 30 percent of terrestrial areas

PROGREEN-supported projects contribute to sustainable conservation on 1.2 million ha of land, of which 171,975 ha are attributable to PROGREEN's contribution alone.

- In **Uzbekistan**, PROGREEN's support to the RESILAND project will assist in bringing 26,500 ha of transboundary protected areas (PAs) under improved management with a component on protecting key habitats and species in selected landscapes.
- In addition, a global flagship on [nature-based tourism](#) is deepening knowledge on the impact of PA tourism on local economies, including through the provision of technical assistance and training to PA managers at the national and subnational levels.

Target 8 Minimize the impacts of climate change on biodiversity with nature-based solutions

PROGREEN-supported projects will collectively reduce 18.7 million tons CO₂eq of GHG emissions by 2026 and improve the climate resilience of 3.6 million ha of land, of which 2.5 million tons CO₂eq and 1 million ha, respectively, are attributable to PROGREEN's contribution alone.

- In **Costa Rica**, a PROGREEN knowledge activity is helping inform the operationalization of the country's Agenda Agroambiental, which aims to identify and scale up climate-smart measures to improve the productivity of farming practices and lower the carbon footprint of agro-processing practices.
- In **Rwanda**, PROGREEN analytical support is helping to identify, design, and evaluate incentive mechanisms for improving landscape management and scaling up nature-based solutions for their ecosystem services to benefit communities in the Congo-Nile Ridge basin.



2. Meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing

Targets 9 and 10 Plan and manage all areas to reduce biodiversity loss

Implement biodiversity-friendly practices in productive ecosystems and provide benefits to the most dependent and vulnerable.

- In **Ghana**, the [Ghana Landscape Restoration and Small-Scale Mining Project](#) is helping develop watershed plans targeting cocoa landscapes and northern savannah zones in 108 communities and bring more than 676,000 ha of land under sustainable landscape management through Community Resource Management Areas (CREMAs). The project is targeting some 257,000 people, of which 40 percent are women.

- In **Burkina Faso**, the [Communal Climate Action and Landscape Management Project](#) is striving to give 1,750,000 people in targeted forest and adjacent communities access to increased monetary or non-monetary benefits from natural resources.



Target 11 Enhance and restore ecosystem services

PROGREEN is developing knowledge and tools to strengthen the management and protection of ecosystem services that benefit local livelihoods, support the scaling-up of low-impact productive land uses, and mainstream sustainable agricultural practices.

- PROGREEN supports the WBG-led [Biodiversity, Ecosystems, and Landscapes Assessments \(BELA\)](#) initiative and its application in recipient countries. In **Madagascar**, an Ecosystem Services Index is helping to target community-driven interventions for sustainable irrigated agriculture and strengthen value chains in rural areas.



3. Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming of biodiversity protection

Target 14 Integrate biodiversity in decision-making at every level

PROGREEN analytical work, technical assistance, and co-financing emphasize the integration of biodiversity, natural capital, and ecosystem services aspects into institutional frameworks, policies, and planning processes of recipient countries.

- For example, PROGREEN supports countries with the implementation of their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by developing trainings and diagnostic tools for creating enabling environments for landscape-level biodiversity conservation, such as the [Integrated Land Use Learning Initiative](#) and the Landscape Governance Assessment Tool.

- In **Dominica**, PROGREEN [analytical and advisory activities](#) have informed the updating of the National Forest Policy in turn catalyzing eco-tourism revenues for biodiversity protection through the [Leveraging Eco-tourism for Biodiversity Protection in Dominica project](#).

Targets 15 and 18 Encourage business and finance to reduce negative impacts on nature and harmful incentives by US\$500 billion per year

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- PROGREEN is supporting the development and deployment of sustainability-linked bonds that connect interest payments to the achievement of key environmental and social goods, including through the Feasibility-AmBitiousness (FAB) framework.

- At the global level, PROGREEN's support for the WBG [Agricultural Incentives Flagship](#) is helping develop country-focused economic models for policy makers to assess options for repurposing agricultural subsidies toward approaches that promote the sustainable and resilient growth of the sector.

Targets 19

Increase financial resources to US\$200 billion per year, including US\$30 billion through international finance

- In addition to supporting the [Finance Task Force on Ecosystem Restoration](#), PROGREEN collaborates with development partners to help countries green financial flows and scale up nature-positive investments, including from the private sector. Early actions and instruments are under development in [Rwanda](#) and [Cabo Verde](#) to generate best practices.

Targets 20 and 21

Strengthen technological and scientific international cooperation and improve access to data and knowledge for decision-making

PROGREEN continues to advance the green agenda in global dialogue processes, including through data on natural capital valuation, and supports client countries to implement high-level international commitments.

- **The Global Landscapes Forum** (GLF) is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on sustainable and inclusive landscapes. PROGREEN regularly participates in GLF events and collaborative partnerships to share knowledge, successes, and lessons from its programs.
- PROGREEN collaborates actively with the **GEF-funded FOLUR Impact Program** and its core partners, including FAO, UNDP, IFC, WRI, and GLF/CIFOR-ICRAF, to promote technical cooperation and joint events and generate shared knowledge products.
- PROGREEN supports the WBG's **Changing Wealth of Nations initiative**, which aims to improve the measurement and understanding of countries' renewable natural capital by developing global values for crucial forest ecosystem services.

Targets 22 and 23

Ensure inclusiveness, representation, and gender-responsive implementation

Engaging communities, especially youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and other vulnerable groups is one of PROGREEN's three cross-cutting themes and a key component of all country-led investment projects promoting participatory management of natural resources for local benefits.

- In [Nepal](#), the PROGREEN-supported [Forests for Prosperity Project](#) is piloting the [W+ Standard](#), an approach that quantifies, verifies, and monetizes women's empowerment results within projects and supply chains.
- PROGREEN shares knowledge and capacity building efforts in concert with other WBG initiatives working to build inclusiveness and representation, including:
 - ▶ The **Dedicated Grant Mechanism** which seeks to build the capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to represent their interests, plan and implement activities, and take ownership of the biodiversity and nature agenda in their communities.
 - ▶ The **Enhancing Access to Benefits while Lowering Emissions (EnABLE)** Trust Fund: which aims to enhance the inclusion of marginalized communities and disadvantaged groups in Emission Reduction Programs to ensure access to carbon and non-carbon benefits.



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