ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION



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DEVELOPMENT WITH NATURE

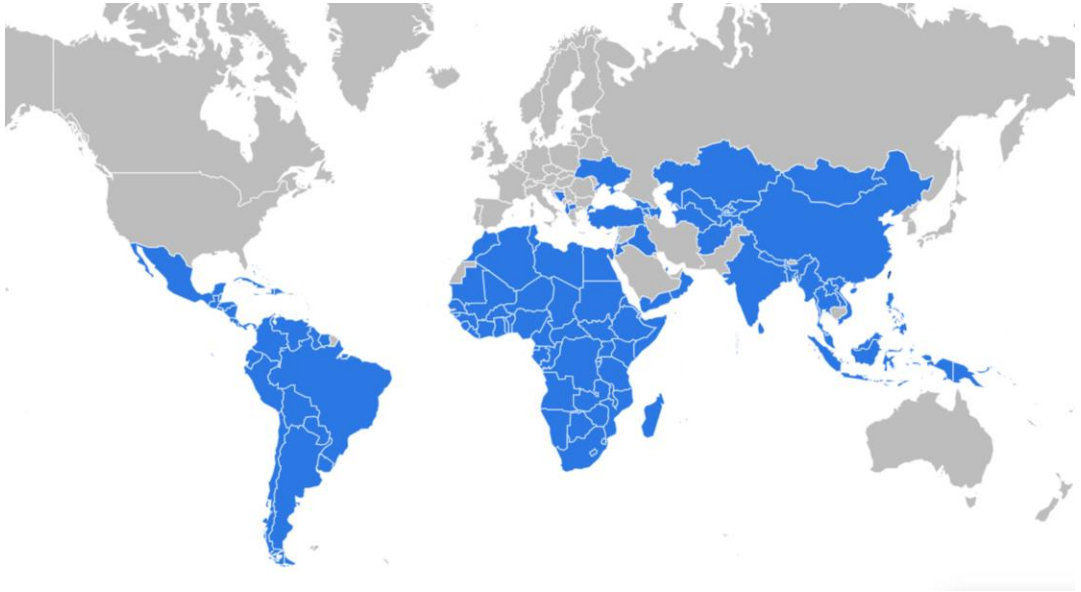
Nature is essential for resilient societies and thriving economies. To fully realize the benefits of nature, we need to recognize its economic and social value.

The Ecosystems Division drives conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems to achieve benefits for nature and people: today and future generations.

We help Member States strengthen resilience by providing policy and technical support to reduce land degradation and catalyze sustainable transformation.

DIVISION'S WORK

- $1.3 billion portfolio, including (POW & GEF)
- Over 250 projects
- Over 160 countries
- Supporting Member States to meet their Biodiversity MEA commitments
  - CBD
  - UNCCD
  - CMS
  - CITES
  - BBNJ
  - Regional Seas



A GLOBAL DIVISION

363 staff and affiliates of 63 nationalities

50% at HQ in Nairobi

50% in 21 duty stations



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

UNEP–DHI (Denmark)

UNEP–IEMP (China)

UNEP–WCMC (UK)

Operations & Programme Services

BIODIVERSITY & LAND

Biodiversity, People and Landscapes

Economics of Nature

Nature Frameworks Support Unit

GEF Biodiversity and Land

Nature and Health

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

Kunming Biodiversity Fund

DISASTERS & CONFLICTS

Disaster Risk Reduction

Policy & Analyses

Response / Recovery

Joint Environment Unit

MARINE & FRESHWATER

Source-to-sea pollution

Freshwater & wetlands

Marine and Coastal

GEF International Waters

REGIONAL SEAS

Barcelona Convention/ MAP

North-West Pacific Action Plan

Cartagena Convention

Abidjan Convention

East Asian Seas Action Plan

Nairobi Convention

ENABLING ACTIVITIES



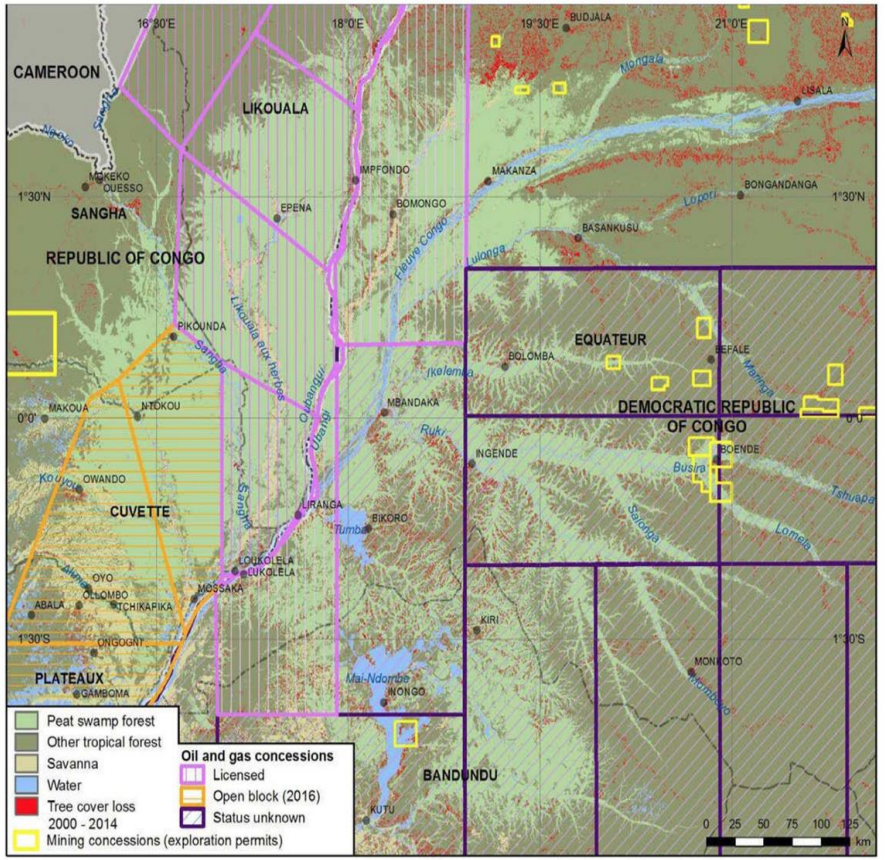
- CBD/ KMGBF: 70 countries for NBSAPs, 105 countries for Cartagena protocol, 96 countries for Nagoya protocol
  - assess gaps,
  - update and develop national biodiversity monitoring plans,
  - assess and update policy coherence and biodiversity finance frameworks.
- UNCCD: 113 countries to produce national reports
- BBNJ: Ratification and readiness

CONGO BASIN LANDSCAPES INITIATIVE

The Congo Basin sits at the intersection of global biodiversity, climate stability, and livelihoods—making it a priority for integrated approaches.

Congo Basin Landscapes Initiative

- UNEP-led and GEF/IKI-funded;
- inclusive, landscape-level approach;
- multi-country, regional and multi-partner;
- contributes to the Congo Basin 10-year strategy on sustainable forest management and related initiatives;
- supports integrated land-use management planning coherent policies at national and regional levels;
- strengthens capacities of local communities, national institutions, and regional bodies.



REGIONAL SEAS CONVENTIONS AND ACTION PLANS



- For over 50 years, Regional Seas has been UNEP's most successful mechanisms for the conservation of the marine and coastal environment across 18 regions.
- 40% reduction in beach litter in the Mediterranean.
- Creation of over 50,000 square kilometers of marine protected areas in the Caribbean.
- The new 2026-2029 Strategic Direction aligns closely with GBF and other MEAs.

NATURE FOR PEACE

Nature-based Solutions in fragile and conflict-affected settings have reduced the risks of violent conflict and build more stable, resilient societies.



- **Sudan:** supporting farming and pastoralist communities around Dinder National Park with climate-smart agriculture, agroforestry and rangeland restoration, reducing pressure on natural resources and strengthening resilience in a conflict-affected region
- **Haiti**: environmental restoration, agroecology and green enterprises are helping reintegrate displaced youth, create livelihoods and strengthen peacebuilding
- **Somalia**: river restoration, sustainable water management and inclusive resource governance are helping reduce competition over land and water while building climate resilience and social stability
- **Iraq**: constructed wetlands are restoring ecosystems, improving water quality and strengthening climate resilience for drought-affected communities, benefiting more than 30,000 people


THANK YOU