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## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs & Country Specific Priorities		
<b>Country:</b>	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	<b>Project Number:</b>	654
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	26-Nov-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.365
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	26-Aug-2004		
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Paula Caballero
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b> Expedited Financing of Climate Change Enabling Activities (Phase II)			
<b>Country:</b> ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA <b>Project Number:</b> 783			
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	19-Apr-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.100
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	31-Aug-2000	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project will enable Antigua and Barbuda to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b> Implementation of a Sustainable Island Resource Management Mechanism			
<b>Country:</b> ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA <b>Project Number:</b> 1899			
<b>Focal Area:</b> Integrated Ecosystem Management <b>Implementing Agency:</b> UNDP			

<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	03-Aug-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.197
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Apr-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			

The GEF Alternative will promote integrated ecosystem management, with special emphasis on the conservation of globally significant biodiversity and prevention of land degradation in the islands of Antigua and Barbuda. GEF resources will be used to incorporate integrated ecosystem management objectives, principles, techniques and practices into government policies for land and marine development. The integration of the GEF support into government approaches will promote Island-wide economic development in conjunction with sustainable management of local natural resources and securing global environmental benefits. The project through the sustainable management of tourism, coastal fisheries, wetlands and mangrove resources, sustainable community agriculture and forestry projects will maintain ecosystem processes and services so that they continue to create and preserve soils, store and distribute water and regulate coastal and atmospheric conditions. The project's main outcomes are the following: coordinate inter-sectoral planning and priorities; mainstream environment into sectoral planning and management; strengthen legislation, regulations and policies influencing natural resource use; demonstrate a protected area management; develop sustainable financing for government to carry out environmental services, monitoring and enforcement; raise public awareness of ecosystem management; and invasive species management.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation



## ARGENTINA

<b>Project Name:</b>	In-situ Conservation of Andean Crops and Their Wild Relatives in the Humahuaca Valley, the Southernmost Extension of the Central Andes (An Ancient Center of Crop Origin and Domestication)		
<b>Country:</b>	ARGENTINA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1653
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	08-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.938
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The primary objective of this project is to contribute to the conservation of agrobiodiversity, particularly the genetic diversity of the Andean traditional crops, in a significant part of the Argentine Prepuna Ecoregion, main center of origin and diversification of agrobiodiversity in Argentina. Therefore, the project strategy is to build on and enhance community mechanisms that have traditionally led to conservation of agrobiodiversity, thereby mitigating its loss and resulting in global benefits by maintaining crop genetic diversity that is of current or potential use to global agriculture and food security.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Management and conservation of wetland Biodiversity in the Esteros del Ibera', Corrientes, Argentina.		
<b>Country:</b>	ARGENTINA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1687
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	17-Jul-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.975
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	30-Sep-2002		
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The Project will implement a participatory management for resource use and conservation in the Esteros del Ibera based on a comprehensive regional management strategy. The goal of the strategy will be the long-term production of this ecosystem's goods and services for local, national and global benefits. An underlying premise of this approach is that the global biodiversity benefits to be achieved by this project are unlikely to be sustained without concomitant benefits accruing to local stakeholders.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Sustainable Management of Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems to Combat Desertification		
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	in Patagonia		
<b>Country:</b>	ARGENTINA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2891
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	27-Apr-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.350
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	13-Dec-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
Despite its global significance, Patagonia is suffering an accelerated desertification process, which affects an estimated area of 625,000 sq. kilometres (85% of the territory). The project deals with aspects related to the conservation of ecosystems and the strengthening of capacities for the management of natural resources in extra-Andean Patagonia.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Consolidation and Implementation of the Patagonian Coastal Zone Management Programme and Biodiversity Conservation		
<b>Country:</b>	ARGENTINA	<b>Project Number:</b>	604
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>		<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$5.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>			
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
This project is aimed at the improvement in the quality of life of human communities who depend on coastal resources while maintaining biodiversity and productivity of Patagonia's ecosystems.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

## ***BAHAMAS***

<b>Project Name:</b>	The Bahamas: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	BAHAMAS	<b>Project Number:</b>	657
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Mar-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.281
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>Total Project Cost: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project will enable The Bahamas to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12. Phase II is intended to provide for the continuity of the National Climate Change Programme in The Bahamas by addressing weaknesses and areas not covered by the initial efforts. In many ways this is testament to the fact that national capacity as a result of training and awareness, has been enhanced to the point where the strengths and weaknesses of the initial Enabling Activity's project design have been identified. The continuity of the project will focus on the further development of national capacity through, the review of technological needs, capacity building in systematic observation networks and in the area of emission factors for a small island economy.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

**BARBADOS**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Barbados: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	BARBADOS	<b>Project Number:</b>	658
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Nov-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.289
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Barbados to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Second National Communication to the UNFCCC		
<b>Country:</b>	BARBADOS	<b>Project Number:</b>	3361
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Jul-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
Barbados is seeking support to assist national efforts geared at reducing its land degradation problems through public awareness, training, legislative reform and institutional strengthening. Specifically GEF assistance will provide support for capacity development at various levels to support sustainable land management as well as developing policies that remove barriers to SLM.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

## **BELIZE**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of capacity building needs and country specific priorities in biodiversity		
<b>Country:</b>	BELIZE	<b>Project Number:</b>	506
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	12-Mar-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.362
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	15-Aug-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	\$
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This Enabling Activity will help Belize to formulate the strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Belize's biodiversity in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD , as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The project's principal products will be the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. This will be achieved through the implementation of the following: 1) conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing information on biodiversity in the country; 2) carry out a participatory, strategic planning process to identify priority actions for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and 3) prepare the first National Report for submission to the COP.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	MSP: Biodiversity conservation and Management of Golden Stream Corridor Preserve		
<b>Country:</b>	BELIZE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1740
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	22-Oct-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.025
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	25-Sep-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Paula Caballero
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>Given the national context and considerable opportunities for comprehensive reform of Belize's NPAS, the present project intends to play a critical and complementary role in this process, providing a replicable demonstration model where several of the key priorities cited above will be implemented and showcased on a national level. The proposed project site, the Golden Stream watershed (GSW), has been selected due to its considerable potential for addressing and showcasing many of the priorities listed above. In addition, it has been chosen because of its distinct features, such as representative, diverse and interdependent terrestrial and marine ecosystems, and the convergence of multiple types of adjacent protected areas. These characteristics give it great potential to function as an example of coordinated, interlinked protected area and landscape conservation.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assesment (NCSA)		
<b>Country:</b>	BELIZE	<b>Project Number:</b>	2788
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	30-Dec-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.20
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Aug-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

To date, programs in Belize related to the three conventions have been entrusted to public agencies, which have received financial support in terms of training and awareness building from different funding agencies, such as USAID, GEF, CPACC and the OAS. Although the training has proven to be useful in terms of developing technical capacity, no assessment has been carried out to evaluate the progress made, to identify other problems, or to brainstorm on possible solutions to addressing them. In all cases, there was little building of additional institutional capacities within these organizations, so that additional responsibilities in terms of fulfilling national obligations under the conventions were added onto what were already overstretched human and financial resources. The overburdened national agencies have therefore not been able to carry out many of the activities expected of them, resulting in underperformance in data collection, monitoring and reporting. What has been sorely lacking is the establishment of national offices dedicated to addressing the issues raised in these conventions and in prioritising and developing national, human and institutional capacity in these areas. The NCSA project will help to address some of these apparent deficiencies by allowing an objective self assessment to be carried out involving all relevant partners, with a view to avoiding overlaps and redundancies, increasing cross-sectoral cooperation and exchanges, and promoting institutional development through training and evaluation.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Barrier Reef Complex		
<b>Country:</b>	BELIZE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1238
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	17-Feb-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$5.355
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:****Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Development and Mainstreaming for Sustainable Land Management		
<b>Country:</b>	BELIZE	<b>Project Number:</b>	3409
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	02-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.020
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	01-Apr-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>		<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

**BOLIVIA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Rural Electrification with Renewable Energy through the Popular Participation Law		
<b>Country:</b>	BOLIVIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	605
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-May-1999	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 3.984
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	30-Jul-1999	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The programme will remove barriers to the successful implementation of rural electrification projects using renewable energy technology. By focussing on the financial, institutional, technical and human resource barriers, the Program will be sustainable and replicable in other areas of the country. Because of the socio-economic and institutional diversity found in rural Bolivia, as well as the innovative nature of the Program, the experiences in each community will be carefully documented and evaluated in order to identify the most viable and cost-effective options to meet the goals of renewable rural electrification. The proposed Program will establish 22 electrification projects in Bolivia's rural areas. Using historical data of CO2 emissions generated by the normally utilized diesel generation equipment, it is estimated that the average municipal-level project of this program will avoid the production of approximately 50,59 MT of CO2 for each year of the operation. In this manner, the 22 projects will contribute to avoid the production of nearly 21,000MT of CO2 during a 25 year period. Additionally, through the use of the funds recovered by the revolving fund, another 47 projects can be implemented in the next 25 years.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Strengthening of national capacities, systematic observation networks assessment, and technological need assessment to address climate change		
<b>Country:</b>	BOLIVIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1316
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	09-Jun-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.285
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Aug-2000	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project will enable Bolivia to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			



<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs		
<b>Country:</b>	BOLIVIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1317
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Jul-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.450
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	13-Jul-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 & 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conserving Biodiversity and Promoting Sustainable Resource Use within Original Community Territories (TCOs) in the Amoro-Madidi Biological Corridor		
<b>Country:</b>	BOLIVIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1800
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	22-Feb-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.050
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	14-Apr-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The overall objective of the proposed project is to create the capacity, as well as meaningful incentives, to conserve the rich and unique biodiversity within the corridor extending between Amboró and Madidi National Parks, two of Bolivia's most biologically significant areas. By focusing on the areas outside of these and other protected areas within the corridor, and by enhancing the capacity of the primary entities recently given responsibility for the management of these areas, the project will help to reduce pressures on the parks, and will enhance protection of natural ecosystems containing important populations of wildlife within the corridor, while ultimately enhancing the well-being of the area's human inhabitants.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	On-farm Conservation of Andean Roots and Tubers and their wild Progenitors in the Kallawayá Region, an Ancient Center of Crop Origin and Domestication		
<b>Country:</b>	BOLIVIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1866
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP

		<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	24-Sep-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.018
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	08-Oct-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Lita Paparoni
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This project aims at promoting (i) the conservation and assessment of biological diversity of wild species, semidomesticated and domesticated roots and tubers, originally from the kallawayas region, and (ii) the development of a management plan presenting sustainable alternatives of organization, production, transformation and commercialization of these roots and tuber. This project will support a pilot program of integrated management for the establishment of a Protected Area, with the participation of native inhabitants.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	BOLIVIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2719
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	04-Jun-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.20
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	10-Dec-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project will be carried out using a participatory approach of consultations with actors and those in charge of policy decision-making at different levels (local, subnational, national) and interaction downwards from above and upwards from below. The project will, however, place its greatest emphasis on the coherence of local environmental policies, thereby responding to the paradigm of local sustainable development focused on the human being, proposed in Bolivia's current General Plan for Social and Economic Development (PGDES) of the country.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

## BRAZIL

<b>Project Name:</b>	Promoting Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in the Frontier Forest Mato-Grosso		
<b>Country:</b>	BRAZIL	<b>Project Number:</b>	540
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Mar-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 7.624
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	16-Apr-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

### Project Description:

The long-term goal of this project is the consolidation in northwest Mato Grosso (an area comparable in size to Panama) of an integrated matrix of different land uses consisting of contiguous blocks of intact primary forest cover on private lands, corridors of secondary regeneration and more intensive agrosilvopastoral systems and permanent forest management. Accelerated development pressures currently threaten the globally significant biodiversity in this area mainly due to the absence of a coherent land-use planning framework (coordinated across municipalities) that can curtail unplanned settlement and development, and the existence of significant barriers to adoption of agroforestry and sustainable forest management systems. If current trends are allowed to continue unchecked, the default scenario is one of extreme habitat destruction, and the loss of native forests over the coming decade is expected to extend over 20,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The project will demonstrate a widely replicable, integrated approach to the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity on private lands to mitigate this default scenario and secure global benefits through the conservation of native and endemic floral and faunal species in forested areas and soils. Project outputs will include a greater emphasis on biodiversity protection in ecological-economic zoning and the identification of high biodiversity areas for protection. There will also be strengthened municipal planning, development of supportive policies and instruments and monitoring through the incorporation of biodiversity conservation values. The project will help to remove barriers to the adoption of systems, practices and management techniques that integrate non-timber forest products and mitigate unsustainable pressures on biologically diverse habitats.

### Project Operational Status:

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses for Urban Transport		
<b>Country:</b>	BRAZIL	<b>Project Number:</b>	543
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	20-Dec-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 12.618
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	06-Nov-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

### Project Description:

This project is to help accelerate the commercialization of fuel cell buses that can use hydrogen (or hydrogen

carriers) produced from renewable resources. It is anticipated that reaching commercially-mature cost levels will allow such buses to play major roles in the urban mass transit systems of Brazil and other countries, thereby helping to reduce the emission of a variety of pollutants, of which carbon dioxide is the most important from a global perspective. While fuel cell bus technology can be considered technically demonstrated, costs are not yet down to commercially-mature levels. Additional development and increased volume of production are needed to reduce costs.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Demonstrations of Integrated Ecosystem and Watershed Management in the Caatinga		
<b>Country:</b>	BRAZIL	<b>Project Number:</b>	609
<b>Focal Area:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem Management	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	09-Jan-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.100
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	03-Feb-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET

**Project Description:**

The goal of this project is to develop a biome-level framework for the integrated ecosystem management of the Caatinga Tropical Dry Forest of Brazil by implementing a mix of site-specific demonstrations at the State level and multi-sector capacity building actions to enhance their replication throughout the biome, increasing the sustainability of baseline development and poverty alleviation programmes and the capture of multiple global benefits. Significant Climate Change benefits will be incurred through carbon emission avoidance and increased carbon capture - the former through reduction of deforestation rates and increased efficiency of transformation and final end-use of Caatinga biomass, and the latter through reforestation of degraded lands. Biodiversity benefits will be achieved through supporting actions to enhance ecosystem integrity and conservation at the landscape level establishing ecological corridors between key existing protected areas using different management tools. Project actions will also produce critical watershed conservation in a drought prone area, halting land degradation and the advance of desertification.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	MSP Establishment of Private Reserve Heritage Reserves (RPPNs) in the Brazilian Cerrado Biome- MEDIUM < 750		
<b>Country:</b>	BRAZIL	<b>Project Number:</b>	1209
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	16-Oct-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.750
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Apr-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project aims at the expansion of the protected areas in the Cerrado Region in order to enhance biodiversity conservation, through the implementation of Private Natural Heritage Reserves, involving private owners and NGOs in the area. Project sites are located near the Chapada dos Veadeiros National Park and Grande Sertão Veredas National Park. This project aims at the expansion of the protected areas in the Cerrado Region in order to enhance biodiversity conservation. The project will (i) establish four Private Natural Heritage Reserves (RPPNs) with management plans; (ii) prepare and implement an awareness program in order to disseminate to other landowners and associations the best practices and lessons learned; (iii) prepare and implement an awareness program viewing local communities support in the participation of the RPPN project; (iv) train technical staff from RPPN in protected areas planning and management, and ecotourism development; and (v) establish a RPPN support network, consisting of RPPN managers, NGOs, relevant government staff members and local communities.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan		
<b>Country:</b>	BRAZIL	<b>Project Number:</b>	1318
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	15-Sep-1997	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.943
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Mar-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 & 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation of the Brazilian Coastal Atlantic Rainforest in Guaraquecaba: Strengthening of collaborative management regimes in a mosaic of protected areas		
<b>Country:</b>	BRAZIL	<b>Project Number:</b>	2993
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	07-Jul-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.025
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET

**Project Description:**

This project is located in an area of globally significant coastal Atlantic forest in the south east of Brazil. It would focus on removing barriers to successful co-management (private-public and different levels of government) of the multi-use Protected Area including regulatory and normative issues, building capacity of the multi-stakeholder

management committee, and increasing awareness to facilitate broader stakeholder participation. It would also strengthen monitoring functions of the reserve and some demonstration of sustainable agriculture in areas that permit this land-use. In addition to delivering biodiversity benefits in the area, it would contribute to the long term sustainability of the National Protected Areas System as it would be a demonstration of how to best improve management of APAs. This is a category that is increasingly common in the new System but that has faced considerable management challenges given that there are normally such a wide range of stakeholders involved.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

## CHILE

<b>Project Name:</b>	Chile: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	545
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	03-Jul-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.450
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Chile to meet its reporting obligations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Ecosystem Management of the Salar del Huasco for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use outside Protected Areas		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1319
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Sep-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.860
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	15-Jan-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
This project aims at the conservation of global significant biodiversity in Salar del Huasco and its buffer zones in Region I of Tarapaca, in Chile, through the preparation and implementation of a participatory management and environmental conservation Plan. In addition, the project shall identify sustainable alternatives to development of local communities which inhabit in the Salar area.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Barrier Removal for Rural Electrification with Renewable Energies.		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1320

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<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Jun-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 6.809
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	12-Sep-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will help remove the existing barriers to the use of Non-Conventional Renewable Energies (NCRE) within the framework of the National Rural Electrification Program of Chile, by developing a set of activities that will allow for a decrease in the greenhouse gas emissions produced by energy sources in rural areas and improve the living conditions of rural communities. By means of co-funding and a Financing Mechanism, approximately 10,370 households out of a total household market of 74,000 will be supplied with electricity. This project also aims to generate, within rural electrification, the market conditions that will allow for the reduction of emissions produced by diesel-fueled electricity systems. The desired effect is to establish the market conditions for the NCRE to develop in rural and urban areas.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Biodiversity Conservation in Altos de Cantillana, Chile		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1668
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	17-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.956
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET

**Project Description:**

The proposed project would establish the Cantillana Highlands as a nature sanctuary, preserving the natural conditions of an area. This project would also be a model for developing and strengthening Chile's system of national parks and establishing other nature sanctuaries. The project would have three components: (i) Biodiversity conservation for the Cantillana Highlands Nature Sanctuary; (ii) Biodiversity conservation and sustainable alternative livelihoods; and (iii) To incorporate components of biodiversity conservation into local and provincial development plans, provision of frameworks for the replication of these initiatives and provision for sustainability of biodiversity conservation.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and Country Report to the CoP		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1698
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP



		<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Feb-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.271
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	10-Mar-2000	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
This project will assist the Government of Chile to bridge the gap between current activities and the capable identification, conservation and management of Chile's biological diversity, through the preparation of the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and First National Communication to COP.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation of Valdivian Temperate Forest Ecoregion Biodiversity		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	1859
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	18-Jun-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.334
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	01-Dec-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET
<b>Project Description:</b>			
This project aims at preparing and implementing a conservation plan for the Bosque Templado Valdiviano Region in Chile, through the following components: (i) promotion of in-situ conservation, (ii) rehabilitation of degraded areas and species recuperation, (iii) non-wood use of forest, (iv) control of invasive exotic species, (v) environmental education, (vi) prevention of forest fires and (vii) promotion of a Fund for Biodiversity Conservation.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conserving Globally Significant Biodiversity along the Chilean Coast		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	2041
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	02-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 3.872
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	08-Jun-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET

**Project Description:**

The project will establish three Multiple Use Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MUMPAs) with the purpose of demonstrating integrated management of marine and coastal resources, and building capacities for their management and replication. The three areas have been chosen for their distinct biodiversity and for the range of challenges covered and will be entirely replicable in future MUMPAs along the Chilean coast. The MUMPAs will be established in conjunction with Regional Governments and co-managed by local stakeholders.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	2900
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	30-Dec-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.20
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	27-Dec-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

The purpose of this initiative is to conduct a self-assessment of Chile's current capacities ; that is, identify the country's needs, limitations and opportunities concerning the international commitments assumed in relation to the conservation of biological diversity, land degradation and the processes of climate change. The project's point of departure is to identify the country's present deficiencies or lack of capacities to fulfil the international commitments in relation to the three conventions and, on the basis of their identification and consideration, establish the basic activities to be implemented in a time horizon of 5 to 10 years.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Building a comprehensive National Protected Areas System for Chile		
<b>Country:</b>	CHILE	<b>Project Number:</b>	3444
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	19-May-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.312
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

GoC has requested UNDP assistance in the preparation of a proposal to establish a comprehensive and sustainable National Protected System expanding the existing system of public PAs to include those under a range of different ownerships such as private sector and indigenous communities, within an integrated and sustainable framework. This will form the umbrella framework of a series of BD 1 projects in Chile. An evaluation of the

feasibility of this programme approach is being finalized prior to defining the specific objectives of this Project and requesting official UNDP pipeline entry of the project. Although Chile has had a long history of protected areas, this is the first time there has been such clear coordination and cross sectoral interest in setting up a comprehensive and sustainable National System of Protected Areas. The GEF project would to overcome the barriers that undermine the sustainability of the current system and provide the framework in which a broader system can grow. CONAMA has advanced an initial assessment of these barriers, and of the main pillars needed in such a system, in conjunction with key institutions that would play a role within it. A short outline of this possible project and an idea of the range activities required for the full development are posted in the attachments

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

**COLOMBIA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation of Montane Forest and Paramo in the Colombian Massif		
<b>Country:</b>	COLOMBIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1321
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Dec-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.150
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	16-Jan-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project is a two-phased initiative structured to conserve biodiversity in six globally outstanding ecoregions converging in the heart of the Colombian Massif by designing, and rendering operational, a broad-based Massif Protected Area System (MPAS). Three National Parks, comprising the Andean Biosphere Reserve and protecting 3,750 km<sup>2</sup> of the Massif above 2000 m.a.s.l., will be operating with increased efficiency and in close coordination with local communities under the framework of jointly developed management plans for park and buffer zones. To this end, the project will establish the necessary mechanisms and processes to effectively decentralize and broaden stakeholder involvement and responsibility in protected area management. In an area encompassing seven distinct indigenous groups (27% of the country's indigenous population), conservation compatible land-use practices, enriched with traditional knowledge of biodiversity use, will be employed in buffer zones and in the areas forming corridors between the targeted parks. These corridors will comprise an additional 1,500 km<sup>2</sup> under a mosaic of land uses, including private reserves, conservation areas within peasant farms, and indigenous reserves, all providing critical habitat requirements within the overall greater ecosystem. In addition, a further 5,750 km<sup>2</sup> will be placed under conservation by way of three new large protected areas of different management categories and regimes including combinations of indigenous, private, municipal, and national authorities. These efforts will raise the area of natural forest and paramos under protection in the Massif to at least 11,000 km<sup>2</sup>, or over 50% of the project area, ensuring considerable benefits to global biodiversity, carbon storage values, as well as significant contributions to protection of important watersheds. The result will be an archipelago of wildland areas of appropriate size and shape, providing sufficient connectivity in the landscape to ensure adaptive potential to change, migration and dispersal, all nested within bioregional, social and community development programmes. The project, to be executed in two phases, provides a framework for regional conservation firmly embedded in a significant sustainable development baseline, thereby ensuring global biodiversity benefits over the long-term.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Colombia: Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	COLOMBIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2035
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Sep-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.445
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will enable Colombia to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Second National Communication to the UNFCCC		
<b>Country:</b>	COLOMBIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3534
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	25-May-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	18-Jul-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation			

***COSTA RICA***

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Off-Grid Electrification Programme Based on Renewable Energy Sources (PHASE I)		
<b>Country:</b>	COSTA RICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1322
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	05-Oct-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 1.148
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The overall objective is to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) by promoting the use of decentralized renewable energy systems in areas isolated from the National Interconnected System (SNI) of Costa Rica. The project will help remove existing barriers that prevent the utilization of renewable energy sources in remote rural areas that are inaccessible through conventional grid extensions. This will be achieved in two phases. Phase I will focus on the creation of a systematic approach within the Costa Rican energy sector to rural electrification with renewable energy. This will include the creation of an institutional, financial, and regulatory environment supportive of renewable energy. Phase II will focus on the implementation of this approach by including renewable energy projects within the national initiative to reach all Costa Rican households with modern sources of electricity. As a result, it is expected that 329 communities will receive electricity through either micro-hydro or photovoltaic systems, reducing CO2 emissions by estimated 210 thousand tons over the project lifetime.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES FOR THE COCOS ISLAND MARINE CONSERVATION AREA		
<b>Country:</b>	COSTA RICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1332
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Apr-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.975
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	02-Apr-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will improve the management of the Cocos Island Marine Conservation Area (CIMCA) (including the terrestrial component of the Island), strengthen associated conservation practices and the enabling environment to ensure long-term reduction to the threats to the Island, promote sustainable development of its natural resources and conservation of its globally important biodiversity.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Second National Communication to the UNFCCC		
<b>Country:</b>	COSTA RICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2632
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	03-Sep-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.350
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Feb-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Catherine Vallee	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project aims at assisting in the preparation of the Second National Communication for Costa Rica, in particular through gathering of information on GHG inventory and cost-effectiveness studies on abatement options. The project will enhance national capacity to implement abatement and/or adaptation options and disseminate information on climate changes issues to the general public.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self - Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	COSTA RICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2789
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	03-Nov-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.20
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	29-Mar-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

In the case of Costa Rica, the main purpose of national self-assessment, consists in determining the country's priorities and necessities in strengthening its capacity to solve global environmental problems in the areas of concern (climate change, land degradation, and biodiversity), it is fundamental to catalyze internal and/or external aid to attend to necessities in a planned and coordinated way, checking and validating the priorities that have been identified, with an emphasis on governmental institutional capacity.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Regional Program on Electrical Energy Efficiency in Industrial and Commercial Service Sectors in 7 Countries in Central America		
<b>Country:</b>	COSTA RICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2819

<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	05-Feb-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 2.530
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	14-Jul-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

The main objective of the proposed GEF project is to identify and remove the main barriers that inhibit the implementation of energy efficiency measures in the industrial and commercial service sectors, in order to reduce CO2 emissions and decelerate electricity demand growth, while making the industrial and commercial service sectors more competitive.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Overcoming barriers to sustainability of Costa Rica's Protected Areas System		
<b>Country:</b>	COSTA RICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3423
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	19-May-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.335
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The objective of this project is to catalyze the financial, social, administrative and environmental sustainability of Costa Rica's system of protected areas, both Marine PAs and terrestrial PAs. In spite of Costa Rica's ample experience with protected area systems, the sustainability of the SINAC is still a challenge in many ways. This project will help Costa Rica a state-of-the-art PA system with sustainability at all levels.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under Implementation.



## CUBA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Demonstration of Innovative Approaches to the Rehabilitation of Heavily Contaminated Bays in the Wider Caribbean - Phase I		
<b>Country:</b>	CUBA	<b>Project Number:</b>	577
<b>Focal Area:</b>	INTERNATIONAL WATERS	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Dec-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.039
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The objective of this project is to develop an integrated remedial action plan for the management and rehabilitation of each of the selected bays. This will be achieved through a series of pre-feasibility studies addressing the principal factors that have lead to the present environmental degradation. By doing so the project will not provide viable alternatives for the restoration and management of the selected bays and adjacent coastal areas, but also include a regional dimension to ensure replicability in other Caribbean countries facing similar conditions.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Co-generation of Electricity and Steam Using Sugarcane Bagasse and Trash		
<b>Country:</b>	CUBA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1324
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	24-Apr-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$12.515
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	20-Feb-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The global objective of the proposed project is to reduce Cuba's energy-related CO2 emissions by substituting biomass (sugarcane bagasse and trash) for fuel oil in power generation. This will be achieved by project activities designed to remove barriers to the nation-wide deployment of steam and power co-generation using sugarcane bagasse and trash as fuel. The project will develop the legal and financial instruments necessary to demonstrate the technical, economic, and financial feasibility of establishing joint enterprises to co-generate steam and electricity by using biomass-fired CEST technology. It will thereby remove the barriers to the large-scale replication of this technology in Cuba.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Enabling Cuba to prepare its Initial National Communication in Response to the UNFCCC		
<b>Country:</b>	CUBA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1325
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	18-Aug-1998	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.153
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	05-Mar-1999	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Cuba to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Priority Actions to Consolidate Biodiversity Protection in the Sabana-Camaguey Ecosystem -FULL		
<b>Country:</b>	CUBA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1326
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	16-Nov-1999	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 3.889
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	17-Nov-1999	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project is aimed at supporting the incorporation of biodiversity concerns into integrated coastal zone management. This consolidation phase project focuses on the northern archipelago of the Sabana-Camaguey Ecosystem (SCE) in central Cuba, which harbors marine and terrestrial biodiversity of global significance. The diversity is threatened principally by conventional tourism development, and more locally and to a much lesser extent, from over-fishing and agro-industrial pollution. The successfully completed of the first stage of the GEF-funded project (1993-1997) established the scientific and institutional foundations for biodiversity conservation through integrated management of the entire SCE.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Strengthening the National System of Protected Areas		
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<b>Country:</b>	CUBA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2186
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Feb-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$2.145
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Mar-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project would conserve highly representative assemblages of four globally significant ecoregions in Cuba (Dry Forest, Pine Forest, Moist Forest and Wetland), all classified as the highest priority for conservation. As the largest remnants of these ecoregions are found within protected areas that are still relatively free from anthropogenic pressures, the alternative course of action would seek to strengthen the National System of Protected Areas (SNAP) as the most cost-effective means of conserving these global values. The project would take action, at a demonstration level, to provide both immediate short-term benefits and lessons that could be replicated through the system. This would be achieved through a two pronged approach in which site-specific actions would be undertaken in one pilot protected area per ecoregion and complementary actions delivered system-wide to raise capacities for replication of lessons.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Mainstreaming and Sustaining Biodiversity Conservation in three Productive Sectors of the Sabana Camaguey Ecosystem		
<b>Country:</b>	CUBA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3254
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	18-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	11-May-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will work with artisan fishery and tourism stakeholders in the archipelago of Sabana Camaguey to promote and develop policies and practices that are in line with the biodiversity conservation goals in the region. This will include the development of an integrated plan for the region with differentiated user restrictions across the broader seascape, the consolidation of a Coastal Zone Management Authority to oversee implementation and related policies , capacity building of local stakeholders in conservation oriented fishing arts and ecotourism practices.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

## DOMINICA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Expedited Financing of Climate Change Enabling Activities (Phase II)		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	784
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Mar-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.269
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Dominica to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under Implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Dominica Biodiversity Enabling Activity Add-on: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs & Country Specific Priorities		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	785
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	23-Sep-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.199
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	22-Oct-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 & 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3410
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP

<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	01-Jun-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>Land degradation has long been recognized as a serious problem in Dominica. Since 1898, strict legislation has been in place to implement sustainable land use practices. At present, Dominica has three national parks and maintains the highest percentage of forest cover, 60%, in the Caribbean. However, increasing pressures on the land due to livelihood challenges, economic demands and climatic variability have led to exacerbation of the land degradation problem. The Sub-Regional Common Assessment reported in 2003 that 40% of the population of Dominica was poor and 15% indigent. About 50% of the poor households are female headed and extract a living mainly from the land. Because &gt; 70% of the land consist of slopes &gt; 350, peasants are forced to farm on these steep slopes exposing the land to erosion. The absence of a comprehensive strategy to tackle this problem accounts for approximately 14% of the land being vulnerable to degradation. The LCD-SIDS Portfolio Project offers an excellent opportunity for Dominica to remove some of its barriers to sustainable land management.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Expedited Financing of Climate Change Enabling Activities (Phase II)		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	<b>Project Number:</b>	1327
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Jan-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.269
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Dominica to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	<b>Project Number:</b>	2728
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	29-Aug-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.025
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The purpose of the NCSA activity is to provide the Dominican Republic the opportunity to conduct a thorough self assessment and analysis of national capacity needs, priorities and constraints facing national endeavors to meet global environmental management objectives as set forth in the Rio conventions and related international instruments. It will facilitate a cross-sectoral process of consultations, stocktaking, sequencing and prioritization of capacity needs, especially for identifying critical constraints that impede the country from fully meeting its objectives under the aforementioned conventions. Specific objectives to be accomplished through the NCSA will include identification of priority issues for action within and across the thematic areas of biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation, catalyzing targeted and coordinated actions to address the identified constraints and triggering proposals for future external funding. Furthermore, the NCSA process will serve to link country actions to protect the global environment with the broader national environmental management and sustainable development framework. At a time when the NEAP is at its final stage and is ready to be promoted, adopted and integrated, the development of an NCSA proposal will build upon the process initiated by the NEAP to ensure adequate use of existing information and to facilitate the development of a holistic approach to address global environmental issues.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Reversing Land Degradation in the Upper Sabana Yegua (RDT-Sabana Yegua)		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	<b>Project Number:</b>	3185
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Date:</b>	<b>Approval</b> 25-Jun-2004	<b>GEF (\$m)</b>	<b>Allocation:</b> \$ 4.435
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	11-Aug-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Paula Caballero

**Project Description:**

The development of the southwestern Dominican Republic depends on the natural capital within the Upper Sabana Yegua region. That capital is diminished due to land degradation caused by anthropogenic activities in fragile ecosystems whose structure and integrity is now compromised. The project will facilitate sustainable land management in the Upper Sabana Yegua through the creation of policies, practices, and incentives for financially and environmentally sound activities in harmony with the recommended land use and bio-climatic conditions of the ecosystem.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Re-engineering of the Dominican Republic Protected Areas System		
<b>Country:</b>	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	<b>Project Number:</b>	3424
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Aug-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.025
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will assist the government of the Dominican Republic in strengthening and catalyzing the sustainability of its system of protected areas. The national system comprises of about 70 protected areas, of which only half has some kind of actual protection. Almost no PA has adequate management. The project will place special emphasis on the financial sustainability of the PA system, including exploiting the eco-tourism potential to finance PA management. DR is one of the largest tourist destinations in the Caribbean.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.





## ECUADOR

<b>Project Name:</b>	Ecuador: Renewable Energy for Electricity Generation - Technical Assistance for Renewable Electrification of the Galapagos Islands		
<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	1295
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	04-Dec-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.100
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	10-Apr-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

### Project Description:

The project aims at reducing Ecuador's energy-related CO2 emissions by introducing PV and wind energy as a substitute for fossil fuel (mainly diesel) utilised in electricity generation, specifically for the Galapagos Archipelago. In addition, the project will substantially decrease the volume of diesel annually shipped to the island, thereby reducing the environmental threat of an oil spill that can cause great damage to the biodiversity found in and around the coastal ecosystem of the islands. The activities proposed in the project are designed to remove barriers to the development and utilisation of renewable energy for electricity generation, initially in Galapagos but eventually in the nation as a whole. The project will develop local capacity to identify technical and financing options and to formulate the regulatory, institutional and financial instruments necessary to demonstrate the technical, economic, and financial viability of establishing joint ventures to generate electricity utilising renewable energy to supply mini-grids or feed into large grids.

### Project Operational Status:

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity and Action Plan ENABLING		
<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	1347
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	27-Apr-1998	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.289
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	01-Jun-1999	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

### Project Description:

The enabling activity project will help formulate a National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (BSAP) , and enable Ecuador to meet its obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

### Project Operational Status:

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Integrated Programme for the Control of Introduced Species in Galapagos Archipelago		
<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	1349
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	25-Apr-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 18.300
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Oct-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The full-scale project will establish the integrated programme for the control of introduced species, as a comprehensive operational framework for investment and technical assistance aimed at preventing new introductions to the archipelago; controlling specific alien species; and eradicating key alien species that are particularly damaging to endemic biodiversity.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			
<b>Project Name:</b>	Galapagos Oil Spill - Environmental Rehabilitation and Conservation		
<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	2209
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	05-Apr-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.530
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	14-Jun-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>On the evening of the 16th of January the tanker Jessica ran aground off San Cristobal Island, rupturing its holds and spilling its cargo into the sea. Oil spills have both chemical (toxic), and physical impacts on the surrounding ecology. The GEF will respond in 2 ways: (1) it will provide immediate funding to meet the needs expressed by the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) and the Ministry of Environment in annex A and B, to mitigate the environmental impacts of the oil spill on the ecology of the Galapagos; (2) the GEF will develop and fund a one year Work Plan to assist to restore the ecology of island and help enhance contingency and prevention plans against similar incidents in the future.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			
<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		

<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	2721
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	26-Feb-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	02-Jul-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) will identify priority national capacity development needs and existing barriers, so as to address them effectively in the context of global environmental management. Although the NCSA will concentrate on three thematic areas (biodiversity, climate change and desertification), it will also serve as a means of exploring the synergies among them in order to identify capacity development activities that will have a major impact on environmental management.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

**Project Name:** Catalyzing the Sustainability of the National Protected Area System by Conserving Biodiversity in Bordering Private Forests

<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	3226
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	17-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.050
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	18-Apr-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paporoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will establish the necessary mechanisms and capacity building measures for effective community conservation of biodiversity in private native forests, whilst promoting the development and application of alternative sustainable uses of forest BD to benefit participating communities. Specific alternatives will be defined during the preparation of the project and will be implemented in the management plans for each native forest.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

**Project Name:** Greenhouse Gas Reduction through Bicycle Transportation in Quito

<b>Country:</b>	ECUADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	3503
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP

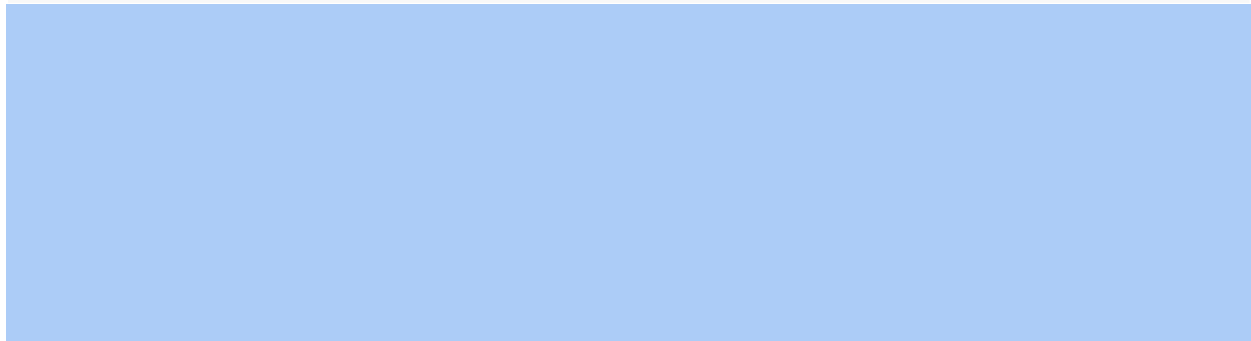
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	29-Mar-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.036
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

Building upon the City of Quito's priorities, the GEF project will provide financing for initiatives that ensure the long-term environmental sustainability of the city's transportation program. The Municipality's commitment to address transport problems in Quito will result in substantial results on the ground of infrastructure investment and urban transport policy reforms. The GEF will contribute to the project by promoting an integrated approach to the problem that addresses global environmental concerns in the context of the city's needs, thus resulting in an overall reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.



## ***EL SALVADOR***

<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of capacity building needs and country specific priorities in biodiversity in El Salvador		
<b>Country:</b>	EL SALVADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	532
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	11-May-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.423
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	20-Jul-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This Enabling Activity is to help El Salvador to formulate the strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of its biodiversity in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary output will be the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The Top-Up proposal aims at evaluating existing needs and proposing, based upon national consensus, a program of institutional and human resources capacity building for the execution of priority activities for learning about and using Salvadoran biodiversity.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Bicycles for public transportation in representative urban centers in El Salvador		
<b>Country:</b>	EL SALVADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	2251
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	19-Jun-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.025
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The proposal of a Medium Sized Project has as its global objective to reduce GHG emissions, particular of CO<sub>2</sub>, due to the consumption of diesel and gasoline in the motorized transportation sector of El Salvador, through a broad range of integrated activities that can lead to overcoming the barriers that prevent the massive use of bicycles and other means of non-motorized transport. The proposed technology for NMT is the use of bicycles, cargo tricycles and other cycle-mechanisms for the everyday transportation of small loads, and for providing services (taxi-cycles, messenger services, productive uses, traveling salespersons, etc.) and persons, avoiding the use of light motorized vehicles that consume diesel oil and gasoline, in five to seven urban centers of 4 departments, i.e.: San Salvador, San Vicente, Cuscatlan and San Miguel. These departments present climatic conditions, topography and a well-diversified socio-economic environment to develop the proposed alternative. This project, with the support of GEF, is expected to play a catalytic role in helping to solve over the long term the sustainability problems associated with the transport sector in El Salvador through a sustained modal shift to NMT, embedded in the National Plan for Land Use Management and Development.</p>			

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Second National Communication to the UNFCCC		
<b>Country:</b>	EL SALVADOR	<b>Project Number:</b>	3351
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Oct-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Oct-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

## GRENADA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Grenada Biodiversity Enabling Activities: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs and Country Specific Priorities		
<b>Country:</b>	GRENADA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1350
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	20-Mar-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.339
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	09-Sep-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

### Project Description:

This Enabling Activity is to help Grenada to formulate the strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Grenada's biodiversity in accordance with articles 6 & 8 of the CBD, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The add-on module will help the country in undertaking assessments of capacity building needs and priorities for implementing the CBD.

### Project Operational Status:

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.

<b>Project Name:</b>	GRENADA: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	GRENADA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1351
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Nov-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.284
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

### Project Description:

The project will enable Grenada to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.

### Project Operational Status:

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self Assessment for Global Environment Management		
<b>Country:</b>	GRENADA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2723

<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	20-Feb-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	13-Oct-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

The NCSA process will therefore serve to provide the opportunity for Grenada to undertake self-assessment and analysis of capacity needs, priorities and constraints facing its efforts to satisfy global environment objectives as set out in the Rio Conventions. The process will facilitate a cross-sectoral process of consultations, sequencing and prioritization of capacity needs especially for identifying bottlenecks or gaps that could prevent the country from fully meeting its objectives under the relevant conventions.

**Project Operational Status:**

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.



## GUATEMALA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Definition of national priorities and assessment of capacity building needs in biodiversity in Guatemala.		
<b>Country:</b>	GUATEMALA	<b>Project Number:</b>	534
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Apr-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.439
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This Enabling Activity will help Guatemala to formulate the strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of its biodiversity in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary output will be the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The principal task of this project will be to 1) conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing information on biodiversity in the country, 2) implement a participatory, strategic planning process and develop priorities for action in protecting Guatemala's biodiversity, 3) prepare the first National Report for submission to the CoP.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Consolidating a system of Municipal Regional Parks (MRPs) in Guatemala's Western Plateau		
<b>Country:</b>	GUATEMALA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1458
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	15-Oct-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.995
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Jul-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The goal of the proposed project is to enhance protected areas coverage, connectivity and ecological representation of globally significant forested ecoregions in Guatemala's Western Plateau. This project will enhance decentralized and participatory conservation management in Guatemala by expanding and consolidating a network of municipal regional parks (MRPs) in the Western Plateau region. In doing so, it will: expand coverage and connectivity of municipal protected areas in the Western Plateau, consolidate and formalize municipal conservation efforts in the Western Plateau and develop municipal-community partnerships capable of managing and operating MRPs, improving public compliance, and promoting adoption sustainable resource use activities in the vicinity of municipal protected areas.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Self-assessment of the National Needs for Capacity Building for the Implementation of the United Nations Conventions on Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Desertification and Drought.		
<b>Country:</b>	GUATEMALA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2729
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	27-Aug-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	29-Mar-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

This project seeks to identify the needs and priorities in strengthening national, institutional and individual capacities enabling optimal use of resources through planning and coordination in the implementation of common and/or complementary actions related to the Conventions and their linkages to national environmental themes.

**Project Operational Status:**

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Productive Uses of Renewable Energy (PURE)		
<b>Country:</b>	GUATEMALA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3186
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	08-Aug-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$3.00
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

Productive Uses of Renewable Energy in Guatemala: 1. The project – “Productive Uses of Renewable Energy in Guatemala” is based on the need to match the potential of Guatemala’s vast renewable energy resources with the unmet demand for modern, reliable energy for productive uses in rural communities. 2. Productive uses of renewable energy will help to alleviate poverty and increase the standard of living for the rural poor. Currently, there is slow growth in energy consumption for productive uses due to lack of access to reliable energy sources, lack of information, lack of education and lack of access to credit and financing guarantees. There is a need to provide information and to demonstrate how renewable energy can contribute to greater productivity and sustainability. By demonstrating that energy is an essential input in production processes, investment in renewable energies will become more appealing, both to private energy generators and to end users in small and medium sized businesses. 3. In the policy framework, there are two laws that will be supported through the proposed project: (1) distributed generation to create access to the grid for generation plants, mainly with renewable energy; (2) a national bioenergy law, urgently needed because more than 50% of primary energy consumption comes from firewood. Guatemala has begun a regulatory process to level the playing field among all potential energy sources. The project will feed into this process to ensure that the renewable energy sources are

incorporated into the national energy mix. 4. There is a strong interest and a set of initial activities in Guatemala within the framework of GVEP (Global Village Energy Partnership). GVEP has as an objective the reduction of poverty through the use of modern energy services. The programme in Guatemala has an integral approach, where the need for electric power is identified in all sectors (i.e. education, health, agriculture, communications etc.), and energy is provided to satisfy the identified demand. The proposed full-size project continues this line of action in productive uses of renewable energy, where productivity is geared on a demand basis. The fundamental concept is to promote renewable energy in communities where the value of produced goods will be enhanced through productive uses. The project will link the producers of the value added goods these communities with national and global markets. This will secure additional income, thus alleviating poverty in these areas and providing resources to ensure the sustainability of the renewable energy initiatives.

**Project Operational Status:**

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

<b>Project Name:</b>	Reversing Land Degradation in Drought Vulnerable Departments and Indigenous Territories		
<b>Country:</b>	GUATEMALA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3240
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	24-May-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.50
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	02-Jun-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

There are important baseline activities in Guatemala, such as reforestation, agro-forestry, (in areas of available soil moisture) and territorial planning. The effectiveness of those activities is limited by the following barriers: i) inaccessibility to and sustainability of incentives and finance SLM, ii) institutional capacity gaps at the department, municipal, and community levels, iii) technology gaps to implement sustainable dryland home and small farm agro-forestry, and iv) inaccessibility of alternative and environmentally sound income generating options. A GEF project is needed to remove the barriers at the Departmental, Municipal, and community levels and enable SLM by: i) Developing policies based on territorial planning, ii) Creation of Sustainable mechanisms to finance SLM, iii) Developing technology that will enable tree establishment at the home and small farm levels in the driest communities, iv) Identifying alternative income generating opportunities.

**Project Operational Status:**

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

**REGIONAL GUATEMALA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Conservation into Coffee Production and Sales through Private Sector Certification and Sourcing Partnerships		
<b>Country:</b>	GUATEMALA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3083
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	20-Dec-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.640
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	18-Feb-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Andrew Bovarnick	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Andrew Bovarnick
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This demand-driven GEF project will work with selected coffee companies to scale-up sales of certified sustainable coffee into mainstream and niche markets, providing a stream of economic benefits to coffee farmers and workers on all sizes of farms and promoting biodiversity conservation. The project will work with major coffee roasters, traders, and specialty coffee importers to increase the volumes of Rainforest Alliance (RA) certified coffee sourced from Latin America. At the end of the project period, it is anticipated that the participating companies will purchase 1-5 % of their total coffee supplies from RA-certified producers; this would represent at least a triple the volume of current RA-certified coffee and a very significant increase in the total global volume of all certified coffee.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

## GUYANA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Enabling Guyana to prepare its First National Communication in response to its Commitment to the UNFCCC -ENABLING		
<b>Country:</b>	GUYANA	<b>Project Number:</b>	683
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	27-Oct-1997	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.197
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	05-Jun-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Guyana to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and report to the CBD-ENABLING		
<b>Country:</b>	GUYANA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1353
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	16-Dec-1997	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.083
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	05-Jul-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The enabling activity project will help formulate a National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (BSAP) , and enable Guyana to meet its obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme		
<b>Country:</b>	GUYANA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1437
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP

<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	23-Feb-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.430
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	26-Apr-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

This project aims at removing barriers to renewable energy utilisation in the Caribbean. Through specific actions to overcome policy, finance, capacity and awareness barriers it is estimated that the contribution of renewable energy sources to the region's energy balance will be significantly increased. Currently, renewable energy provides less than 2% of the region's commercial electricity. It is estimated that due to the planned barrier removal activities the share of renewable energy could reach 5% by 2015. This would imply annual reductions of CO2 emissions by some 680,000 tons. Part of the GEF funding will be used through non-grant instruments to remove incremental risks related to RE investments thus improving the cost-effectiveness of the GEF resource utilisation. Participating countries: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	GUYANA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2864
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Jul-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	02-Mar-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

Throuh the NCSA project, Guyana will be aimed at identifying and characterizing critical capacity constraints relevant to effective environmental management in Guyana, and to develop a plan of action to address these constraints so that national capacity is enhanced in a sustainable and efficient manner.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

## HAITI

<b>Project Name:</b>	Removing barriers and creating conditions for the development of mini and micro hydroelectricity projects.		
<b>Country:</b>	HAITI	<b>Project Number:</b>	2820
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	29-Jun-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$2.5
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	01-Oct-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project will create the adequate conditions to develop a hydroelectric potential of 153 MW able to serve 40% of total potential customers, avoiding the emission of 710 000 tons of CO2 per year over a 10 year horizon. Priority will be given to the Northern and Southern parts of the country where the potential for economic development is high. The project will also create the conditions for the development of other renewable energy sources. An additional development objective is to create the conditions for sustainable management of the forest resource on the island.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

## HONDURAS

<b>Project Name:</b>	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	HONDURAS	<b>Project Number:</b>	607
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Feb-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.425
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	13-Mar-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Honduras to meet its reporting obligations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Accelerating renewable energy investments through CABEI in Central America		
<b>Country:</b>	HONDURAS	<b>Project Number:</b>	2042
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	19-Jan-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 6.928
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	16-May-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The overall objective of the project is to accelerate renewable energy investments through CABEI, thereby reducing the CO2 emissions of the energy sector and contributing to rural economic development in Central America. Specific objective of the proposed initiative is the preparation of a UNDP/GEF full-size project brief, through analysis of the existing barriers, followed by the design of a programme that reduces these barriers.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Promoting Integrated Ecosystem and Natural Resource Management in Honduras		
<b>Country:</b>	HONDURAS	<b>Project Number:</b>	2223
<b>Focal Area:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP



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<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Feb-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.518
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	24-May-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Tony Perera

**Project Description:**

GEF resources will be used to incorporate integrated ecosystem and watershed management objectives, principles, techniques and practices into a rural development programme, called FONADERS 2, implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and financed by the International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD). This integrated and complementary approach will reduce rural poverty as well as sustainably manage local natural resources and secure global environmental benefits. The project will serve as a demonstration for activities outside protected areas throughout the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. The first area is a watershed that feeds into the Caratasca Lagoon on the Atlantic coast, nested between the internationally renowned Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site and the Nicaraguan Border. The second area is the Sico river watershed situated on the western border of the Mosquitia region, bordering the other side of the Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve. The third area is a series of small micro-watersheds originating in the Celaque National Park, in the western highlands. Each one of the watersheds acts as a buffer important to the long-term viability of significant protected areas and is crucial, in itself and as a demonstration, to the connectivity of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. Though under increasing threat primarily from unsustainable and expanding agriculture, logging and cattle ranching, all three areas still possess significant forest, wetland and/or coastal habitat and species that are shared in various degrees with the contiguous Protected Areas.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Energy Efficiency Measures in the Honduran Commercial and Industrial Sectors		
<b>Country:</b>	HONDURAS	<b>Project Number:</b>	2249
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	16-Jan-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.750
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	29-Sep-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project will remove barriers to and promote a more efficient energy use in the commercial and industrial sectors of Honduras. The PDF A will prepare a MSP to identify these barriers, designing strategies for their elimination/reduction and promotion of 3-5 pilot projects in commercial and industrial sectors.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

**JAMAICA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	JAMAICA: CLIMATE CHANGE ENABLING ACTIVITY (ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN PRIORITY AREAS)		
<b>Country:</b>	JAMAICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	930
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	17-Apr-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.333
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This Project will enable Jamaica to prepare its first national communication to the Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Project is also expected to enhance general awareness and knowledge on climate change related issues in Jamaica and to strengthen the dialogue, information exchange and cooperation among all the relevant stakeholders including Government, non-government, academic and private sector agencies.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
UNDER IMPLEMENTATION			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the CBD - CONCEPT -ENABLING		
<b>Country:</b>	JAMAICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1414
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	16-Apr-1998	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.193
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	03-Jun-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The main objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Enabling activities for Jamaica to develop and implement the National Implementation Plan for the POPs Convention		
<b>Country:</b>	JAMAICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2570
<b>Focal Area:</b>	POPS	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	22-Nov-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.242
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	02-Jul-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	AH	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
This project will prepare a National Implementation Plan for POPs Management			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self Assessment for Global Environment Management		
<b>Country:</b>	JAMAICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2763
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Jun-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.225
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	30-Sep-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The purpose of this activity is to conduct a thorough assessment and analysis of the capacity needs and constraints facing Jamaica as it works to meet its global environmental management obligations as set forth in the Rio conventions and related international instruments. The NCSA process will not address all of the challenges to sustainable development in Jamaica, but it will help to identify the critical bottlenecks and linkages within the environmental sector. The findings and action plan that will result from the NCSA process will help to direct sustainable development planning relevant to Jamaica's commitments under the three GEF conventions, and also will provide strategic guidance to other sustainable development initiatives of the GOJ.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Second National Communication to the UNFCCC		
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<b>Country:</b>	JAMAICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3453
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Jan-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	11-Apr-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

## **REGIONAL JAMAICA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Integrating Watershed and Coastal Area Management in Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean		
<b>Country:</b>	JAMAICA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2195
<b>Focal Area:</b>	INTERNATIONAL WATERS	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	15-Feb-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 5.475
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Paula Caballero
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The objective of the Full Project will be to strengthen the capacity of the participating countries to implement an integrated approach to the management of watersheds and coastal areas (IWCAM). The long-term goal is to enhance the capacity of the countries to plan and manage their aquatic resources and ecosystems on a sustainable basis. The project recognises the integrated and interlinked nature of watersheds and coastal areas in small islands and aims to develop a more sectorally-coordinated management approach, both at the national and the regional level, with a strong emphasis on an expanded role for all stakeholders within a participatory management framework.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
UNDER IMPLEMENTATION			

**MEXICO**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem Management in Three Priority Ecoregions		
<b>Country:</b>	MEXICO	<b>Project Number:</b>	931
<b>Focal Area:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem Management	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Feb-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 15.650
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	10-Nov-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will protect biodiversity and sustain vital ecological functions within three globally significant ecoregions: the Tehuantepec Moist Forest, the Pacific Dry Tropical Forests, and the Sierra Madre del Sur Pine-Oak Forest. These ecoregions contain a range of forest communities including pine forest, pine-oak forests, cloud forest, tropical rain forest, tropical dry forest and mangroves, which provide habitat for native fauna, act as carbon reservoirs, and protect watersheds. Yet they face a suite of growing anthropogenic pressures that imperil their ecological integrity and functions. This situation is mirrored in other parts of Mexico and the Government has responded by founding the Sustainable Regional Development Program (PRODESA), which aims at integrating biodiversity conservation and development objectives in 24 discrete regions. Working at three sites: Chinantla in Oaxaca State, Montaña in Guerrero and Los Tuxtlas in Veracruz, the project will strengthen and cross-fertilize PRODESA by piloting integrated and replicable ecosystem-management models that conserve biodiversity and sequester carbon, while foreclosing land degradation. The objective is to establish the institutional framework and local capacities to manage a mosaic of biodiversity-friendly land and resource uses, including set-asides for biodiversity protection, compatible agro-forestry and silvo-pastoral systems, and ecological restoration. A number of cross-sectoral interventions are advanced to remove barriers to integrated ecosystem management. The Government of Mexico will then systematically replicate the management paradigm in other bio-regions.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Biodiversity Conservation in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve		
<b>Country:</b>	MEXICO	<b>Project Number:</b>	2189
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	26-Jun-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 6.733
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Jul-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will promote biodiversity conservation in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve. Among the protected areas in Mexico, the Sierra Gorda has the highest degree of biodiversity, due to great altitudinal variations and a heterogeneous rain pattern. Although its natural integrity is largely intact, extensive cattle and goat ranching, inefficient agricultural practices, inadequate forest management, poaching, and solid waste pollution threaten the integrity of the Reserve's dynamic ecosystem. This project will mitigate such immediate threats and their fundamental causes through the implementation of an alternative management model in the Reserve, that promotes shared responsibilities between the Sierra Gorda Ecological Group, an NGO, and the State, represented by the National Commission for Protected Areas. Existing management capacities will be strengthened through training of current and additional central and local staff, expanded infrastructure and equipment, improved coordination through existing institutional frameworks and the development of long-term alternative funding sources. To ensure operational sustainability, the project will strengthen a self-financing scheme based on a progressively increasing coverage of the Reserve recurrent costs through service provision. This approach will form part of the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP) menu of financial regimes available in the country for biodiversity conservation. Socio-economic and biological appraisals will reinforce the design and implementation of conservation and sustainable livelihood interventions in the Reserve and its immediate buffer and influence areas, to ensure strategies are differentiated according to local conditions and use categorization as established through land planning. The project will take a bioregional approach to conservation, demonstrating and formalizing alternative conservation schemes for private lands and community-owned lands (ejidos) that build upon existing use traditions and community involvement. Special attention will be given to the promotion of sustained conservation awareness throughout the Reserve and its immediate surroundings, including the creation of public-private partnerships that would fundamentally change the land use on the predominantly privately owned land in the Reserve. Operations would be consolidated gradually across the Reserve's landscape as conservation and sustainable livelihood options are tested and institutional capacities developed.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Action Plan for Removing Barriers to the Full Scale Implementation of Wind Power in Mexico, Phase I		
<b>Country:</b>	MEXICO	<b>Project Number:</b>	2222
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Aug-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 4.736
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	21-Jan-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

This project aims to reduce global CO2 emissions by 4 million tonnes (Mt) per year by promoting the development of a commercial wind energy market in Mexico with a target of 2000 MW of installed wind power capacity in ten years. Phase 1 of the project will launch a comprehensive and systematic effort to reduce identified barriers to wind energy development, beginning with a coordinated initiative aimed at revising the institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks of the electricity sector so that they provide a more level playing field for wind energy. An educational campaign, geared towards raising awareness among government officials of the benefits of wind energy, will be carried out simultaneously. Technical, informational and human resource barriers will be addressed through the creation of a regional centre for wind energy technology. At this centre, local technicians and engineers will obtain hands-on experience in the operation of a diverse range of wind turbines, wind energy equipment will be assessed for operation under local conditions, and international standards and best practices will be applied and adapted for Mexico. A preliminary assessment and mapping of wind energy resources at the most promising sites in the country will also be carried out in Phase 1 in order to obtain the wind resource data essential to the development of commercial projects. Finally, a set of comprehensive feasibility studies will be developed in Phase 1, in conjunction with any required preparatory activities, all geared toward the formulation of three 15 MW business-demonstration wind power plants. Phase 2 of the project, which will pilot the development of the three commercial wind power plants will begin by launching a competitive bidding process for the three wind power plants. GEF resources will be used to provide temporary production incentives to be determined during phase one. Lessons learned end best

practices will be monitored and documented to assist future developments. Data and experience gained from both phases of the project will be widely disseminated throughout Mexico and Latin America, by means of a best practices manual and a series of training courses and workshops as well as via the internet.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	A Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme for the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem		
<b>Country:</b>	MEXICO	<b>Project Number:</b>	2281
<b>Focal Area:</b>	INTERNATIONAL WATERS	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	12-Jun-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.475
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	14-Jun-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Paula Caballero

**Project Description:**

The GOM/LME is an important centre of marine biodiversity, marine food production as well as oil and gas production. The GOM/LME's distinctive bathymetry, hydrography, productivity and trophodynamics combined to make it as one of the most productive gulf ecosystems in the world. It has a mean annual productivity of 300g C/m<sup>2</sup>/yr that can be compared to the productivity of the Gulf of Alaska at 140g C/m<sup>2</sup>/yr. The high level of primary productivity of the GOM/LME supports an important global reservoir of biodiversity and biomass of fish, sea birds and marine mammals. This high productivity is at risk as shown by recent evidence of over-capitalization and by a shift of fishing to lower tropic levels and smaller sizes that changes the structure of the food web resulting in serious economic losses. The geologic substrate of the GOM/LME hold rich deposits of oil and natural gas, but this benefit brings with it the threat of pollution. A recent scientific meeting in Mexico identified pollution from the oil industry as one hypothesis to explain the dramatic decrease in shrimp landings. The natural beauty of the coastal region has also enabled the development of a significant coastal tourism industry in much of the area. The tourism industry is also threatened by anthropogenic impacts, such as oil extraction and increasing urbanization

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Building for Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol		
<b>Country:</b>	MEXICO	<b>Project Number:</b>	2285
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	30-May-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 1.461
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	04-Jul-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Tony Perera

**Project Description:**

The project will help consolidate Mexico's national capacity for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on



biosafety. The Government of Mexico, through its National Commission on Biosafety and Genetically Modified Organisms (CIBIOGEM) has identified the elements of a long-term national plan on biosafety. This proposed GEF project will address short and medium-term aspects of the national biosafety framework related to the trans-boundary movement of LMOs in the context of the Cartagena Protocol. Specifically, the project will develop the national capacities in biosafety required to: carry out risk assessments with an appropriate scientific and technical level; implement necessary activities for risk management; evaluation and strengthening of legal and regulatory framework; and development of infrastructure for information exchange and data management. The development of national capacities in these areas will consolidate the national framework for biosafety management. The project builds on the experience accrued in Mexico on public health, plant and animal health and biodiversity conservation efforts, especially the biodiversity enabling activities, and promotes cross-sector synergies.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Combating Land Degradation in Mexico		
<b>Country:</b>	MEXICO	<b>Project Number:</b>	3007
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	04-Apr-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.300
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

GEF funds will be used at local, project and structural levels to promote sustainable land management in association with the FIRCO/IFAD project. Components to be funded by GEF will include: i) support to processes of participatory experimentation, development and transfer of technologies; ii) promotion of the compatibility of productive activities with SLM; iii) support to the incorporation of SLM considerations into local level decision making and monitoring; iv) promotion of local regulation of integrated land use and management; v) mainstreaming of SLM into municipal planning and decision making; vi) development and promotion of processes for addressing flows of costs and benefits resulting from land management; vii) mainstreaming of SLM into the FIRCO/IFAD project and the NMWP; viii) promotion of institutional capacities for the development of appropriate SLM technologies; ix) promotion at institutional level of linkages between technology development, transfer and use and x) promotion of the incorporation of SLM considerations into policies, programmes and institutional frameworks.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

## NICARAGUA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Expedited Financing of Climate Change Enabling Activity (phase II)		
<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1416
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	08-Jan-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.399
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	15-Jan-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This project will assist the national Government to comply with the provisions of the UNFCCC, which include: (a) The development of a National greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory; (b) The evaluation of the vulnerability and possible options for adaptation to climatic change in Nicaragua; (c) An analysis of the potential measures to reduce the increased GHG emissions and to adapt to climate change; (d) The preparation of a National Action Plan Proposal to address climate change and its adverse impacts; and, (e) The preparation of the First National Communication of Nicaragua, in fulfillment to the commitments to the UNFCCC.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs		
<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1744
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Jul-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.450
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	31-Aug-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Tony Perera
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation of Dry Forest and Coastal Biodiversity of the Pacific South of Nicaragua: Building Private-Public Partnerships		
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<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1824
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	02-Sep-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.962
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	17-Dec-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project will ensure the sustainable conservation and use of coastal biodiversity of Nicaragua's southern Pacific Coast, through the establishment of partnerships among government, NGOs and private stakeholders. It will demonstrate effective public-private partnerships in co-management of a protected area for the conservation and sustainable use of dry forest biodiversity and a turtle nesting area in the south Pacific coast of Nicaragua. The project will also provide the GoN with a general framework for the replication of the co-management model.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Small Scale Hydropower Development for Off-Grid Productive Uses		
<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2146
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Apr-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$3.709
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	07-Nov-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

**Project Description:**

This project aims to reduce CO2 emissions by 343,670 tons at a 10 year horizon by promoting the development of hydroelectricity-based rural electrification for productive uses in Nicaragua for a total of around 10 MW and 30 projects. Project activities are designed to reduce institutional, financial and information and capacity related barriers to create a market stream hence reducing implementation costs. It is hoped that international donor contributions would be directed in a rational manner toward renewable energy based rural electrification for productive use, consistent with Nicaragua Strategy for Poverty Reduction. 30 local public/private electricity companies will be set up to operate and maintain hydro-based system in a sustainable manner and with O&M and amortization related costs paid by consumers. Project sustainability is achieved through this mechanism complemented by a watershed management and capacity building scheme and by the creation of a financial revolving facility as a sub-account of FODIEN. This effort is closely coordinated with the World Bank PERZA project, a portion of which is subject to this joined presentation.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Initial assistance to enable Nicaragua to fulfil its obligations under the Stockholm Convention on POPs
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<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2609
<b>Focal Area:</b>	POPS	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Aug-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	12-Dec-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	AH	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

#### Project Description:

This initiative will build Nicaragua's own sustained capacity to fulfil its obligations in the context of the Stockholm Convention, including the preparation of a National Implementation Plan for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) that will more widely cover aspects important to the safety and management of chemicals, as called for in Chapter 19 of Agenda 21. The Implementation Plan describes how Nicaragua will fulfil its obligations under the Convention to eliminate POP sources and carry out remediation of contaminated sites in the country.

#### Project Operational Status:

UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2794
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Nov-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Apr-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE

#### Project Description:

The purpose of this initiative is to identify gaps, obstacles, limitations and options related to capacity in the individual, institutional and systems spheres, in order to facilitate the implementation of convention policies and strategies.

#### Project Operational Status:

Under implementation

<b>Project Name:</b>	Sustainable Land Management in Drought Prone Degraded Areas of Nicaragua		
<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3008
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	17-Mar-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 3.00
<b>Document</b>	22-Jun-2004	<b>Cofinancing:</b>	

<b>Signature Date:</b>		<b>(\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Tony Perera	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The global objective of the project is to increase ecosystem integrity, stability, functions and services, through the promotion and mainstreaming of sustainable land management policies and practices using a cross-sectoral approach, thus also contributing to people's livelihoods and economic well-being.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Strengthening and Catalyzing the Sustainability of Nicaragua's System of Protected Areas		
<b>Country:</b>	NICARAGUA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3422
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	05-Aug-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.350
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Andrew Bovarnick	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will strengthen and catalyze the sustainability of the National System of Protected Areas (Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas, SINAP). The SINAP is the cornerstone of the National Strategy of Development, launched on 2003, whose main purposes the economic, social and territorial integration of the nation, oriented towards a sustainable development with a human face and high participation.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

**PANAMA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	PANAMA	<b>Project Number:</b>	695
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	15-Dec-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.399
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The project will enable Panama to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12. The purpose of the Phase II activities is to enhance and or create permanent national capacities aimed at adequately responding to the evolving challenges associated with the commitments to the Convention. The objective is to foster and strengthen the active participation of key sectors in the definition and execution of the actions necessary to fulfil the Convention's ultimate objective. Given the importance of creating and maintaining national capacity to effectively manage climate change, and specifically the institutional strengthening required to guarantee the continuity of ongoing efforts within the framework of the commitments made before the Convention, the Phase II project will focus mainly on (a) defining a National Climate Change Strategy in a participative manner (b) institutional strengthening through the establishment of the Climate Change Unit under the ANAM, and (c) public awareness and involvement in relevant sectors and institutions.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Building for Stage II Adaptation to Climate Change in Central America, Mexico and Cuba		
<b>Country:</b>	PANAMA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2220
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	20-Aug-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$3.314
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>Central America, Mexico and Cuba will serve as the pilot region for elaborating and applying an Adaptation Policy Framework for preparing adaptation strategies, policies and measures. The application of this framework will demonstrate how policy for adaptation can be integrated into national sustainable development for at least three human systems: water resources, agriculture and human health. This demonstration project will build upon the Stage I vulnerability and adaptation assessments of the Initial National Communications of the eight participating countries of the region and will prepare them to move onto Stage III Adaptation. As other countries meet the</p>			

conditions for participation, they can adapt the framework initially developed for this region, thereby engaging in their own regionally focused initiative. The outputs of the full project will also contribute to the Second National Communications to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

## PARAGUAY

<b>Project Name:</b>	Climate Change Enabling Activity - Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas		
<b>Country:</b>	PARAGUAY	<b>Project Number:</b>	1419
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	08-Nov-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.291
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	08-Feb-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
Paraguay ratified the United Nations Convention Framework Climate Change (UNFCCC) on the 24 february 1994 for Law N° 251/93 and committed to fulfilling the commitments assumed under the Convention. Paraguay has requested international support for climate change projects, this project will enable Paraguay to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs & Country Specific Priorities		
<b>Country:</b>	PARAGUAY	<b>Project Number:</b>	1420
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Apr-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.240
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	11-May-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The enabling activity project will help formulate a National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (BSAP) , and enable Paraguay to meets it obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation			



## PERU

<b>Project Name:</b>	Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	754
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	20-Jul-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.336
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	29-Sep-2000	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The aim of the project is to facilitate the preparation of the first national communication of Peru to the Conference of the Parties (CoP) in accordance with Article 12 of the UNFCCC and following the guidelines adopted by the CoP for the preparation of initial communications by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. In addition to meeting the communication obligations, the project can be seen as an essential exercise to enhance general awareness and knowledge of climate change-related issues in Peru, thus enabling Peru to take those issues into account for overall planning and strategy formulation, but also to enable Peru to play a role in international scientific forums and negotiation processes related to climate change. Part of this task is to facilitate dialogue, information exchange and co-operation among all relevant players including the government, non-governmental, academic, private and grassroots sectors. The intention is that following the completion of the studies and their evaluation by the National Commission on Climate Change a consultation document will be prepared and distributed widely within the country in order to stimulate and focus debate. The National Commission will present policy recommendations to Government in the light of that debate. It is important that consultation be based on full understanding of the issues and their implications both nationally and globally. The Top Up project concentrates on the identification of technological needs and the capacity building to assess and absorb them in Peru, which are also key activities in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change process.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs for Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	755
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	18-Jan-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.450
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Feb-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			

The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 & 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and

NGOs. The add-on module will help the country in undertaking assessments of capacity building needs and priorities for implementing the CBD.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

<b>Project Name:</b>	Photovoltaic-based Rural Electrification in Peru-FULL		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1423
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	22-Jan-1999	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 3.955
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	14-Apr-1999	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The objective of the proposed project is to assist the Government of Peru in removing barriers to sustainable rural electrification using photovoltaic (PV) technology in remote rural areas, thereby reducing the long-term growth of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The project will demonstrate the viability of establishing micro enterprises to sell, maintain and operate the PV systems, as well as create incentives for increased public and private sector investment in photovoltaic-based rural electrification.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	In situ conservation of Native Cultivars and Wild relatives -FULL		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1424
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	07-Nov-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 5.221
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	17-Nov-2000	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The long-term goal of this project is the conservation of agrobiodiversity in Peru, one of the world's most important centers of origin of crop and plant genetic diversity. This project will target 11 important crop species, including several local varieties and wild relatives, for conservation of their genetic diversity within functioning agroecosystems. The project will focus activities in eight key geographic areas and implement a series of strategic measures aimed at developing a comprehensive model or package of interventions designed to counteract threats to long-term conservation of genetic diversity from a variety of economic and cultural trends. Strategic measures include, providing specific standing to these areas as Special Management Areas, as well as targeted incentives to participating farmer communities and organizations to conserve crop genetic diversity; increasing the market acceptability of a broader range of native cultivars both within the six target areas and outside; maintaining gene flows through traditional practices within and between the target areas; and developing a sound information base

and monitoring system to document genetic diversity, the traditional knowledge systems which sustain it, and experiences with marketing of traditional crops, as well as to provide a mechanism from which to feed lessons learned and best practices back to the stakeholder organizations and institutions of the eight areas.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	MSP: Sustainable use of the biodiversity in the Amaraeri Indigenous Lands, Madre de Dios, Peru -PDF A		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1426
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	02-Jul-1999	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.989
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	24-Jun-1999	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project aims at the conservation of forest ecosystems in an area of 450,000 hectares of Tropical Amazon Forest, through the in situ conservation of genetic resources of the zone and corresponding protection of intellectual property rights, promoting biotechnology research with the involvement of local communities; and through the sustainable use of natural resources in the areas of indigenous communities (102,874 ha) and the Amaraeri Communal Reserve (350,000 ha), specially in the development of a community-based Management and Conservation Plan, an eco-tourism project and the promotion of economic alternatives to local populations.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

<b>Project Name:</b>	Community-based conservation and sustainable use of the Atiquipa and Taimara lomas ecosystems.		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1427
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	11-Oct-2001	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.750
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	22-Jan-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The proposed Project is designed to create and implement a community-organized conservation and management regime in the area of the Atiquipa and Taimara lomas in southern Peru. Lomas formations are globally unique, fog-dependent ecosystems found along the Pacific coast of Peru and northern Chile. The lomas are imperiled, with only approximately 100,000 hectares remaining worldwide, of which the largest and most diverse are the Atiquipa and Taimara lomas (approximately 10,000 hectares in an isolated location in Peru's coastal desert region). This area, due to a unique combination of location, altitudinal gradient, coastal winds and other factors, contained historically

the largest and most diverse range of lomas ecosystem types found anywhere, producing a variety of ecological niches and giving rise to many unique plant and animal adaptations. Although today degraded and reduced in size (though, due to its isolation, to a lesser degree than other lomas formations), the Atiquipa and Tamaira lomas remains the most important lomas formation globally and the home to many endemic, and endangered, plant and animal species. This project proposes to implement a community-organized conservation and management regime in the area of the Atiquipa and Taimara lomas program to recuperate, restore, manage and sustainably use these natural resources.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Cotahuasi Basin		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1658
<b>Focal Area:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem Management	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	11-Aug-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.870
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	11-Oct-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project intends to conserve, protect and use the biodiversity in the Cotahuasi Basin in an integrated and sustainable manner with the local communities, through (i) sustainable use of the biodiversity by local population; (ii) strengthening of the organizations for the conservation, protection and management of biodiversity in the region; (iii) conduction of basic ecological demarcation within prioritized fragile ecosystems; (iv) sustainable extraction and production of native flora and fauna to benefit producers of the Cotahuasi Basin; and (v) inventory, management, and conservation of the germoplasm of native and adapted species of the basin for agricultural production.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	MSP: Renewable Energy Systems in the Peruvian Amazon Region (RESPAR) -MEDIUM < 750		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1672
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	26-Jul-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.748
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	30-Apr-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This project will assist in removing technical, financial, informational and institutional barriers to renewable energies, through (i) installation and operation of RAPS systems in Indiana and Padre Cocha; (ii) identification and

training of private RAPS systems operators; (iii) establishment of energy efficiency program and tariff structure; (iv) identification and promotion of income generating activities; (v) coordination, monitoring and evaluation of RAPS systems; and (vi) promotion of policy dialogues for renewable energy and rural electrification.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Peruvian Amazon by the Indigenous Ashaninka Population		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	1869
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Sep-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$1.000
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The project will (i) conserve forests and natural resources through efficient and sustainable management by local communities; (ii) implement agroforestry systems for agricultural production in communal areas; (iii) develop technical capacity of indigenous communities in environmental management and agroforestry; (iv) strengthen communal organization.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	PERU	<b>Project Number:</b>	2641
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	07-Apr-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.198
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	24-Jun-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The present proposed project will build into and upon the institutional mechanisms and activities established under related projects and initiatives. In particular, special efforts to integrate with and complement the activities being planned under Peru's BD Add-on project will be undertaken. For example, the possibility of holding joint regional level multi-stakeholder consultations or workshops will be explored. Building upon the results of the Cap21 program, which has come to a close in December 2001, the NCSA process affords Peru with the opportunity to examine the intersections between global environmental management obligations and the regional environmental plans and determine what overlapping capacity needs may exist.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

## SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

<b>Project Name:</b>	<u>National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the CoP</u>		
<b>Country:</b>	<u>SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS</u>	<b>Project Number:</b>	<u>786</u>
<b>Focal Area:</b>	<u>BIODIVERSITY</u>	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	<u>UNDP</u>
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	<u>16-Jul-1997</u>	<b>GEF Allocation (\$m):</b>	<u>\$ 0.104</u>
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	<u>10-Aug-1998</u>	<b>Cofinancing (\$m):</b>	<u>–</u>
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	<u>Paula Caballero</u>	<b>Task Manager:</b>	<u>–</u>

**Project Description:**

The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 & 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

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<b>Project Name:</b>	<u>St Kitts and Nevis: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)</u>		
<b>Country:</b>	<u>SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS</u>	<b>Project Number:</b>	<u>1820</u>
<b>Focal Area:</b>	<u>CLIMATE CHANGE</u>	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	<u>–</u>
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	<u>17-Dec-2002</u>	<b>GEF Allocation (\$m):</b>	<u>\$0.259</u>
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	<u>–</u>	<b>Cofinancing (\$m):</b>	<u>–</u>
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	<u>Oliver Page</u>	<b>Task Manager:</b>	<u>–</u>

**Project Description:**

The project will enable Saint Kitts and Nevis to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

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<b>Project Name:</b>	<u>National Capacity Self Assessment for Global Environment Management</u>		
<b>Country:</b>	<u>SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS</u>	<b>Project Number:</b>	<u>2792</u>
<b>Focal Area:</b>	<u>MULTIPLE</u>	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	<u>UNDP</u>

<b><u>GEF Approval Date:</u></b>	<u>23-Feb-2004</u>	<b><u>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</u></b>	<u>\$0.20</u>
<b><u>Document Signature Date:</u></b>	<u>13-Oct-2004</u>	<b><u>Cofinancing: (\$m)</u></b>	<u>–</u>
<b><u>Regional Coordinator:</u></b>	<u>Oliver PAGE</u>	<b><u>Task Manager:</u></b>	<u>Oliver PAGE</u>

**Project Description:**

The purpose of this activity is conduct a thorough assessment and analysis of the capacity needs and constraints facing St. Kitts and Nevis as it works to meet its global environmental management obligations as set forth in the Rio conventions and related international instruments.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

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<b><u>Project Name:</u></b>	<u>Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management in St. Kitts &amp; Nevis</u>		
<b><u>Country:</u></b>	<u>SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS</u>	<b><u>Project Number:</u></b>	<u>3415</u>
<b><u>Focal Area:</u></b>	<u>LAND DEGRADATION</u>	<b><u>Implementing Agency:</u></b>	<u>UNDP</u>
<b><u>GEF Approval Date:</u></b>	<u>01-Jun-2005</u>	<b><u>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</u></b>	<u>\$0.015</u>
<b><u>Document Signature Date:</u></b>	<u>–</u>	<b><u>Cofinancing: (\$m)</u></b>	<u>–</u>
<b><u>Regional Coordinator:</u></b>	<u>Paula Caballero</u>	<b><u>Task Manager:</u></b>	<u>–</u>

**Project Description:**

In St. Kitts and Nevis, soil conservation strategies remain weak and zoning issues are not fully addressed because of weak and antiquated legislation. GEF financial assistance through UNDP's LDC-SIDS Portfolio Project will therefore help St Kitts and Nevis in overcoming these challenges by providing technical support, institutional strengthening and covering the incremental cost associated with reducing land degradation that threatens terrestrial biodiversity and the marine biodiversity of the Caribbean Sea.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation



## SAINT LUCIA

<b>Project Name:</b>	Climate Change Enabling Activity (Additional Financing for Capacity Building in Priority Areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	SAINT LUCIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	700
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Jun-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.270
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	14-Oct-2002	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	OLIVER PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Saint Lucia to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Building for Sustainable land Management		
<b>Country:</b>	SAINT LUCIA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3450
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	01-Jun-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
This initiative will result in the development of a SLM project. This project is seen as a catalyst for conservation and the development of a land use management plan. In addition to meeting the needs of the country and its commitments under the UNCCD, the SLM project will bring together national initiatives currently in progress and geared to reduce or reverse land degradation as well as other GEF funded initiatives including the NCSA, IWCAM, enabling activities under Climate Change and Biodiversity and the EU funded water resource management project.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

## SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

<b>Project Name:</b>	St. Vincent & Grenadines Biodiversity Enabling Activities: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs and County Specific Priorities - Add-on		
<b>Country:</b>	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	<b>Project Number:</b>	787
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	19-Aug-2002	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.323
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs. The add-on module will help the country in undertaking assessments of capacity building needs and priorities for implementing the CBD.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	<b>Project Number:</b>	2725
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	05-Dec-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.225
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	13-Oct-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>As a signatory to the UNCBD, UNFCC and UNCCD, Saint Vincent is seeking to fulfill its obligations under these agreements while serving the national interest. In so doing, a thorough assessment and analysis of capacity needs and constraints in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines must be undertaken together with the development of a fundable project for submission to the GEF.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Development and Mainstreaming for Sustainable Land Management		
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<b>Country:</b>	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	<b>Project Number:</b>	3416
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	01-Jun-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.015
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

A major deficiency in the implementation of SLM initiatives is the absence of a harmonized SLM policy framework. This constitutes a barrier to effectively addressing the challenges posed by land degradation. Support from the GEF will therefore enable SVG to develop an integrated land use management plan and, develop national capacity (institutional and systemic) to address land degradation and reduce global impacts of climate change by supporting reforestation; protect international waters by reducing siltation of oceans; and protect endemic and migratory species of biodiversity.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation

## ***SURINAME***

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the CBD		
<b>Country:</b>	SURINAME	<b>Project Number:</b>	788
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-May-1997	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.092
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	28-Apr-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6/8 of the CBD, through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Conservation of Globally Significant Forest Ecosystems in the Suriname's Guyana Shields -FULL		
<b>Country:</b>	SURINAME	<b>Project Number:</b>	1343
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	14-Feb-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 9.240
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	13-Jul-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project aims at protecting the rich biodiversity and pristine ecological function of Suriname's Guayana Shield tropical forest wilderness area. The project has been strategically designed to trigger long-term conservation processes within a network of priority forest PAs and constitutes the first step of a long-term programmatic approach to conservation. The project would contribute to institutional learning in the conservation arena by operationalizing protected area management in 2 key globally important and representative sites, namely the Central Suriname Nature Reserve (CSNR), the single largest tropical forest reserve in the Guayana Shield, and the Sipaliwini Nature Reserve (SNR) in south Suriname.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Enabling Suriname to prepare its First Initial National Communication in response to		
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UNFCCC -ENABLING			
<b>Country:</b>	SURINAME	<b>Project Number:</b>	1444
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	10-Sep-1998	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.350
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	19-Oct-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Suriname to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Suriname - National Capacity Self Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	SURINAME	<b>Project Number:</b>	2748
<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	25-Aug-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.200
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	08-Jan-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Oliver PAGE
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The aim of this project is to identify and determine the critical capacity constraints and capacity building priorities to address global environmental issues in Suriname. The proposed project will also prepare a national strategy and action plan for addressing those constraints. The project will focus on synergies between the three Rio Conventions; namely the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. The project studies, consultations, and capacity development program will, of course, also consider the needs for sustainable economic development (e.g. eco-efficiency) as well as sustainable social development (e.g. poverty reduction, human health).			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

## ***TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO***

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and Report to the CBD		
<b>Country:</b>	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	<b>Project Number:</b>	789
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	30-May-1997	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.127
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	20-Mar-1998	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Paula Caballero	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The objective of this project is the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with articles 6/8 of the CBD, through a fully participatory process that will include government, private sector, and NGOs.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Trinidad and Tobago: Climate Change Enabling Activity (additional financing for capacity building in priority areas)		
<b>Country:</b>	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	<b>Project Number:</b>	1338
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Jun-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$0.319
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
The project will enable Trinidad and Tobago to meet its reporting obligations under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, leading to their National Communication as required under Article 12.			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation			

## URUGUAY

<b>Project Name:</b>	Formulation of the National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and Report to the CBD		
<b>Country:</b>	URUGUAY	<b>Project Number:</b>	611
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	12-Aug-1996	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.135
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	05-May-1997	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This Enabling Activity is to help Uruguay to formulate the strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of Uruguay's biodiversity in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary output will be the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The principal tasks of this project will be to 1) conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing information on biodiversity in the country, 2) implement a participatory, strategic planning process and develop priorities for action in protecting Uruguay's biodiversity, 3) prepare the first National Report for submission to the CoP.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Uruguay Wind Energy Programme (UWEP)		
<b>Country:</b>	URUGUAY	<b>Project Number:</b>	2292
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	24-May-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.050
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>		<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The aim of this project is to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by implementing large-scale, grid-connected wind energy systems in Uruguay. The strategic goal of this initiative is to remove the present barriers for the commercial development of wind energy in the country and establish a viable showcase and basis for replication.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Capacity Self-Assessment		
<b>Country:</b>	URUGUAY	<b>Project Number:</b>	2679

<b>Focal Area:</b>	MULTIPLE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	13-Jan-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.195
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	24-Jul-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver PAGE	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

Over the past ten years, Uruguay has made significant progress in identifying and understanding the challenges to achieving sustainable development. It has become increasingly evident that building national capacity to effectively manage the environment will be one of the key requirements for Uruguay to meet its international environmental obligations as well as its national sustainable development goals. With increasing environmental problems and limited financial resources, the importance of accurately identifying, and determining the nature of, critical capacity constraints related to effective environmental management in Uruguay has become more evident in recent years. It is increasingly recognized that national capacities must not merely be enhanced, but that this must be achieved in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. It is in this context that Uruguay has decided that it is not only worthwhile, but essential, to place special focus on identifying capacity issues cutting across relevant global conventions and on identifying synergies between these. Through the present initiative, Uruguay will prepare a National Capacity Self-Assessment Report following the Guide for Self-Assessment of Country Capacity Needs for Global Environmental Management prepared by the GEF. Additionally, the Project is expected to: a) Enhance general domestic awareness and knowledge about the three Conventions and concerning their relationship; b) Strengthen the dialogue, information exchange and cooperation among all the relevant stakeholders including governmental, non-governmental, academic and private sectors; and c) Build national capacity to take the three Conventions related issues increasingly into account in general planning and strategies formulation.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Uruguayan National Protected Area System		
<b>Country:</b>	URUGUAY	<b>Project Number:</b>	3173
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Dec-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.343
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	17-Feb-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Helen NEGRET	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Helen NEGRET

**Project Description:**

Uruguay has a number of protected areas however these do not yet form part of a comprehensive system nor do they adequately cover the full range of biodiversity present in the country. A recently passed law formalizes the intention of creating a National System of Protected Areas and determines the main objectives of this and the different management categories that would be included. An array of barriers has impeded the effective implementation of this system to date. The project would seek to overcome these barriers by: (i) strengthening capacities at the individual, organizational and systemic levels; (ii) undertaking site specific demonstrations to overcome key challenges in developing the system; and (iii) develop mechanisms for the long term funding of the system.

**Project Operational Status:**



Under implementation.

**VENEZUELA**

<b>Project Name:</b>	National Biodiversity Strategy, Action Plan and First National Report to the CBD		
<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	588
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Jan-1997	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.273
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	20-Oct-1997	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>This Enabling Activity is to help Venezuela to formulate the strategies and actions necessary for the protection and sustainable use of its biodiversity in accordance with articles 6 &amp; 8 of the CBD, as well as prepare a plan for their implementation. The primary output will be the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan . The principal task of this project will be to 1) conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing information on biodiversity in the country, 2) implement a participatory, strategic planning process and develop priorities for action in protecting Venezuela's biodiversity, 3) prepare the first National Report for submission to the CoP.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Protection and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in the Orinoco Delta Wetlands. PDF B -FULL		
<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	1299
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	06-Dec-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 9.787
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	07-Feb-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The principal objective of the project is to protect the rich repository of wetland biological diversity contained in the Orinoco River Delta. Although its natural integrity remains largely intact, the Orinoco Delta is increasingly threatened by hunting, fishing, and forest harvesting activities, and is potentially at risk from agricultural expansion, pollution, and development-induced hydrological perturbation. The project will mitigate such threats by: 1] installing new conservation operations in the Orinoco Delta Biosphere Reserve (ODBR) and seeking to encourage conservation compatible land uses at the site; and 2] strategically adapting the environmental management framework for the Lower Orinoco River Basin. The interventions, divided in two phases, will take nine years.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Support to the Government of Venezuela for the Preparation of the First National Communication on Climate Change		
<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2145
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	28-Nov-2000	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.350
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	24-Apr-2001	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Catherine Vallee	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The general objective of the project is facilitating the preparation of the First National Communication of Venezuela, in conformity with Art. 12.5 of the UNFCCC and pursuant to the guidelines associated with the preparation of the national Communications for the Parties of Non- Annex I of the Convention, contained in decisions 10/CP.2 and 8/CP.5.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Integrated Management and Conservation of the Caura River Basin		
<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2313
<b>Focal Area:</b>	Integrated Ecosystem Management	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	12-Jun-2003	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.349
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	12-Nov-2003	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paporoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>			
<p>The proposed full-scale project would strengthen the capacity of local, regional and national stakeholders to manage the Caura forest ecosystems in an integrated and sustainable manner. It would support the creation of a pilot area in the Caura watershed devoted to co-management models of conservation and sustainable use of forest and upstream watershed resources. It would place special emphasis on developing an integrated ecosystem management overlay into productive sector activities and development plans for the region, in part through the introduction of innovative compensatory mechanisms that create incentives to forfeit industrial logging concessions and other extractive activities, such as mining, uncontrolled hunting and fishing, in native forested areas.</p>			
<b>Project Operational Status:</b>			
Under implementation.			

<b>Project Name:</b>	Biodiversity Conservation in the productive landscape of the Venezuelan Andes		
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<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2734
<b>Focal Area:</b>	BIODIVERSITY	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	09-Jan-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 7.300
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	12-Aug-2004	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	Lita Paparoni

**Project Description:**

The full scale project – to be developed with PDF B resources requested herein – will conserve Biodiversity in the Venezuelan Tropical Andes and its related ecological services through the creation and establishment of ecological and sustainable use corridors nested within the existing productive landscape. The project, in addition to consolidating the conservation functions of existing PAs and their operating capacity, will define and adopt a biodiversity overlay for major productive sector activity taking place in the Venezuelan Andes. Awareness raising and outreach will be promoted through targeted demonstrations of sustainable uses, self-sustaining conservation practices, and the valuation of the diverse ecological services provided by Venezuela’s Andean tropical ecosystem. The full-scale project will be comprised of two phases designed as complementary stand alone initiatives. GEF funding is being requested for Phase I.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport in the City of Valencia		
<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	2888
<b>Focal Area:</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	21-Sep-2004	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.975
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	01-Feb-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Oliver Page	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

This proposed project, intended to promote environmentally sustainable transport in the City of Valencia, will build on other GEF and non-GEF projects to learn from global and regional achievements in the field, such as the UNDP/GEF Poland bikes project and the Bogotá TransMilenio Bus Rapid Transit initiative, and promote comparative analysis between the transport system in Valencia and other cities within the region. Particularly during the PDF A, these specific experiences will be fully examined and used to inform MSP design about best practices and lessons learned.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

<b>Project Name:</b>	Combating Land Degradation in the Arid and Semi-Arid Zones of Falcón and Lara States		
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<b>Country:</b>	VENEZUELA	<b>Project Number:</b>	3068
<b>Focal Area:</b>	LAND DEGRADATION	<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	UNDP
<b>GEF Approval Date:</b>	24-May-2005	<b>GEF Allocation: (\$m)</b>	\$ 0.342
<b>Document Signature Date:</b>	22-Jul-2005	<b>Cofinancing: (\$m)</b>	
<b>Regional Coordinator:</b>	Lita Paparoni	<b>Task Manager:</b>	

**Project Description:**

The GEF investment will build upon a substantial baseline of national policies and plans which favour the combat of desertification, and government and donor investment in support of sustainable production, sound natural resource management and the strengthening of human and social capital. The "increment" to be provided by GEF, in terms of global benefits, will be the creation of conditions which ensure that the protection of global environmental values is effective, sustainable and replicable.

**Project Operational Status:**

Under implementation.

