



OCEAN & CLIMATE CHANGE DIALOGUE 2026

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR OCEAN-BASED CLIMATE ACTION

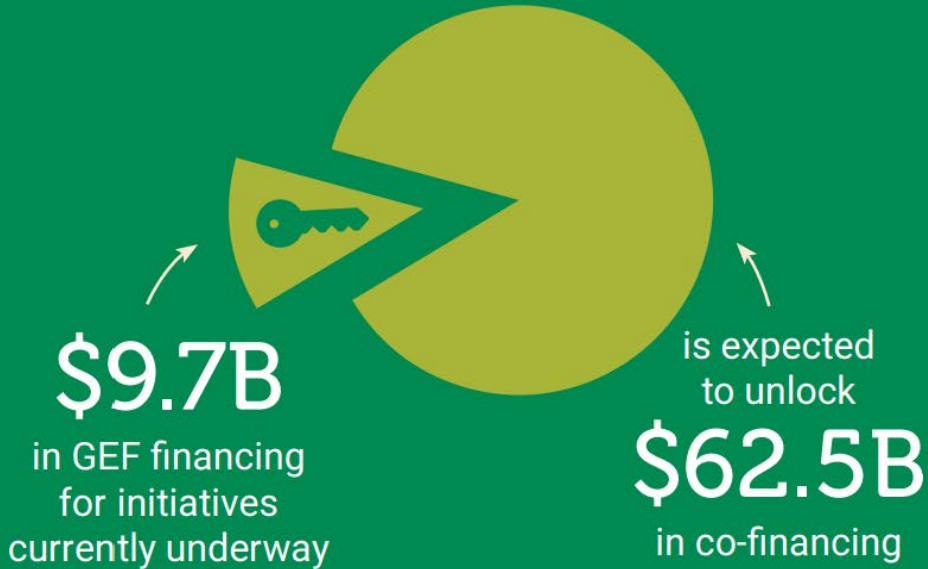


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INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

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Financing Impact at Sale

186
participant countries



More than 1/3 of active projects and programs support Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries

Financial Mechanism for 6 Multilateral Environmental Agreements



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**



**United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change**



**United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification**



**MINAMATA
CONVENTION
ON MERCURY**



Stockholm Convention



The UN High Seas Treaty

Relevant GEF Financing Windows

Climate Change Mitigation

- Green shipping
- Ocean energy
- Conservation & restoration of high-impact blue carbon ecosystems
- Support for blue carbon accounting, transparency under UNFCCC

International Waters

- Blue economy policies, monitoring & financing frameworks
- Protection of fisheries nursery habitats, water quality improvement
- Enhanced livelihoods for coastal communities

Climate Change Adaptation

- Coastal resilience (mangroves, wetlands, natural buffers)
- Integrated coastal adaptation planning

Land Degradation

Sustainable land management & restoration in coastal and wetland ecosystems

Biodiversity

- Policy coherent coastal spatial planning informed by natural capital assessments of blue carbon ecosystems
- blue financing windows for protection, restoration and sustainable use

Integrated Programs

- Blue & Green Islands Program (SIDS-focused, source-to-sea approach)
- Food Systems Program (sustainable aquaculture + mangrove ecosystems)

From Policy to Investment

National Policy Development & Implementation

Mainstreaming into NDCs, NBSAPs, LDN

Policy harmonization

- Align coastal planning, fisheries, and climate policies
- Strengthen legal and governance frameworks

Transparency & MRV

- Build capacity through CBIT
- Support reporting and accountability under the Paris Agreement

Financing & Investment Mobilization

Blue economy finance

- National strategies, investment plans, and financing facilities

Innovative instruments

- Blue bonds, blended finance for mitigation investments

Risk reduction

- Guarantees and first-loss capital to crowd in private finance

Enabling Blue Carbon Markets

Policy & readiness

- Carbon pricing frameworks and country readiness for markets

Standards & verification

- Robust blue carbon methodologies aligned with Article 6

Nature-Based Solutions & Knowledge for Blue Carbon Action

Piloting Nature-Based Solutions (NbS)

Targeted project funding

- Grants for protection, restoration, and sustainable management
- Mangroves, seagrass, wetlands contributing to NDC (AFOLU) targets

Leverage co-financing

- Demonstrate climate, adaptation, and biodiversity co-benefits
- Mobilize public and private investment

Capacity development

- Build local expertise in ecosystem restoration and carbon accounting

Science, Data & Capacity Building

Knowledge generation

- Improve mapping, measurement, and monitoring of blue carbon ecosystems
- Strengthen MRV systems and natural capital accounting

Technology transfer

- Remote sensing, ocean observation, and NbS innovation

Additional information

- ❑ **GEF-9 Programming Directions:** <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-r-09-18>
- ❑ **COP30 Report:** <https://www.thegef.org/documents/gef-report-unfccc-cop30>

GEF Report to UNFCCC COP30




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Downloads 

 [GEF Report to UNFCCC COP30: July 2024 - June 2025](#)

 [Status of National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention \(as of Sept. 2025\)](#)

 [Status of Biennial Update Reports from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention \(as of Sept. 2025\)](#)

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