

# Information Session on 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for LOIs for large grants only

22, June, 2023

Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands II



# SESSION'S OBJECTIVES

To present :

- CEPF and the RIT
- Ecosystem-based Adaptation
- Activities and geographical areas eligible for this call
- Other eligibility criteria

To answer :

- The most common questions
- Your questions today



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# BEFORE WE START

## Session:

- In English
- Information: [Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands | CEPF](#)
- For large grants only (> \$50,000)

## Others:

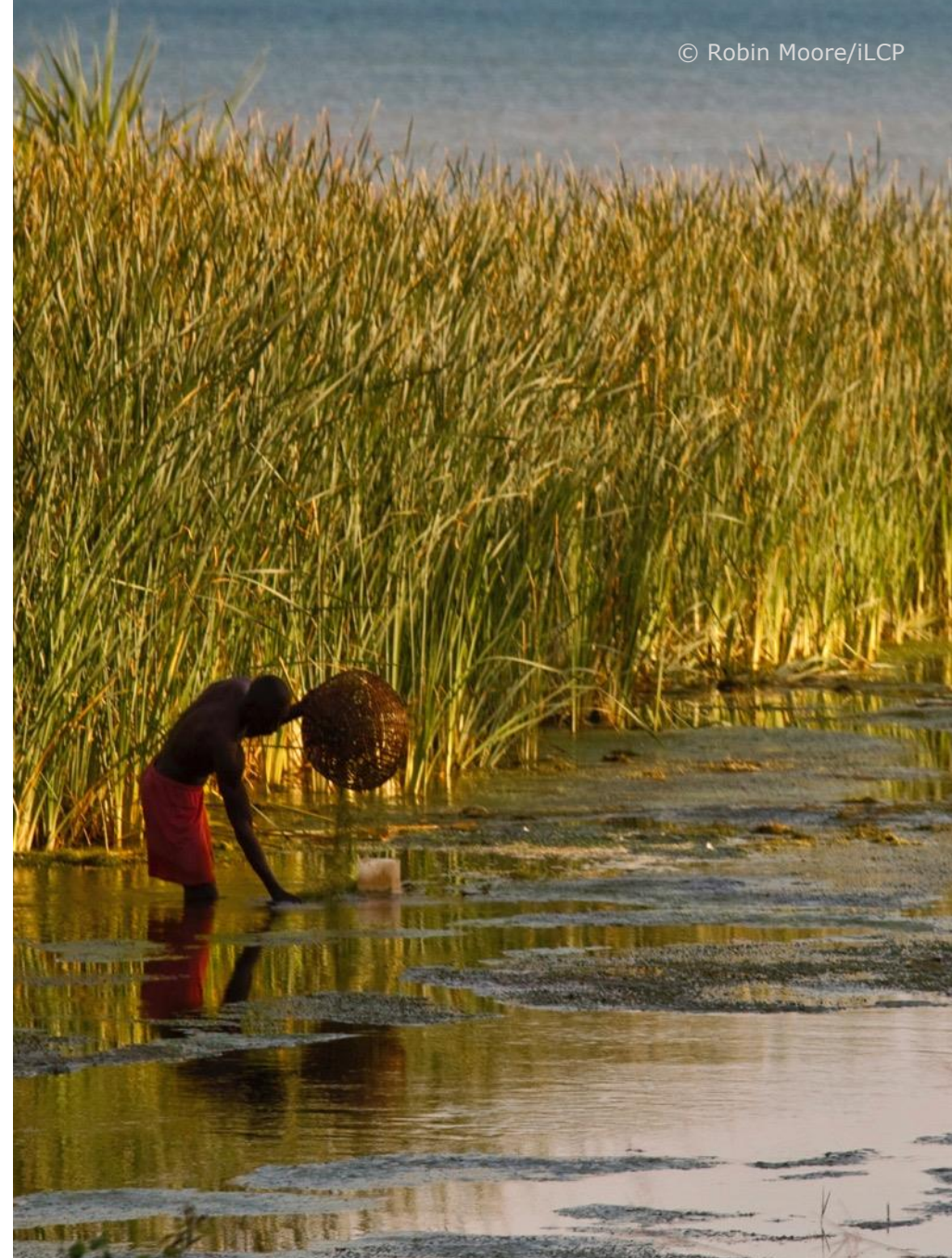
- **Rename yourself with your first name and the name of your organization**
- Check key documents all in the call for letters of inquiry (LOIs)
- Ask your questions as we go in the chat or during Q&A session after presentation



# CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP FUND

CEPF is a joint initiative of:

- The French Development Agency
- Conservation International
- The European Union
- The Global Environment Facility
- The government of Japan
- The World Bank



# TO KNOW MORE

[www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net) and [2021 CEPF Impact and Annual Report](#)

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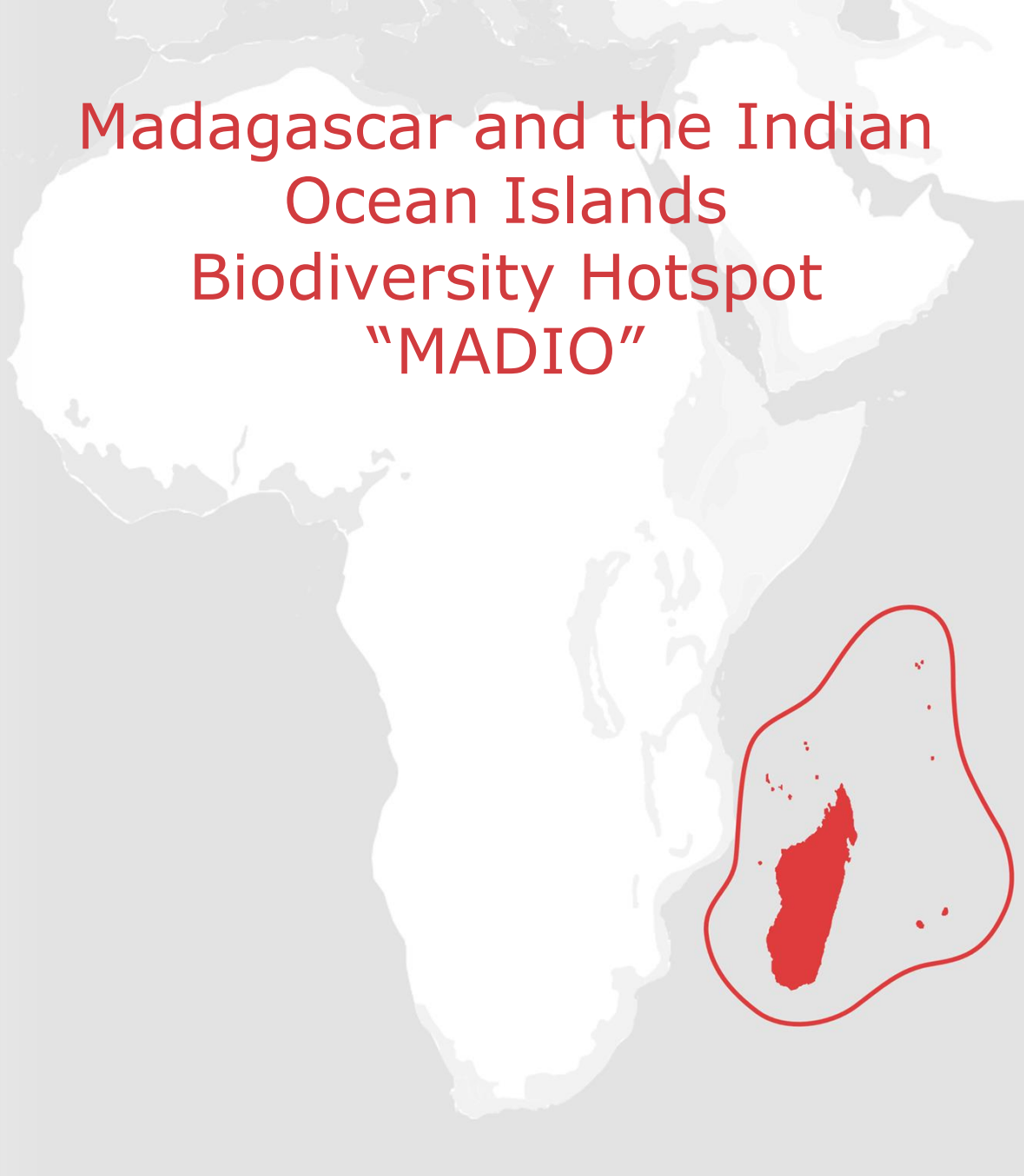
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# Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot "MADIO"



# PAST INVESTMENTS

## PAST INVESTMENTS 2001 - 2022

Period	Amount (USD)	Number of grants
2001 - 2005	\$4,2 millions	30 large and 10 small
2011 - 2013	\$1,4 millions	5 large
2015 - 2022	\$12,3 millions	68 large and 61 small
	<b>\$17,9 millions</b>	



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# CURRENT INVESTMENT

- **Period** : 2022 – 2027
- **Country**: Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles
- **Niche** : Support ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) actions to restore and better manage Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) that provide ecosystem services important for climate change resilience of the most vulnerable species, ecosystems and people.

<b>NEW INVESTMENT 2022 - 2027</b>		
Comoros	\$2,6 millions	16%
Madagascar	\$8 millions	50%
Mauritius	\$2,6 millions	16%
Seychelles	\$2,6 millions	16%
	<b>\$16 millions</b>	



# CURRENT REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (RIT)

Consortium led by IUCN NL and SAF/FJKM

Country Focal Points: ID-ONG, FORENA et SeyCat



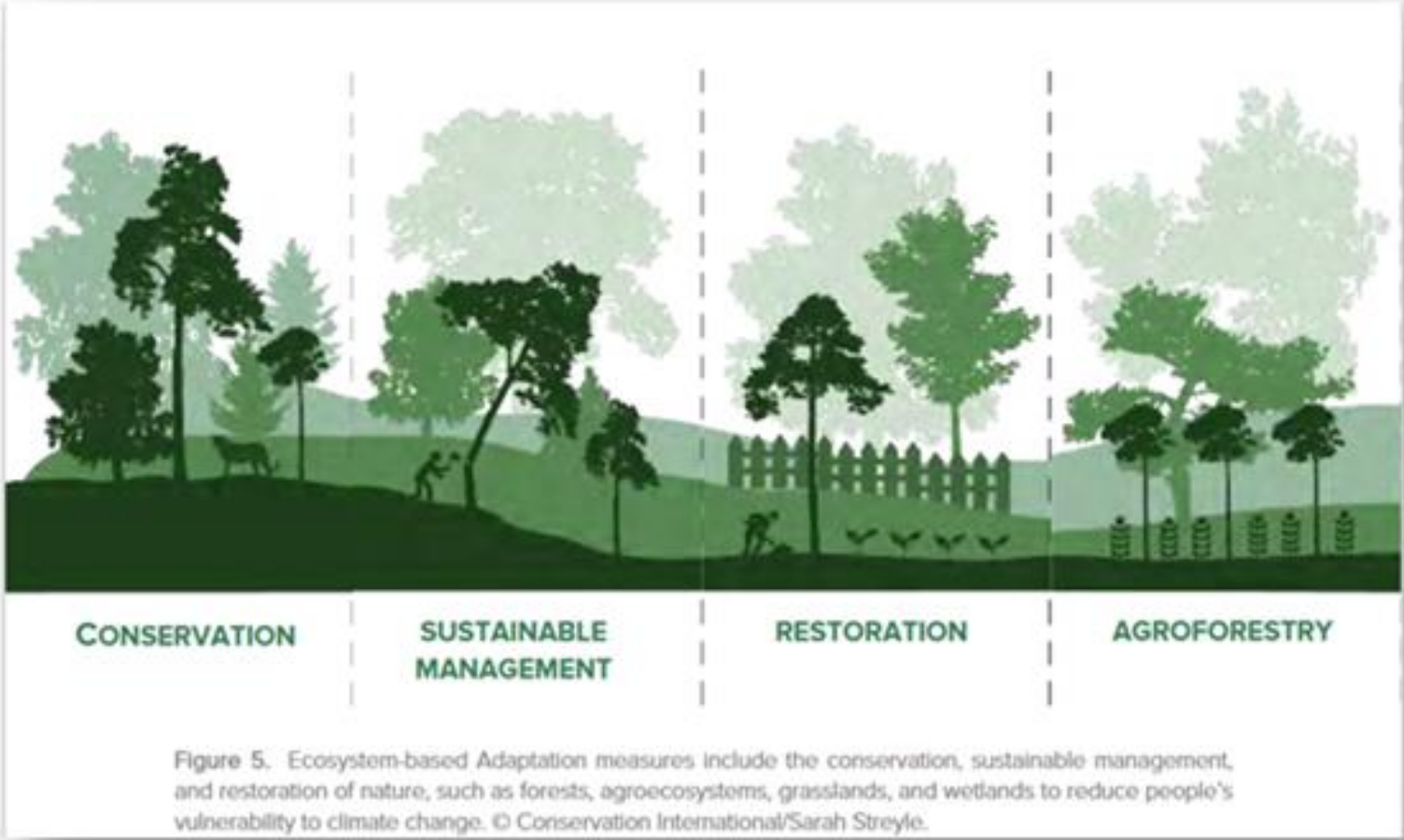
IUCN NL, SAF/FJKM (Madagascar), ID-ONG (Comoros), FORENA (Mauritius) and SeyCCAT (Seychelles), as a regional implementation team, are working with CEPF to implement a five-year conservation strategy for the Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot and build local civil society capacity.



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# ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION

Ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) promotes the conservation, improved management and restoration of ecosystems to provide the essential services people need to adapt to climate change and variability.



# ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION

The goal is to reduce the vulnerability of populations by, for examples:

- having intact coastal and watershed forest ecosystems (strengthen management and/or restoration)
- Establishing climate-resilient agroforestry
- Removing alien invasive species impacting ecosystem services
- Increasing income and well-being as a result of ecosystem-based livelihood activities

EbA is: “the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services to help people adapt to the adverse effects of climate change”

EbA can provide multiple benefits in addition to adaptation, such as carbon storage, pollination services and livelihood diversification

[Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in the Indian Ocean | CEPF](https://friendsofeba.com/what-is-ecosystem-based-adaptation-eba/)

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**Open session on EbA by IUCN NL , 7th July 2023**

Questions ?



# ACTIVITIES AND GEOGRAPHIES ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CALL

**Eligible countries :** Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles

**Opening date:** Tuesday 6 June 2023

**Closing date :** Tuesday 1 August 2023 (11:59 p.m.  
GMT-5) Washington D.C. time zone

**Investment Priorities:**

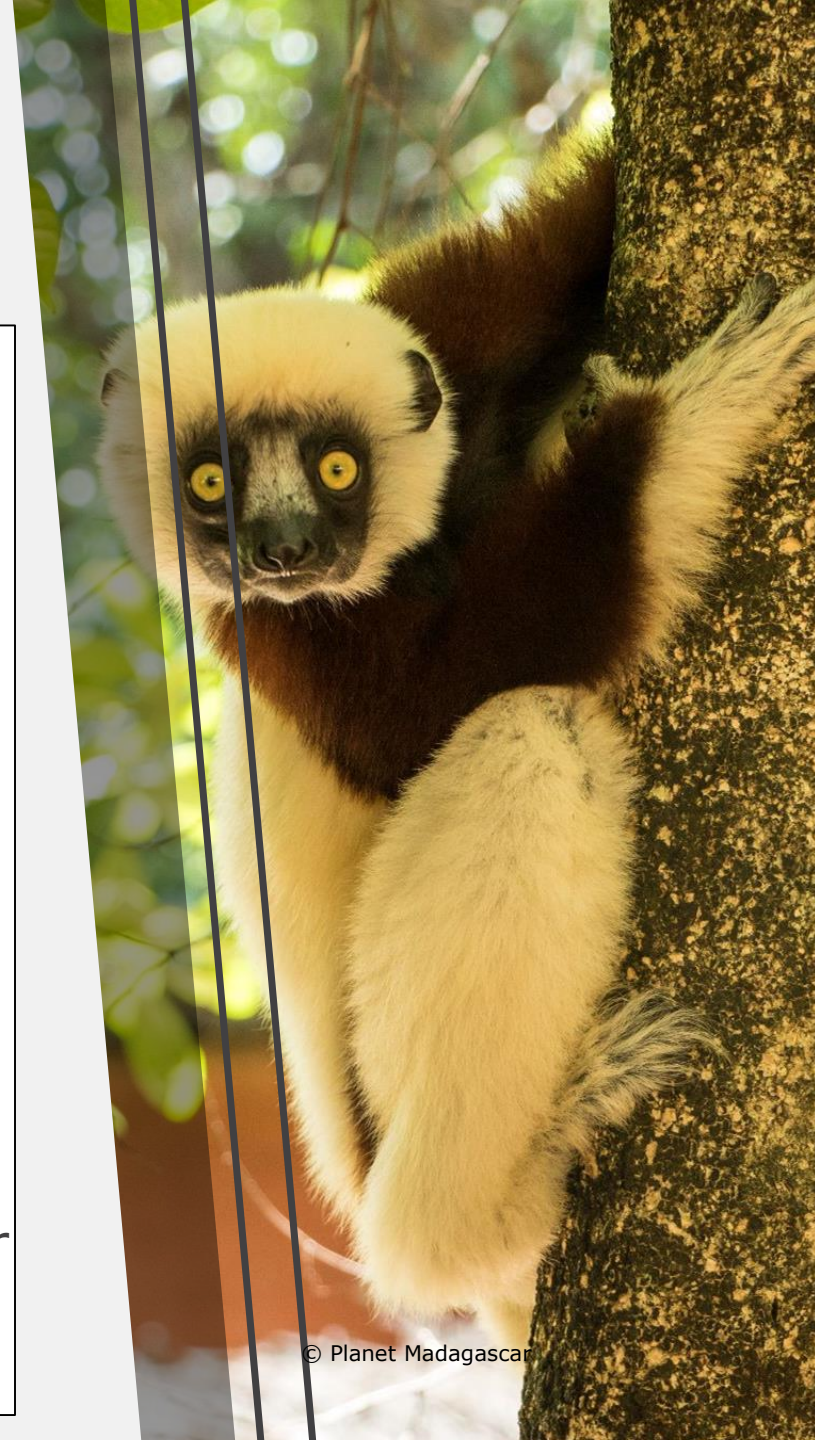
Investment priority 3.1

Investment priority 3.2

Investment priority 4.1

**Grant size:** Greater than US\$50,000

**Maximum project duration:** From January 2024 until 31 December  
2026 (36 months)



# PROJECTS MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE CEPF LOGFRAME

## Chapter 15 Ecosystem Profil Logical Framework

<p><b>Outcome 3:</b> Civil society capacity is strengthened.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5,500 women and 5,500 men from local CSOs have benefited from technical, administrative or financial capacity building.</li> <li>- 12 local CSOs with an institutional capacity score of 80 percent or higher on the CEPF Civil Society Tracking Tool.</li> <li>- Seven CSO training courses and/or exchange visits carried out at the national or regional level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Verified final reports from grantees.</li> <li>- Civil society tracking tools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The political and socio-economic context allows CSOs to carry out their activities.</li> <li>- The public health situation allows for regional exchanges.</li> <li>- CSOs are interested in regional exchanges.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outcome 4:</b> Research on the EbA approach is conducted and results are disseminated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two research activities conducted to better understand the role of ecosystems in climate change adaptation and to test the effectiveness of EbA actions.</li> <li>- Two research activities conducted to measure and verify the impact of the grant portfolio on ecosystem services.</li> <li>- Two public awareness and education events held on biodiversity, conservation priorities, climate resilience, ecosystem services and EbA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Records of coverage on mass media and social media.</li> <li>- Verified final reports from grantees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research institutions are interested and convinced by the EbA approach.</li> <li>- The general public is receptive to the EbA approach.</li> <li>- The public health situation allows the organization of events with the general public.</li> </ul>

# ELIGIBLE TECHNICAL SCOPES



## **3. Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks**

3.1 Strengthen the technical, administrative and financial capacities of local CSOs with missions related to the environment and the fight against climate change.

3.2 Promote exchanges and partnerships (at the national and regional levels) among CSOs working in priority KBAs, to strengthen technical, organizational, management and fundraising capacities.



## **4. Support research and ensure the dissemination of results for the promotion and improvement of knowledge on EbA actions and related good practices.**

4.1 Support applied research activities that improve understanding of the role of specific ecosystems and test the effectiveness of promising EbA techniques.



### 3. Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks

#### Advices

- Read Chapter 14 (especially p227-229) of the Ecosystem Profile
- Focus on technical capacity-building on climate change and EbA (**concrete actions**)
- Focus on operational and institutional capacity-building (**with hands-on practices**)
- Include at least one organization working in one of the CEPF's priority KBAs
- No need to pre-identify organizations, but provide details on the number, the selection criteria and processes
- Demonstrate your expected impacts and state your means of verification





### **3. Strengthen the capacity of local communities and civil society at regional and local levels to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate change risks**

#### **Evaluation criteria**

Demonstrate your:

- Experience (minimum 5 years) as organizational development manager/capacity builder
- Experience in mentoring approach to organizational capacity building of CSOs
- Experience with the organization of logistics related to cross border exchange visits
- Strong network
- Local presence or strong regional engagement (minimum 2 years)



4. Support research and ensure the dissemination of results for the promotion and improvement of knowledge on EbA actions and related good practices.

### Advices

- Read chapters 6 (especially p74-111) and 14 (especially p229-230) of the Ecosystem Profile
- Propose **applied researches** with multi-sectoral and/or multi-regional organizations
- Focus on priority ecosystem services and their contributions to climate adaptation
- Focus on quantifying and/or verifying the effectiveness of EbA approaches at the different implementation stages
- Develop **common methodologies** at regional level and document the information needed
- Integrate dissemination of results with key audiences and appropriate budgeting



4. Support research and ensure the dissemination of results for the promotion and improvement of knowledge on EbA actions and related good practices.

### **Evaluation criteria**

Demonstrate your:

- Technical skills at the proposed scale
- Experience in applied research on EbA and/or climate change
- Experience in collaborative research work and strong network of partners
- Local and/or regional presence
- Dissemination of findings and how they were used by target audiences to make a difference



Questions ?

# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Read the details and assess your eligibility
- Discuss your project idea with the RIT Focal Point in your country
- Don't overestimate your budget
- Consult stakeholders and propose partnerships / regional projects
- Clear expected results/impacts related to CEPF targets and how they will be measured





## OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- NGOs, universities and private companies.
- Authorized by national laws to receive charitable contributions.
- Government-owned institutions OK IF with independent legal status; able to request and receive private funds; unable to claim sovereign immunity.
- Based outside eligible countries OK IF with projects focused on eligible sites.
- Joint projects with other organizations including a main organization (lead).

# INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



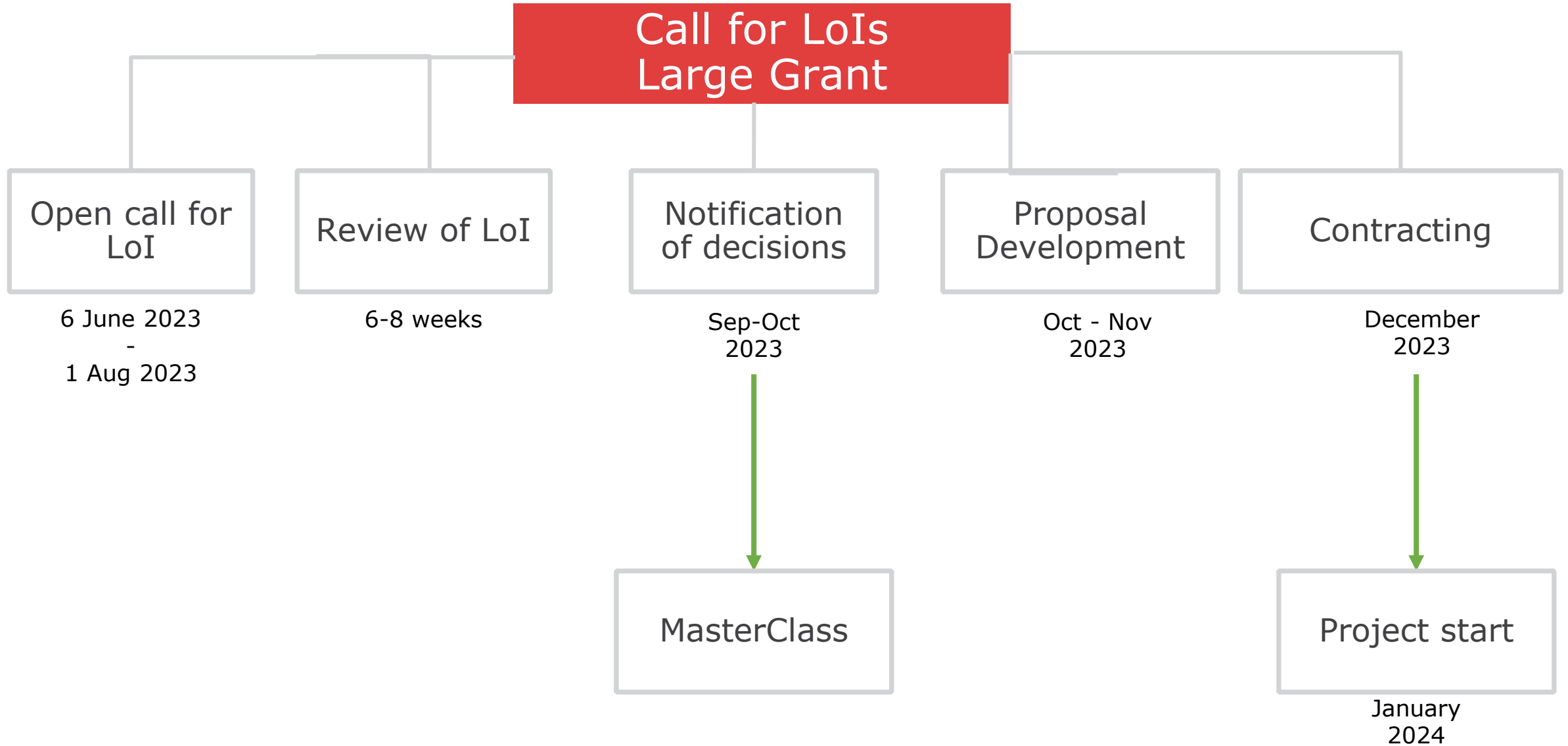
# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- No co-funding required
- No limit on the number of applications
- Current grantees still eligible
- Number of projects financed according to the contribution to the CEPF outcomes and the available budget
- Eligible administrative costs (max. 13%)





# CHRONOLOGY

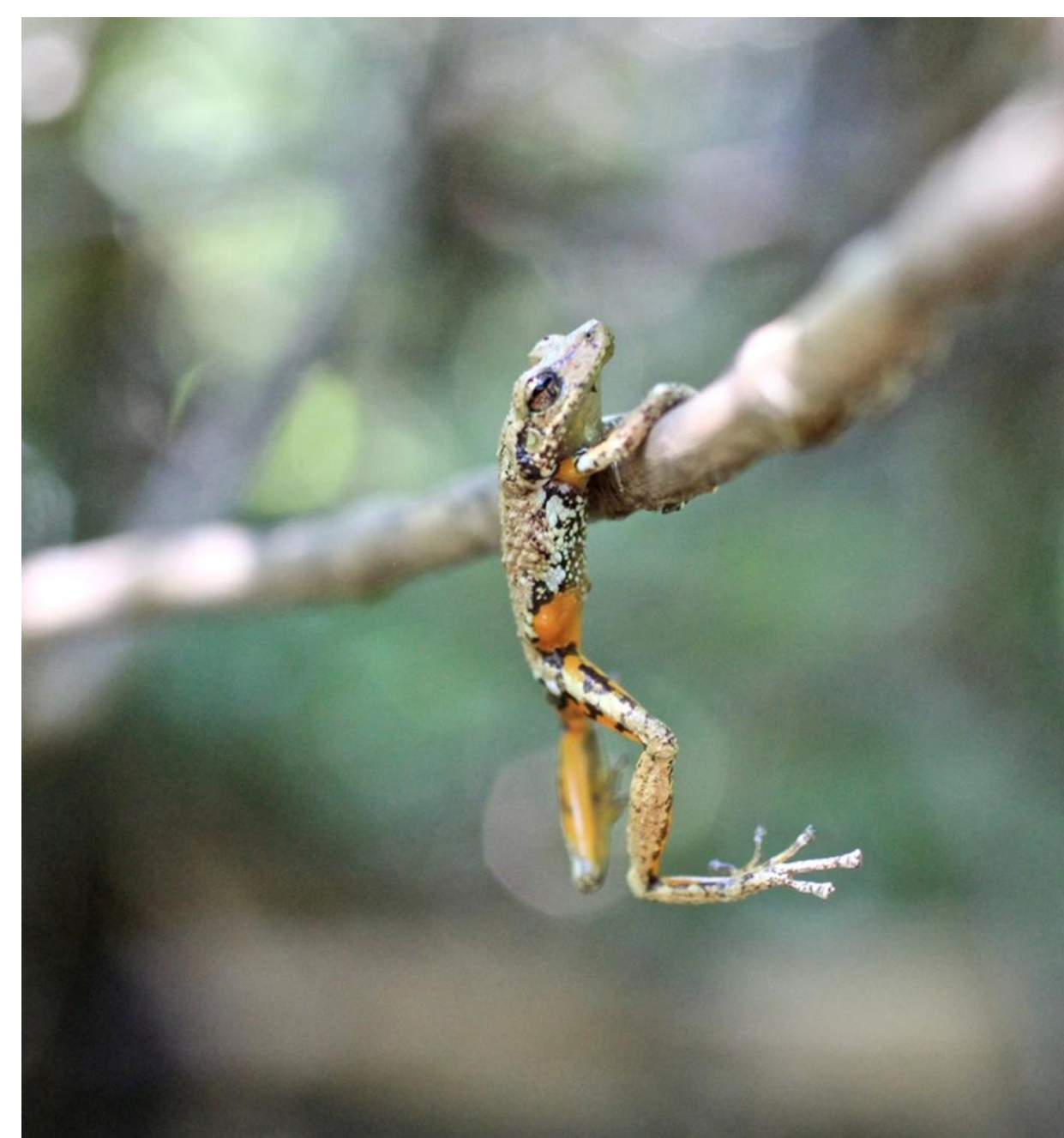


# HOW TO SUBMIT

- Online through the [ConservationGrants](#) electronic portal
- Submission deadlines:  
**Tuesday, 1 August 2023, 11:59 pm Eastern Time (Washington DC) (GMT-5)**
- Suggested reading:

[Ecosystem Profile](#)

[Website with list of questions/answers](#)



# Thanks and good luck!

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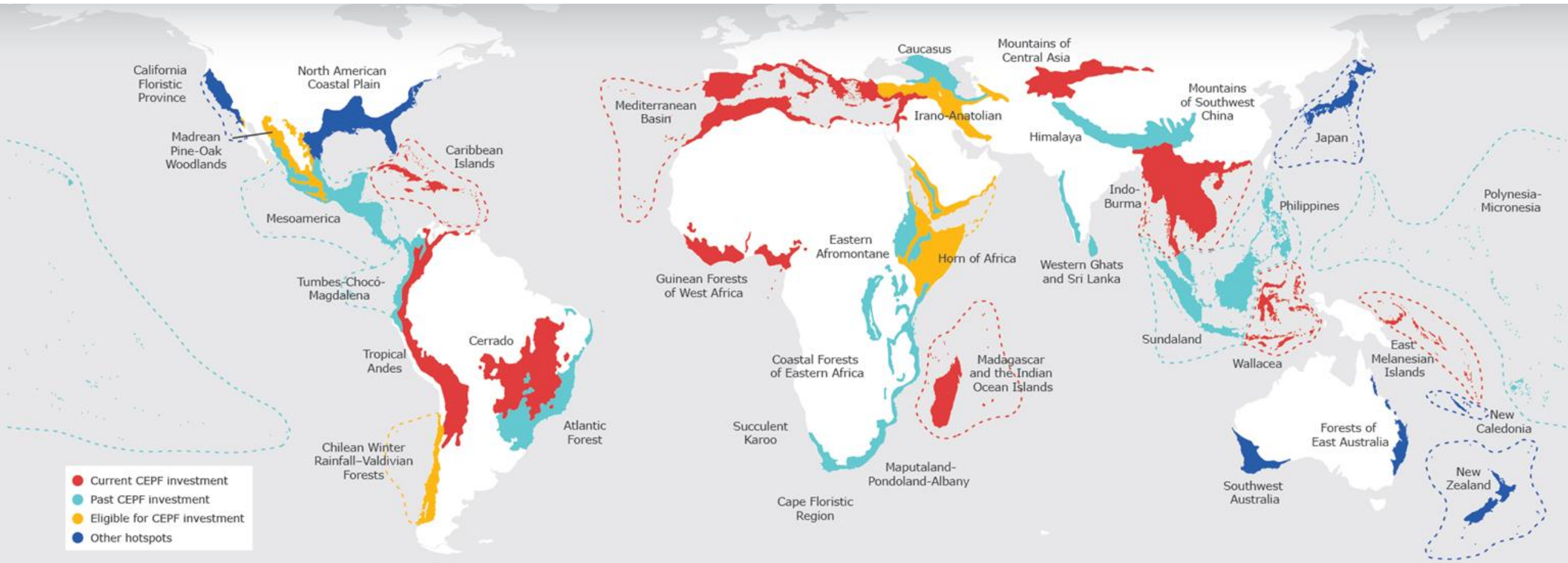
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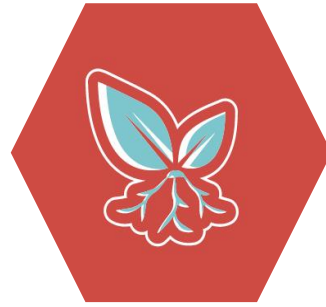


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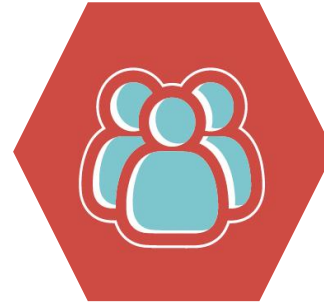
# WHERE DO WE WORK?



# OUR IMPACTS



Biodiversity  
Conservation



Capacity  
Building



Human  
Well-being



Enabling  
Conditions



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