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Opportunities to Mainstream Pollination Issue in GEF Projects

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Role of GEF in funding initiatives that benefit pollinators

- GEF (and GCF) represent key sources of funding for countries in the region to tackle pressing environmental issues
- Opportunity to integrate the issues of pollination, food security and climate resilience in many projects



GEF-6 Funding for LAC (2014-2018)

- In GEF-6 USD 313 million were mobilized and 84 million from GCF in the LAC region (2014-2018)
- UNDP alone has 83 projects in LAC in the biodiversity and ecosystems focal area (e.g., 24 incorporating sustainable agricultural production)



Funding available for LAC in GEF-7 (2018-2022)

- For GEF-7, the STAR allocations total USD 348 million for BD and 58 million for LD focal area for LAC
- In the Caribbean, USD 48 million for BD projects and 17 million for LD projects



Ongoing projects with activities that support pollinators and pollination

- Establishment of new protected areas, reforestation, restoration, promotion of landscape connectivity
- Promotion of sustainable agricultural production practices (e.g., integrated pest management, organic agriculture, soil management, etc.)
- Silvopastoral initiatives that incorporate native forest and fruit trees, soil recovery practices, live fences, etc.
- Traditional agricultural practices (e.g., milpas, chakras) and integration of local knowledge



Ongoing project activities that support pollinators and pollination

- Strengthening of policies to reduce deforestation and mainstream BD in productive sectors, incentives/disincentives
- Institutional capacity building for biodiversity mainstreaming
- Improved land use planning
- Promoting sustainable local livelihoods, e.g., beekeeping



Additional Elements to Incorporate to Protect Pollinators and Pollination

- Capacity building to promote feasible pollinator-friendly production methods and to prevent/manage diseases of pollinators
- Planting and protection of plants that provide resources to pollinators - e.g., growing of wildflowers on the edges of cultivated plots



Additional Project Activities to Incorporate

- Awareness raising on the importance of pollinators, the necessary actions to conserve them, the links to food and nutritional security and to climate resilience
- Building of regional networks/platforms to share information and facilitate action
- Data generation (e.g., monitoring of pollinator populations) and knowledge management
- Development/ strengthening of policies to better protect pollinators
- Control of infectious vectors



Guidance for Effective Mainstreaming of any Issue

- Make sure you have a concrete plan!
- Include relevant indicators in project Strategic Results Frameworks
- Dedicate budgetary resources to integrating the issue and to monitoring the effectiveness of doing so
- Secure expertise to undertake the work
- Identify champions to help push the agenda
- Engage in effective partnerships



THANK YOU.

