

Update on the World Bank's Forests & Landscapes Approach

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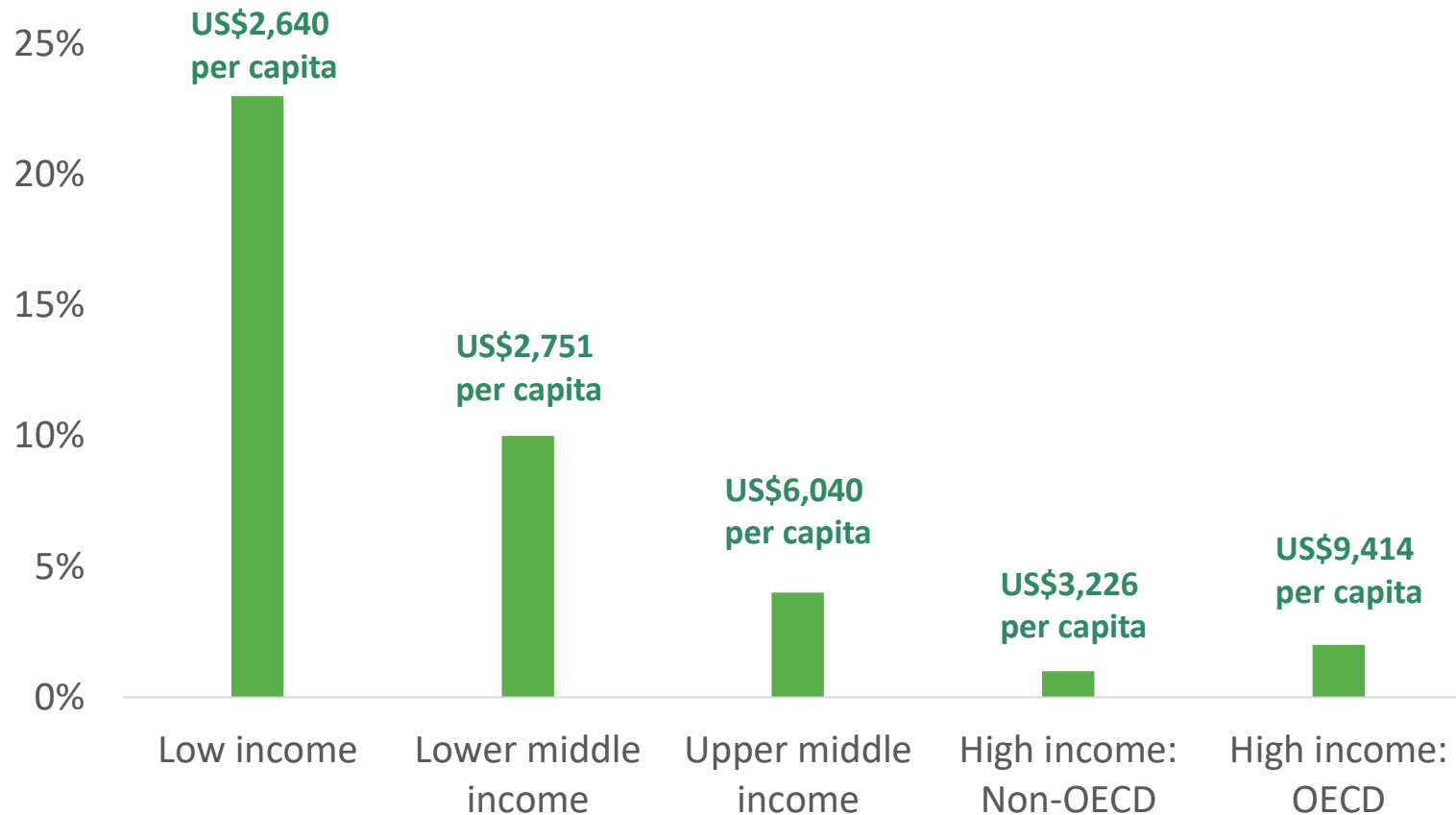
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Setting the Stage



Economies, particularly low-income countries, rely on nature...

Figure: Natural Capital (Renewables) as a share of Total Wealth by Income Group (data from 2018)



Renewable natural capital, such as forests, mangroves, agricultural land, fisheries and protected areas, makes up **23% of the wealth in low-income countries**.

Source: World Bank (*forthcoming*) "The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021"

Forests and biodiversity are critical to achieving global targets



- IPCC (2019) notes that “ all assessed modelled pathways that limit warming to 1.5°C or well below 2°C require land-based mitigation and land-use change, ... including different combinations of **reforestation, afforestation, reduced deforestation.**
- IPBES (2019) notes that **nature-based solutions** are estimated to provide 37% per cent of climate change mitigation until 2030 needed to meet the goal of keeping climate warming below 2°C, with co-benefits for biodiversity.

Global Commitments/Initiatives

Paris Climate Agreement

100 country NDCs include forest and land use

CBD COP-15

New ambitious targets to be adopted by CBD in 2021

High Level Panel for Oceans

30% of global marine protected areas by 2030

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

2021-2030 for restoration of marine and terrestrial ecosystems

United Nations Forum on Forests

10 Global Forest Goals by 2030

Bonn Challenge

350 million hectares of deforested and degraded land restored by 2030

World Economic Forum

1 trillion tree initiative

World Business Council for Sust. Development

Forest Solutions Group

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WBG Corporate Initiatives and Commitments

IDA20

- Implement NBS - landscape, seascape, watershed restoration & management or SFM & restoration, in at least 20 countries, to support biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Continue to support NBSAP implementation & updating in IDA countries
- Develop a methodology to identify, monitor, and track nature-positive WBG investments to assess the extent to which project financing generates biodiversity and ecosystems services



Climate Ambition Summit 2020

35% of WBG financing to have climate co-benefits, with half supporting adaptation and resilience in the next five years



WBG Climate Change Action Plan 2021–2025

Support investments interventions through an integrated landscape management approach for avoiding deforestation and promoting landscape restoration or sustainable forest management

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Approach Overview



Overview: Forest and Landscapes Approach

WBG Mission Alignment

Aligned with the WBG Goals to End Poverty and Increase Shared Prosperity in a Sustainable Way

GOAL

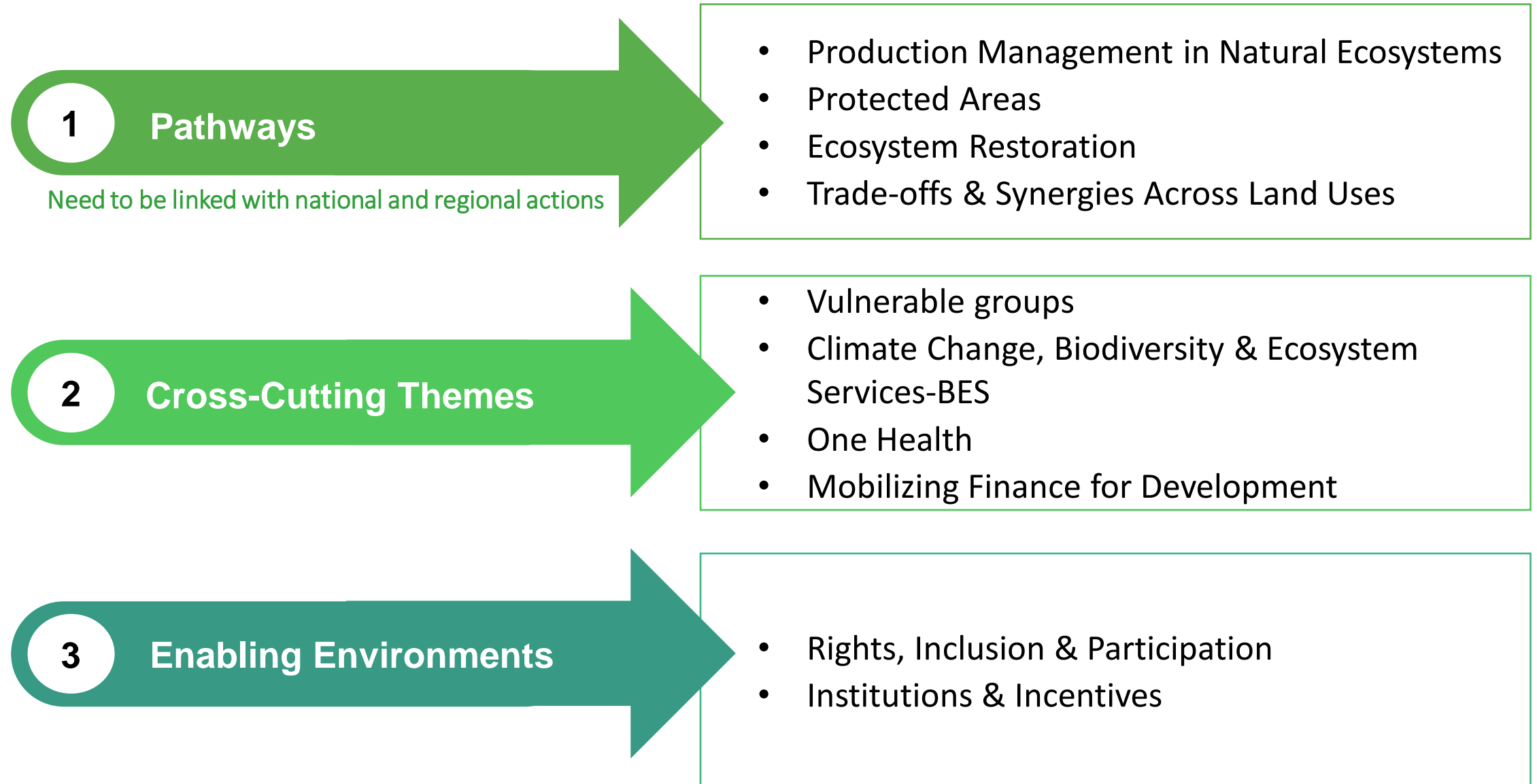
To increase relevance and effectiveness of WBG to maintain and improve ecosystem services in resilient landscapes

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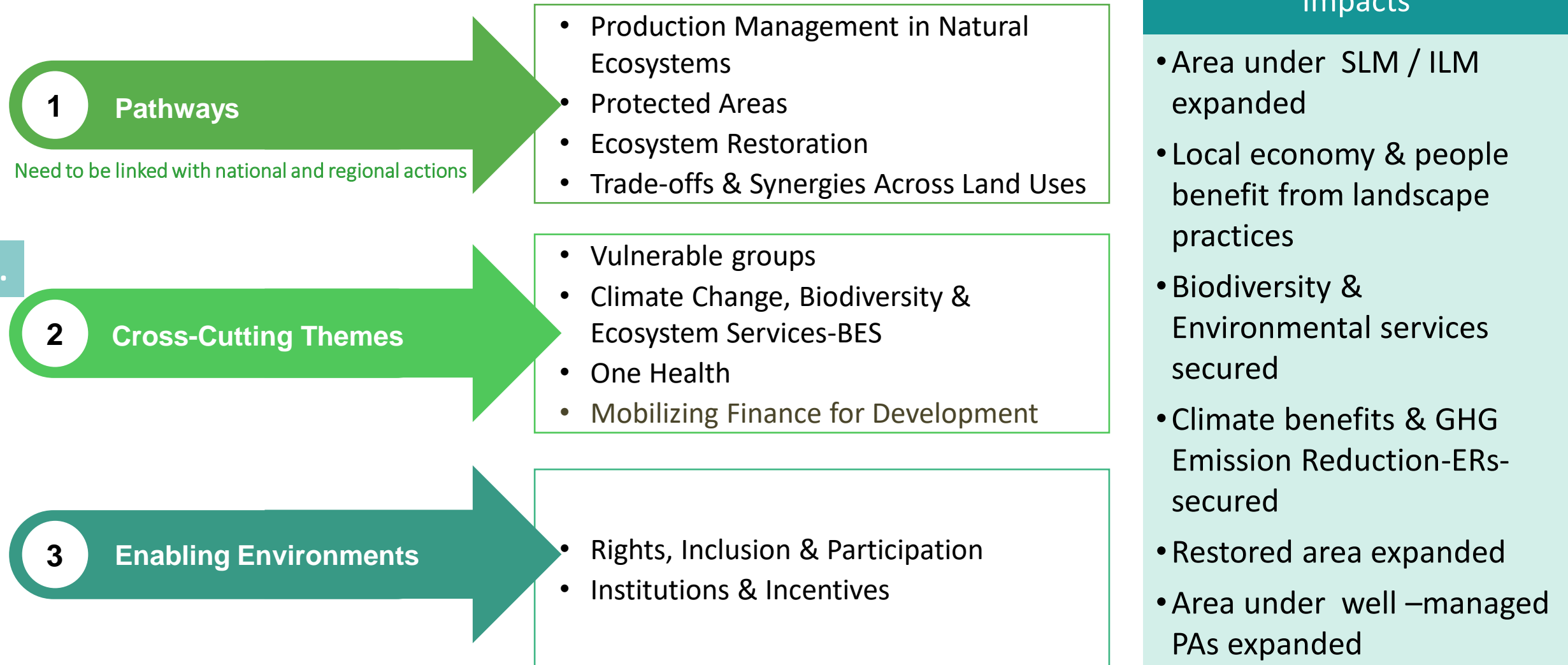
Impact-oriented and
Terrestrial Landscape Focus



Overview: Forest and Landscapes Approach



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Pathway 1: Production Management in Natural Ecosystems

(including Forest & Non-Forest products, Plantations, Agroforestry, and respective value chains)

Project Examples

Ethiopia: Second Resilient Landscapes and Livelihoods Project (P174385)
FY21-26, \$178 M

PDO: To improve climate resilience, land productivity and carbon storage, and increase access to diversified livelihood activities in selected rural watersheds.

China: Hubei Smart and Sustainable Agriculture Project (P172224)
FY21-25, \$352 M

PDO: To promote integrated environmentally sustainable and climate-smart agriculture, and agri-food quality and safety, in targeted value chains and landscapes.

Illustrative Activities: Develop / promote / share:

- Improved enabling policies for ILM, SFM (rights, incentives, spatial planning)
- Improved practices for managing production landscapes (ILM, SFM, agroforestry, non-forest resources)
- Governance along value chains (processing, customs, Anti-money laundering AML)
- Sustainable Value Chains (local processing, major buyers' policies, traceability & certification)
- Tools for community participation in landscape / land use planning & collective mgt practices
- Leverage & application of investment financing for productive forest & agroforest landscapes

Pathway 2: Protected Areas (PA)

(including nature-based tourism – NBT)

Project Examples

Uganda: Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate-Smart Development Project (P170466)
FY20-26, \$178 M

PDO: To improve sustainable management of forests and protected areas and increase benefits to communities from forests in target landscapes

Illustrative Activities:

- Improved PA management practices
- Tools for community participation
- Support & tools for PA creation, demarcation
- Strengthen PA management (Training, infrastructure, private partnerships)
- Innovative financing (NBT, bonds)

Lao Landscapes and Livelihoods Project (P170559)
FY21-27, \$65.4 M

PDO: To promote sustainable forest mgmt., improve protected area mgmt, and enhance livelihoods opportunities in selected landscapes

ALBIÄ Chad Local Development and Adaptation Project (P171611)
FY20-25, \$54.5 M

PDO: To improve the management of natural resources and the livelihood of populations in selected climate vulnerable areas

Pathway 3: Ecosystem Restoration

(Includes tree planting for restoration purposes)

Project Examples

India: Integrated Project for Source Sustainability and climate Resilient Rain-fed Agriculture in Himachal Pradesh (P165129)
FY20-25, \$100 M

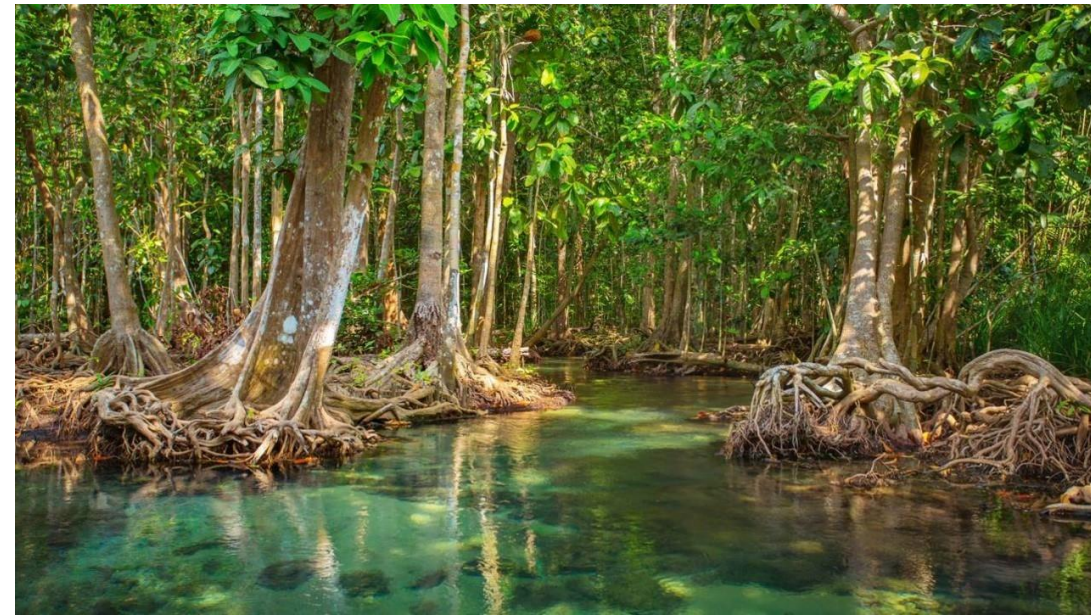
PDO: To increase the sustainable use of water resources in Himachal Pradesh by improving upstream watershed management and increasing agricultural water productivity.

Nepal: Forests for Prosperity Project
(P170798)
FY22-25, \$24 M

PDO: To improve sustainable forest management; increase benefits from forests and contribute to net Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) reductions in selected municipalities

Illustrative Activities:

- Improved governance over areas to be restored
- Improved enabling policies for both public & private investment in landscape restoration
- Cost- Effective best practices for ER
- Tools to engage rural stakeholders in restoration opportunities & livelihoods
- Leveraging private partnerships & financial innovation for landscape restoration



Pathway 4: Managing Trade-offs & Synergies Across Land Uses

(Including Nature-Based Solutions)

Project Examples

Colombia: Orinoquia Integrated Sustainable Landscapes
(P167830)
FY19-23, \$36 M

PDO: To promote representation of Orinoquia wetlands and savanna lands in land-use planning instruments and landscape connectivity in selected project areas.

Illustrative Activities:

- Align policies for more sustainable practices across sectors/ landscape users
- Regional land planning tools & governance
- Improved coordination across sectors in land allocation & business licensing
- NBS for adoption in Agric, Water, Energy, Extractive & Transport projects
- Ecosystem - landscape mgt approaches complementing non-forest investments
- Leverage of financing for better landscape and VC practices

Argentina: Sustainable Recovery of Landscapes and Livelihoods Project (P175669)
FY22-27, \$60 M

PDO: To improve the management and resilience of ecosystems and related livelihoods of local communities in selected conservation and production landscapes and seascapes



Cross Cutting Themes

- **Vulnerable groups:** Women; Youth; Indigenous People & Local Communities (IPLCs)
- **Climate Change, Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services-BES:** conservation, and Nature-based Solutions-NBS for the drivers of landscape degradation
- **One Health of zoonotic diseases:** Decrease the risk of spillovers from wildlife to humans
- **Mobilizing Finance for Development:** Greening the finance and financing green

Burkina Faso: Local Forest Communities Support Project
(P149434)
FY16-21, \$4.5 M

PDO: to strengthen the capacity of targeted local communities to participate in REDD+ programs at local, national and global levels.

Ghana Landscape Restoration and Small-scale Mining Project
(P171933)
FY22-27, \$103 M

PDO: to strengthen integrated natural resource management and increase benefits to communities in targeted savannah and cocoa forest landscapes

Enabling Conditions for Better Impact

Rights, Inclusion & Participation

- Support citizen inclusion & participation
- Improve use, access & tenure rights
- Strengthen gender inclusion & mainstreaming
- Support IPLC access & rights

Institutions & Incentives

- Harmonize policies & coordination
- Improve governance & spatial planning
- Strengthen incentives
- Increase financing

Brazil: Indigenous People and Traditional Communities

(P143492)

FY15-22, \$6.5 M

PDO: to support IPLCs by strengthening their engagement in FIP, REDD+, and other similar climate change-oriented programs, and by contributing to improving livelihoods, land use, and sustainable forest management.

Cote D'Ivoire: Dedicated Grant Mechanism (P163004)

FY20, \$4.5 M

PDO: to strengthen the capacity of targeted local communities to participate in REDD+ programs at local, national and global levels.



Mobilizing & integrating financing for key needs...

WBG adds value by helping countries to...



... Strategically prioritize & plan for targeted climate action & investment



... Blend & leverage finance to scale up performance

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... Access trust funded grants, knowledge, capacity & TA

Leading to Programmatic Scale & Impact



... Engage diverse stakeholders for more inclusive forest programs & benefit sharing



... Access incentives (payments or results) for continued action & ambition

Prioritizing key investments in forests & landscapes



Mitigate Climate Change

- Carbon sequestration & storage
- Avoided deforestation /reforestation
- Climate smart agriculture



Development Impact

- Economic growth
- Job creation
- Sustainable land mgmt



Leverage Partnerships

- Private sector investors
- Mobilizing partners
- Joint WBG initiatives

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Stakeholder Engagement

- Governments
- Communities
- Supply chain partners



Value Addition

- Investments across value chain
- Advisory Services
- IFC 3.0 Creating Markets



Share Knowledge

- Industry sector expertise
- IFC E&S Performance Standards; WB ESF
- Global benchmarking

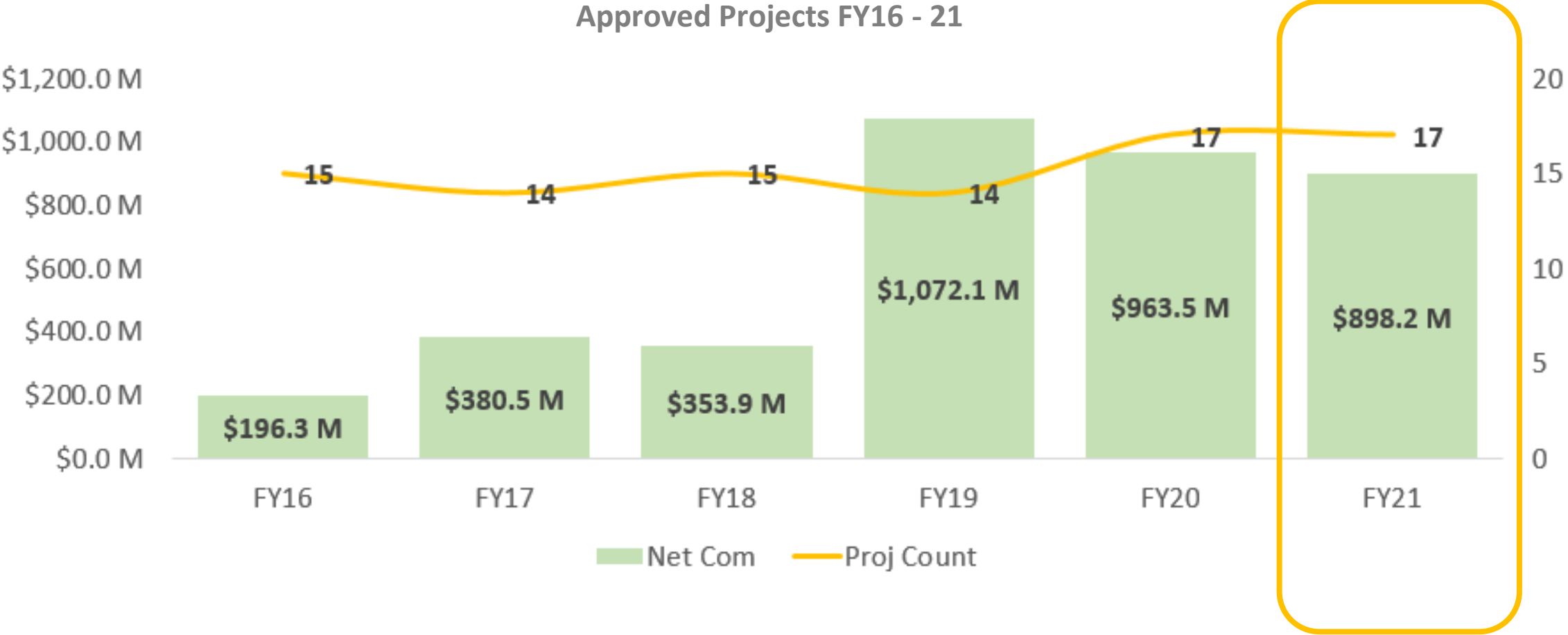
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**FY 16-21
Results
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(Since FAP)**



Forest projects approved each year remains steady

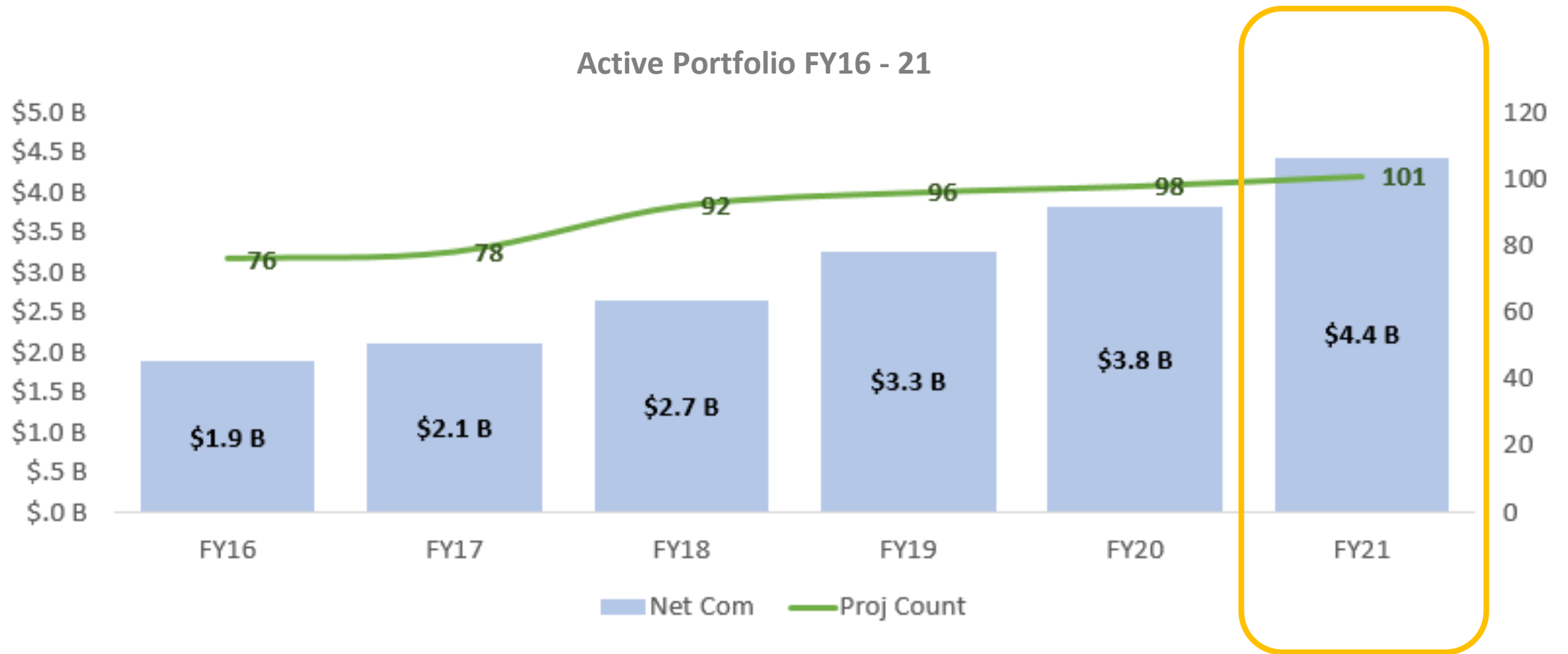
Average net commitment per project has increased to \$52.8 M/project in FY21.



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Portfolio shows steady increase in number of projects and investments

Average net commitment is about \$43.6 M/project in FY21.

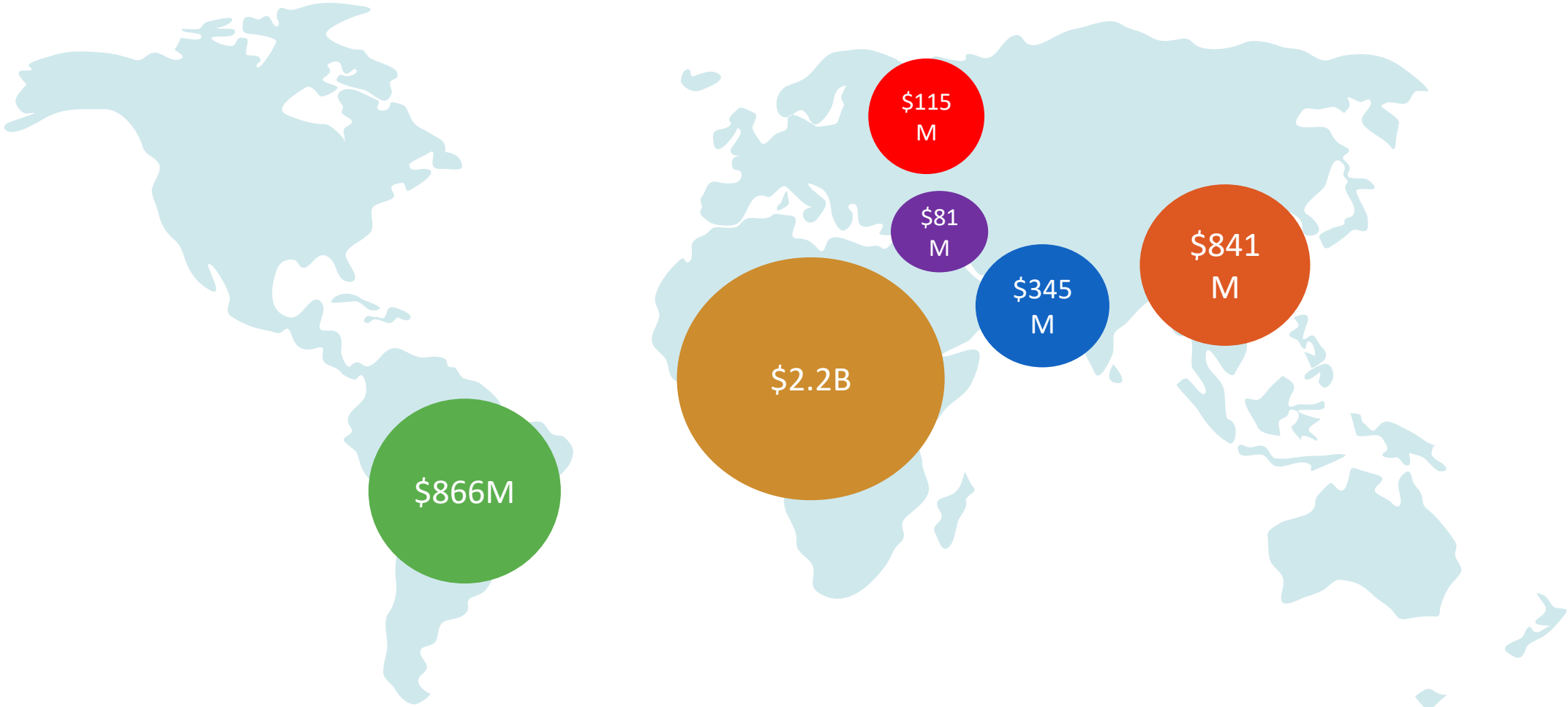


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FY16-21 Net Commitments by Region (Active Portfolio)

- 1. AFR
- 2. LCR
- 3. EAP
- 4. SAR
- 5. ECA
- 6. MNA

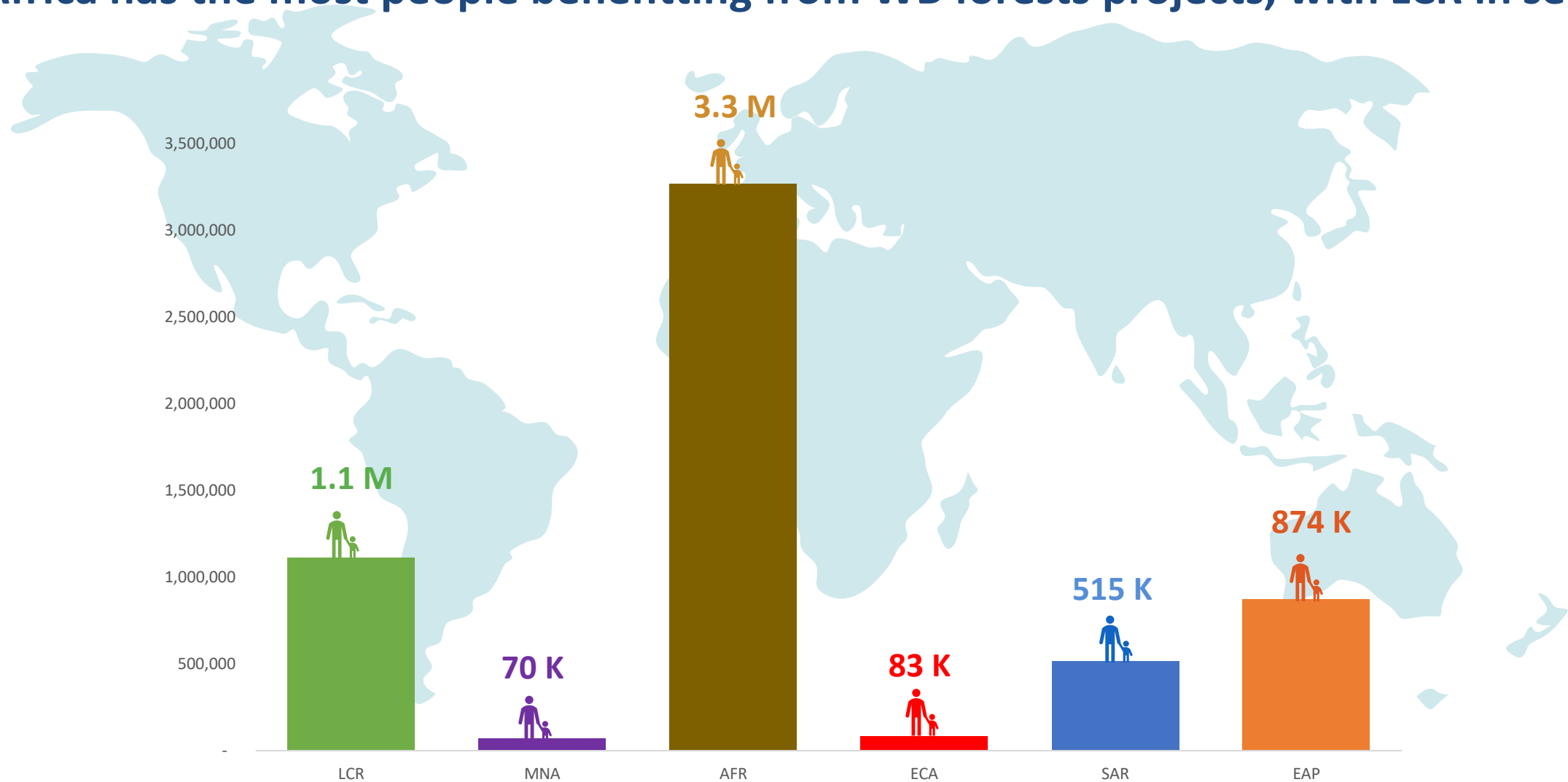
Africa has the most forest net commitments at \$2.2 B
LCR has the second most forest net commitments at \$866 M



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Since FY16, total beneficiaries reached 5.9 M in FY21

Africa has the most people benefitting from WB forests projects, with LCR in second

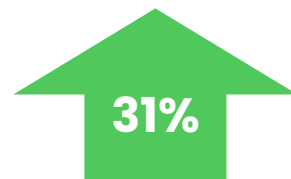
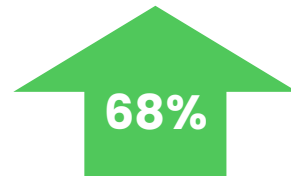
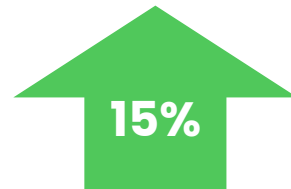


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FY21 Results Summary: People



Since FY20



FY16-21 Results

Beneficiaries

5.9 M

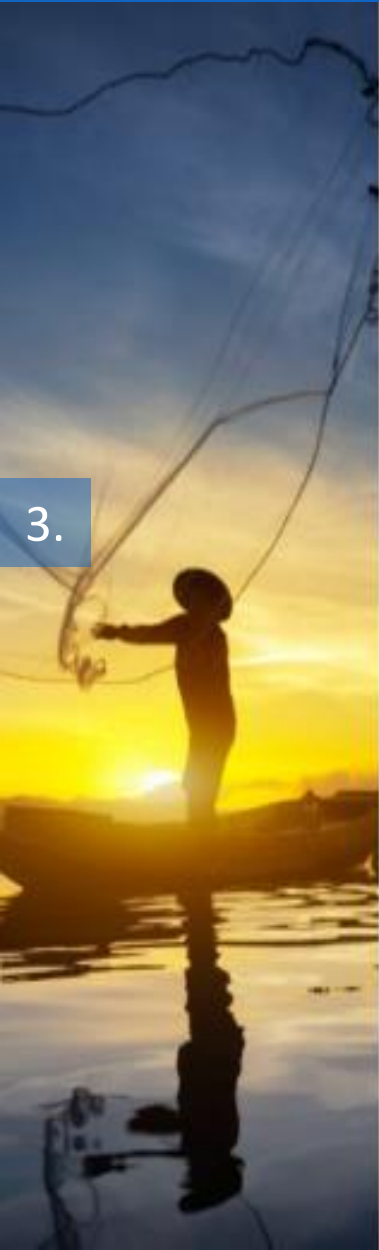
People employed in production and processing of forest products

15 K

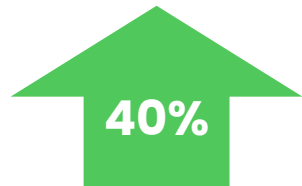
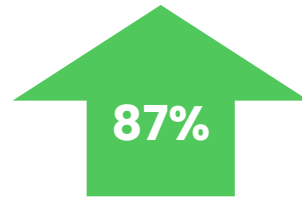
People with increased monetary benefits from forests and trees

835 K

FY21 Results Summary: Climate Change



Since FY20



FY16-21 Results

Land area with sustainable land management practices (ha)

269 M

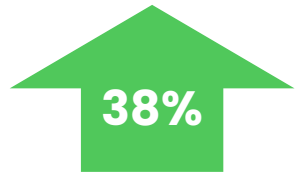
GHG emissions reduced or avoided (M tCO₂eq)

26.4 M

FY21 Results Summary: Green Planet

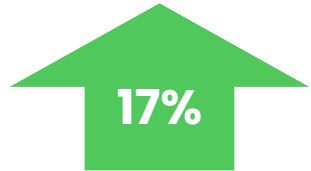
Since FY20

FY16-21 Results



Forest Area brought under management plans (ha)

13.9 M



New areas outside protected areas managed as biodiversity-friendly (ha)

9 M



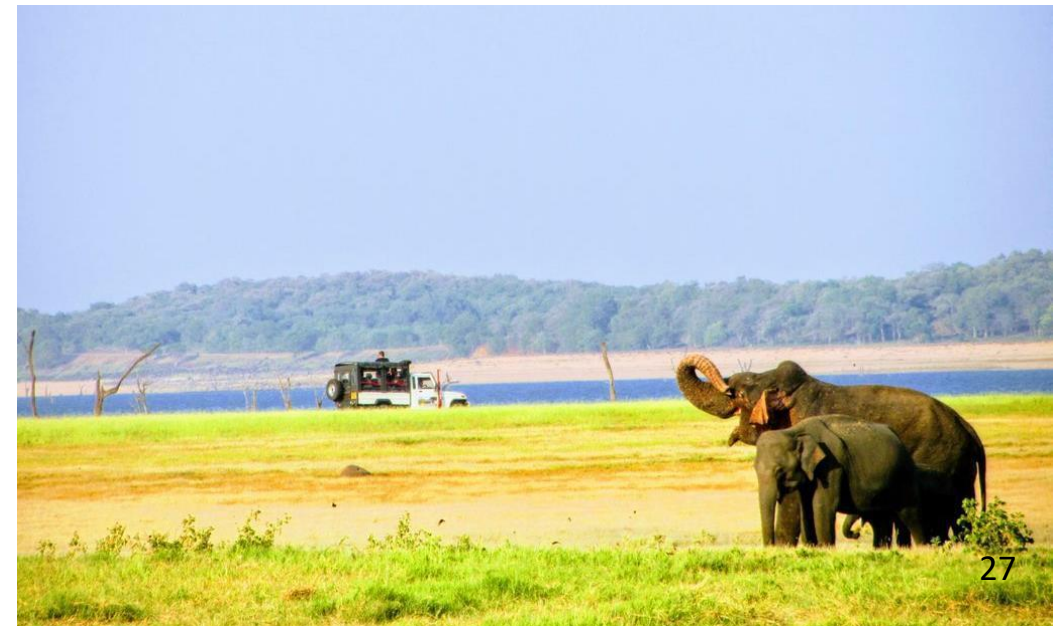
Area brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha)

75.7 M



Area restored or re/afforested (ha)

638 K



FY21 Results Summary: Enabling Environment

Since FY20

FY16–21 Results



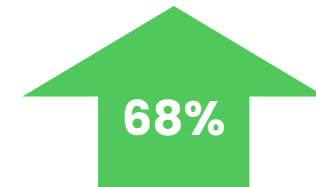
Reforms in forest policy, legislation or other regulations supported

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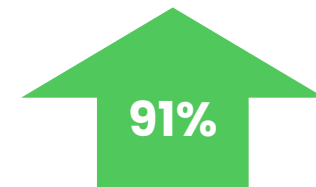
Participants in consultation activities during project implementation

247 K



Target population with use or ownership rights recorded

961 K



Target land area with use or ownership rights recorded (ha)

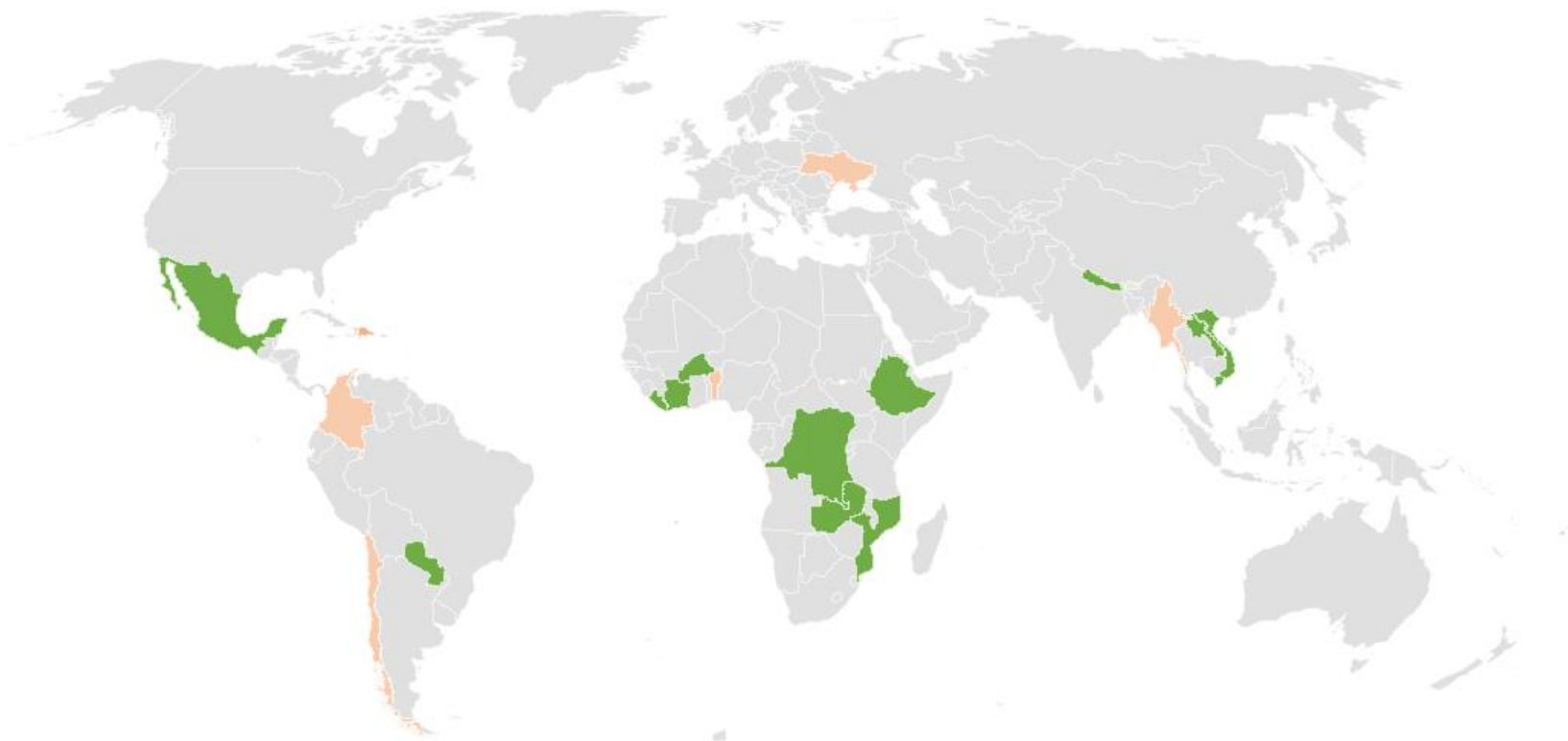
7.3 M



Country Forest Notes (CFNs) are a good, influential upstream investment in knowledge, dialogue and consensus

13 CFNs led to scaled up investment and follow-on analytics funded by PROGREEN, FIP, FOLUR and ISFL
(Countries indicated in green)

1. Benin
2. Bhutan
3. Burkina Faso
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. Cote d'Ivoire
7. DRC
8. Dominica
9. Dominican Republic
10. El Salvador
11. Ethiopia
12. Lao PDR
13. Liberia
14. Mexico
15. Mozambique
16. Myanmar
17. Nepal
18. Paraguay
19. Vietnam
20. Ukraine
21. Zambia



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Leveraging Resources and Partnerships



Collaboration & Leverage for Impact

- Co-financing of integrated landscape planning & investments
- Co- sponsoring global dialogue, capacity building
- Joint work on analytical flagship initiatives
- Building capacity and targeting technical assistance
- Engaging the financial system: financing green and greening finance
- Leveraging climate and carbon finance, where possible

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With financing, support and collaboration from these organizations:



Partnerships to Advance Forest & Landscapes Approach



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**Moving
Forward**



ForLand Approach Building on Global Momentum

Opportunities

- 2021 + pandemic and CoPs : Increased global attention to nature and climate: UN Decade, Food System Summit
 - More systematic effort on upstream influence (analytics & dialogue)
 - Growing engagement by finance and banking sector
 - Greater partner support through trust funds & co-financing
 - WBG commitments/initiatives on investments in climate and nature
- Greater convergence of dialogue and commitments among governments & DPs
 - Greater engagement with finance decision makers; influence on country investment priorities
 - “Greening Finance” & “Financing Green” for nature-based solutions
 - More incentive for countries to scale up and leverage investments
 - Enhanced collaboration and synergy across WBG to address land use change drivers

Thank You

