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DEVELOPING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND STRATEGY FOR THE UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION (2021-2030)

The United Nations (UN) Decade of Ecosystem Restoration aims to foster a global movement to stop, prevent and reverse the degradation of ecosystems. The Decade offers an unparalleled opportunity for ongoing restoration efforts to be scaled up and for the creation of an enabling environment for further restoration action. To guide the implementation of the Decade, a Consortium was formed between the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), who is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)/International Climate Initiative (IKI), and three participating partners, including FAO, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Consortium developed a 2021-2030 strategy and implementation plan for the Decade, which consists of three goals and nine activities.



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WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

FAO was responsible for two activities, which were implemented successfully with the support of other Consortium members.

Under Goal 1, Activity 3, FAO established a Task Force on Monitoring (MTF). The main responsibility of the MTF was to develop and propose a framework for monitoring and reporting on various restoration efforts and initiatives.

The purpose of Goal 3, Activity 8 was to increase access to guidelines, handbooks and toolkits on ecosystem restoration. Under this activity, FAO established a Task Force on Best Practices (BPTF), which was charged with establishing a basis for future capacity-development and knowledge-capitalization initiatives, as well as the dissemination of the above-mentioned materials.

IMPACT

Through the delivery of their expected Outputs, the two task forces formed under this project contributed to the development of the 2021-2030 strategy and implementation plan of the Decade, thereby supporting ecosystem restoration worldwide.

KEY FACTS

Latest Approved Budget
USD 595 097

Duration
July 2020 – December 2021

Resource Partner
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Partners
CIFOR, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

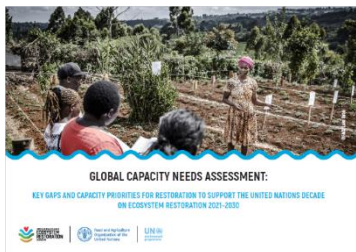
Beneficiaries
Restoration practitioners and different types of stakeholders involved in restoration from both the public and private sectors across all scales

ACTIVITIES

- In June 2021, the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring (available at: <https://bit.ly/3c4hIGJ>) was launched based on FAO's Hand-In-Hand Geospatial Platform, and its development continued in 2022.
- Monitoring tools and modules on restoration were developed in the System for Earth Observation Data Access, Processing and Analysis for Land Monitoring (SEPAL), part of FAO's Open Foris software suite, which is free and open source. These tools, along with modules for monitoring SDG indicators 15.3.1 and 15.4.2, were linked to the FERM geospatial platform.
- In the first half of 2021, an expert consultation was held, where the possibility of expanding monitoring and assessment tools to broader ecosystems was explored.
- Under a letter of agreement (LOA) between UNEP, FAO and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC), an indicator report was written and later published (available at: <https://bit.ly/3OZZ0sj>).
- The MTF held 13 meetings, four online workshops and various other meetings and consultations with stakeholders. A summary of the MTF is available at: <https://bit.ly/3axuDUX>.
- A stocktaking study and methodology for ecosystem prioritization in the context of the Decade was developed.
- A guide on principles for ecosystem restoration was published (available at: <https://bit.ly/3OQVNej>).
- A global capacity needs assessment (CNA) was carried out, and a summary report was produced (available at: <https://bit.ly/3QcVqMh>).
- The process for developing standards of practice for ecosystem restoration, a Capacity, Knowledge and Learning Action Plan and a template for the collection of good practices was outlined. The products are to be published in 2022.
- The BPTF held six general meetings with all of its members, as well as ten meetings with subgroups, two online events, one in-person event and six consultations.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Project Title

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