

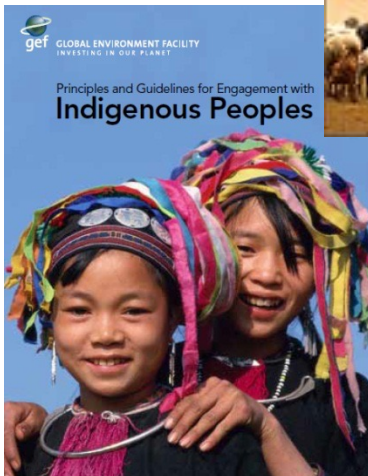


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# GEF: Engagement with Indigenous Peoples



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# Participation of Indigenous Peoples at the GEF

- Access to GEF funds for projects
- Involvement and participation in GEF projects
- Involvement in GEF policy and operation processes (e.g. GEF Assembly, Council, etc)
- Involvement in COP processes and help provide guidance to GEF
- Involvement in GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) and CSO Network.



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# GEF Portfolio related to Indigenous Peoples

- ~220 Full & Medium Sized Projects involved Indigenous Peoples
- ~15% of GEF Small Grants Programme Projects

FIGURE 1 DEGREE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INVOLVEMENT IN GEF PROJECTS

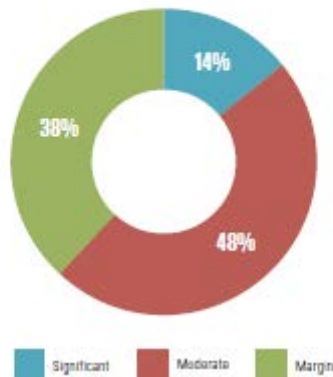


FIGURE 2 DISTRIBUTION OF GEF PROJECTS BY FOCAL AREA

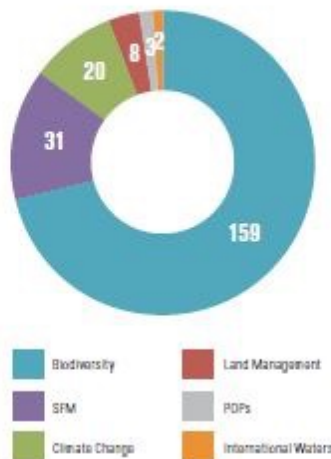


FIGURE 6 DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, BY GEF AGENCY

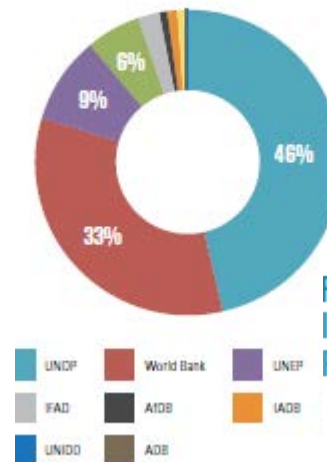
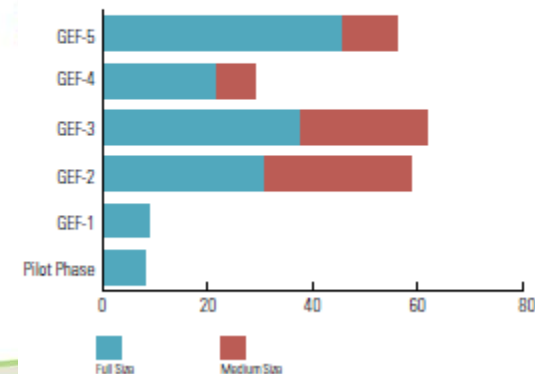


FIGURE 5 TRENDS IN PROJECTS INVOLVING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, BY GEF REPLENISHMENT CYCLE



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# GEF Indigenous Peoples Policies and Strategies

- ➔ GEF Public Involvement Policy (1996) & Guidelines (2014)
- ➔ GEF Minimum Standards on Envi. & Social Safeguards, including Indigenous Peoples (2011)
- ➔ GEF Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples (2012)
  - ➔ GEF Focal Area Strategies and Results Framework
    - Incorporate strategies and indicators related to Indigenous Peoples
  - ➔ GEF Project Review Criteria
    - Clarify stakeholders participation, including indigenous peoples and gender groups, in project preparation and implementation.



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# GEF Principles and Guidelines

- Respect for Indigenous Peoples' and their members' dignity, human rights, and cultural uniqueness
- Full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the identification, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of project activities.
- Activities are to be carried out in transparent and open manner, including full documentation
- Adoption of a standard of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for GEF-financed projects for which FPIC is required by virtue of the relevant state's ratification of ILO Convention 169, and where it is required by domestic legislation or other applicable international obligations
- Availability of GEF Indigenous Peoples Focal point and the Conflict Resolution Commissioner as needed



# GEF IP Principles and Guidelines: Mechanisms for Implementation

**GEF Indigenous  
Peoples Focal  
Point**

**Indigenous  
Peoples Advisory  
Group**

**Enhanced  
Monitoring  
Systems**

**Capacity building  
and Information  
exchange**

**Strengthened  
Financial  
Arrangements**



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# IPAG: Key Functions and Work Plan

- Financing arrangements to expand the number of GEF Indigenous Peoples projects
- Capacity building for Indigenous Peoples and the GEF
- Enhanced participation in GEF projects and processes
- Improved measuring, monitoring and reporting tools
- Input into key GEF policies and strategies





Thank you!



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