

Funding Regional MPA Networks

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Funding networks is difficult!

Challenges in funding regional networks

1. Limited funding at regional level

- a. More funding directed at field activities in individual PAs
- b. Big donors have limited portion of funds for regional level, most for national or local

2. Donors can't justify indefinite funding

Funding Strategy #1 – Get Political Support

- Align funding request with international frameworks:
 - Regional Strategy - Mediterranean MPA Roadmap 2012-2020
 - 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and Aichi Biodiversity Targets
 - Sustainable Development Goals
 - Explicitly develop project targets to reach international goals
- Invite focal points from GEF, CBD, UNFCCC, etc. to meetings
- Organize workshops at COPs with involvement of CBD focal points and donors.



Funding Strategy #2 – Think Outside Biodiversity Box

- “Classic” projects to support regional protected areas networks may include:
 - Ecological gap analysis
 - Database development and mapping
 - Capacity building,
 - Communications
- A regional project on ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change could:
 - Yield all of the above outputs and outcomes
 - Also provide vulnerability assessment for species, habitats and livelihoods
 - Broaden the base of donors to include climate-focused ones

Funding Strategy #3 – Assess Benefits to Justify Donor Investment

- Measure ecosystem and livelihoods economic and spiritual values.
- Include these measures in funding requests and targets



Thank you - Merci

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