



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

# Caribbean Workshop for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity through the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Access to GEF Resources for NBSAP Preparation

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# GEF EA as “Foundation” Activities

- Enabling Activities were defined by the GEF as:

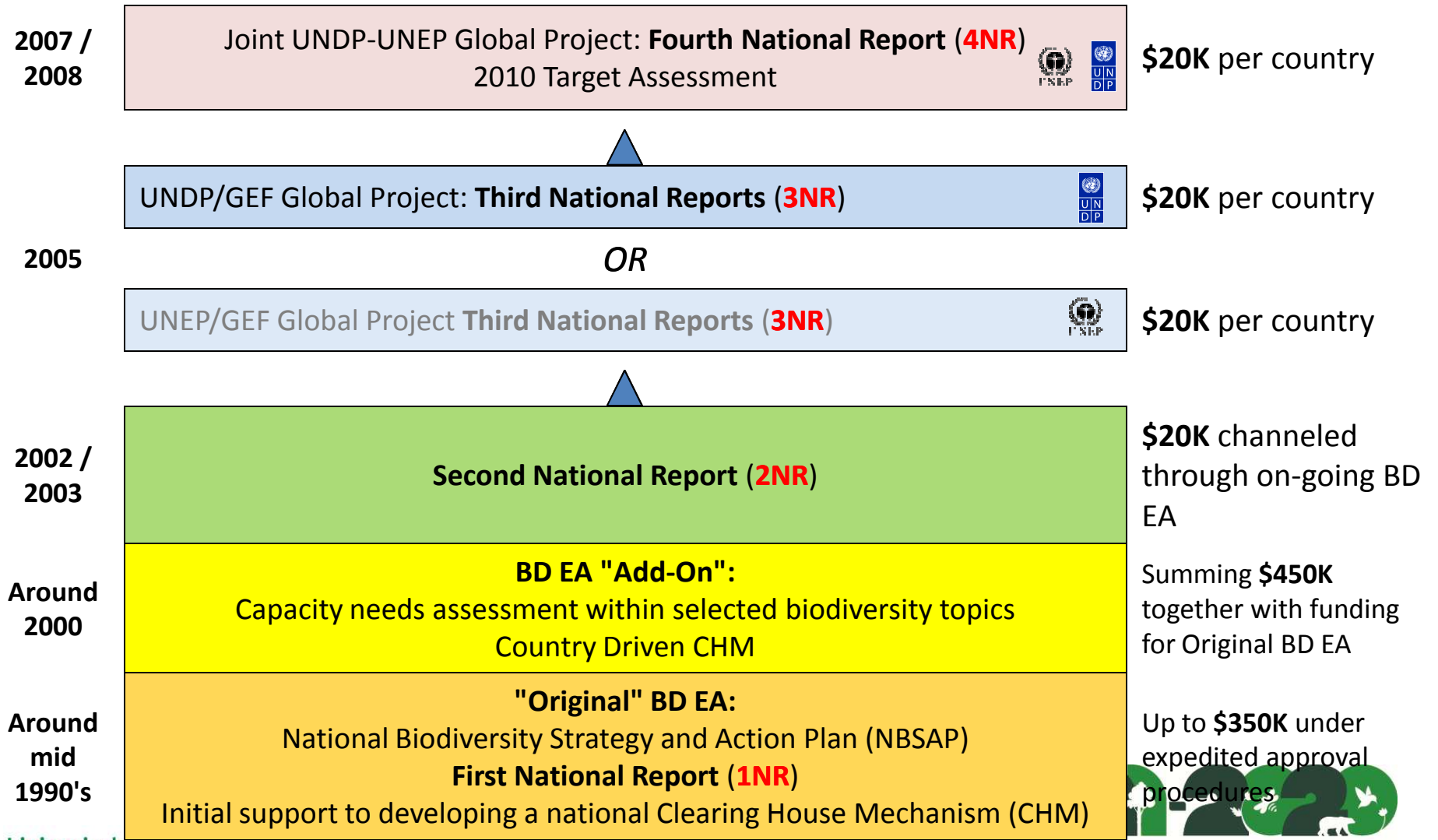
*“Activities that prepare the foundation to design and implement effective response measures to achieve Convention objectives.”*

## **GEF Secretariat Guidance on Biodiversity EA:**

“[Enabling Activities] will assist recipient countries to develop national strategies, plans or programs referred to in Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and to identify components of biodiversity together with processes and activities likely to have significant adverse impacts on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.”



# Brief history of Biodiversity Enabling Activities (EA)





# GEF Focal Area Strategy

## GOAL:

Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and maintenance of ecosystem goods and services

## OBJECTIVES

(1) Improve sustainability of protected area systems

(2) Mainstream biodiversity conservation and sustainable use into production landscapes/seascapes and sectors

(3) Build capacity to implement Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

(4) Build capacity on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing

(5) Integrate CBD obligations into national planning processes through enabling activities



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## GEF Biodiversity Objective 5:

*Integrate CBD Obligations into National Planning Processes through Enabling Activities*

GEF Focal Area set-aside funds (**outside STAR**) to prepare:

- **Revision of NBSAP,**
- **5<sup>th</sup> National report under CBD (5NR)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> National report under Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**
- *(and undertake Clearing–House Mechanism activities per their CBD Obligations)*



# GEF Funding for NBSAP revision

## 3 basic options

1. UNEP-GEF LDC/SIDS Umbrella on Revision of NBSAPs and development of 5th National reports
2. GEF Direct Access
3. Collaboration with a GEF Implementing Agency



# 1. UNEP-GEF Umbrella

- Up to 60 eligible **LDCs and SIDs**
- Maximum amount is **\$220,000** per country
- PIF currently final stage of revision for CEO endorsement



## 2. Direct Access

- Up to **\$500,000** per country
- Application (**template** available on the GEF Website) submitted by GEF OFP
- **Eligibility** (fiduciary requirements) assessed from template
- One national agency to act as Executing Agency





## 3. Working with a GEF Agency

- OFP sends Letter of Endorsement to the Agency of choice
- Most likely the agency will prefer:
  - Grouping multiple countries into regional/ subregional projects



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