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BUILDING CAPACITY FOR NATIONAL ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENTS AROUND THE WORLD



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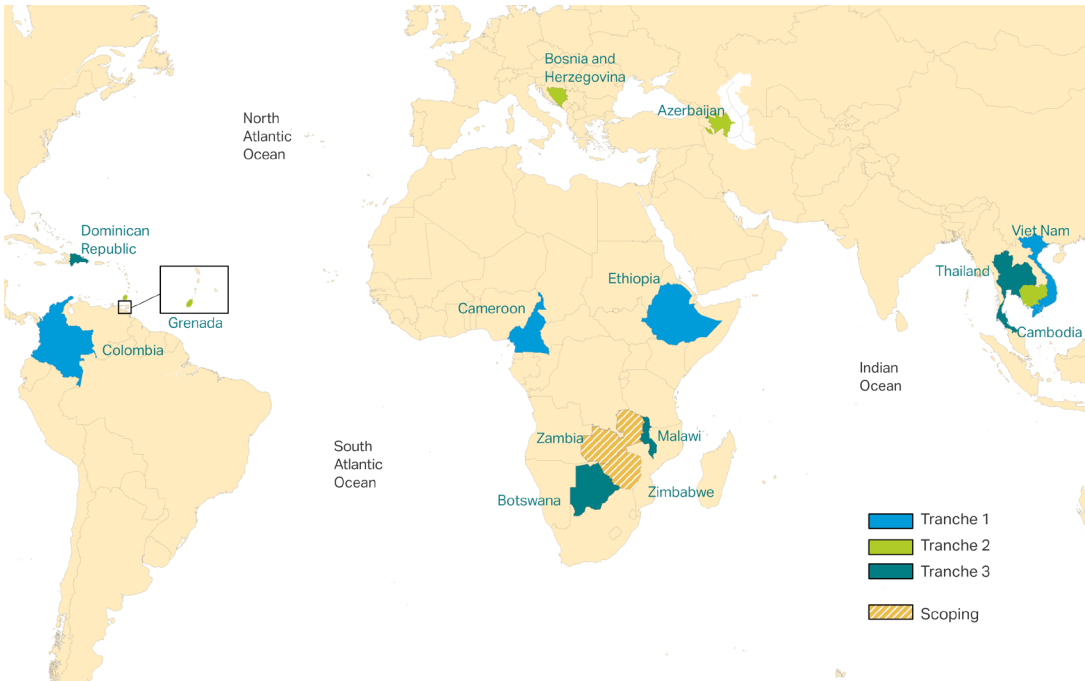
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The National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative

The National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative (NEA Initiative) at UNEP-WCMC supports countries conducting national ecosystem assessments to empower the full consideration of the value of nature in decision-making. Our approach is tailored to country needs and it is building a community of practice across 5 continents.

The NEA Initiative is part of a consortium with UNDP and UNESCO under the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net). The network promotes dialogue between science, policy and practice for more effective management of biodiversity and ecosystems. The network mobilises and synthesises indigenous and local knowledge thanks to UNESCO's technical support.

Since 2017, the NEA Initiative has worked with over 14 countries across 5 continents to conduct or scope their national ecosystem assessments:



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What are national ecosystem assessments?

National ecosystem assessments are nationally-driven processes to develop an up-to-date, comprehensive and critical synthesis of knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their interlinkages to people. These assessments are contextualized to suit national needs and respond to specific policy questions.

National ecosystem assessments aspire to be credible, legitimate and relevant by bringing together diverse stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, and working with different knowledge systems and disciplines.

Benefits of national ecosystem assessment



Our support

One-to-one support with country partners	Expert training and mentoring
Capacity-building materials and sessions	Policy integration
Experience and knowledge sharing	Networking
Exposure to international fora	Feedback on inputs
Dedicated website	Communications support

What is our impact so far?



We strengthened national capacities at the science-policy-practice interface

Supporting national ecosystem assessments, stakeholders and knowledge holders engagement, linking to experts on methods and tools for analysis and synthesis, and encouraging communication of findings.



We delivered tailored resources to support practitioners implement national ecosystem assessments around the world

Resources are downloadable from a dedicated website, which includes training materials, case studies, as well as opportunities for networking.



We supported the establishment or enhancement of national biodiversity platforms

Encouraging dialogue and knowledge-brokering between practitioners, decision-makers, knowledge holders and stakeholders.



We facilitated knowledge-exchange between assessment practitioners across 5 continents

Encouraging peer-to-peer learning and to capture lessons learned from implementing the assessment process across different contexts.



We promoted ecosystem assessments to support national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements

Including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Our consortium partners



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