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Semi-Annual Evaluation Report

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SECTION II

6th Comprehensive Evaluation OPS6

October November December January February March April May June July

Focal Area Studies

- International waters
- Land degradation
- Chemicals and waste
- Biodiversity
- Climate change

Mainstreaming / Cross cutting

< CSO Network (June)

- Private Sector and GEF
- Safeguards and Indigenous Peoples Policy
- Gender

Impacts

- GEF's Support in Policy, Legal and Regulatory Reform in Countries
- The Transformational Role of the GEF
- Trends in Performance (replacing APR 2017)

Institutional Issues

- Reform Process – Results Based Management
 - Reform Process – Knowledge Management
 - GEF6 Strategy, Global Relevance
 - Governance, Financing, Health of the Partnership

Thematic Evaluations

- Programmatic approaches
- Multiple Benefits of GEF support
 - Integrated approaches

OPS6

- Early findings

Full report >
(September)

Site visits to all regions





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SECTION III

Completed Evaluations

International Waters Focal Area Study

Mexico



GEF-1-3

3 operational
programs

GEF-4

4 strategic
programs

GEF-5

4 objectives

GEF-6

7 programs

Evolution of strategy



296
projects

\$1.68 billion
In grant funding

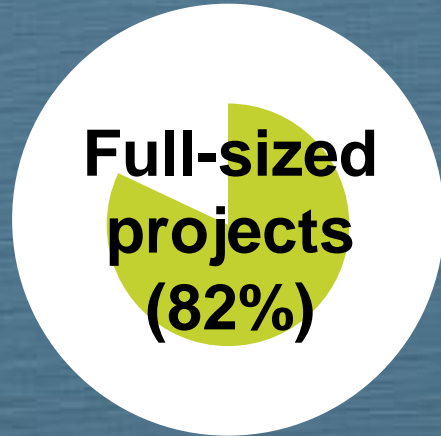
\$10.38 billion
via co-financing

Portfolio



THE MOST COMMON...

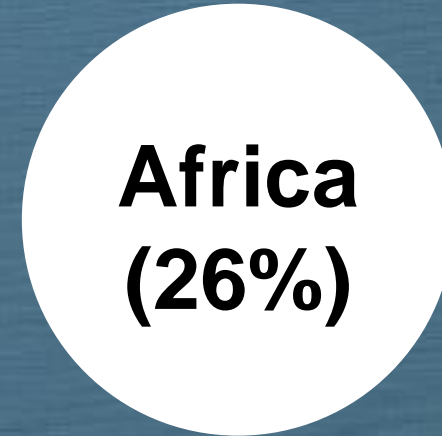
Project modality



Agency



Region



Findings



Goal

Stress reduction  62%

Foundational  21%

Theme

Fisheries  22%

Water body

Large marine ecosystems  46%

Findings



**High level of
contemporary
relevance**

Regional security
Transboundary waters
Responsive to evolving context

Findings





TRANSFORMING OUR
WORLD:
THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



15 LIFE
ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



**Largely satisfactory
performance**



of completed projects have outcome ratings
in satisfactory range



of projects received ratings of moderately
likely or above for sustainability of outcomes

Findings



Contributions



Rehabilitation of the Black Sea
Northwest Shelf dead zone



Support the process leading to the
Stockholm and Minamata Conventions



Adoption of the Ballast Water Convention on
Alien Species, the Pacific Tuna Treaty, the
Guarani Aquifer Agreement



Establishment of the Benguela
Current Commission

Effectiveness



**A collective response
to international
water law**

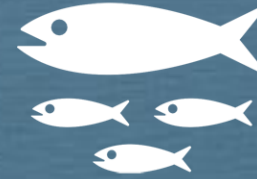
**A catalyst for
integration**

Findings





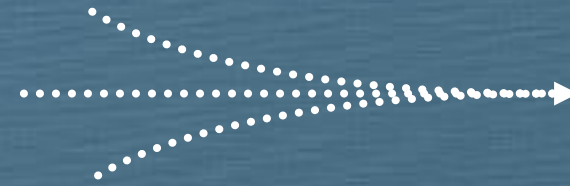
**Decline of the
funding envelope**



**Dominance of marine
and ocean investments**



**No funding for project
or program preparation**



**Lack of Agency participation
in strategy definition**

Areas of concern



STRATEGIC

Dialogue
conventions on
shared priorities

No new themes
without allocation
increase

PROJECTS

Simple and
measurable
indicators on
baseline conditions

New generation of
TDA

PROCESSES

Time and
investment to build
capacity on gap
priorities

More flexibility in
areas of political
tensions

Suggestions



Lake Victoria: Vegetation presence



2000

2003

2005

2007

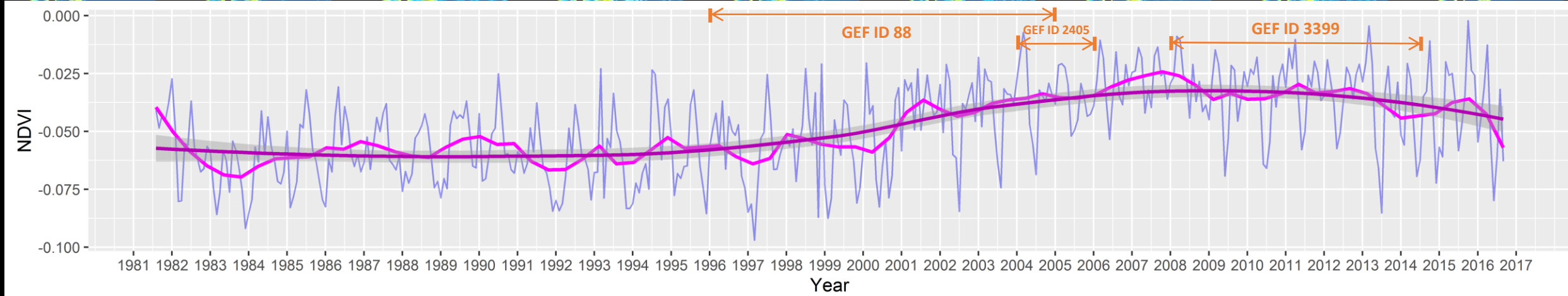
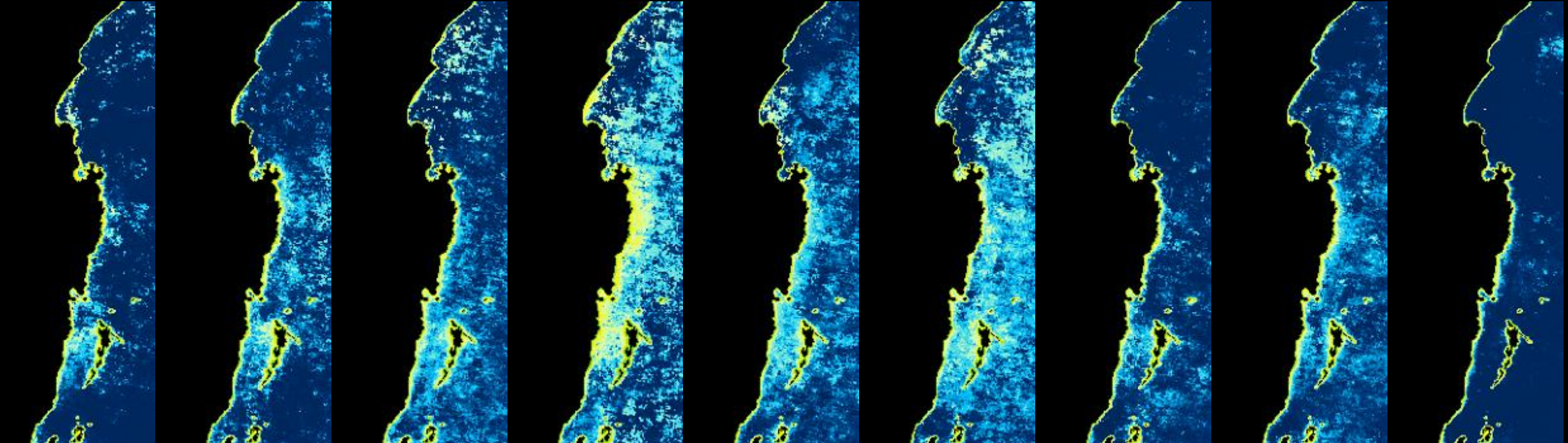
2009

2011

2013

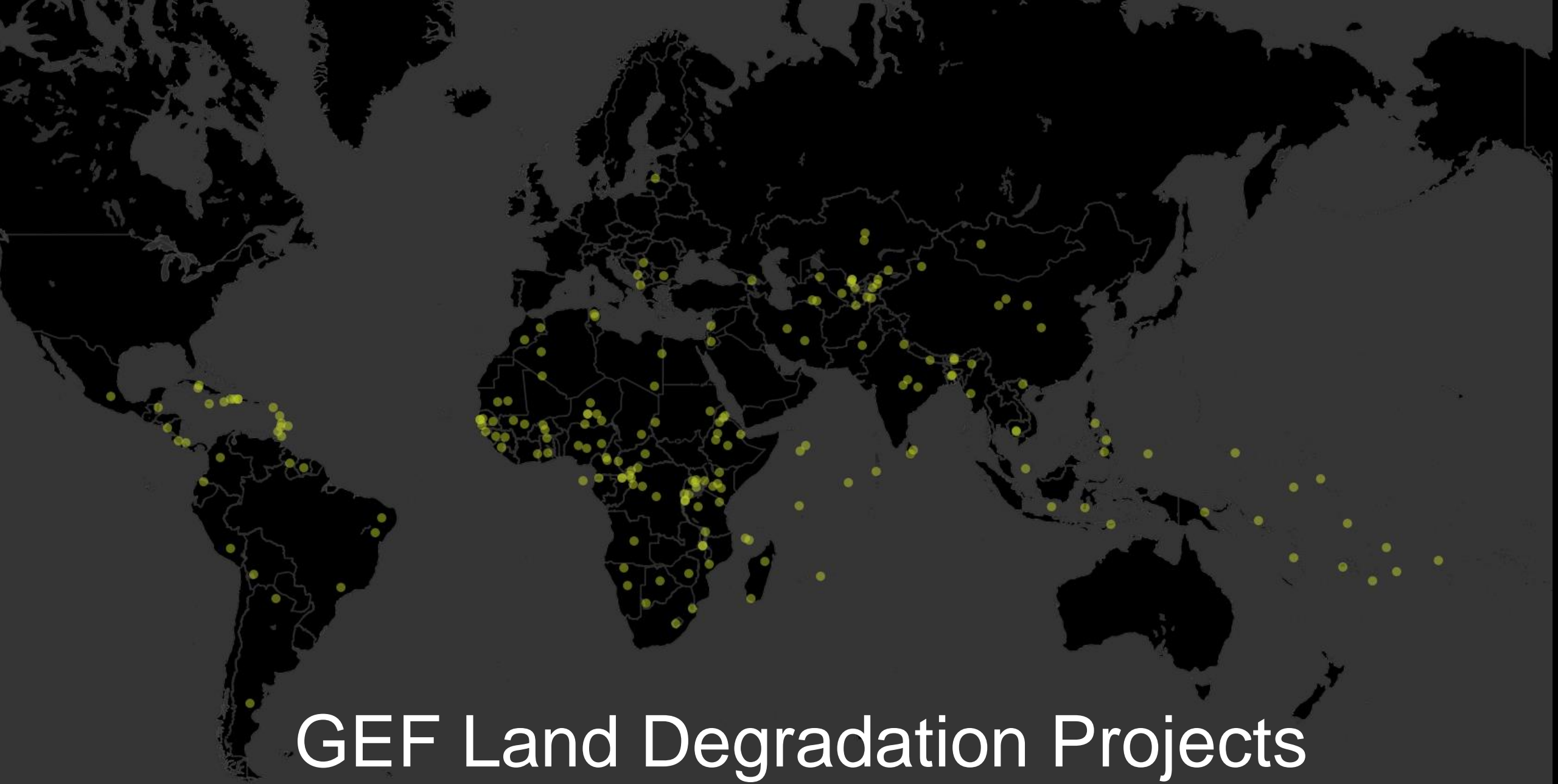
2015

2016

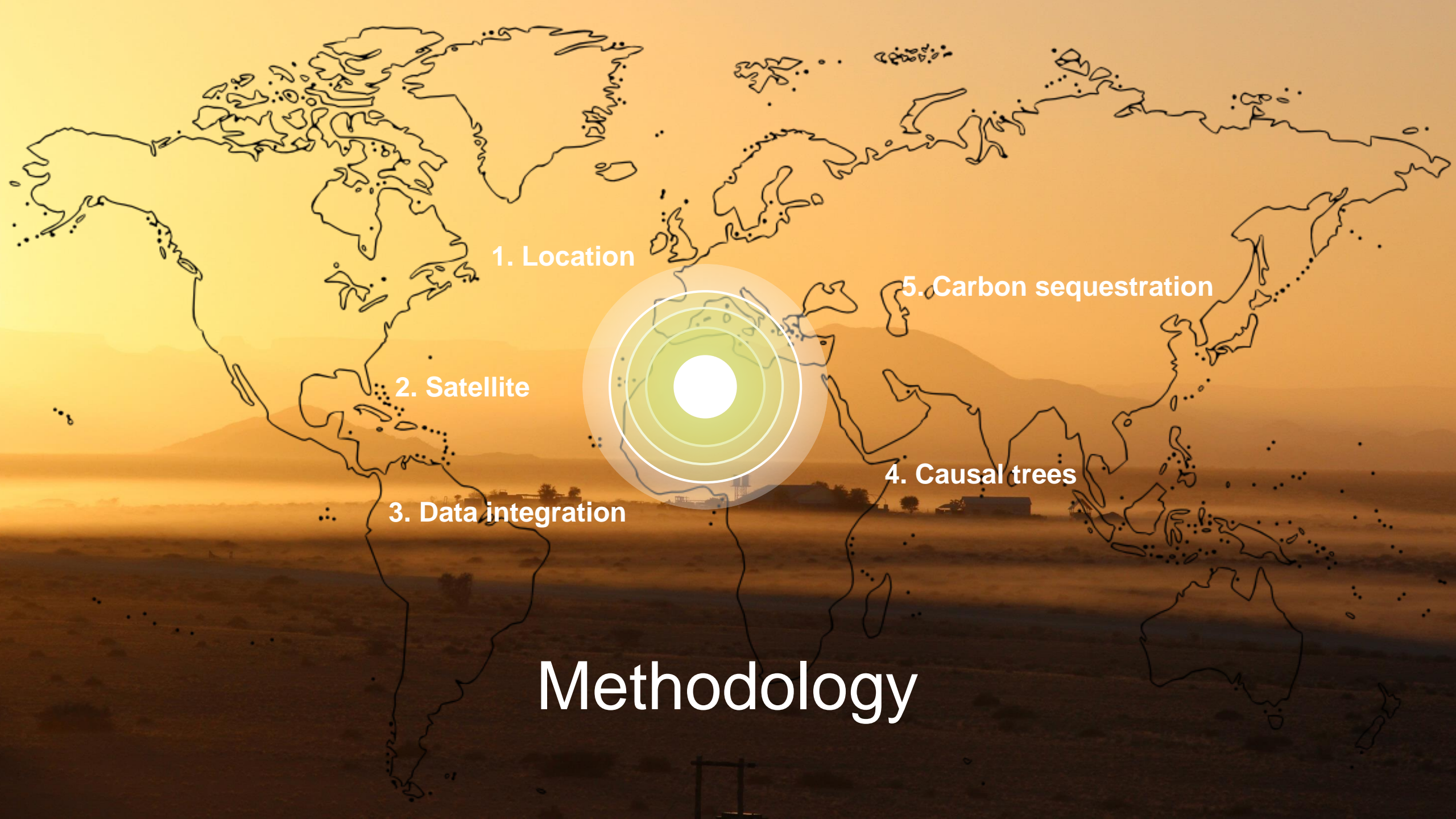




**Value for money analysis of
GEF Land degradation
projects**



GEF Land Degradation Projects



1. Location

2. Satellite

3. Data integration

5. Carbon sequestration

4. Causal trees

Methodology

Findings about location



Positive
increase in
Vegetation



25 km of
protected area



Low density



Variable
characteristics

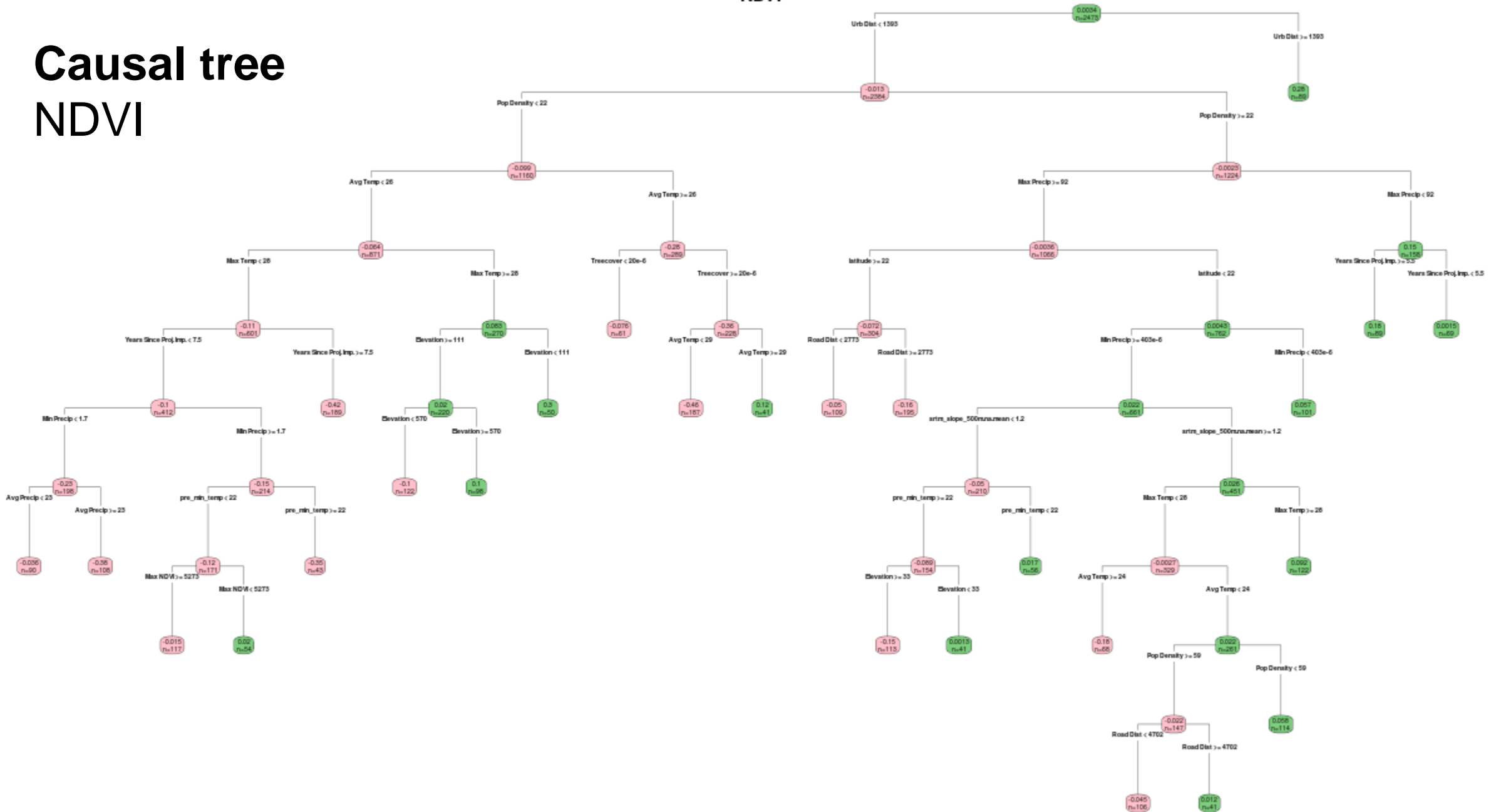


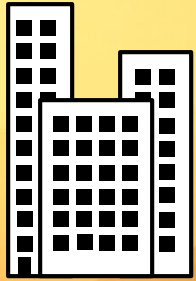
Some without
forest cover

Causal tree

NDVI

NDVI





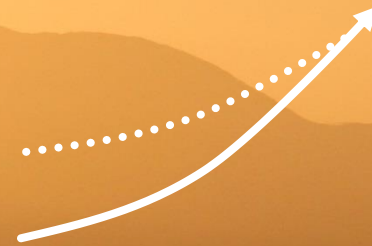
Less effective
near urban
areas



Time
required



Multifocal



Initial
conditions



Environmental
and Economic
characteristics

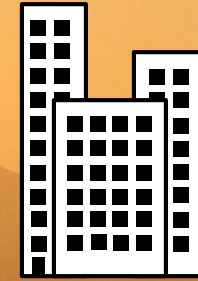
Findings: Vegetation



4.5 years after

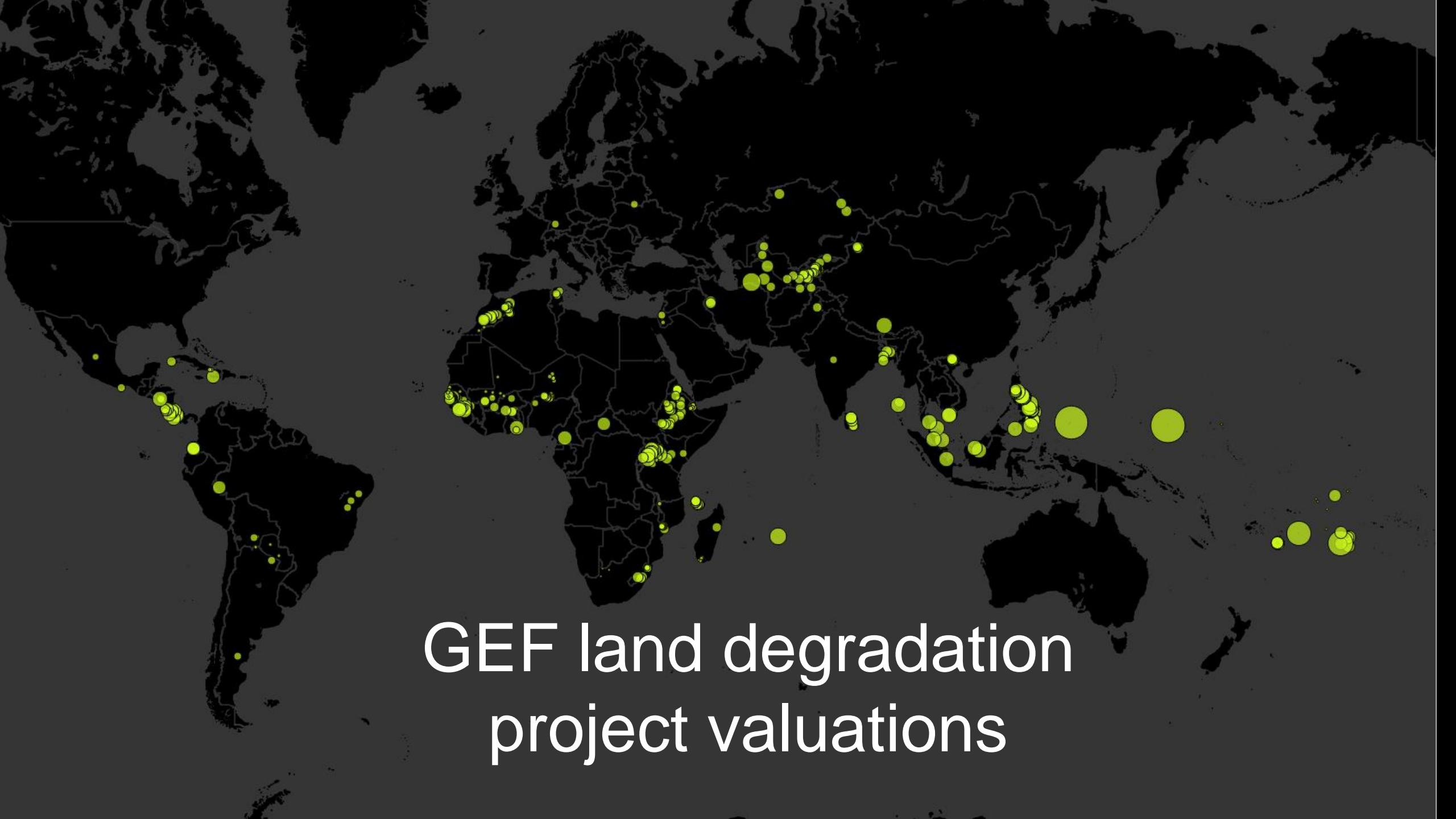


Population
density




More effective
near urban
areas

Findings: Forest cover



GEF land degradation
project valuations



43.52


tons of carbon sequestered
per hectare

108,800

tons of carbon sequestered
per project location

\$7,500,000

contributed to sequestration alone

A landscape photograph at sunrise or sunset. The sky is a warm, golden-orange color. In the background, there are several layers of mountains, with the closest ones appearing as dark silhouettes. In the middle ground, there is a small settlement or farmstead with several buildings, including a prominent water tower. The foreground is a dark, hazy field. Two large, semi-transparent white circles are overlaid on the image, one on the left and one on the right, containing text.

Use a learning-based approach
as an initial screening tool for
project planning

Collect the exact geographic information
of GEF land degradation activities on an
ongoing basis

Suggestions



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Emerging Findings

El Salvador



1. GEF engagement with the private sector

Morocco, GEF ID 647

a. The environment is an important concern for the private sector



80%

cite it as an integral part of their business strategy



90%

expect to invest more in the development of environmental products and services in the coming five years

b. The GEF can add the most value in removing barriers for mainstream capital

Direct investments
or grants

Risk-sharing
mechanisms



c. The private sector is interested in collaborating with the GEF, but needs a better understanding of the offering

100% vs 50%

of respondents indicated they are interested in collaborating more with the GEF

indicated that they knew about both the GEF's engagement strategy and any private sector projects

d. The GEF should prioritize its focus areas to optimize additionality



climate change



forest management

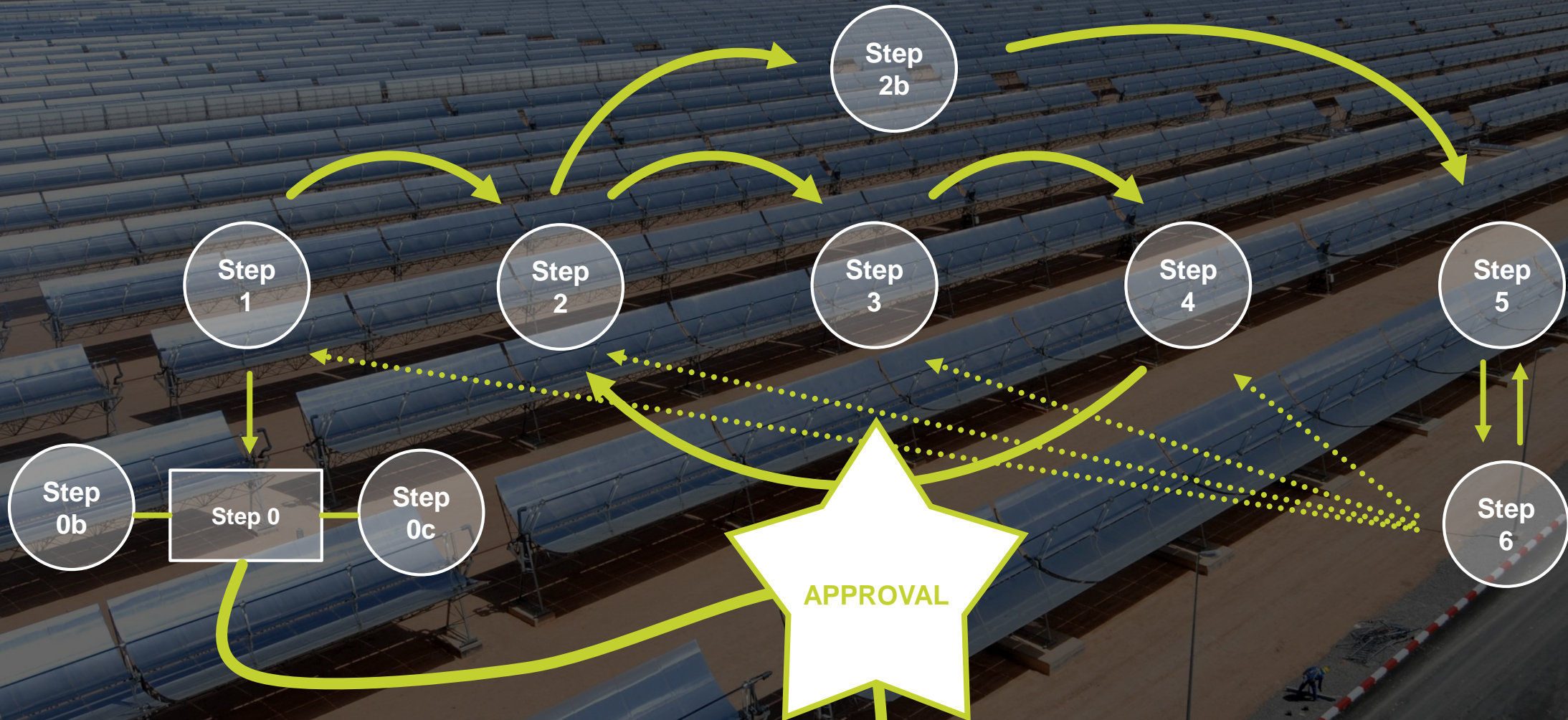


reduction of harmful chemicals

e. The GEF should support innovative financial instruments and policy change



f. More efficient operations are needed for the GEF to be a credible private sector partner



A person wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and a green head covering is standing in a vast, open-pit waste dumpsite. The ground is covered in a thick layer of multi-colored plastic waste, including bags and fragments. The person is holding a long wooden pole or tool. In the background, there are rolling hills under a hazy, overcast sky. A plume of white smoke or steam rises from the waste pile on the right side of the frame.

2. Chemicals and Waste Focal Area Study

Portfolio

A person wearing a hat and boots stands in the middle of a vast field of discarded plastic and other waste. The background shows a hazy, overcast sky and some distant trees. Three large, semi-transparent dark circles are overlaid on the image, each containing a statistic in bright yellow text. The overall tone is somber and highlights the scale of waste management challenges.

482
projects

\$1.1 billion
In grant funding

\$3.4 billion
via co-financing

Portfolio

THE MOST COMMON...

Project modality

enabling
activities
54%

Agency



Region

Asia

Evolution of strategy

GEF-3
POPS
ODS

GEF-4
+Sound
chemicals
management

GEF-5
Chemicals
strategy
+Mercury

GEF-6
Chemicals
and Waste
Focal area



Coherence with conventions



**Stockholm Convention
regional centers**



**Priority funding
areas**



**Clearing-house
mechanism and
information exchange**



54

completed
projects

\$261

MILLION

in GEF funding

\$272

MILLION

in realized co-financing



78%

have **outcome** ratings in
the satisfactory range



62%

have received ratings of
moderately likely or above for
sustainability of outcomes

A large stack of papers and documents, some held together by black binder clips, with a person's hands visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

3. GEF Role in Supporting Legal and Regulatory Reform in Countries

Enabling support for reform



highly relevant to national strategies, plans, and priorities



important role in creating awareness among policy makers and the general public



Turkey
Biosafety Law (2010)



Sierra Leone
Environmental Agency Act (2008)

Project support



Turkey

Law on the protection of nature and biological diversity



Philippines

Expansion of the protected areas and critical habitats in the country



Morocco

Protected areas law



Tajikistan

Law on Energy Efficiency and Energy Savings



Namibia

Rules on solar water heaters, net metering and renewable energy feed-in



Lebanon

Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation



Project support

Preliminary evidence

Overly optimistic

Political process

Mismatch

Existing statutes

Institutional machinery

Turnover



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SECTION V

Ongoing Evaluations



Evaluation of Programmatic Approaches in the GEF and the Integrated Approach Pilots

Multiple Benefits Evaluation

China, GEF ID 2788




Special Climate Change Fund Program Evaluation



OPS6 Cross-Cutting Substudies

Senegal

OPS6 Substudies on Performance



OPS6 Substudies on Institutional Issues



Focal Areas Studies





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SECTION VI

Updates on Other Initiatives

Knowledge sharing and capacity development



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Expanded Constituency
Workshops



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Partners





Data & Maps

Take a tour of the latest GEF performance ratings in our new data visualization feature. This information came from the latest Annual Performance Report in 2015.

What's New



EVALUATION

Program
Evaluation of the
Special Climate
Change Fund...



EVALUATION

GEF Civil Society
Organization
(CSO) Network
Evaluation



EVALUATION

Evaluation of the
Programmatic
Approaches in
the GEF



EVALUATION

Evaluation of
Multiple Benefits
of GEF Support



OPS PERIOD

OPS 6



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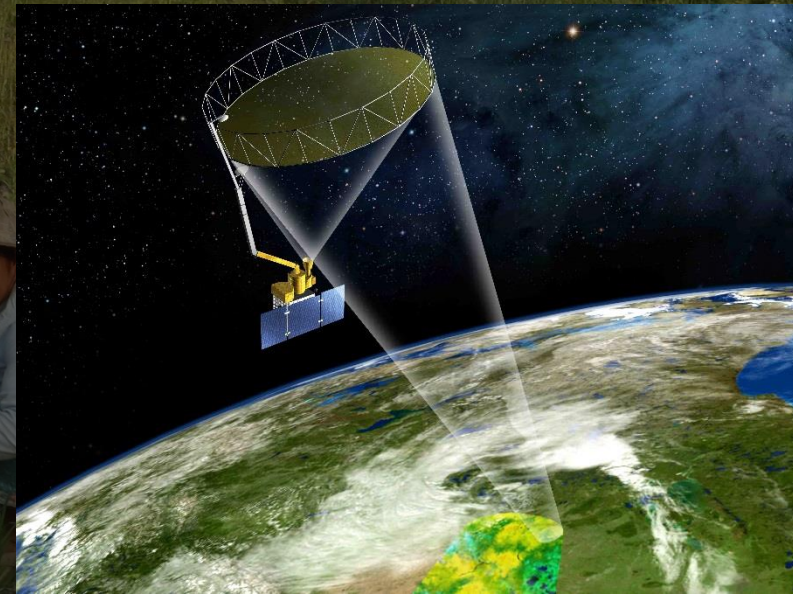
GEF Council
Meeting #51

Novel evaluation methods

Rapid Impact
Evaluation



Geospatial and
quantitative methods





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Recommended Council Decision

“The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.51/01, Semi Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF, takes note of the findings and conclusions of the completed studies, and of the ongoing evaluations being carried out in preparation for the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF.”