

**SGP** The GEF  
Small Grants  
Programme



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# ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2019-2020

## COVERAGE



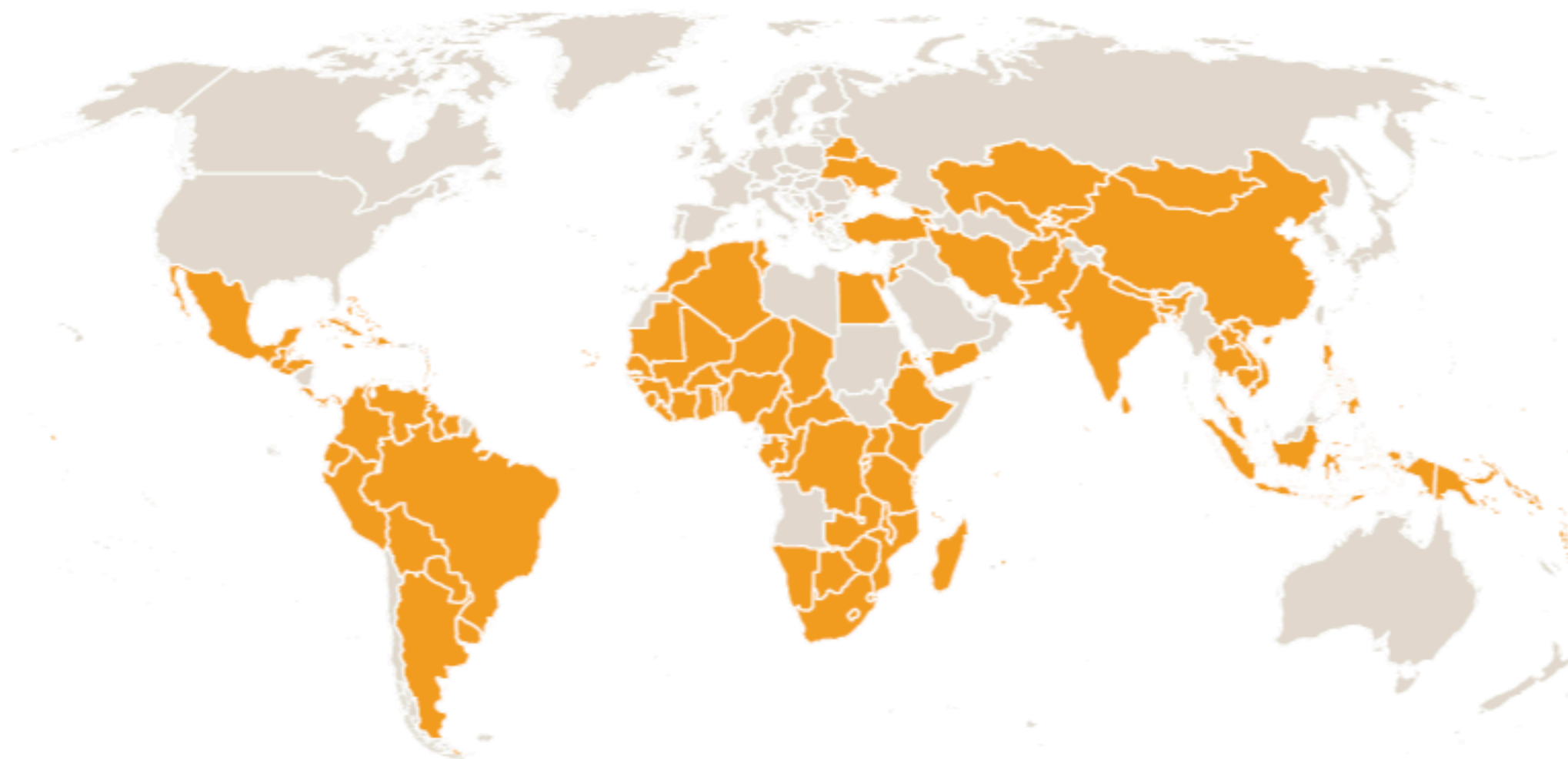
126  
COUNTRIES



37  
SIDS



40  
LDCS

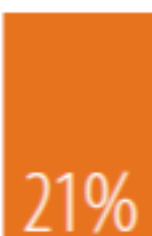


SGP is active in 126 countries, with 111 countries being supported by the SGP Global Programme, and 15 SGP upgraded country programs. Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) currently account for 62% of SGP Global country programs.

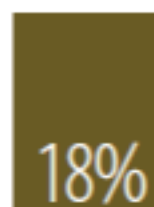
## FOCAL AREA DISTRIBUTION\*



BIODIVERSITY



CLIMATE  
CHANGE



LAND  
DEGRADATION



CAPACITY  
DEVELOPMENT



CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
ADAPTATION



INTERNATIONAL  
WATERS



CHEMICALS  
AND  
WASTE

\* While most SGP projects benefit multi-focal area results, for reporting purposes we have reported based on the primary focal area of each project.



## INTERNATIONAL WATERS

Under the portfolio of international waters, SGP supported the sustainable management of transboundary water bodies through the development and demonstration of effective community-based actions and practices. This was done to implement the agreed Strategic Action Plans that were developed among the regional countries for the transboundary water bodies including river basins, large marine ecosystems, and others.

### RESULTS

45

PROJECTS COMPLETED  
THIS YEAR

5,713

HECTARES OF SEASCAPES  
UNDER SUSTAINABLE  
MANAGEMENT

73,870

TONS OF LAND-BASED  
POLLUTION REDUCED

107,297

HECTARES OF MARINE AND  
COASTAL AREAS UNDER  
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

60

SEASCAPES/  
FRESHWATER  
LANDSCAPES  
SUPPORTED

## SPOTLIGHT ON TURKEY

In **Turkey**, the *Underwater Research Society* conducted a research and monitoring studies of coastal areas designated as key biodiversity areas in Turkey, with particular focus on habitats under threat from urbanization, construction and heavy tourism. The project was supported by the SGP and ran from 2015 to late 2019. The study produced a comprehensive inventory of biodiversity rich coastal areas in addition to a publication titled *Defense and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas Along Turkish Coasts*.

This book presents strategies to protect coastal habitats facing intrusions and threats. It explains the necessary immediate steps to stop any infringements or mismanagement of the areas. It aims to guide and help decision makers in planning and monitoring these areas, and also for Turkey's coastal development and nature conservation more widely in the future. It includes a 400-page annex of detailed correspondence regarding the habitats with the relevant officials.

The NGO's work has resulted in the protection of 20 coastal sites against illegal or ill planned coastal development, which includes important habitats for endangered Mediterranean monk seals, sea birds, marine turtles and sea grass beds.

