



Seventh Operational Phase of GEF Small Grants Programme in India (SGP-OP7)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is implementing the GEF Seventh Operational Phase of the Small Grants Programme in India (SGP-OP7). The project aims to build capacities of local communities to take collective action for conservation and sustainable development, thereby generating global environmental benefits.



Innovation Inclusion Impact

VISION

Generate multiple benefits for biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, and the well-being of local communities through participatory, integrated land and resource management approaches implemented across socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes.

MISSION

By providing financial and technical support to projects, the Seventh Operational Phase (OP7) of the GEF Small Grants Programme in India aims to enable communities and organizations in some of the most vulnerable and least developed areas of India. The project will take collective action through a participatory landscape planning and management approach aimed at enhancing socio-ecological resilience through innovative livelihood options producing local and global environmental benefits.



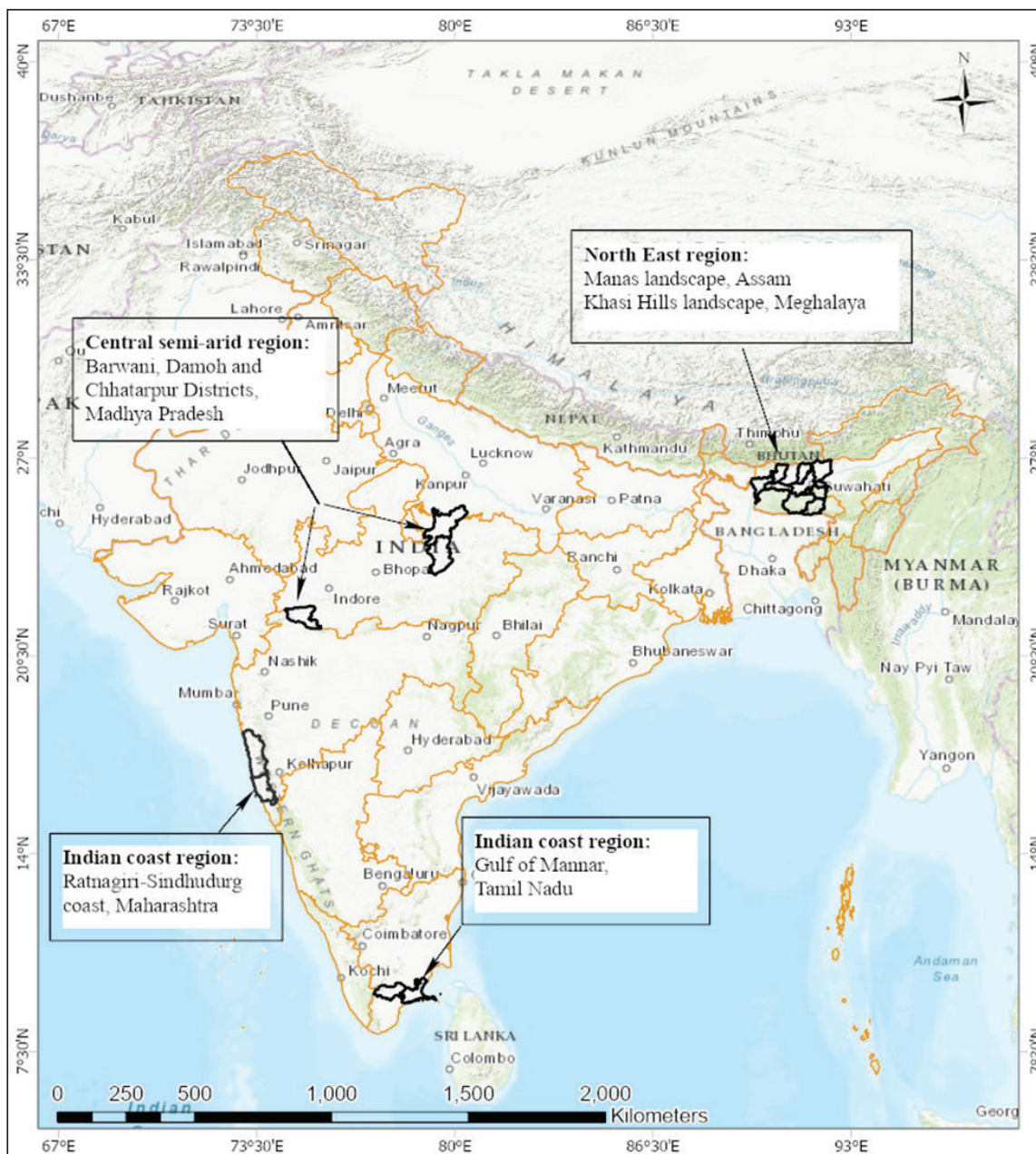
THEMATIC AREAS

Biodiversity Conservation will promote the conservation & sustainable management of biodiversity and will promote equitable sharing of benefits arising from use of biological resources.

Climate Change projects will contribute through adaptation and mitigation actions by removing the cultural, institutional, technical and economic barriers. It will strengthen the adaptation strategies among the communities to enhance the adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities, develop and implement initiatives around mitigation, capacity building, preparedness and post-disaster recovery, promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and the adoption of renewable energy. Projects will align with the principles of circular economy in support of the government's reform agenda on circular economy, natural resource efficiency, and phasing out single use plastics for bringing sustainable lifestyle changes.

Land Degradation involves integrated land resource management with an emphasis on issues relating to desertification, deforestation, loss of soil fertility and enhanced livelihoods.

PROJECT LANDSCAPES



Region	State	Intervention Landscape District
North East region	Assam	Baksa, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Darrang, Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Nalbari, Udalguri
	Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi
Indian Coastal region	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri
	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram
Central semi-arid region	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani, Chhatarpur, Damoh

ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

Biodiversity: The project will promote the conservation of globally significant biodiversity, sustainable use of resources and thus assist biodiversity-based livelihoods. Some of the indicative community projects will include:

- Agrobiodiversity conservation through preservation and promotion of indigenous seeds, plant species and livestock
- Protecting endemic, endangered and threatened species, and improving habitat integrity
- Conserving globally significant biodiversity and cultural resources
- Promoting and strengthening local community institutions and encouraging livelihood based eco-restoration activities
- Collaborative management of protected areas, and many others

Land Degradation: The project seeks to address soil erosion, damaged agricultural land, desertification and deforestation. Suggestive community projects will include:

- Improved provision of agroecosystem, forest and marine ecosystem goods and services (e.g., through reforestation, dissemination of knowledge on improved practices, etc.)
- Community managed natural regeneration of degraded land and coastal ecosystems
- Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in productive landscapes and within buffer zones of protected areas

Climate Change: The project would contribute towards reduction of GHG emissions, adoption of clean energy efficient solutions and thus promoting the use of renewable energy. Eligible community projects will include:

- Expanded application of renewable and clean energy solutions for productive uses
- Mitigation of GHG emissions, e.g., through energy efficient solutions introduced, adapted, piloted and disseminated
- Improving the energy efficiency
- Increased use of renewable energy, including alternatives to fuelwood and coal, and many more



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Area of land restored	10,000 hectares
Area of landscapes under improved practices	60,000 hectares
Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	1,200 hectares
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	695,000 metric tons CO ₂ e (lifetime direct) over the lifetime of the GHG mitigation projects); 100,000 metric tons CO ₂ e (lifetime indirect)
Direct project beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as a co-benefit of GEF investment	16,800 of whom 9,240 are female (55%) and 7,560 are male (45%)

SNAPSHOT

GEF Trust Fund-USD 4,474,886	National Executing Agency-Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Co financing-USD 8,600,000	Implementing GEF Agency-United Nations Development Programme
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