Community-based initiatives for environment & sustainable development in Socio-ecological production landscapes

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The GEF Small Grants Programme
Established in 1992 through an inter-governmental agreement (GFF Council) 

Implemented by UNDP 

Global network of 122 countries, 12,500 successful community-based projects (as of May 2010) 

Supports activities of NGOs and CBOs in developing countries towards sustainable livelihoods.
SGP Goals

• Secure global environmental benefits through supporting community action, including community adaptation.

• Assist poverty reduction and local empowerment in the process of implementation.

• Build awareness and capacity of communities, CBOs, NGOs and CSOs

• Build multi-stakeholder approach by promoting a positive working relationship between civil society and various stakeholders especially government.

• Develop and disseminate knowledge for capacity development to improve sustainable development practice and policy.
SGP Grant Maing Process

Local Community Project or Idea is developed and submitted

National Steering Committee reviews the proposal and makes a decision

Community-based project is financed

Key Features

- Decentralized
- Fast delivery
- Flexible
- Friendly
- Country and demand driven
- Highest level of community-ownership and participation
Established operational mechanisms at the country level

Active and capable global and regional network of community level grassroots constituencies in 122 countries

Ready “infrastructure” to roll out a global programme to fund community intervention with a focus on emerging needs (such as socio-ecological production landscape management)

Above characteristics ensure quick delivery of funding to poor communities increasingly vulnerable to climate change risk
SGP growth reflects needs on the ground
SGP biodiversity and landscape management projects
(examples from Mexico)
SGP support to ecosystem resilience: healthy ecosystem to reduce climate risks

Sea defenses to safeguard vulnerable mangrove ecosystems (community-based adaptation)

*Fasitoi-tai village, SGP Samoa*

Maintaining agro-biodiversity to enhance resilience to climate change

*SGP Jordan & SGP Mali*
Japan-UNDP/SGP collaboration for community-based Socio-Ecological Production Landscape Integrated Management

GRANT MAKING

- Refine replicable practices in support of sustainable socio-ecological production activities
- Build on traditional knowledge and governance system for landscape co-management
- Develop innovative financing and enterprise development support mechanism

KNOWLEDGE

- Facilitate Knowledge for capacity building, replication, and up-scaling

Traditional Pacific taro cultivation in mixed used socio-ecological production landscapes (GEF SGP project, Fiji)
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- SGP small grants projects of $20,000 up to $50,000 will be matched through Japan-UNDP collaboration
- SGP grantees are local CBOs and NGOs
- Release of funds directly to grantees
- Multi-sectoral National Steering Committee with strong representation from local CBOs, NGOs and CSOs, review and approve proposals at country level

A National Steering Committee meeting in Thailand
Local Action
Global Impact

Partnerships as key to solutions

Thank You
SGP organizational structure:
Innovative governance mechanism