



Contributions for Nature

◀ **Javan Rhinoceros**
(Rhinoceros sondaicus)
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This document highlights [Global Affairs Canada \(GAC\) funded NAbSA projects](#) with spatial data available that have been documented in the [IUCN Contributions For Nature Platform](#) as of September 2025.

The platform allows IUCN Constituents such as GAC to document where they are undertaking (or planning to undertake) conservation and restoration actions and quantify their potential impact.

Use the links and QR codes provided to explore each contribution and access further information.



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IUCN Contributions for Nature Platform

The Contributions for Nature platform allows IUCN Members to document where they are undertaking (or planning to undertake) conservation and restoration actions.

It overlays data for biodiversity and for nature-based solutions to climate change. This allows IUCN constituents to document their intended contributions to IUCN's Nature 2030 Programme and by extension, other conservation frameworks and agreements such as the Global Biodiversity Framework, Paris Agreement, and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Contributions for Nature platform serves the key need for documenting contributions for nature from IUCN as a Union. It documents potential contributions in a quantitative way.

IUCN Members document conservation and restoration actions they are undertaking or planning to undertake. The platform overlays data for biodiversity (on potential for species extinction risk reduction, drawing from the Species Threat Abatement and Restoration metric based on the [IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)), and for nature-based solutions to climate change (on potential for carbon sequestration, drawing from the [Restoration Barometer](#)).



Clouded Leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) - VULNERABLE
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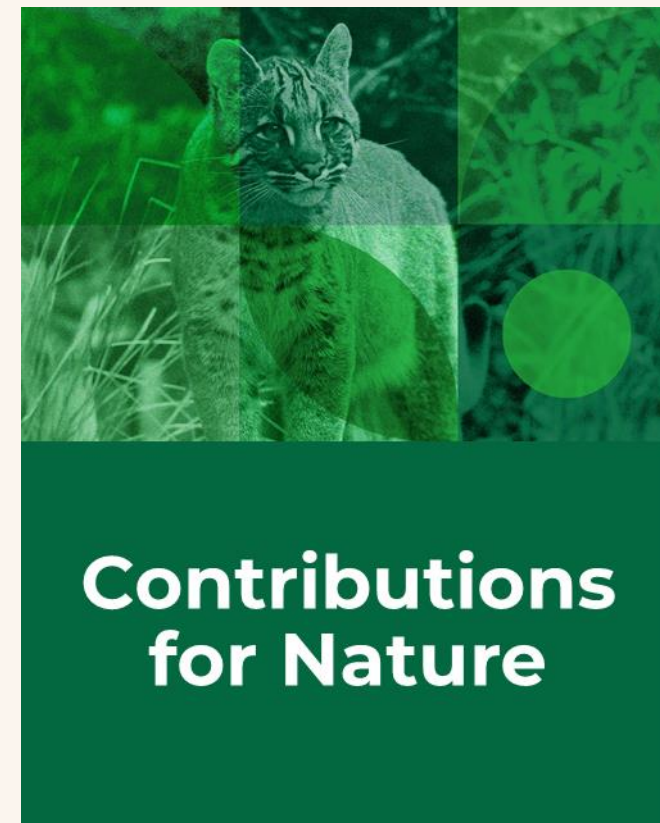
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- Number of current contributions: 14
- Approximately 84.2% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas.
- Contributes 0.5% of global biodiversity conservation potential
- Contributes 0.2% of global biodiversity restoration potential
- Contributes 0.1% of global climate change mitigation potential through conservation
- Contributes 0.5% of global climate change mitigation potential through restoration



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On-Air for Gender-Inclusive Nature-based Climate Solutions



The project supports local sub-Saharan African communities, particularly women and youth, in implementing nature-based solutions for climate adaptation using Farm Radio International's wide radio network and its innovative approaches to design, produce and air gender-responsive, interactive and local radio programs.

The project aims to ensure a just and gender-responsive enabling environment for nature-based solutions to help local communities address their climate adaptation needs.

Project activities include: (1) engaging with climate adaptation specialists, in-country stakeholders, women-led rights groups and relevant knowledge partners in the targeted communities to extract content priorities relevant to their expressed climate change adaptation needs; (2) designing, producing and airing the gender-responsive, interactive High-Impact Radio Series to significantly expand access to information about nature-based solutions for climate adaptation across sub-Saharan Africa; and (3) engaging with the Canadian public to inform them about the adaptation needs of countries in sub-Saharan Africa and how nature-based solutions can be part of the solution.

Approximately 2% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas.

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Locally-led Indigenous
Nature-based Solutions for
Climate Change Adaptation
in Zimbabwe



The Project seeks to foster low-carbon and climate-resilient economies in three districts of Zimbabwe to support vulnerable groups of people, while strengthening the biodiversity. These regions are experiencing significant loss of biodiversity and ecosystems. They are strongly affected by climate change and experience high levels of food insecurity.

The Project activities include: (1) raising awareness and building the capacity of women and men to develop and implement nature-based solutions for the restoration of natural ecosystems; (2) strengthening agricultural production by integrating nature-based solutions into agricultural systems; and (3) strengthening the capacity of communities to implement sustainable value chains and develop new market opportunities and business development activities.

Approximately 23.2% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

Contributes 0.2% of the total biodiversity conservation potential of Zimbabwe

Contributes 0.1% of the total biodiversity restoration potential of Zimbabwe

Contributes 0.1% of the total climate change mitigation potential through conservation in Zimbabwe

Contributes 0.5% of the total climate change mitigation potential through restoration in Zimbabwe

3

Nature-Positive Food
Systems for Climate
Change Adaptation



The project aims to improve low-carbon, climate-resilient economies in rural areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe for the enhanced well-being of communities, especially women, girls, and other vulnerable groups.

The project contributes to the scale-up of nature-positive food systems for enhanced climate change adaptation within a representative set of Afromontane and sub-Afromontane ecosystems across sub-Saharan Africa.

The project aims to reduce climate change vulnerability by acting on socio-ecological systems' abilities to cope by promoting resilient livelihoods based on the sustainable use of biodiversity and by increasing the decision-making and leadership of women and other vulnerable people.

Project activities include: (1) facilitate smallholder farmer experimentation with nature-based solutions through extension services; (2) promote sustainable use of energy sources for improved livelihoods; and (3) develop and implement gender-responsive capacity development strategies for decision-making and access to and control of resources for women, girls, and other vulnerable groups.

Approximately 83.1% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas.

4

Zanzibar Women
Leadership in
Adaptation (ZanzAdapt)



This project aims to enhance climate resilience and promote sustainable development in Zanzibar's unique ecosystems through a nature-based approach. It does so by working closely with local communities to restore and protect mangrove forests, establish climate-smart agroforestry systems, and implement sustainable land and water management practices.

The project seeks to empower farmers and community members to adopt climate-resilient agricultural techniques and improve natural resource management through capacity building and training. It also aims to strengthen climate information systems, enabling communities to make informed decisions and respond effectively to changing climate patterns.

By integrating gender-responsive approaches, the project ensures the active participation and inclusion of women and marginalized groups.

Approximately 10.9% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

Contributes 2.4% of the total biodiversity conservation potential of United Republic of Tanzania

Contributes 12% of the total biodiversity restoration potential of United Republic of Tanzania

Contributes 0.5% of the total climate change mitigation potential through restoration in United Republic of Tanzania

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Regenerative Seascapes
for People, Climate and
Nature



The project aims to contribute to the African-led Great Blue Wall Initiative by supporting the establishment of a network of sustainable, resilient and inclusive seascapes in Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique and Tanzania.

Three pillars of the project (Blue Planet, Blue Partners and Blue People) aim to operationalize equitable nature-based solutions with biodiversity co-benefits for climate adaptation.

The project activities include: (1) creating a red list of ecosystems for the Western Indian Ocean region; (2) identifying and setting up demonstration sites on nature-based solutions for adaptation, focusing on inclusive ecosystem restoration solutions; and (3) coaching and coordination via a blue business incubator.

Approximately 25% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

Contributes 0.5% of the total biodiversity conservation potential of Africa

Scaling Urban NbS for
Climate Adaptation in
Sub-Saharan Africa
(SUNCASA)



The project aims to enhance climate adaptation, gender equality, and biodiversity protection in Ethiopia, Rwanda, and South Africa's urban communities.

The project contributes to increasing the capacity of women's organizations and underrepresented groups to plan, implement, and monitor gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions for climate change adaptation. It also seeks to increase the capacity of women, women's organizations, and underrepresented groups to participate in local government decision-making processes to advance gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions.

Project activities include: (1) conducting dialogues and training on gender-based barriers to Nature-based Solutions, addressing social norms and local power dynamics for community members, especially men and local leaders; (2) restoring watershed lands with agroforestry, afforestation, and reforestation practices in upstream farmlands, bare lands, and degraded forests with local landowners and women cooperatives; and (3) providing training programs for women's organizations and underrepresented groups to influence municipal policy on gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions.

Approximately 43.3% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

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Climate Change
Adaptation for Women in
Protected Areas of Congo
and Chad (ELLESadAPT)



The project aims to enhance climate change adaptation for women and ecosystems in the protected areas of Parc National de Conkouati-Douli in the Republic of Congo and Complexe d'Aires Protégées de Binder-Lere in Chad, while also protecting biodiversity. The project focuses on implementing nature-based solutions, such as agroecology and the restoration of lake, lagoon and forest ecosystems. It is grounded in a feminist climate justice perspective and women's empowerment.

Project activities include: (1) Monitoring the biological, ecological and climate conditions of the protected areas; (2) Providing technical and financial support to women in the implementation of productive nature-based solutions; and (3) Developing a gender-sensitive management and climate change adaptation plan for the protected areas.

The project is being implemented by a consortium formed by Desjardins International Development and Baastel Consulting Group Ltd., with the collaboration of local partners such as Noé Congo and Noé Tchad, as well as microfinance institutions in both countries.

Approximately 73% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

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Gender Transformative
Climate Adaptation



This project will support gender-transformative climate change mitigation and adaptation around Lake Tchad to increase climate-resilient food systems, livelihoods and environmental and human well-being. The local project partners, Lutheran World Foundation Chad and Lutheran World Foundation Cameroon jointly planned the project with Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

This project will work towards the ultimate outcome of improved low-carbon, climate-resilient economies in the Logone-Chari River region for the enhanced well-being of communities, especially women, girls, and other vulnerable groups.

Project activities include: (1) provide training to community groups and governance bodies to support climate adaptation and nature-based solutions; (2) provide support to local communities to restore and upgrade local irrigation systems; and (3) provide support in identifying nature-based and solutions-based livelihoods opportunities, based on the financially viable and sustainable use of biodiversity for women, girls, and other vulnerable groups.

Approximately 99% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

Contributes 0.1% of the total biodiversity conservation potential of Africa

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Gender-transformative
conservation of the Lake
Chad Basin



The project seeks to improve the climate resilience of marginalized communities, particularly women and youth, and ecosystems that are structurally vulnerable to climate change, through nature-based climate solutions in six Lake Chad Basin protected areas registered under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger.

The project directly supports 315,000 people (75% women) through improved resilient agriculture practices and communitarian conflict resolution processes.

Approximately 35.6% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

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Nature-based climate adaptation in the Guinean forests of West Africa



The project aims to enhance the adoption of gender-responsive and inclusive Nature-based Solutions for climate change adaptation in the Guinean forests of West Africa. Implemented in Ghana, Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire, the project takes a systems approach to mitigate key climate challenges through interventions that plan for, pilot and scale Nature-based Solutions for climate adaptation that contribute to enhanced biodiversity and gender equality.

Project activities include: (1) completing, analysing and sharing genetic and environmental DNA (eDNA) based biodiversity assessments; (2) selecting and distributing multipurpose tree species that support gender-responsive climate adaptation and biodiversity; and (3) improving capacity of local businesses, women's organizations and cooperatives, to deploy more sustainable gender responsive livelihoods models implemented for Nature-based Solutions with biodiversity benefits.

Approximately 87.9% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

Contributes 0.3% of the total biodiversity conservation potential of Africa

Contributes 0.1% of the total climate change mitigation potential through restoration in Africa

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Women Pro-Forests:
Climate Change Adaptation
in the Moyen-Bafing
National Park



The project is the result of a partnership between the Union des producteurs agricoles - Développement international and the Canada Research Chair in Ecological Economics of the University of Quebec in the Outaouais. It is also supported by the Guinean Office of Parks and Reserves, Habitat, WASCAL, Equitas and CONAG-DCF.

The project aims to improve the adaptation to climate change of women, young women and their families in the Moyen-Bafing National Park. It also aims to sustainably improve the economic opportunities of beneficiaries from nature-based agroforestry solutions that are climate-smart and respectful of forest biodiversity. It also seeks to improve the inclusive and equitable governance of forest biodiversity to support the adaptation to climate change of women, young vulnerable women and their families.

The activities of this project include: (1) supporting community programs for the reforestation of forest corridors and habitats (key biodiversity areas of the action plan of the Moyen-Bafing National Park); (2) supporting civil society organizations and economic interest groups to support services to overcome the barriers to adaptation to climate change linked to unpaid care work; and (3) implementing a training program on feminist climate justice and women's environmental rights with women and young women, particularly those from civil society organizations, unions and economic interest groups.

Approximately 79.2% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

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Natur'ELLES

The project aims to increase the adaptation to climate change of women and their vulnerable communities in the mangrove ecosystems of marine protected areas of the Saloum and Casamance deltas in Senegal.

The activities of this project include: (1) supporting women's collective entrepreneurship projects maintaining mangrove biodiversity; (2) developing a feminist environmental leadership program for women; (3) supporting functional and financial literacy programs for vulnerable women; and (4) supporting community implementation of Ecological Restoration and Management Plans based on nature-based Solutions.

Approximately 9.9% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

Contributes 0.2% of the total biodiversity conservation potential of Senegal

Contributes 0.5% of the total biodiversity restoration potential of Senegal

Contributes 0.1% of the total climate change mitigation potential through conservation in Senegal

Contributes 6.1% of the total climate change mitigation potential through restoration in Senegal

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Feminist climate action
in Western Africa (ACF-
AO)



The project supports rural women and youth to adapt to climate change in ecologically sensitive coastal and island regions in Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Togo.

The project aims to improve agro-ecological practices and ecosystem rehabilitation, as well as the economic power of women and youth through appropriate technologies and local marketing.

The project supports the participation of youth to ensure the sustainability of learning and good practices, while strengthening their role in promoting gender equality, climate action and biodiversity protection.

Project activities include: (1) training to improve knowledge on climate policies and biodiversity; and (2) providing technical and financial support to strengthen climate-resilient agroecological practices (micro-livestock, agroforestry, market gardening, beekeeping and oyster farming) and the provision of solar and energy-efficient equipment.

Approximately 73.1% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas

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Ecosystem Solutions for Sustainable Adaptation (ESSA)



The project aims to contribute to the adaptation to climate change of communities living in or near three protected areas in West Africa: Banc d'Arguin National Park in Mauritania, the Niimi and Jokadu Park in Gambia and the Marine Protected Area of Ufoyaal Kassa-Bandial in Senegal.

The project will implement nature-based solutions, under the leadership of women and young women.

The activities of this project include: (1) strengthening the environmental skills of the target populations; (2) developing and implementing climate change adaptation plans that include nature-based solutions; (3) providing support and technical assistance to young people for the establishment of value chains based on a circular economy model; (4) sensitizing populations on the sustainable management of biodiversity and natural resources; and (5) offering technical support for sustainable and inclusive management of the sub-region within the framework of the Regional Partnership for West African Coastal and Marine Conservation.

Approximately 98.4% of the total contribution area overlaps with Key Biodiversity Areas





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