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	The three main goals that are at the core of the strategy of the UN Decade: 1. enhancing global, regional, national and local commitments and actions to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems; 2. increasing our understanding of the multiple benefits of successful ecosystem restoration; 3. applying this knowledge in our education systems and within all public and private sector decision-making.

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[1] The term "programme" is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

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[3] The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as "Project ID" on the project's factsheet page the MPTF Office GATEWAY

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ACRONYMS LIST

CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
GBF	Global Biodiversity Framework
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GGW	Great Green Wall
FERM	Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
SEEA	System of Environmental Economic Accounting
SER	Society for Ecological Restoration
TF	Task Force
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNEP-WCMC	United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre
UNGA	United National General Assembly
WRI	World Resources Institute

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the reporting period the major focus of the work was on the announcement of the call for World Restoration Flagships, the selection process and announcement of the first ten UN World Restoration Flagships as well as the selection of those to receive financial support from the MPTF.

This was a massive undertaking designed to elevate the planet's most ambitious, inspiring and successful efforts to restore lands and seas at massive scales. After a far-reaching call to action, that went out to millions of viewers and all governments represented at UNEP, FAO and UNGA, the response was overwhelming. Out of 73 government-endorsed nominations, the set of first ten World Restoration Flagships was selected based on the recommendations of the Task Forces for Science and Best Practices, considering regional and ecosystem diversity, as well as varied restoration approaches. This selection was then endorsed by the UN Decade's Strategy Group, as well as the Executive Board.

Following the final selection, efforts under Outcome 1 were focused on collaborating with the winning initiatives across 23 countries on a range of communication products, including, but not limited to: national, regional and global media outreach; social media packages in eight languages; star-studded Virtual Gala on YouTube and Weibo, announcements throughout Restoration day at CBD COP15 (lead by the Decade's team), networking dinner with philanthropy and private sector, a digital interactive, overview fact sheets, and a mini-documentary series with ten episodes focused on the ten flagships.

Alongside the focus on launching the World Restoration Flagship brand, the UN Decade continued to provide a vibrant and dynamic communication platform to its 200+ partner organizations. UNEP's own channels and media contacts were also leveraged to promote and scale restoration success stories, best practices and calls to action. These ongoing communication efforts included decadeonrestoration.org as main digital hub, social media assets developed in eight languages for all partners to use, webstories and press releases published through UNEP's channels, events, partner blog posts, scientific publications, monthly and special edition newsletters, learning sessions and ad-hoc mini-campaigns.

Collaborations with art and culture continued thanks to strong established partnerships. For example, the first of five US-based ecosystem restoration murals has been launched in Houston, with a focus on environmental justice and tree equity. Together with the Goethe Institute, a call was opened for the 2023 Science Film Festival, under the motto of "Reimagine. Recreate. Restore".

See the following sections for more details and key performance indicators on the World Restoration Flagship campaign, as well as other communication efforts.
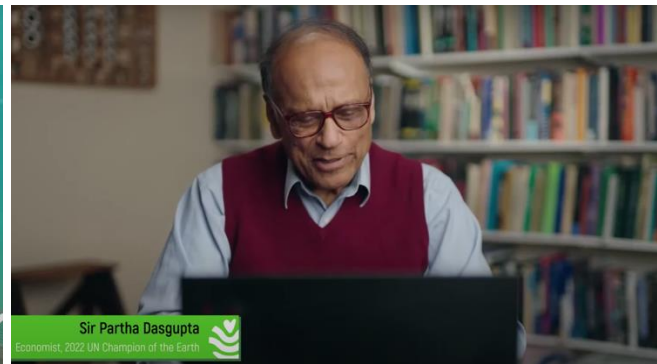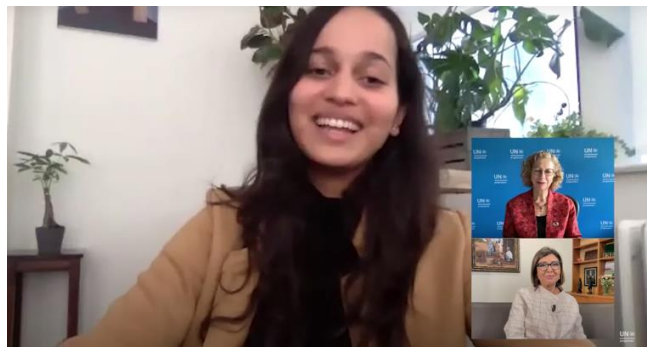
The UN Decade movement actively contributed to the discussions around the Target 2 of the post-2020 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and raised profile of restoration in the GBF. As already referred above, the Restoration Day was organized in Rio Pavilion in cooperation with Rio Conventions on 13 December 2022. It was very well-attended and attracted a lot of interest from both media and participants. In relation to that, the most important contribution of the Task Force on Monitoring has been the formulation of the draft methodology and metadata for reporting and monitoring the indicator — Area Under Restoration —under the Target 2 of new GBF. The FERM will have a central role in the planning and reporting for this Target. Other Decade's Task Forces will be also actively involved into the related activities and support to the member states and partners.

Both FAO and UNEP have devoted a large amount of time and effort to finalize the design of the 3 full flagship initiatives identified in the 5-year programme document: 1) the CADC flagship (preparation led by FAO); 2) the GGW flagship (preparation led by FAO); 3) the SIDS flagship (preparation led by UNEP).

Images from the World Restoration Flagships campaign. In order (left – right /up – bottom):
  (1) Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative in Kazakhstan, credits: UNEP/Darya Kuznetsova.
  (2) Building with Nature in Indonesia, credits: UNEP/Nathanial Brown.
  (3) Shan-Shui Initiative in China, credits: UNEP/Braunosarus Studios.
  (4) The Great Green Wall for Restoration and Peace, credits: UNEP/Artisan Productions.
  (5) Small Island Development States Ecosystem Restoration Flagship, credits: UNEP/Frank Papushka

Images from the World Restoration Flagships virtual gala on 13 December 2022. In order (left – right /up – bottom):
1. *Jason Momoa, Actor, UNEP Advocate for Life Below Water.*
2. *Malaika Vaz, National Geographic presenter, wildlife filmmaker and virtual gala presenter, in conversation with Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Inger Andersen and Deputy Director-General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Maria Helena Semedo.*
3. *Restoration of Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Abu Dhabi Flagship announcement.*
4. *Sir Partha Dasgupta, Economist and UN Champion of the Earth.*

I. Purpose

In line with the 5-Year Programme Document the three main goals at the core of the strategy of the UN Decade are: 1. enhancing global, regional, national and local commitments and actions to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems; 2. increasing our understanding of the multiple benefits of successful ecosystem restoration; 3. applying this knowledge in our education systems and within all public and private sector decision-making.

Activities will be implemented within and across these three outcomes: Outcome 1: A global movement on ecosystem restoration established that catalyses restoration initiatives, political will, exchange of knowledge, and cross-sectoral collaboration – with a focus on support for and within flagship countries and regions; Outcome 2: Increased capacity and capability in private, public sector and civil society for policy reform, to catalyse investments and to access resources are resulting in restoration actions on the ground and implementation within Flagship Initiatives. Outcome 3: Results documented and shared, through monitoring and reporting of biophysical and socio-economic elements of sustainable ecosystem restoration and influencing activities for ecosystem restoration.

Flagship Initiatives feature prominently in the 5-year Project Document (Pro Doc) for the UN Decade's Multi-Partner Trust Fund (chapter 2.2). While a subset of these Flagships is eligible to receive targeted or full funding support, **all** selected restoration flagships are envisioned to provide lessons learned and increase political will to achieve global restoration goals. Establishing the brand of World Restoration Flagships and introducing the first set of awardees is thus vital for the success of the UN Decade's Theory of Change. Further, the Pro Doc calls for Outcome 1 to catalyse political will, exchange of knowledge and cross-sectoral

collaboration (chapter 4). This latter aspect is being served through ongoing communication efforts, happening alongside the 2022 campaign focus on World Restoration Flagships.

II. Results

i) Narrative reporting on results:

For the reporting period, all results set out in the work plan approved by the first and second Executive Board meetings could be achieved. What is more, envisioned key performance indicators were either fully achieved – or, in most cases, surpassed.

Below is a brief description of the Outputs and Outcomes that were due to be achieved during the reporting period, in accordance with the workplan, as well as remarks on adjustments to the workplan, if any.

Outcome 1: A global movement on ecosystem restoration established that catalyzes restoration initiatives, political will, exchange of knowledge, and cross-sectoral collaboration – with a focus on support for and within flagship countries and regions

Output 1.1:
Mobilization: Selected public, private and civil society stakeholder groups are supported in their mobilization efforts through increased incentives, capacity and collective action for promotion and restoration of ecosystems.

1.1.1 Launch event held formally announcing the first set of Flagships

To reach a wide global audience – especially within Flagship countries and regions – and people that may not have access to international events such as CBD COP15, the team opted for a Virtual Announcement Gala.

To put a spotlight on the incredible efforts undertaken on the ground, the Gala did focus on never-before-seen footage from restoration implementers and their successes. Globally and regionally relevant celebrities and thought leaders introduced these segments, and two music video screenings of brand-new songs focused on restoration drew in new audiences.

Acts included actors Jason Momoa and Edward Norton, extreme mountaineer Nimsdai Purja, reigning World Surf Champion Filipe Toledo, Hip-Hop Artist Frida Amani, Julian Marley, the band Bastille, as well as thought leaders like Dr. Jane Goodall and Sir Partha Dasgupta.

The Gala was streamed live on YouTube and Weibo for the Chinese audience. It was also made available in seven languages through subtitles, and inspired public viewing parties from Indonesia to Brazil. To date, the Virtual Gala has been viewed by **833,000 people on YouTube**, and **923,000 on Weibo** – a total of **1,756,000 views**. With over 136,000 hours watched, this makes it the most successful content on UNEP's YouTube channel in terms of watch-time. This is equivalent to more than one major football stadium – like Camp Nou in Barcelona or Allianz Arena in Munich – watching the Gala for an entire hour.

In addition to the virtual screening, the Gala was screened at Restoration Day during CBD COP15, as well as throughout the remainder of the conference at several locations, such as the UNCCD booth etc.

Beyond the wide public attention it created, the Gala has already led to interest in specific restoration commitments, for example by the band Bastille, which pledged to donate streaming income from [Hope for the Future](#) to a World Restoration Flagship, and the Bezos Earth Fund, which reached out after senior decision makers had seen the Gala.

To reach key decision makers while negotiations around a new Global Biodiversity Framework were taking place in Montreal, the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration hosted the [CBD COP15 Restoration Day](#) – which was filled to the brink throughout the day, with hundreds of negotiators attending. Over 20 ministerial and heads of organization-level speakers were engaged in the day.

Putting a spotlight on the exceptional innovations, best practices, technical, financial and social solutions spearheaded by the World Restoration Flagships, representatives of flagships were honoured [throughout sessions](#), each presented under a topic where they had made particular strides – such as "Finance", "Youth Engagement" or "Monitoring".

Amendments: None – the Output was successfully executed as planned.

1.1.2 Multimedia content and supporting communication assets produced on Flagships for their announcement and profiling.

The mission of the first ten UN World Restoration Flagships was clear: "Making restoration famous".

Through storytelling and deep dives in different formats, the World Restoration Flagships not only show *that* restoration works, but also *how*. Secondly, as these were the first ten Flagships, a focus has been put on establishing World Restoration Flagships as a desirable brand,

To bring key messages and lessons learned across to different stakeholder groups, an elaborate content plan was developed and executed. The audience subsets particularly targeted through the campaign are:

a. Member states, particularly the participating and donor countries.
b. Civil society, activists, and the larger restoration community in participating countries.
c. Media and restoration community in general.

Communication assets produced include, but are not limited to:

- An official [World Restoration Flagship brand](#), with tailored versions for all ten individual Flagships
- [Static and animated social media assets](#) developed for all channels, and tailored to all Flagships, reaching **over 36 million impressions on UNEP's channels**, and a reach of **34 million through partner's channels**
- [Global, regional and national press kits](#) consisting of one main and ten individual press releases and a photo package, resulting in over **4 billion readers reached through 1,500+ media articles in 935 outlets, 60+ countries and 16 languages**; including coverage by Reuters and regionally important outlets; high coverage in flagship countries, especially Brazil, China, India
- [Documentary series of 10 episodes](#) covering each of the first ten World Restoration Flagships launched, and running up until World Biodiversity Day (May 22, 2023), **narrated by Edward Norton and Dia Mirza**; the [first four episodes launched](#) to date already reached **463,000 viewers**

- A [digital interactive map](#) has been developed to provide an engaging overview of the first ten Flagships – **over 150,000 users have** explored these successful examples of large-scale restoration, and their key achievements so far
- A set of **10 Profile Cards** has been developed on the World Restoration Flagships, documenting their achievements and financial needs. This is a **key tool for engaging potential funders**.

Accompanying the wide communication efforts, the UN Decade team also reached out to individual stakeholders, namely potential Flagship supporters from government, private sector and finance.

A **"Networking Dinner" in Montreal** alongside CBD COP15 brought together philanthropy, private sector and media companies – such as Rabobank, KPMG, Unilever and TIME – with representatives from the ten Flagships. The **World Economic Forum** organized a virtual session ahead of the Flagship launch with its private sector constituents, and the Flagships were also introduced to **permanent representatives** to the **UN in New York**, and **UNEP in Nairobi**.

Resulting from the in-person and online engagement, there is budding funding interest from the band Bastille, the music industry's environmental coalition [Earth Percent](#), Salesforce, the Bezos Earth Fund, the Ecological Restoration Fund (ERF) and others. The UN Decade team will keep up matchmaking efforts and support relevant partnership arrangements, so investments will reach the ground within Flagship countries.

Amendments: While all communication assets related to World Restoration Flagships could have been completed with the launch in late 2022, it was decided to release the films as part of a series, leading all the way up to World Biodiversity Day 2023 (May 22). Likewise, it was decided to release the feature stories about flagships as part of a ten-week content plan. The release of an educational game, based on lessons from the flagships, has been scheduled for World Biodiversity Day.

This decision was made based on the over-saturation with content during CBD COP15 and around the launch date, which would have led to the flagships competing with each other in terms of audience attention.

The amended content plan, consisting of launch events, media package, social media assets and digital interactive in a first phase, followed by other communication outputs stretched over a longer period – has proven highly successful, with individual flagships reaching millions of people. A final tally of the reach of all assets can be presented to the next Executive Board session (EB 4).

Output 1.2:
Science Communication and Advocacy: Best practices for on-the-ground restoration of ecosystems collected and showcased globally, to shift perceptions and increase uptake by, support to restoration initiatives

1.2.1 UN Decade website and digital hub is managed and further strengthened together with regular creation of digital and outreach content.

In parallel to the 2023 campaign focused on World Restoration Flagships, www.decadeonrestoration.org continued to serve as digital hub to the UN Decade's 200+ organization-strong partner network, and the broader restoration movement.

The site continued to be among UNEP's most visited pages, with **over 150,000 views** in the reporting period alone. The campaign also continued to produce stories for UNEP's main site – most notably

this year deep-dives into the first ten Flagships. The three most popular stories alone reached over 50,000 views.

However, even more important than the content produced by the UN Decade team directly, the many efforts undertaken by the wider restoration community speak to the momentum and the far reach the topic is gaining.

From June to March alone, this meant over **110 events** organized on the UN Decade and ecosystem restoration priorities – both virtually and on the ground. UN Decade partners also produced **over 50 publications**, adding to the ever-growing knowledge basis on and scientific discourse around ecosystem restoration. Google Scholar now counts **over 2,500 scientific articles** on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, its goals and recommended approaches to achieving them.

To ensure this knowledge reaches the right hands and minds, nine monthly and nine special edition newsletters have been sent out during the reporting period to a **list of over 22,000**+ restoration supporters, implementers, and decision makers.

A new innovation under Outcome 1 are the **UN Decade Learning Sessions**. These are interactive, web-based formats in which UN Decade Partners can present ongoing work, and especially engagement opportunities, to the wider restoration movement. Learning Sessions are organized around a common topic and larger opportunities, rather than individual projects, and require several partners to team up.

The first two Learning Sessions attracted **over 1,500 registrants**, and covered common advocacy around the Global Biodiversity Framework, ahead of Montreal, and innovations in education for restoration in schools, universities, and informal education.

In summary, implementation of Outcome 1 activities is on track, and all milestones envisioned to be reached within the reporting period could be met. More details on plans concerning all Outcomes and Outputs are outlined in the updated Workplan.

What stood out during this reporting period was the great success of launching the first ten World Restoration Flagships, which resonated incredibly with people around the world and could already – within just two months – attract the interest of media, governments, funders, and other supporters.

The selection, launch and now monitoring of all World Restoration Flagships is also a stellar example of Outcomes 1 (global movement), 2 (best practices) and 3 (monitoring) seamlessly collaborating and playing to their strengths.

Outcome 2. Increased capacity and capability in private, public sector and civil society for policy reform, to catalyse investments and to access resources are resulting in restoration actions on the ground and implementation within Flagship Initiatives.

The inception phase of the Outcome 2 was focused on knowledge dissemination and capacity development products elaborated by the Task Force on Best Practices (Output 2.3), the design, finalization, and submission of the documents on the CADC, SIDS and GGWSSI Flagship Initiatives (Output 2.8 Design of Flagship Initiatives), as well as the selection process of additional flagships that can receive communication and/or targeted support (Deliverable 2.8.4. Identification / design of potential additional Flagship Initiatives).

Output 2.3:

Methods and knowledge for designing, implementing, sustaining and scaling up ecosystem restoration initiatives developed, disseminated and applied within specific Flagship Initiatives

The FAO-led Task Force on Best Practices is a growing collaborative effort of currently 360 members from 150 global leading organizations that focuses on capacity development and knowledge dissemination efforts. During the reporting period, the Task Force developed i) *Standards of practice for ecosystem restoration*, in partnership with the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and IUCN's Commission on Ecosystem Management (IUCN CEM); ii) a *Capacity, Knowledge and Learning Action Plan* for the UN Decade; and iii) a framework for dissemination of good practices through the FERM Registry. Both, the *Standards of Practice* and the *Action Plan*, were discussed during sessions at the XV World Forestry Congress (XV WFC) (May 2022, Seoul, Korea), the 13th European Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER Europe) (September 2022, Alicante, Spain) and the 26th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 26) (October 2022, Rome, Italy); and were presented during the Restoration Day at the CBD COP 15 (December 2022, Montreal, Canada). Progress achieved on each product is summarized as follows:

- The **Standards of Practice** include over 250 recommended practices organized in five components (assessment, planning, implementation, ongoing management and monitoring) and 45 subcomponents to assist practitioners with application of the UN Decade principles when conducting restoration projects. The development of the standards started with review of existing guidance documents for all types of activities defined as ecosystem restoration under the Decade. After review, the most universally relevant documents were selected for extracting best practices. To the extent possible, redundant practices were eliminated. Practices were then organized into components and subcomponents of the process, which were subject to a series of consultative processes, including a one-month open global consultation advertised to the restoration community and available on the UN Decade website. Over 400 individuals from diverse organizations and geographic regions provided comments during the global consultation. Each comment was evaluated and the text was adjusted as appropriate to create the beta version of the *Standards of practice* and a summary version (to be published on the UN Decade website in April 2023) that was presented during the Restoration Day at the CBD COP 15. The final version will be launched in September 2023 after conducting targeted consultations with Indigenous Peoples.

- The **Capacity, Knowledge and Learning Action Plan** builds on i) gaps and capacity priorities for restoration (finance, stakeholder engagement, technical capacity and policy) identified through a global capacity needs assessment; and ii) a stocktaking of existing capacity development initiatives. An initial set of recommended actions to address major gaps was discussed at XV WFC. These actions were the preliminary step for proposing draft Terms of Reference for five capacity development initiatives that were discussed at SERE 2022 and COFO 26. These consultations resulted in the final proposal of eight capacity development initiatives part of the Action Plan (to be published on the UN Decade website in April 2023) that are tailored to different stakeholder groups, and were presented during the Restoration Day at the CBD COP 15 and will be implemented from 2023-2030. To this end, the Task Force will undertake efforts to establish partnerships with key organizations and mobilize resources in order to enable their implementation by 2030.

- The **framework for dissemination of good restoration practices through the FERM Registry** was developed in close collaboration with the Monitoring Task Force to facilitate knowledge sharing among practitioners. It allows the documentation of good practices from the restoration initiatives previously registered at the platform. The inception phase of the framework was launched in September 2022 during the GLF event "Transforming Agrifood systems with Forest". Likewise, the development of the review process of the practices collected was started, which includes the consolidation of a review panel composed by Task Force members and an assessment sheet based on criteria derived from the ten principles for ecosystem restoration. The development of a common search engine was also initiated to link and facilitate access to good practices collected from different allied platforms including GoProFor, Panorama Solutions, and WOCAT, besides the practices that will be collected through the FERM Registry.

Output 2.8
Design of Flagship Initiatives

The documents for the three flagships pre-selected for receiving full MPTF support (Central American Dry Corridor (CADC), the Great Green Wall (GGW), and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)), and that were part of the ten flagships announced at CBD COP 15, are being finalized and two out of three (CADC and GGW) were submitted to the Executive Board, and will be discussed and approved in a parallel meeting to the third Executive Board meeting.

2.8.1 Design of the Central America Dry Corridor (CADC) Flagship Initiative

During the reporting period the design phase of the CADC Flagship Initiative was carried out in partnership with SICA and several national partners in Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama & and Dominican Republic. With the guidance of the budget holder unit in FAO HQ and under the leadership of the FAO Sub-Regional Office in Central America, the full proposal was elaborated based on several in-country and regional consultations with UNEP, IUCN, CIFOR/GLF, SICA, national institutions etc., feasibility studies & assessments (done by an international Flagship designer), capacity need assessments (international consultant), institutional assessments and partners identification both at national and regional levels. The Executive Director of SICA participated in a session on the UN Decade during the World Forestry Congress in early May 2022. During this session he confirmed the strong interest/ownership of the SICA region for ecosystem restoration and this CADC Flagship initiative. The full proposal was drafted with the support of several consultants (international / national), and then finalized based on broader consultations with local stakeholders both at national level and within the multiple targeted landscapes.

2.8.2 Design of the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Flagship Initiative

From March to June 2022 the design phase of the SIDS Flagship Initiative was launched in partnership with UNDESA and several national partners in Vanuatu, Comoros and Saint Lucia. The consultation with national partners on the initial draft concept note, approved by the Executive Board in December 2021, was implemented on the occasion of the preparation/submission of the SIDS Flagship as a World Restoration Flagship in March 2022.

Under the leadership of UNEP, the full proposal is prepared based on several in-country and regional consultations (online), preparatory / feasibility studies and assessments (implemented by the international project designer contracted in late April / early May 2022), capacity need assessments and visits / interviews organized on the occasion of Duty Travels of UNEP and FAO experts and international consultants (July-September 2022 in Comoros Islands & Saint Lucia). Due to logistical difficulties with traveling to Vanuatu, a national consultant was recruited in Port Vila in May 2022 to provide relevant data / information to the international Flagship designer in collaboration with existing FAO project team and national government.
The full proposal is being finalized, building on the initial concept note already approved by the Executive Board in December 2021, with the support of several consultants (international / national) and based on broader consultations with local stakeholders both at national level and within the multiple targeted landscapes.

2.8.3 Design of the Great Green Wall for Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI) Flagship Initiative

The inception phase for the GGW Flagship Initiative was initiated with the preparation of a detailed concept note shared with the Executive Board (EB) in early June 2022. The GGW Flagship concept note was prepared with the leadership of the FAO LTO in HQ and the guidance of the budget holder unit in FAO HQ, and with the support of an international consultant facilitating multiple consultations within a core group of partners including several FAO teams, UNEP FI, GGW Accelerator (led by UNCCD), CIFOR/GLF, Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall Initiative and ''l'Agence Nationale de la Grande Muraille Verte du Niger'' (ANGMV Niger) and ''la Coordination Nationale de l'Initiative Grande Muraille Verte pour le Sahara et le Sahel du Burkina Faso'' (CN-IGMVSS). The GGW Flagship concept note was also based on several in-country capacity need assessments and visits / interviews that were organized on the occasion of Duty Travels of FAO experts and international consultant (June 2022 in Burkina Faso and September 2022 in Niger).

The purpose of this Flagship is to support restoration and livelihoods protection in areas of the Great Green Wall where environmental degradation and acute food insecurity are interlinked dynamics caused and exacerbated by the ongoing insecurity crisis in the Central Sahel. The proposed focus target zone, a transboundary landscape between Burkina Faso and Niger, is both a degradation hotspot and a conflict zone. This flagship comes in support of the Pan-Africa Agency Priority Investment Plan for 2021-2030 and the GGW Accelerator, in particular its pillar 4 "Favorable economic and institutional framework for effective governance, sustainability, stability and security" taking advantage of the MPTF partner's expertise and tools. The overall objective of the GGW Flagship is to promote the mobilization of local authorities and communities in Burkina Faso and Niger transboundary areas affected by conflicts, as the most sustainable way to restore land, strengthen resilience and build social cohesion reducing conflicts linked to unequal access to natural resources. The total budget of this Flagship Initiative is 4,977,105 USD. The full proposal was prepared and submitted in February 2023 for final clearance of the Executive Board.

2.8.4 Identification/design of potential additional Flagships initiatives
During the reporting period, a call for nomination of additional World Ecosystem Restoration Flagships was launched with a deadline for submission on 31 March 2022. In total, 154 Expressions of interest and 73 government-endorsed Flagship nominations were received. The review process was led by both the Best Practices and Science Task Forces, establishing a review panel of ten reviewers (five from each Task Force). Assessment criteria were divided into two groups: i) Geographic criteria: included two criteria to assess the completeness of geographic data and the scaling potential by comparing the area already restored and to be restored by 2030; and ii) Probability of success criteria: included ten criteria to assess compliance with the ten principles for ecosystem restoration published in 2021. Each criterion was assessed over a total score of 10. Average values were calculated for each of the two sections referred above. Then, total scores were obtained according to the weights assigned to each section (20% and 80% respectively).
Based on the recommendations of this panel, 23 Flagships (with scores higher than 6/10) were selected and proposed as a first cohort of Flagships to the UN Decade Strategy Group. Based on this list, ten flagships were selected for public announcement at the CBD COP 15 in Montreal, aiming at ensuring broad representation of ecosystems and regions. In terms of MPTF support, three of them will receive full support, three can be considered for targeted support and the other four will not receive MPTF support given that they do not include countries in the list of ODA Recipients.
In addition, the list of flagships proposed for MPTF targeted support was submitted to the Executive Board, by extracting from the short list of 23, those flagships that include Least Developed Countries, Low Income Countries and Lower Middle Income Countries according to DAC List of ODA Recipients. This list for MPTF targeted support also includes ten flagships which were requested to complete an additional application form. Three of them were already announced at the CBD COP 15, therefore, the remaining seven flagships will be announced later in 2023.

> **Outcome 3 Results documented and shared, through monitoring and reporting of biophysical and socio-economic elements of sustainable ecosystem restoration and influencing activities for ecosystem restoration**

Towards outcome 3, the Task Force on Monitoring, led by FAO, has been requested by CBD to lead the reporting and guidance for Target 2, area under restoration, of the Global Biodiversity Framework. Target 2 provides a quantitative target for the work under Outcome 3 and provides a concrete implementation mechanism for supporting the reporting and monitoring of ecosystem restoration. FAO is working collaboratively and closely with the Rio Conventions (CBD, UNCCD, and UNFCCC), other MEAs and key organizations (GRO, ICRI, IUCN, Ramsar, SER, and UNEP-WCMC) to shape consistent and relevant guidance on Target 2. The direct beneficiaries of the work on Target 2 are the CBD Parties (196 countries) and indirectly, the broader communities that will benefit from consistent guidance and data on global ecosystem restoration.

> **Output 3.1:**

Monitoring and reporting framework established, strengthened and made available for monitoring restoration – supported by a geospatial dissemination platform, capacity development, science, technology and innovation

The FERM platform and registry have been launched and updated in collaboration with the Monitoring Task Force. The FERM registry was launched at the World Forestry Congress in May 2022. The Good Practice integration with the FERM registry was launched at the Global Landscapes Forum in September 2022 – in collaboration with Outcome 2. The FERM registry was made available to a broad audience, UN Decade Partners and later, to the general public. The FERM registry has been tested with GEF projects, in collaboration with the FAO-GEF unit, with planned support for monitoring functionalities in the FERM registry in the future (Indicator 3.1.1). The FERM Registry was tested with restoration stakeholders in Kenya, feedback was recorded and subsequently included in the development plan of the platform (Indicator 3.1.1). The primary beneficiaries were GEF project managers and the Kenya Restoration Working Group members, including the Kenya Forest Service and, broadly, the wider restoration community that benefits from the improvements based on the feedback from the stakeholders. Geospatial data from the UN Decade Global Restoration Flagships were ingested into the FERM registry with Flagship focal points, providing introductory capacity development on the functionality of the registry (Indicator 3.1.2). Preliminary materials have been developed for an e-learning course on monitoring restoration with the FAO e-learning academy and further progress is planned in 2023 (Indicator 3.1.4). Headline indicators for global level monitoring were identified, consulted with Monitoring TF and other key experts, and were launched at the World Forestry Congress in May 2022 (Indicator 3.1.5).

Output 3.2:
A global community for restoration monitoring leveraged to enable knowledge exchange and methodological development to overcome ecosystem specific data, monitoring and reporting challenges

The Task Force on Monitoring has continued to grow in membership in 2022 with 37 new members and a total of 336 members. Two task force meetings were held in 2022, in April and October, providing the opportunity for Task Force members to contribute to the headline indicator analysis, FERM development and guidance for reporting and monitoring on the Global Biodiversity Framework Target 2, as well as to hear updates from members of the Task Force (Indicator 3.2.1). The task force also organized an additional three events as described below.

To bring the information shared in the Task Force to a wider audience, high impact events were targeted to launch key outputs, including the launch of the FERM registry and headline indicators at the World Forestry Congress; the launch of the Good Practice integration in the FERM Registry and se.plan for forest restoration planning at the Global Landscapes Forum and the draft guidance for Target 2 at COP15. The World Forestry Congress attracted over 15,000 participants from 160 countries, the FAO-GLF Digital Forum – Transforming agrifood systems with forests attracted 2,000 participants, and the stream was viewed 21,479 times across social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube) in English, French and Spanish, and COP15 was attended by approximately 16,000 participants in sessions of the UN Biodiversity Conference and parallel events, representing 188 governments on site, UN and international organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs), non-governmental organizations, academia, and the private sector. The workplan targeted 4 task force meetings. This was exceeded with two internal task force meetings and three high level events (Indicator 3.2.1). A new sub-task force was created in 2022, the Working Group on the GBF Target 2. The Working Group met three times in 2022 and totaled 25 members from CBD, FAO, GRO, ICRI, IUCN, Ramsar, SER, UNCCD, UNEP-WCMC, and UNFCCC (Indicator 3.2.1). Additionally, participation and presentations in relevant workshops in 2022 included the Restoration Academy Central America & Africa, Finance Task Force, Best Practice Task Force, GGW Data Task Force and the IUCN webinar series.

Output 3.3:

Annual reports on the progress of ecosystem restoration using biophysical and socio-economic indicators, best-available data, inclusive of global flows of private and public financial investment towards ecosystem restoration produced and made available.

Headline indicators for global level monitoring through annual reports were launched at the World Forestry Congress in May 2022 (Indicator 3.1.5 and Indicator 3.3.1). The analysis of the headline indicators for restoration monitoring will be reviewed in 2023 for the Annual Report on Global Restoration Progress. An information note for monitoring CBD's GBF Target 2, area under restoration, was developed collaboratively by the Working Group on Target 2 and launched at COP15 in December 2022 at the Rio Pavilion Restoration Day Event (Indicator 3.3.2). Modifications in the FERM registry are in progress to facilitate data compilation and support reporting for Target 2 (Indicator 3.3.3).

Output 3.4:
Monitoring case studies and knowledge products developed and made available on the monitoring of key local ecosystems where data gaps, normative data collection and restoration indicators require further research and development.

The development of a tool for forest restoration planning decision support has progressed in 2022, through biweekly meetings of the interdisciplinary development team from FAO, USFS, Duke University, Spatial Informatics Group and Peking University. A regional workshop with government beneficiaries from nine countries in Asia-Pacific was organized in December 2022 (Indicator 3.4.3). Participants provided critical feedback to the development team to update the tool and in parallel, case studies are being developed in partnership with FAO, SilvaCarbon and country governments.

Output 3.5:
Monitoring support (capacity development / technology transfer) provided to on-the-ground UN Decade Flagships.

The UN Decade Global Flagships were announced at COP15 in December 2022. Geospatial data on the locations of Flagship restoration activities are shared through the FERM platform. The geospatial data shared by the Flagship focal points has been ingested in the FERM registry (Indicator 3.5.3). Additional targeted support will be provided to Flagships to improve reporting and monitoring of the restoration activities.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

OUTCOME 1:

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
1.1.1 Launch event held formally announcing the first set of Flagships **Indicator 1.1.1** **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: 1**	**2** Launch Events were held to announce the World Restoration Flagships – a virtual gala (as planned) and Restoration Day at COP15: • Close to **2 million viewers** and **70,000 hours watched** • **150+ attendants** at CBD COP Restoration Day (full capacity)	The **planned target has been surpassed** thanks to excellent collaboration with the CBD – a UN Decade Partner – and additional communication support by FAO, which allowed for a full-day on the ground event in Montreal. Additionally, the launch was supported by Salesforce in coordinating a networking dinner, and Weibo in China, by promoting the Chinese stream of the Virtual Gala.	• **YouTube and Weibo data** on Virtual Gala stream • **Event reporting** from CBD COP15 • **Attendants lists** of networking dinner
1.1.2 Multimedia content and supporting communication assets produced on Flagships for their announcement and profiling. **Indicator 1.1.2** **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: 10**	**10** communication packages for the World Restoration Flagships have been prepared. Additional assets – such as the digital interactive map – could be produced thanks to the dedication of the team. - Static and animated social media assets: **over 36 million impressions on UNEP's channels**, and a reach of **34 million through partner's channels**	The **target has been overachieved**, as additional, unplanned communication resources could be produced, thanks to the dedication of all teams involved. While communication assets have been produced in time, **release plans were adjusted** to allow for wider audience reach through a serialized approach.	• **Social media data tracking** (internal systems) • Media reach tracking (through **Meltwater**) • **Google Analytics** • **YouTube and Weibo data**

	- Global, regional and national press kits: over **4 billion readers reached through 1,500+ media articles in 935 outlets, 60+ countries and 16 languages** - Documentary series of 10 episodes: The first four episodes launched to date already reached **463,000 viewers** - Digital interactive map: **over 150,000 users**		
1.2.1 UN Decade website and digital hub is managed and further strengthened together with regular creation of digital and outreach content. **Indicator 1.2.1** **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: 1**	**1** website acting as digital hub for the restoration movement successfully managed. • **150,000+** site views • **50,000+** views of top three stories on unep.org • **110 events** • **Over 50 publications** • **Over 2,500 scientific articles** • **9 monthly** and 9 special edition newsletters • **List of over 22,000+** restoration supporters, implementers, and decision makers • 2 Learning Sessions attracted **over 1,500 registrants**		• **Google Analytics** • **Google Scholar** • **Drupal** data (Content Management System) • **Hubspot** (Newsletter management)

OUTCOME 2:

	<u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
Output 2.3: Methods and knowledge for designing, implementing, sustaining and scaling up ecosystem restoration initiatives developed, disseminated and applied within specific Flagship Initiatives **Indicator 2.3.1 Standards of practice to guide ecosystem restoration developed and consulted with UN Decade partners and stakeholders** **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: Standards of practice to guide ecosystem restoration published on the UN Decade website by 2023, including a summary version to be published in April 2023, a Beta version including comments from a global consultation, and the final version to be published in September 2023 after a targeted consultation with Indigenous Peoples**	Summary and Beta version of the Standards of Practice finalized and presented during the Restoration Day at CBD COP 15 in December 2022. Beta version currently undergoing targeted consultations with Indigenous Peoples.		• Beta version Standards of Practice ([link](#)) • Summary version Standards of Practice ([provisional link](#), to be officially published on the UN Decade website in April 2023) • Best Practices session during the Restoration day at CBD COP 15 ([link](#), from 2:27:00)
Indicator 2.3.2 Capacity, Knowledge and Learning	Capacity, Knowledge and Learning Action Plan for the		• Capacity, Knowledge and Learning Action Plan for the

Action Plan for the UN Decade developed and consulted with Task Force members and targeted stakeholder groups **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: Capacity, Knowledge and Learning Action Plan published on the UN Decade by April 2023**	UN Decade, including eight capacity development initiatives tailored to different stakeholder groups, finalized and presented during the Restoration Day at CBD COP 15 in December 2022.		Decade (provisional link, to be officially published on the UN Decade website in April 2023) • Best Practices session during the Restoration day at CBD COP 15 (link, from 2:27:00)
Indicator 2.3.3 Framework for dissemination of good restoration practices developed and embedded in the FERM Registry **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: Framework for good practices fully operational by 2023, integrated in the FERM Registry to allow direct documentation of good practices from restoration initiatives previously registered in the platform and well as dissemination of good practices collected by three allied platforms: GoProFor, Panorama Solutions, and WOCAT**	The inception phase of the framework for dissemination of good practices was launched in September 2022 during the Global Landscapes Forum event "Transforming Agrifood systems with Forest"– in collaboration with Outcome 3.		Launch of inception phase framework for dissemination of good practices (link, from 3:36:25)

Output 2.8 Design of Flagship Initiatives **Indicator 2.8.1 Central America Dry Corridor (CADC) Flagship Initiative designed** **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: Central America Dry Corridor (CADC) Flagship Initiative designed based on broad consultations and submitted to Executive Board for approval**	Under the leadership of the FAO Regional Office in Central America, the full proposal was elaborated based on several in-country and regional consultations with UNEP, IUCN, CIFOR/GLF, SICA, national institutions etc., feasibility studies & assessments, capacity need assessments, institutional assessments and partners identification both at national and regional levels.		Full proposal submitted to Executive Board for approval
Indicator 2.8.2 Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Flagship Initiative designed **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target: Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Flagship Initiative designed based on broad consultations and submitted to Executive Board for approval**	Under the leadership of UNEP, the full proposal is prepared based on several in-country and regional consultations (online), preparatory / feasibility studies and assessments, capacity need assessments and visits / interviews organized on the occasion of Duty Travels of UNEP and FAO experts and international consultants (July-September 2022 in Comoros Islands & Saint Lucia).		Full proposal will be submitted to Executive Board for approval shortly (in April 2023)
Indicator 2.8.3 Great Green Wall for Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI) Flagship Initiative designed **Baseline: 0**	The full proposal was prepared with the support of an international consultant facilitating multiple consultations within a core group of partners including		Full proposal submitted to Executive Board for approval

Planned Target: Great Green Wall for Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI) Flagship Initiative designed based on broad consultations and submitted to Executive Board for approval	several FAO teams, UNEP FI, GGW Accelerator (led by UNCCD), CIFOR/GLF, Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall Initiative and ''l'Agence Nationale de la Grande Muraille Verte du Niger'' (ANGMV Niger) and ''la Coordination Nationale de l'Initiative Grande Muraille Verte pour le Sahara et le Sahel du Burkina Faso'' (CN-IGMVSS). The proposal was also based on several in-country capacity need assessments and visits / interviews that were organized on the occasion of Duty Travels of FAO experts and international consultant (June 2022 in Burkina Faso and September 2022 in Niger).		
Indicator 2.8.4 Potential additional Flagships initiatives identified **Baseline: 0** **Planned Target:** List of additional flagships that can receive communication and/or targeted support	Review process led by both the Best Practices and Science Task Forces. List of 23 Flagships with highest scores proposed as a first cohort of Flagships to the UN Decade Strategy Group. Based on this list, ten flagships were selected for public announcement at the CBD COP 15 in Montreal, including the three flagships receiving full support. An additional list of flagships proposed for MPTF targeted		• List of ten flagships receiving communication support announced during the Restoration Day at CBD COP 15 in December 2022 (link). • Another list of flagships was requested to submit an application to receive targeted support.

	support was submitted to the Executive Board.		

OUTCOME 3:

	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
Outcome 3[7] **Results documented and shared, through monitoring and reporting of biophysical and socio-economic elements of sustainable ecosystem restoration and influencing activities for ecosystem restoration** **Indicator:** Indicator 3.1: Number of stakeholders in government, private sector and civil society measuring their biophysical and socio-economic progress and reporting regularly through the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration (FERM) Indicator 3.2: Percent annual change in area of local ecosystems measured and reported through the FERM Indicator 3.3: Volume of annual financial resources to on-the-ground ecosystem restoration reported through the FERM. Indicator 3.4: Number of restoration stakeholders in government, private sector and civil society MPTF	Indicator 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 will be reported in 2023/2024. Indicator 3.4: the Monitoring Task Force produced various types of knowledge products in 2022 to inform restoration actions and decision making and distributed them during a series of events the World Forestry Congress, COFO, FAO-GLF Digital Forum, CBD COP15 and several webinars organized by partners. FAO Forestry's twitter assisted in the distribution of these knowledge products, including 2 reports (global indicators, methodology guidance for Target 2), 2 COFO information notes (UN Decade, streamlining reporting), 2 posters (FERM	FERM reporting has been delayed to align with the GBF Target 2, which was finalized in December 2022.	FAO's work on ecosystem restoration monitoring (link) FAO's work on GBF Target 2 (link) Target 2 indicator metadata form (link) Target 2 flyer (link) Global Indicators for Monitoring Ecosystem Restoration document (link) COFO/2022/INF/6 (link) COFO/2022/6.5 (link)

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[7] Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

produced knowledge products to inform restoration actions and decision making. **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Catalyze the global restoration community with monitoring and reporting guidance and platforms to contribute to the restoration of 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030.**	and se.plan) and 1 flyer (Target 2), 2 videos (FERM), 2 webpages (UN Decade and Target 2).		
Output 3.1 Monitoring and reporting framework established, strengthened and made available for monitoring restoration – supported by a geospatial dissemination platform, capacity development, science, technology and innovation **Indicator 3.1.1 FERM Registry developed and tested by restoration stakeholders** **Baseline: No platform for reporting ecosystem restoration** **Planned Target: Full operational version of the FERM registry developed and launched during 2023**	A Minimum Viable Product (MVP) of FERM registry developed and launched at World Forestry Congress in May 2022. The Good Practice integration with the FERM registry was launched at the Global Landscapes Forum in September 2022 – in collaboration with Outcome 2.		News story on the launch of the FERM registry at the World Forestry Congress (link) GLF FERM Good Practices launch (link)

Indicator 3.1.2 Integrate geospatial data from other restoration monitoring platforms into the **Registry Baseline: no** **Planned Target: Workflow for integration of Collect Earth assessments developed in 2022; QA/QC protocols agreed in 2023; Data integration complete for Annual report**	Geospatial data from the UN Decade Global Restoration Flagships were ingested into the FERM registry with Flagship focal points, providing introductory capacity development on the functionality of the registry	This activity will be continued in 2023/2024	
Indicator 3.1.3 Strengthen the FERM platform based on a user survey. **Baseline: FERM platform MVP launched in 2021** **Planned Target: Updated FERM platform launched with operational FERM registry in 2023**	The FERM platform was updated with new tools (ABC-Map, AURORA) and the existing datasets have been maintained. UN Decade Flagships are available and displayed through the FERM platform.		Updates available on the FERM platform (link)
Indicator 3.1.4 E-learning course on monitoring restoration for efficient capacity development **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: E-learning course launched with updated FERM registry and platform in 2023**	Preliminary materials developed, progress will be reported in 2023		
Indicator 3.1.5 Headline indicators for global level monitoring identified, consulted with Monitoring TF and other key	20 Headline indicators identified and launched in May 2022 Headline indicators included in the FERM in 2022		Launch of the headline indicators news story (link) Global Indicators for Monitoring Ecosystem Restoration document (link) COFO/2022/INF/6 (link)

experts. Workflows with custodian agencies documented **Baseline: No global indicators for ecosystem restoration** **Planned Target: A set of indicators that can explain the progress of restoration actions across all ecosystem types globally in 2022; Workflow for FAO's FRA and its contribution to monitoring forest restoration established in 2022; Annual review of indicators in December 2023 and annually thereafter for dashboard and annual report**	Proposal for FRA to streamline restoration reporting, at COFO 26 in COFO/2022/INF/6 in October 2022		
Indicator 3.1.6 A live dashboard for restoration monitoring developed, tested and made available on FERM platform **Baseline: No dashboard available** **Planned Target: Live dashboard available in 2023**	Progress will be reported in 2023		
Output 3.2 A global community for restoration monitoring leveraged to enable knowledge exchange and methodological development to overcome ecosystem specific data, monitoring and reporting challenges **Indicator 3.2.1 Meetings of Monitoring Task Force convened**	2 TF meetings in 2022 and 3 major events as substitutes for the Task Force meetings – Monitoring the forests to restore ecosystems at the World Forestry Congress – Global ecosystems under restoration: reporting for the UN Decade on Ecosystem		Briefing note on the Task Force on Monitoring for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 (link)) World Forestry Congress Session (link)) FAO-GLF Digital Forum – Transforming agrifood systems with forests session on Better data and latest tools (link)

Baseline: 5 Task Force meetings between 2020-2021 **Planned Target: At least four meetings of the full TF per annum – at least two meetings of sub-TFs per annum**	Restoration and CBD Target 2, Side event of CBD COP15 - FAO-GLF Digital Forum – Transforming agrifood systems with forests session on Better data and latest tools 3 meetings of the Target 2 sub-task force working group in 2022		
Indicator 3.2.2 Annual forum on technology and innovation for restoration monitoring **Baseline: First technology and innovation forum held in 2021** **Planned Target: Annual forum from 2023**	Progress will be reported in 2023		
Output 3.3 Annual reports on the progress of ecosystem restoration using biophysical and socio-economic indicators, best-available data, inclusive of global flows of private and public financial investment towards ecosystem restoration produced and made available **Indicator 3.3.1 Annual report consulted with the UN Decade EB (or management team)** **Baseline: No baseline**	Progress will be reported in 2023		

Planned Target: A draft outline developed by June 2023; First Annual report by December 2023			
Indicator 3.3.2 Develop Information Note for monitoring CBD Target 2 (restoration) through working group of the TF Monitoring **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Near final Information Note in 2022**	Information Note first version published in June 2022 Methodology on monitoring suggestions published in December 2022 during COP15		Methodology on monitoring suggestions published in December 2022 during COP15 (link)
Indicator 3.3.3 Support monitoring and reporting against CBD restoration target 2 (restoration); Area under restoration and connectivity reported through the dashboard (3.1.6) **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Support to CBD reporting processes in 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Indicator 3.3.4 Data for Investment flows and jobs from restoration actions captured and reported **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Analysis and narrative developed for annual report by 2023 and annually thereafter**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Output 3.4 Monitoring case studies and knowledge products developed			

and made available on the monitoring of key local ecosystems where data gaps, normative data collection and restoration indicators require further research and development			
Indicator 3.4.1 Critical data and information gaps in restoration monitoring identified and actioned **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Research and development commissioned to fill critical data and information gaps by 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Indicator 3.4.2 Develop sector-specific ecosystem restoration monitoring guidelines (e.g. restoration and removals accounting for ART/TREES) **Baseline: No guidance available** **Planned Target: One guidance note published (ART/TREES) by 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Indicator 3.4.3 Develop and apply geospatial tools to support estimation of restoration potential considering biophysical and socio-economic costs and benefits **Baseline: No baseline**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		

Planned Target: se.plan application for estimating cost-effective restoration in 10 countries by 2024			
Indicator 3.4.4 Highlight successful restoration projects monitoring for joint learning of all actors **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Two impact stories published by 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Output 3.5 Targeted monitoring support (capacity development / technology transfer) provided to on-the-ground UN Decade Flagships **Indicator 3.5.1 Deploy FERM architecture to full UN Decade Flagships (GGW, SIDS, Central America Dry Corridor)** **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: FERM technical deployment proceeding in line with flagship work plans by 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Indicator 3.5.2 Coordinate and align with stakeholders and actors working on restoration and restoration monitoring in full Flagships **Baseline: No baseline**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		

Planned Target: Work plans agreed with key stakeholders and actors by 2024			
Indicator 3.5.3 Populate FERM registry for full Flagships to ensure key restoration project interventions are geospatially referenced **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: FERM registry populated and publicly available for full Flagships by 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Indicator 3.5.4 Support full Flagships in setting baselines, measuring progress and regularly reporting progress (biophysical and socio-economic) **Baseline: No baseline** **Planned Target: Baseline data, Regular monitoring and reporting against baselines by 2024**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		
Indicator 3.5.5 Provide (on-demand) targeted support to endorsed UN Decade Flagships to ensure adequate geospatial information for monitoring progress **Baseline: No baseline**	Progress will be reported in 2023/2024		

Planned Target: 10 requests for Targeted Support in 2 years by 2024			

iii) A Specific Story

Giving a boost to South America's Forgotten Forest

The Atlantic Forest alongside South America's coast may be lesser known than the Amazon rainforest, but it surpasses it in two aspects: The [extent of deforestation](#) it has already endured, and the [efforts now underway](#) to revive it.

The Atlantic Forest once covered a vast swath of Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina. But five centuries of logging, agricultural expansion and the relentless growth of cities, like Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, have reduced it to fragments.

Under the Trinational Atlantic Forest Pact, up to 360 organizations have been working for more than three decades to preserve and restore what remains. They are protecting endangered species, like the jaguar and golden lion tamarin, securing water supplies for people and nature, countering and building resilience to climate change, and creating thousands of jobs.

For these concerted efforts, the Atlantic Forest has been recognized as World Restoration Flagship – an honour, that has already helped boost its recognition and led to concrete funding proposals.

Reigning [World Surf Champion Filipe Toledo announced the Atlantic Forest](#) as winner during the Virtual Gala, and already personally supported action on the ground.

Of the over 1,500 media articles published on the World Restoration Flagships, over 300 press stories were released in outlets in the Atlantic Forest Region, the majority in Portuguese. International media have also taken up the story, see for example this [Mongabay deep-dive](#).

Following the launch and communication campaign, several funders and supporters came forward and are now exploring concrete support opportunities with the Atlantic Forest team, including the band [Bastille](#), the music industry's environmental drive [Earth Percent](#), the [Ecological Restoration Fund](#) and Salesforce.

The UN Decade Team will continue tracking how these pledges materialize, but right now, the Atlantic Forest stands as clear example of how rigorous analysis, targeted communication and monitoring can help accelerate impact on the ground.

III.   Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)
N/A

IV.   Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)
N/A

V.   Resources (Optional)
- Provide any information on financial management, procurement and human resources.
- Indicate if the Programme mobilized any additional resources or interventions from other partners.