

## The International Climate Initiative

Since 2008, the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) has been financing climate and biodiversity projects in developing and newly industrialising countries, as well as in countries in transition.

The IKI is a key element of Germany's climate financing and funding commitments made under the United Nations Conventions on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Biological Diversity (CBD). The Initiative comprises activities in four funding areas:

### Mitigating greenhouse gas emissions

The IKI supports partner countries in developing and implementing innovative instruments for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in various sectors, such as transport, urban planning, environmentally friendly cooling and renewable energy. These include measures for transitioning to a sustainable, low-emission economic and energy supply structure, implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and developing low-carbon development strategies (LCDS), nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) and systems for the measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of GHGs and reduction measures.

### Adapting to the impacts of climate change

The IKI supports particularly vulnerable countries and regions in increasing their capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change – in particular higher temperatures, dry periods, rising sea levels and extreme weather events – and in preparing for inevitable changes. This support focuses on Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), climate-related risk management instruments, such as innovative insurance schemes, and the development and implementation of National Adaptation Planning (NAP).

### Conserving natural carbon sinks/ REDD+

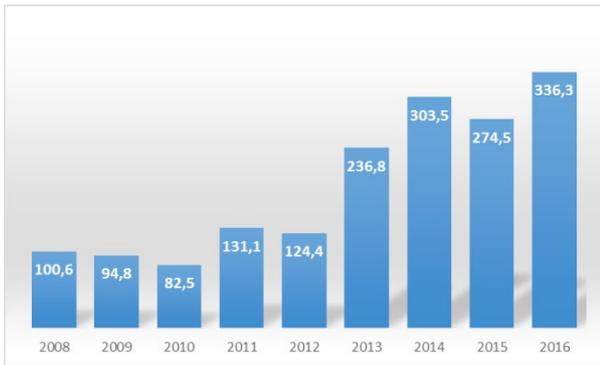
The IKI supports partner countries in the practical implementation of the international mechanism for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD+). Synergies between forest protection and conservation of biological diversity, emissions reduction and adaptation are made use of as far as possible. The IKI also finances activities aimed at emissions reduction and carbon sequestration in other ecosystems not covered by the REDD+ mechanism, for example marshes, boreal forests and savannahs.

### Conserving biological diversity

The IKI supports partner countries in implementing the targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 (Aichi Targets) of the Convention on Biological Diversity. IKI projects directly implement measures promoting the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems and critical habitats. They can also make an indirect contribution by building and consolidating the capacities of governments and civil society to implement the Aichi Targets. IKI projects provide particular support in developing and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs).

## The IKI Portfolio

Since its establishment, the IKI has launched more than 500 climate and biodiversity projects. The total project volume since 2008 amounts to EUR 2.3 billion. The resources for international climate and biodiversity activities have grown steadily since the programme was initiated.



Disbursements by the International Climate Initiative 2008–2016 (in millions of euros), source: BMUB

The projects are carried out by a broad range of entities: implementing organisations of the German Government, multilateral organisations such as United Nations organisations and multilateral development banks, NGOs, research institutes, foundations and private companies.

## Achieving Ambitious Goals through a Commitment to Excellence

IKI projects pursue technologically, environmentally, methodologically and institutionally ambitious and replicable approaches that are transferrable and achieve results beyond the individual project level.

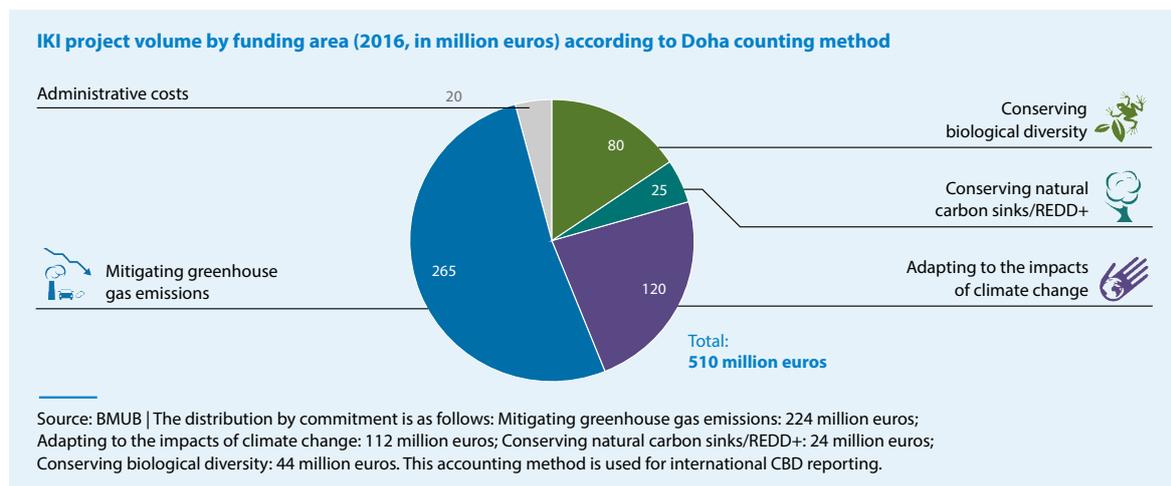
The organisation of annual calls for proposals enables the IKI to react to new developments with agility and flexibility. The Initiative's binding commitment to achieving its

fundamental objectives is thus combined with a capacity to take prompt and pragmatic action in a changing world, allowing it to play an important role in enhancing cooperation between climate and biodiversity actors.

When selecting the projects to be funded, the IKI takes into account the same criteria of excellence across all funding areas. This process includes an assessment of the project concepts and provider structure and looks in detail at the partners involved, the project environment and levels of institutionalisation. The aim is to ensure that IKI projects support and accelerate transformational change in the best possible way. The goal is to bring about long-term and ambitious structural change and new development pathways leading to forward-looking economies and social systems.

## Implementing Nationally Determined Contributions

Following the successful negotiation of the Paris Agreement, the next phase of IKI support aims to breathe life into the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). In January 2015, the BMUB founded the NDC Support Cluster as part of the IKI. Its aim is to provide timely and comprehensive support to developing countries in implementing their NDCs. It works closely with the NDC Partnership and is coordinating the activities of numerous implementation partners seeking to promote the effective and efficient use of resources in over 30 selected partner countries.



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