

## The IKI Corona Response Package - working together towards a sustainable recovery

jobs and income (e.g., from tourism) and tasks related to the protection of habitats and wildlife have not been adequately fulfilled. This is why poaching and deforestation have increased in many regions of the world during this crisis.

We can also expect that diseases can be transmitted more quickly from animals to humans if humans increasingly invade species habitats. Against this backdrop, the conservation and protection of ecosystems is also a strategy for preventing future pandemics.

### [The COVID-19 crisis is an opportunity for climate change mitigation](#)

Governments around the world are now making decisions on how to relaunch the economy after the COVID-19 crisis. This is an opportunity to set the course for a climate-friendly approach as the climate crisis is still progressing. If the measures to relaunch the economy can be implemented in a climate-friendly way and without falling back on traditional subsidies (e.g., for fossil fuels), the management of the COVID-19 crisis can also contribute to overcoming the climate crisis.

### [Global measures for a green economic recovery](#)

**The €68m package** involves **29 projects** in **25 countries** and supports **16 different IKI implementing partners**. It is regionally balanced, thematically diverse, and aims to meet the needs of the partner countries.

The package has three priorities:

**Priority 1:** Emergency measures for nature reserves and biodiversity hotspots to conserve protective services;

The COVID-19 pandemic poses significant challenges for all countries worldwide. Protecting the health of citizens must be a top priority. However, the prevention of future pandemics, the fulfilment of global climate commitments, the conservation of biodiversity, and the restart of the economy must go hand in hand. Many countries are not able to meet this challenge on their own. Against this backdrop, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) has initiated a Corona Response Package under its International Climate Initiative (IKI). The package will support IKI projects worldwide to address these challenges. In return, the projects will receive complementary tasks and additional funds.

### [International commitment to climate change mitigation and the conservation of biodiversity](#)

Most countries are committed to sticking to their climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation targets. The Corona Response Package is tied to this commitment. Its support for economic recovery focusses on increasing the ambitions of the Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement and the achievement of the goals defined by the Convention on Biological Diversity.

### [The conservation of biodiversity helps to improve pandemic readiness](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has a direct impact on climate change mitigation and the conservation of biodiversity. We are in the presence of an increasing loss of natural habitats and biodiversity. Due to the pandemic, many have lost their

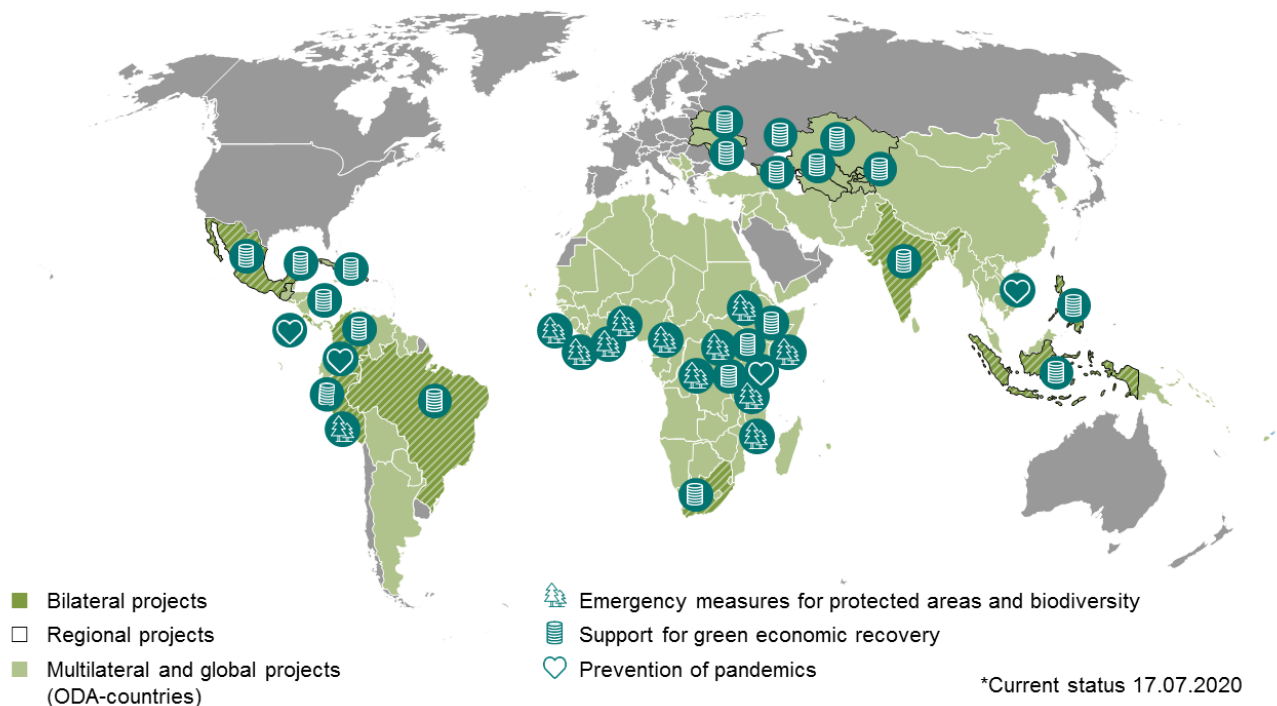


**Priority 2:** Support for a green economic recovery;

- Economic advisors are appointed in 12 partner countries to support finance and/or planning ministries in designing low-carbon economic stimulus programmes that help to conserve biodiversity;
- Additional financial support will be provided for 16 projects;
- The tasks of further nine projects with special employment impacts will be adapted (e.g., securing jobs in protected areas to prevent poaching and deforestation).

**Priority 3:** Prevention of pandemics by protecting biodiversity hotspots and forests to reduce the risk that diseases are transmitted from animals to humans.

The IKI will provide the funds from the Corona Response Package in a "fast track procedure" altered from the usual IKI project funding processes to make sure that they have a quick impact.



*The Corona Response Package supports IKI partner countries worldwide in coping with the consequences of the pandemic*

### Further Corona Response Support by the IKI

In addition to these short-term measures, the IKI will put a clear focus on Green Recovery for its future regular call on proposals. Besides, all projects whose implementation is put at risk by COVID-19 restrictions in the implementing countries will receive non-bureaucratic support for project extensions and the use of project funds.

The aim will be to maintain the original project objectives and to implement them as far as possible. Additional financial initiatives will be added to the Corona Response Package later this year.

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