

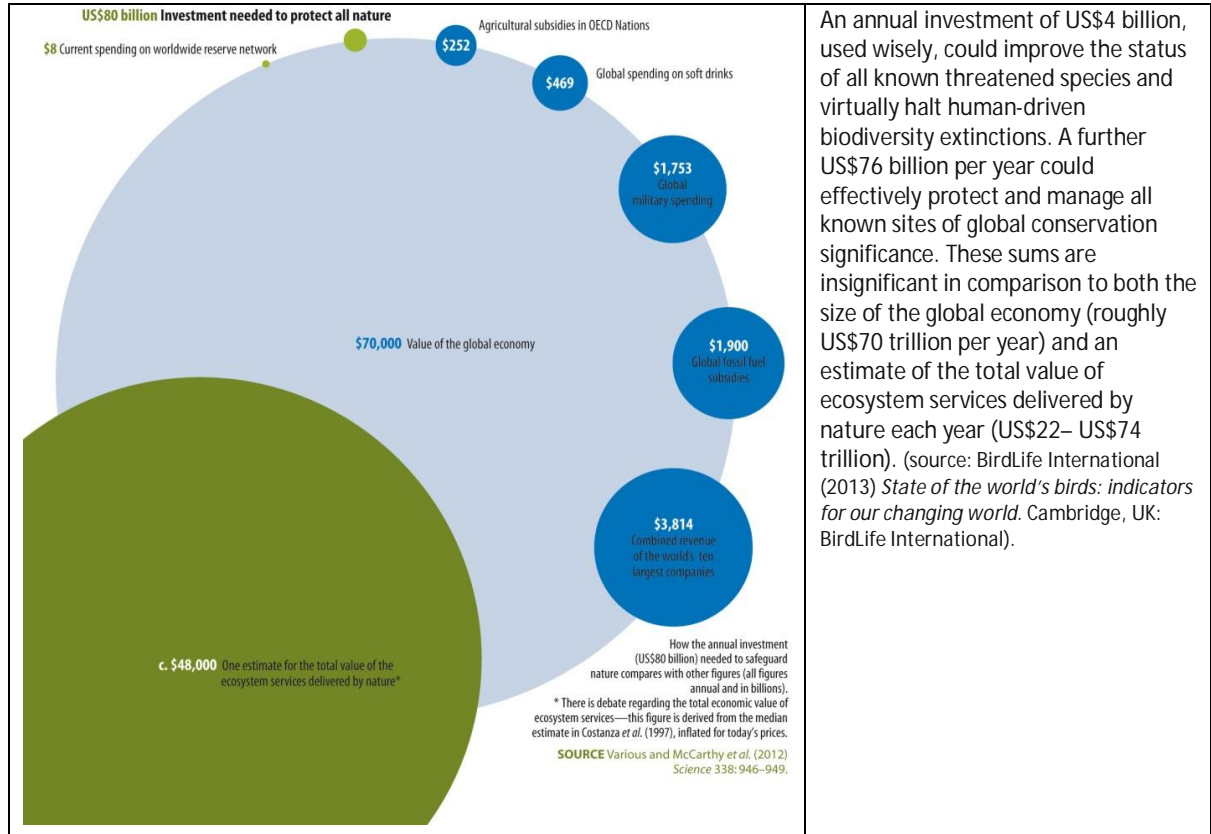
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STRATEGY FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION: REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION
(UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4)

It's a Matter of Values

The group of NGOs consisting of Conservation International (CI), BirdLife International, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and WWF commend the ongoing process to review and improve the implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization (SRM) in order for Parties to achieve the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020).

We welcome the commitments made by Parties at COP11 and the efforts to scale up resources that have followed. However, the current level of financial investments is insufficient to achieve the Aichi Targets. The Fourth Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO4) shows that implementation of 46 out of 55 Targets has progressed at an insufficient rate. Hence, more actions are needed to accelerate resource mobilization.



An annual investment of US\$4 billion, used wisely, could improve the status of all known threatened species and virtually halt human-driven biodiversity extinctions. A further US\$76 billion per year could effectively protect and manage all known sites of global conservation significance. These sums are insignificant in comparison to both the size of the global economy (roughly US\$70 trillion per year) and an estimate of the total value of ecosystem services delivered by nature each year (US\$22– US\$74 trillion). (source: BirdLife International (2013) *State of the world's birds: indicators for our changing world*. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International).

We recognize the important efforts being taken to fulfill the COP 11 commitments (Decision XI/4) on resource mobilization, particularly those of donors to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) who recently agreed on a replenishment of US\$4.433 billion for the GEF-6 period 2014-2018.

However, the GEF-6 replenishment is for different focal areas, not just for biodiversity, and represents only a 30% increase over GEF-4 and the baseline of 2006-2010. Since the GEF is the major financial instrument of the CBD it serves as a proxy for overall donor allocations to biodiversity. The recent increase in GEF-6 pledges, while commendable, indicates a trend that Parties will most likely miss the resource mobilization target to double the international financial flows to developing countries by 2015.

In order to meet the financial target agreed at COP 11 and to achieve the Aichi Targets, Parties will need to make strong commitments regarding the elements of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization as described in document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4. WGRI-5 should put forward strong recommendations to COP 12 on these elements.

In particular, we call on WGRI-5 to urge:

- Developed country Parties to fulfill their COP 11 (Decision XI/4) commitment and adopt a final target for resource mobilization at COP 12 taking into account the results of High-Level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan.
- All Parties to agree to increase domestic financial resources to meet at least 50% of their calculated financial need by 2017 and increase another 50% until 2020.
- All Parties to continue their efforts to develop and incorporate resource mobilization strategies and financial plans into their NBSAPs, and report on domestic expenditure, financial gaps, needs and priorities.

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