

This one-pager provides a summary¹ of Sida's support relating to biodiversity and ecosystem services in 2020.

BACKGROUND

Sida annually reports in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on its financial support relating to the protection and preservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services. This document provides a summary of Sida's biodiversity-related support in 2020.

SIDA'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sida's biodiversity-related disbursements have tripled compared to the base year 2010. The outcome for 2020 (1.8 billion SEK) indicates a marginal decrease from the previous year of just under 4 percent.² This decrease in support can be attributed to the drop in the number of contributions with biodiversity as a significant objective (15.4 percent), while the number of contributions with biodiversity as the principal objective has increased slightly.³

Table 1: Sida's biodiversity-related support (SEK)

Year	Principal objective	Significant objective		Total
2010 (base year)	118 727 075	1 041 674 567		1 160 401 644
2017	395 369 785	2 053 050 032		2 448 419 817
2018	533 842 049	2 612 993 985**	1 045 197 597*	3 146 836 034/ 1 579 039 647*
2019	909 076 958		989 577 804*	1 898 654 762*
2020	989 770 000		837 426 000*	1 827 196 000*

*= weighted 40%. **= 100% of finance included.

1 This one-pager is based on a report prepared according to the letter of appropriation 2020-12-17.

2 Since 2018, Sida reports the weighted total of biodiversity financing (corresponding to the methodology applied for the climate finance reporting). This constitutes reporting the full amount of finance for components with biodiversity as a principal objective and 40 percent of the finance for components with biodiversity as a significant objective. This change in methodology needs to be considered while comparing financing levels between different financial years.

3 [Biodiversity: OECD DAC External Development Finance Statistics – OECD](#).

Approximately 59 percent (1 085 MSEK) were distributed through bilateral projects and programs, while the remaining 41 percent (742 MSEK) were channeled through multilateral organisations.

The five regions/countries (apart from the global) that receive the largest proportion of biodiversity-related support include regional cooperation with Asia, Uganda, Ethiopia, regional cooperation with Africa and Kenya.

Sida voluntarily reports on the level of gender integration in its biodiversity-related support. In 2020, the level of gender integration was approximately 80 percent, a drop from approximately 90 percent in 2019. This decrease can be attributed to lower levels of integration in the financing to multilateral organisations (from 92 percent in 2019 to 69 percent in 2020).

LOOKING AHEAD

Biodiversity degradation threatens livelihoods and hampers poverty alleviation. The Covid-19 pandemic has further aggravated the situation, demonstrating the interconnectedness between nature and humans and exemplifying the devastating consequences of degradation of ecosystems.

Sida is a central actor in finding sustainable ways for people living in poverty to continue to have access to ecosystem services and biodiversity. In October 2020, Sida received an assignment from the Swedish government to strengthen and deepen the work related to biodiversity and ecosystems throughout Sida's operations (2020-2023). The assignment instructs Sida to integrate biodiversity into its operations, explore synergies with other thematic areas, strengthen ongoing interventions, intensify dialogue with partners and mobilise funding.

Biodiversity is becoming more and more visible in the Swedish government strategies guiding Sida's operations. Out of 45 strategies, 11⁴ have strategy goals related to biodiversity and an additional seven make specific references to the area. This is expected to be reflected in terms of increased financing 2022 and beyond.

Sida participates in the negotiations regarding a new CBD Global Biodiversity Framework, to be approved during 2022.

4 During 2021, the number of strategies with strategy goals related to biodiversity has increased to 16 strategies.