

This one-pager provides a summary¹ of Sida's support relating to biodiversity and ecosystem services in 2019.

BACKGROUND

Sida is annually reporting in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity on the Agency's 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 2019.

SIDA'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sida's biodiversity-related support rose from 1.6 billion SEK in 2018 to 1.9 billion in 2019. In 2018 Sida started, in accordance with the climate financing reporting, to use the weighted total of biodiversity financing. This includes the full amount of finance to components that have biodiversity as a principal objective and 40% of the finance to components with biodiversity as a significant objective. This means that in order to compare the biodiversity funding between 2018 and 2019 this must be taken into consideration.

Table 1: Sida's biodiversity-related support 2010, 2016-2019

Year	Principal objective	Significant objective	Total (SEK)
2010 (Base year)	118 727 075		1 160 401 644
2016	350 036 064	1 819 445 569*	2 169 481 633
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**

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

The increase in support can to some extent be attributed to the new strategy for Sweden's global development cooperation in the areas of environmental sustainability, sustainable climate and oceans, and sustainable use of natural resources 2018–2022.

¹ This one-pager is based on a report prepared according to the letter of appropriation 20191220.

Furthermore, there are specific references to biodiversity and ecosystem services in an increasing number of Sida's 43 operative strategies. As a result of this it can be expected that funding for Biodiversity might increase in the coming years.

Of the support to biodiversity approximately 66% (1 248 MSEK) were distributed through bilateral projects and programs, while the remaining 34% (651 MSEK) were channelled through multilateral organisations. The five regions/countries (apart from the global strategies) that receive the largest proportion of biodiversity-related support include Burkina Faso, regional cooperation with Asia, Ethiopia, regional cooperation with Africa and Kenya.

Since 2017, Sida has in accordance with its environmental policy and environmental action plan intensified the efforts of integrating biodiversity. Ambitious targets have been set for 2020 to increase the proportion of contributions with biodiversity as a principal objective and significant objective (see table 2).

Table 2: Proportion of contributions with biodiversity as principal versus significant objective

Year	2018	2019	Target ² (2020)
Principle objective	2.4%	4.1%	4%
Significant objective	10.4%	9.9%	15%

Sida voluntarily reports on the level of gender integration in its biodiversity-related support. In 2019, the level of gender integration remained at approximately 90%.

² Sida has set up a quantitative goal as part of the Environmental Management System and its Action Plan 2017-2020.