

Evaluations for Greening Development Policies/Interventions

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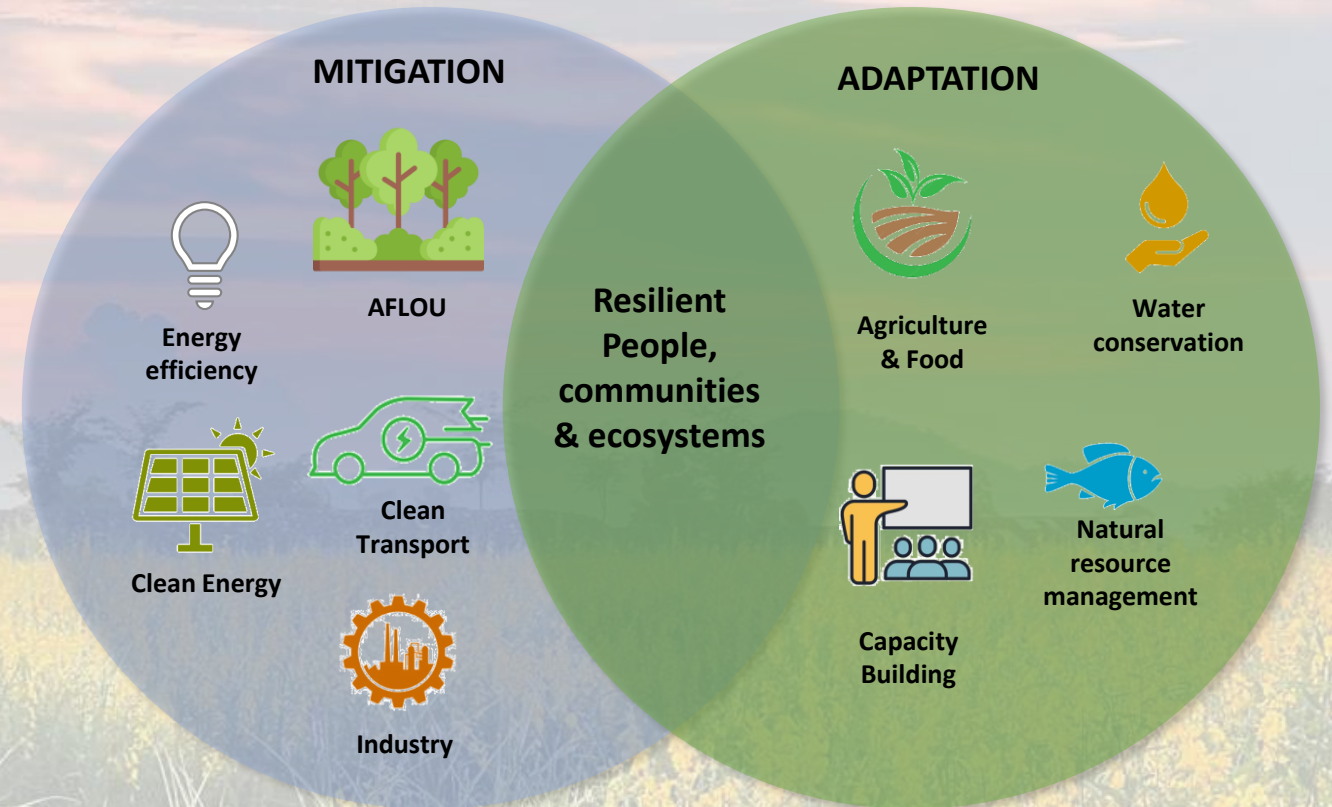
Background

Global Environment Facility (GEF) serves multiple Conventions

Provided more than \$23 billion and mobilized \$129 billion in co-financing & and more than 5,000 national and regional projects

GEF projects support the environmental policy and regulatory processes through a wide range of activities

GEF's Support to Policies



Background

What are Protected Areas?



Carbon-rich ecosystems -
Crucial role in global
climate change adaptation
& and mitigation efforts



**Provide ecosystem
services and support
livelihoods**



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Robust policies are necessary for supporting PAs



Policy on Payment of Ecosystem Services



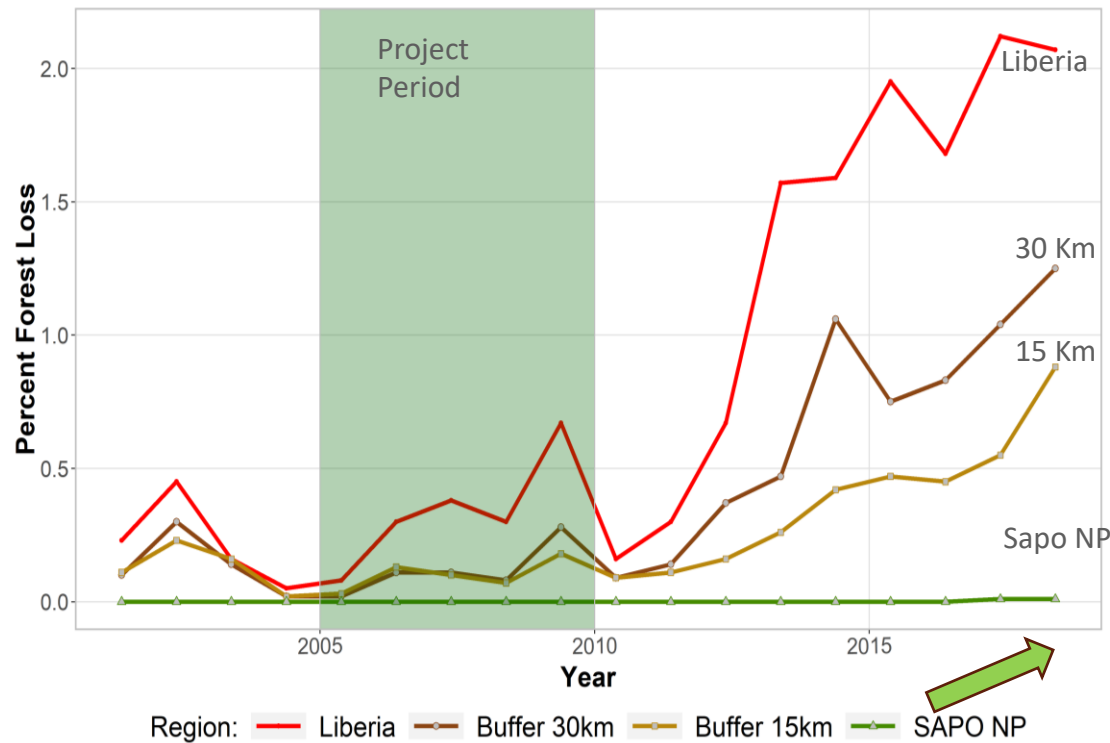
Policy on National PAs



Changing Mining Code Around PAs

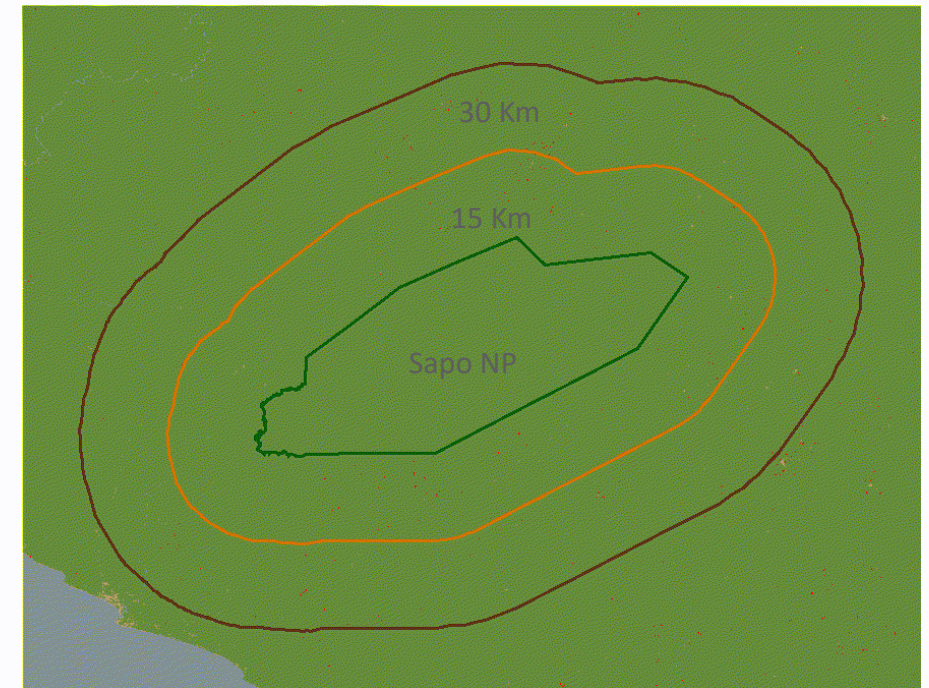
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Evaluative Evidence on Local Impact



Avoided Forest loss compared to the buffers and at the country level

SAPO NP, Liberia - Forest Loss



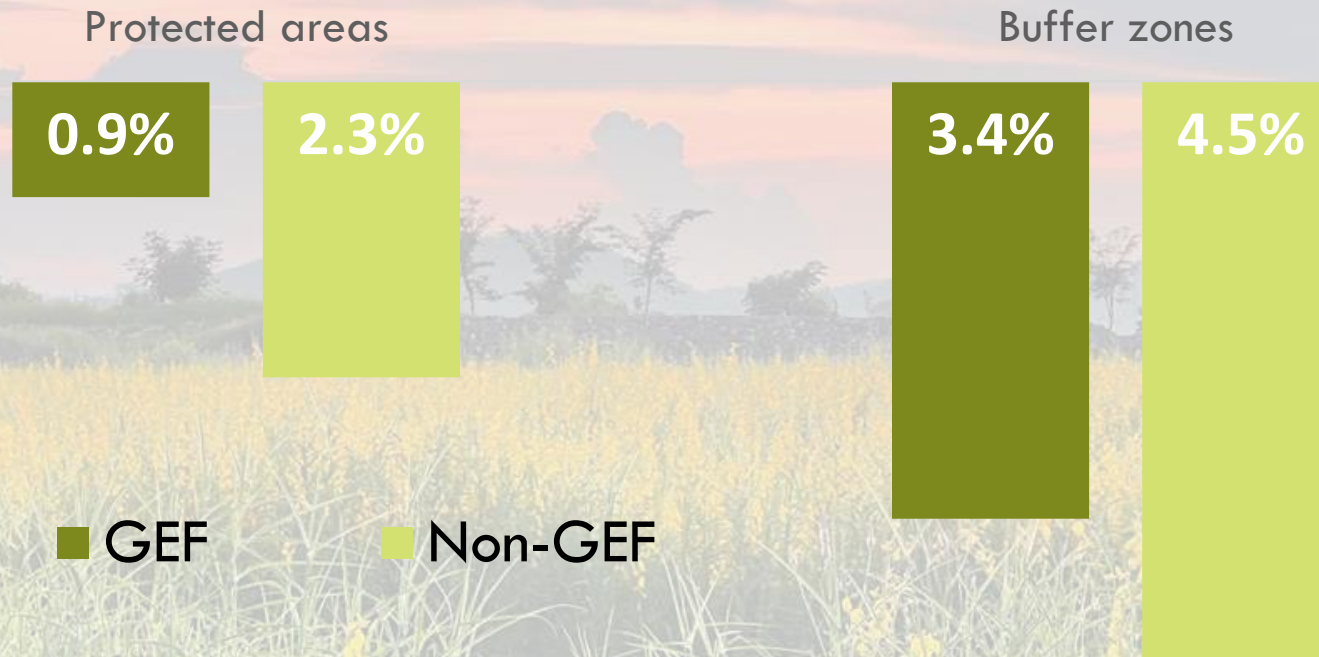
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LIBERIA - SAPO NATIONAL PARK

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Evaluative Evidence on Global Impact

Forest cover loss (2000-2012)



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Evaluative evidence of policy influence

Adaptation

Land tenure, protected areas, **sustainable land/forest management** (coastal zones, peatlands, degraded lands), solid waste management, restoration, PES, Climate change, land, mining codes, water & forest codes



Mitigation

Renewable energy standards and uptake, peatland management, protected areas



2. Challenges/bottlenecks to influencing policies to promote climate responses identified by evaluations



Lack of capacity and established institutions



Economic & environmental interests and political priorities



Communication and outreach capabilities



Technological and Scientific Uncertainty/language barriers



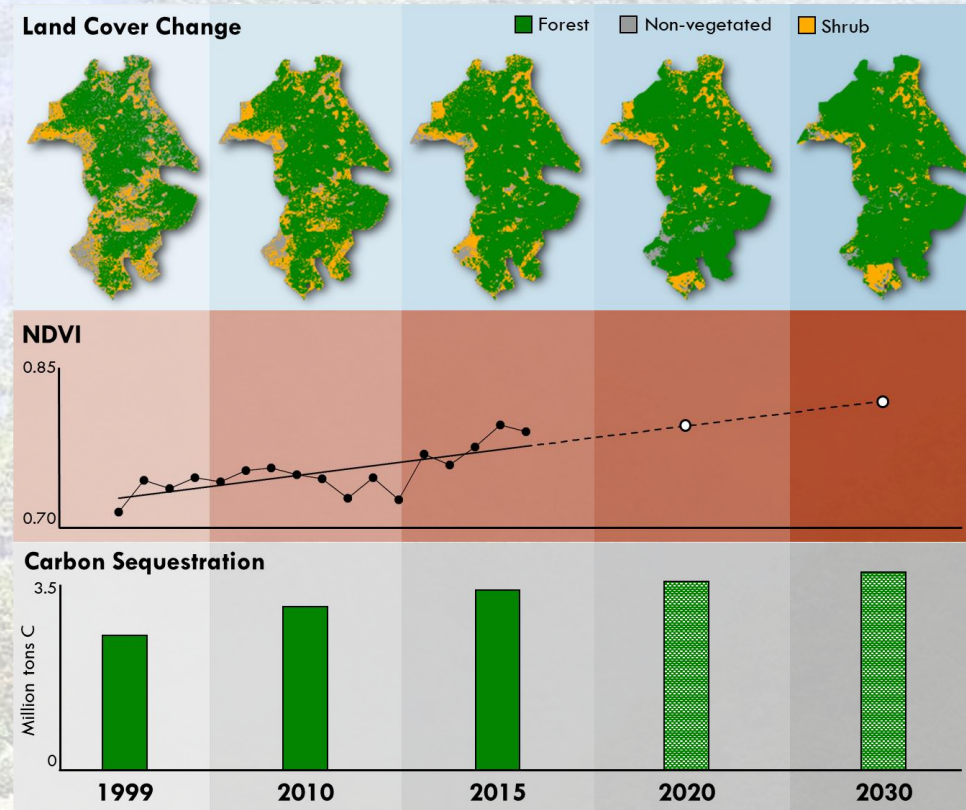
Financial Constraints

3. Role of (future) evaluations to promote green policies that effectively address climate change

What can evaluations do?

1 Innovative approaches for Decision Support

2 Targeted Communication & Outreach



Ex-ante Evaluations for Decision Support