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INNOVATING IN FINANCING FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY



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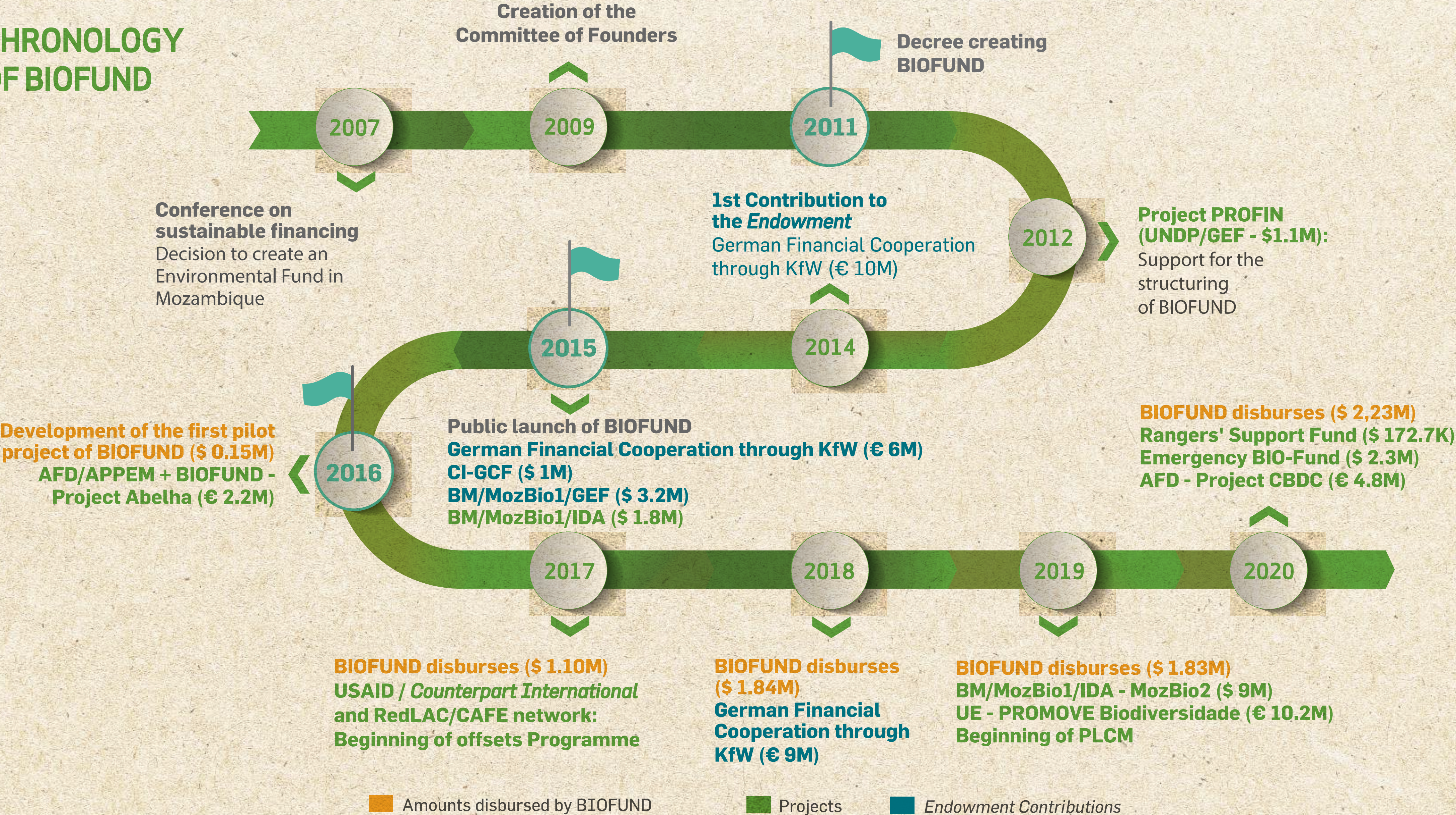
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CAs - Conservation Areas	DINAB - National Environment Directorate	PPF - <i>Peace Parks Foundation</i>
AFD - French Development Agency/Agence Française de Développement	DINAF - National Forestry Directorate	PLCM - Mozambique Conservation Leadership Programme
ANAC - National Administration of Conservation Areas	FFEM - French World Environment Facility	PNGilé - Gilé National Park
APAIPS - First and Second Islands Environmental Protection Area	FNDS - National Sustainable Development Fund	RedLAC - Network of Environmental Funds of Latin America and the Caribbean/Red de Fondes Ambientales de Latinoamérica y el Caribe
APPEM - Project of Protected Areas and Protection of Elephants in Mozambique	GEF - Global Environment Facility	REM - Maputo Special Reserve
BCI - Commercial and Investment Bank	IDA - International Development Association	RFL - Licuati Forest Reserve
BIOFUND - Foundation for the Conservation of Biodiversity	IUCN - <i>International Union for Conservation of Nature</i>	UE - European Union
WB - World Bank	KfW - German Development Bank/Kreditansalt für Wiederaufbau	UNDP - <i>United Nations Development Programme</i>
CAFÉ - <i>Consortium of African Environment Funds</i>	MIMAIP - Ministry of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries	USAID - <i>United States Agency for International Development</i>
CFA - <i>Conservation Finance Alliance</i>	MTA - Ministry of Land and Environment	WCS - <i>Wildlife Conservation Society</i>
COMBO - Project of Conservation, Mitigation of Impacts and Biodiversity Offsets in Africa	MozBio - Project of Conservation Areas of Mozambique for Biodiversity and Development	
CTFs - Conservation Trust Funds	PIU - Project Implementation Unit	

CHRONOLOGY OF BIOFUND





MESSAGE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



In 2020, BIOFUND faced several challenges, particularly those resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic. Although Mozambique did not declare a severe “lockdown”, as many other countries did, particularly South Africa, economic, social and political activity was considerably affected. As a result, it became difficult to implement the programme of activities of BIOFUND envisaged for the year, with regard to the programmed support to be channelled by the European Union to the Gilé NP, APAIPS, and Monte Mabu, and by the French Development Agency to the Chimanimani National Park, which will only begin in 2021.

Nonetheless, demonstrating a notable capacity for adaptation, BIOFUND decided to implement a programme of emergency support for almost all the protected areas – public, private and community – in order to maintain their patrolling capacity (the costs of which are usually supported by tourism revenues), by paying part or all of the wages of the rangers and other associated costs.

This prevented the rangers from losing their jobs. The initiative of BIOFUND using its own funds met with support from other donors who joined this initiative. It has had a great deal of success, because it avoided the decimation of our precious fauna and flora.

Other efforts at adaptation were also implemented successfully, such as the programmes to raise environmental awareness. Since it was impossible to hold the usual annual biodiversity exhibitions in provincial capitals, which attract hundreds of people, including students, virtual events were successfully organised with the participation of an even larger number of people.

In 2020, and despite the difficulties mentioned above, BIOFUND reached a new strategic level, because:

- The Endowment, including sums agreed upon but not yet deposited, reached USD 50 million, making BIOFUND the Mozambican Foundation with the largest endowment and one of the largest environmental funds in Africa.
- The support agreements already signed, along with those being finalized, will allow the total annual budget in support of the Conservation Areas to reach USD seven million next year, making the action of our Foundation ever more relevant and determinant.

During the year, it was necessary to prepare the succession plan of those members of the Foundation's governing bodies who, in compliance with the statutory provisions, had finished their terms of office. In preparing this plan, which will be implemented next year, the model of Governance to be implemented in future was also revised, so as to guarantee that, in the process of renewal, the transparency and credibility achieved with various stakeholders, particularly the donors, could be maintained.

Finally a word of appreciation for the workers and staff of the Foundation, and particularly for its Executive Director, whose dedication and professionalism were crucial for the success of BIOFUND, which is now an institution of reference.

- Abdul Magid Osman

Chairperson of the Board of Directors

INTRODUCTION

The Foundation for the Conservation of Biodiversity, BIOFUND, is an environmental fund set up in 2011 as a sustainable financing mechanism for biodiversity in Mozambique.

After its consolidation, the first disbursements began in 2016. Four years later, the Foundation is managing multiple projects in public, private and community conservation areas distributed across the country. Some of these projects involve innovative financing mechanisms.

BIOFUND has taken on the responsibility for minimising the negative impacts of COVID-19 in the conservation sector (which was significantly affected by the lack of revenue from tourism), through establishing an emergency programme, known as the Emergency BIO-Fund.

This BIOFUND initiative has, for the first time, allowed support for Conservation Areas under private and community management and has benefitted from the assistance of several partners making it possible to cover 61% of the total protected area in Mozambique in 2020 with this program.

In this year, BIOFUND recorded a significant growth in the number of Conservation Area beneficiaries which doubled, in comparison with 2019, from 15 to 29. This growth corresponded to an increase from 5 to 13 million hectares supported by BIOFUND through 41 disbursement projects (compared with 24 in 2019).

It should be mentioned that, due to COVID-19, it was not possible to hold the annual biodiversity exhibition. The project “Rethinking the Biodiversity Exhibition” was begun, which seeks to restructure the exhibition so as to achieve greater coverage.

Additionally, there took place, through the PLCM, the first series of pre-professional internships and research subventions in the Conservation Areas and institutions linked to conservation, thus contributing to the training of biodiversity conservation professionals in Mozambique. Also in the period under consideration, BIOFUND participated remotely in the 21st Annual Assembly of RedLAC (Network of Environmental Funds of Latin America and the Caribbean) and in the 10th Annual Assembly of CAFE (Network of African Environmental Funds).

BIOFUND IN NUMBERS (2014-2020)

41.1
ENDOWMENT
(USD M)



8.9
(USD M)
Funds raised for direct
implementation of
projects



26.7
(USD M)
Funds raised for
channelling to the CAs



7.2
(USD M)
Sum disbursed to the
Conservation Areas



13.6 ha
Hectares of protected areas
covered by BIOFUND's
actions (ha M)



29
Conservation Area
Beneficiaries



41
Disbursement projects in
Conservation Areas



60
Managers of Conservation
Areas trained



32.322
Participants in environmental
awareness raising campaigns





Mission

Sustainable financing of the conservation of biodiversity, with special focus on the national system of conservation areas, as a contribution to the balanced development of the country.



Vision

To be the preferred mechanism for financing the conservation of biodiversity in Mozambique.



Values

- Professionalism
- Efficiency
- Transparency
- Inclusion.

STRATEGIC VISION – THE 3 PILLARS

Under the guiding line of its three strategic pillars, BIOFUND in 2020 doubled the number of beneficiaries, contributing significantly towards mitigating the devastating effects of COVID-19 in the country’s Conservation Areas under public, private and community management.

The focus of the institution is to support the conservation of biodiversity through direct disbursements to beneficiaries. Each of the strategic pillars of BIOFUND contributes to achieving some of the revised targets in the Sustainable Development Objectives.



CONSOLIDATE BIOFUND



FINANCE CONSERVATION



CREATE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT





STRATEGIC PILLAR 01

CONSOLIDATE BIOFUND

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS OF PILLAR 1

The goal of this pillar is to make BIOFUND an effective and efficient institution in the financing of conservation. To achieve its intended results, BIOFUND should raise a significant volume of Endowment funds, sinking funds and resources for the direct implementation of projects.

PILLAR INDICATORS	PAST RESULTS						STRATEGIC PLAN TARGETS 2018-2022	REALITY
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020
Cumulative volume of the Endowment (USD Millions)	10,6	14,4	21,2	24,7	32,5	37,2	38	41,1
Annual volume of resources in pass through funding	0	0	2,2	3	4,2	9,2	5	7,9
Annual volume of resources raised for direct implementation of projects	0	0,2	1,1	0,7	3,1	2,9	0,3	0,8
% Evolution of the institutional capacity of BIOFUND*	46%	57%	69%	77%	82%	88%	82%	90%

*Percentage obtained by applying the Institutional Capacity Assessment Tool of BIOFUND

DIFFERENT TYPES OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Capital invested over the long term (*Endowment*)

In 2020, our capital invested recorded a growth of USD 3.9 M, reaching a total of USD 41.1 M.

Pass-through funding

(funds from third parties for which BIOFUND is the mechanism for channelling and financial control).

In 2020, we raised a total of USD 7,996 M from AFD/FFEM (EUR 3.4 M), USAID (USD 249K), Government of Sweden (USD 1 M) and GEF (USD 2.1 M) which will be channelled to the Conservation Areas up to 2024, as well as MZN 4.2 M from the Bio Card.

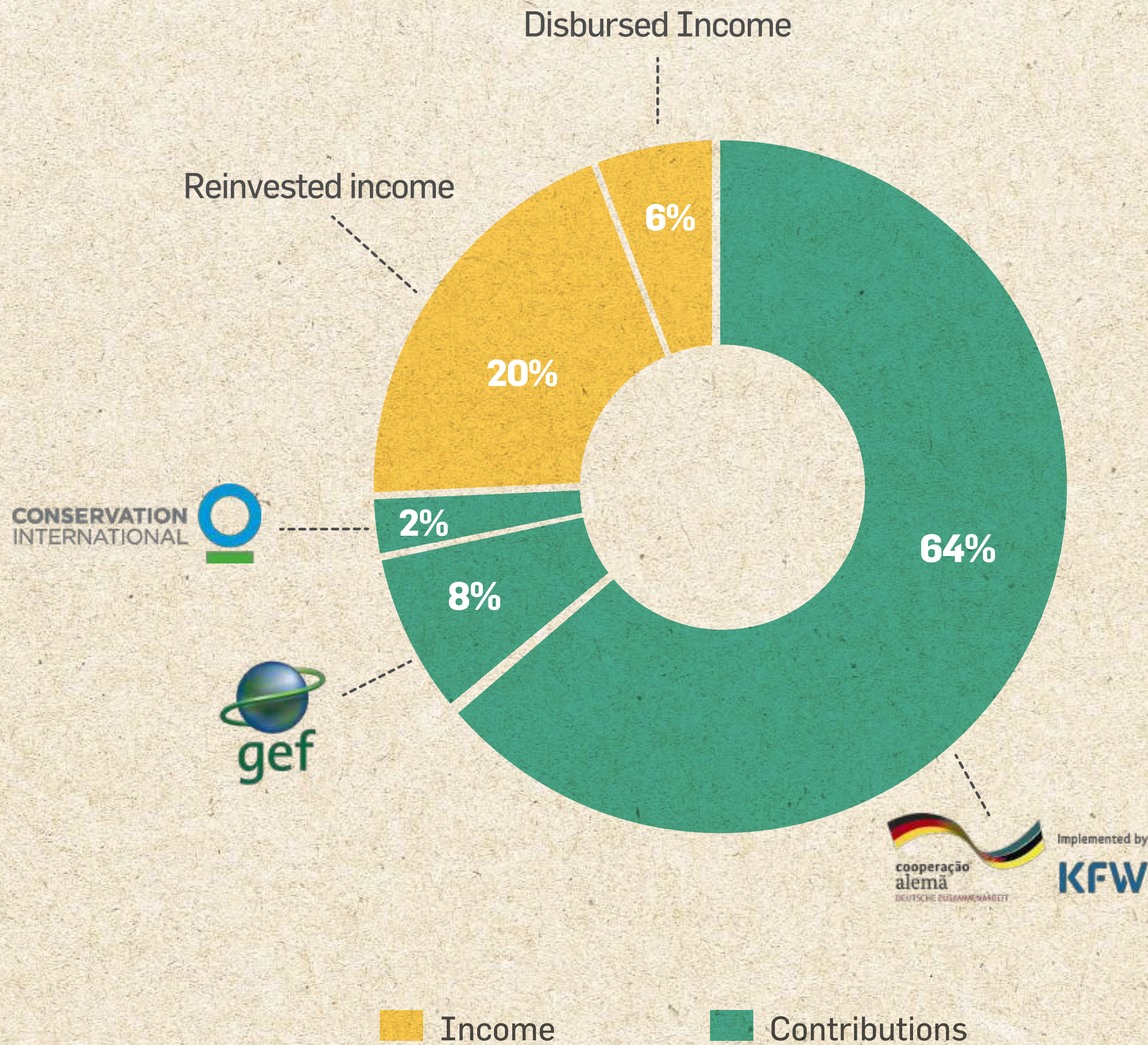
Fund for the Direct Implementation of Projects

In 2020, we raised 804,000 USD from the GEF and AFD/FFEM for the mobilisation of innovative financing.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT

The contributions to the Endowment come from the German Financial Cooperation through KfW (64%), GEF via the MozBio project (8%) and Conservation International (2%). Since its establishment, the capital invested has yielded about 10.6 million dollars which is 26% of the current amount. Of this 26% generated, 20% was reinvested and 6% was channelled to disbursement programmes and the functioning of the institution.



INNOVATIVE FINANCING

BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS PROGRAMME

This programme seeks to support the government of Mozambique in developing the legal, technical and financial procedures for implementation of the mitigation hierarchy, as a way of harmonising economic development with the conservation of biodiversity in Mozambique.

The programme is implemented by BIOFUND, in collaboration with WCS through Project COMBO and the National Environment Directorate (DINAB) of the Ministry of Land and Environment (MTA), with financing from the World Bank through the Mozbio 2 project, the UNDP/Project BIOSFAC and AFD/FFEM.

Noteworthy activities for 2020 were:

- Technical support for drawing up the Ministerial Diploma on Biodiversity Offsets for Mozambique;
- Approval of the implementation of pilot-projects for habitat improvement by the Minister of Land and Environment, and the development of three conceptual notes for projects in REM, RFL and PN Chimanimani and its buffer zone;

- Conclusion of the metrics study to assess the ecological condition of the mangrove forests, validated by national and international specialists;
- More than 100 representatives of the government, private sector, academics, managers of ACs and magistrates trained in the Hierarchy of Mitigation and Biodiversity Offsets;
- Production of a video on application of the mitigation hierarchy in Mozambique in collaboration with DINAB and WCS;
- About 500.000 USD guaranteed for pilot projects in habitat improvement, particularly for the Chimanimani Conservation Area (ACC), in partnership with ANAC, the Chimanimani National Park and MICAIA and with financing from AFD/FFEM;



Bio Card

In 2020, our partnership with the BCI continued to grow. Through this national mechanism, this year we raised more than USD 57.000 (resulting from the increase in the number of users of the Bio Card, which grew from 13,000 to 18,500).

These funds allowed us to continue to support MozParks in placing satellite-monitored tags on rhinos, and to begin the project of the Ecological Restoration of *Raphia australis* (a critically endangered species of palm tree) in the Bobole Botanical Reserve and to improve the quality of life of the local communities. The Bobole project will last for 3 years and is being implemented by the Forestry Research Centre of the Agricultural Research Institute of Mozambique.



RANGERS' SUPPORT FUND

Also known as the Dr. Carlos Lopes Pereira Fund, this is a permanent allocation of financial resources, the income from which will be used to reward rangers who make an outstanding contribution to the protection and conservation of Mozambican marine and terrestrial biodiversity.

The initial contribution was made by Dr. Carlos Lopes Pereira, Director of the Protection and Inspection Services of ANAC, who donated the monetary part of the prize, the "Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa", granted by Tusk International, to the sum of 50,000 pounds sterling. The management of the fund was entrusted to BIOFUND, which also made a donation of the same amount.

Also noteworthy were the donations received from AVM Consultants and other national institutions for this cause, which in 2020 came to the total of USD 172.682.

This prize was formally launched on 1 August 2020, in Gorongosa National Park, at an event marking International Rangers' Day, which is celebrated every year on 31 July. The first awards will be selected and attributed in 2021.

Partners:



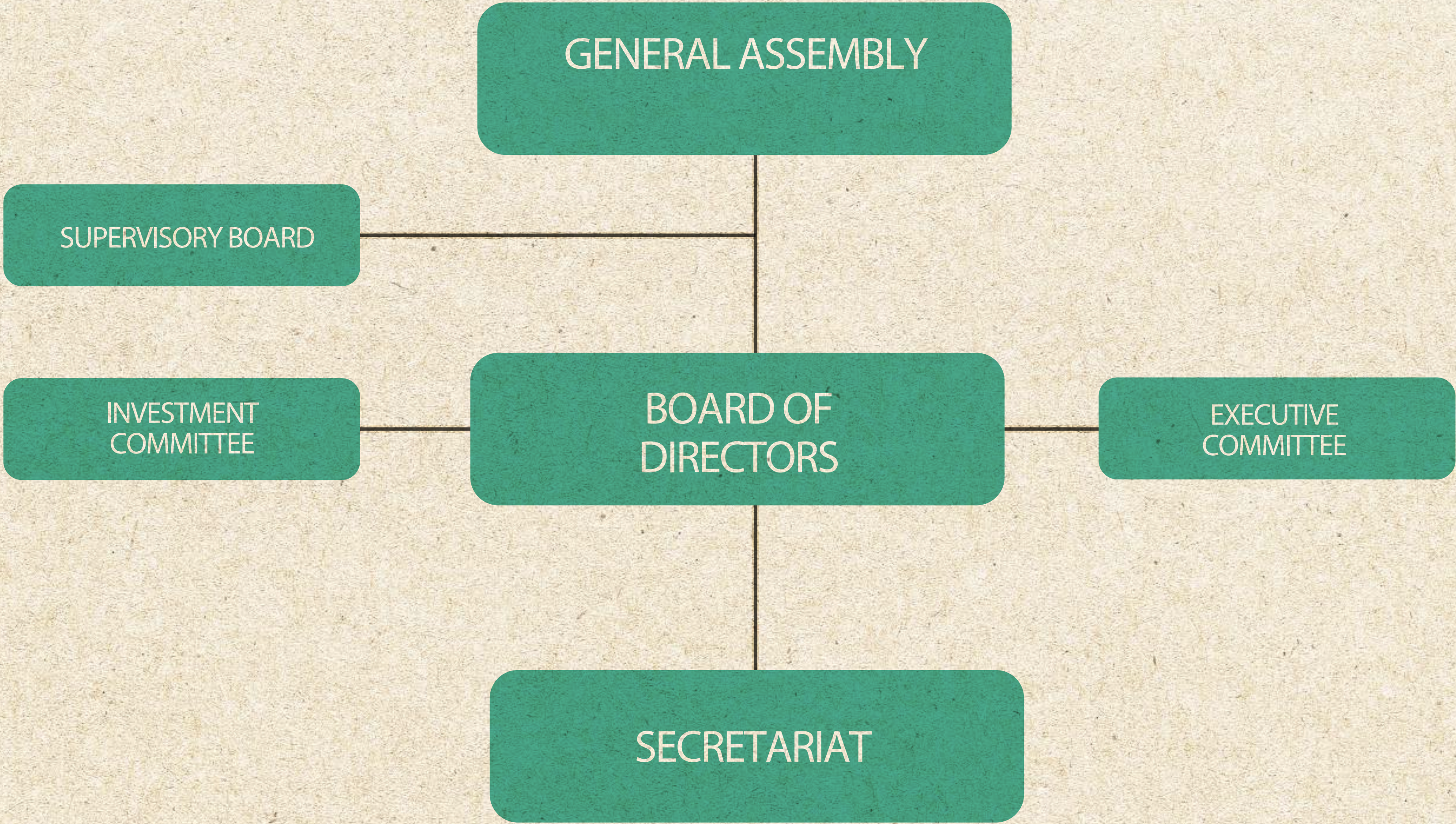
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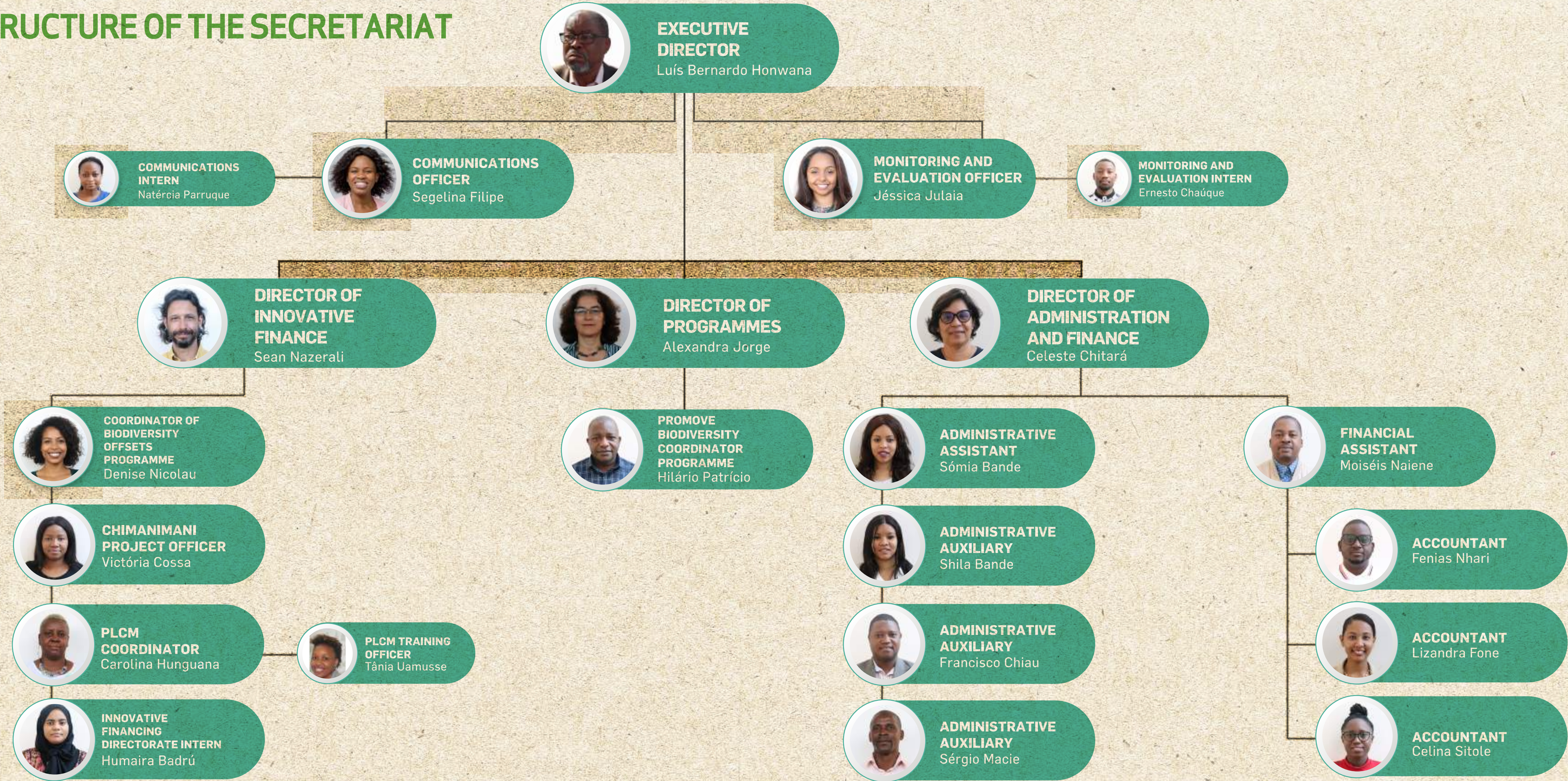
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF BIOFUND



STRUCTURE OF THE SECRETARIAT





STRATEGIC PILLAR 02

FINANCE
CONSERVATION

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS OF PILLAR 2

This pillar constitutes the core business of BIOFUND, which is the long term financing of the Conservation Areas with regard to their non-wage running costs.

PILLAR INDICATORS	PAST RESULTS						STRATEGIC PLAN TARGETS 2018-2022	REALITY
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020
Annual amount of resources disbursed (millions of meticaís)	0	0	9,1	66	111	110	297	154**
*% of ACs benefitting annually	0	0	5%	47%	47%	74%	58%	79%


* For the purposes of this indicator the Conservation Area beneficiaries are the National Parks, National Reserves, Biological Reserves, Environmental Protection Areas, and Zones of Total Protection. These amount to 19 CAs, of which 15 were supported by BIOFUND in 2020. Not included in the calculation are the hunting areas, the game farms and the Community Conservation Areas. There are 15 of these CAs, and so the total number of CAs benefitting from BIOFUND in 2020 was 29.


** The great disparity between the disbursement target and that attained was due to the delay in starting two projects (PROMOVE Biodiversidade and CBDC- Chimanimani).


DISBURSEMENT PROJECTS IN 2020

1.

ABELHA – (AFD E BIOFUND)


 Total value of the financing: **USD 2.2M**


 Duration of the project: **2016-2021**


 Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **8**

2.

MOZBIO 2 – (BM/IDA)


 Total value of the financing: **USD 4.5M**


 Duration of the project: **2019-2024**


 Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **3**

3.

ASA/ CONSERVATION AREAS WITHOUT EXTERNAL SUPPORT – (BIOFUND)


 Total value of the financing: **USD 150K**


 Duration of the project: **Since 2019**


 Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **3**

4.

PROMOVE BIODIVERSIDADE – (UE)




 Total value of the financing: **EUR 10.2M**

 Duration of the project: **2019-2025**

 Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **3**




5.

CI - (CONTRIBUTION OF CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL TO THE BIOFUND ENDOWMENT)

-  Total value of the financing: **USD 25K**
-  Duration of the project: **2019-permanent**
-  Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **1**




7.

CBDC CHIMANIMANI PROJECT – (AFD, FFEM)

-  Total value of the financing: **EUR 4.2M**
-  Duration of the project: **2020-2024**
-  Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **1**




6.

Bio Card - (BCI)

-  Total value of the financing: **USD 50K**
-  Duration of the project: **Since 2019**
-  Beneficiaries: **2**

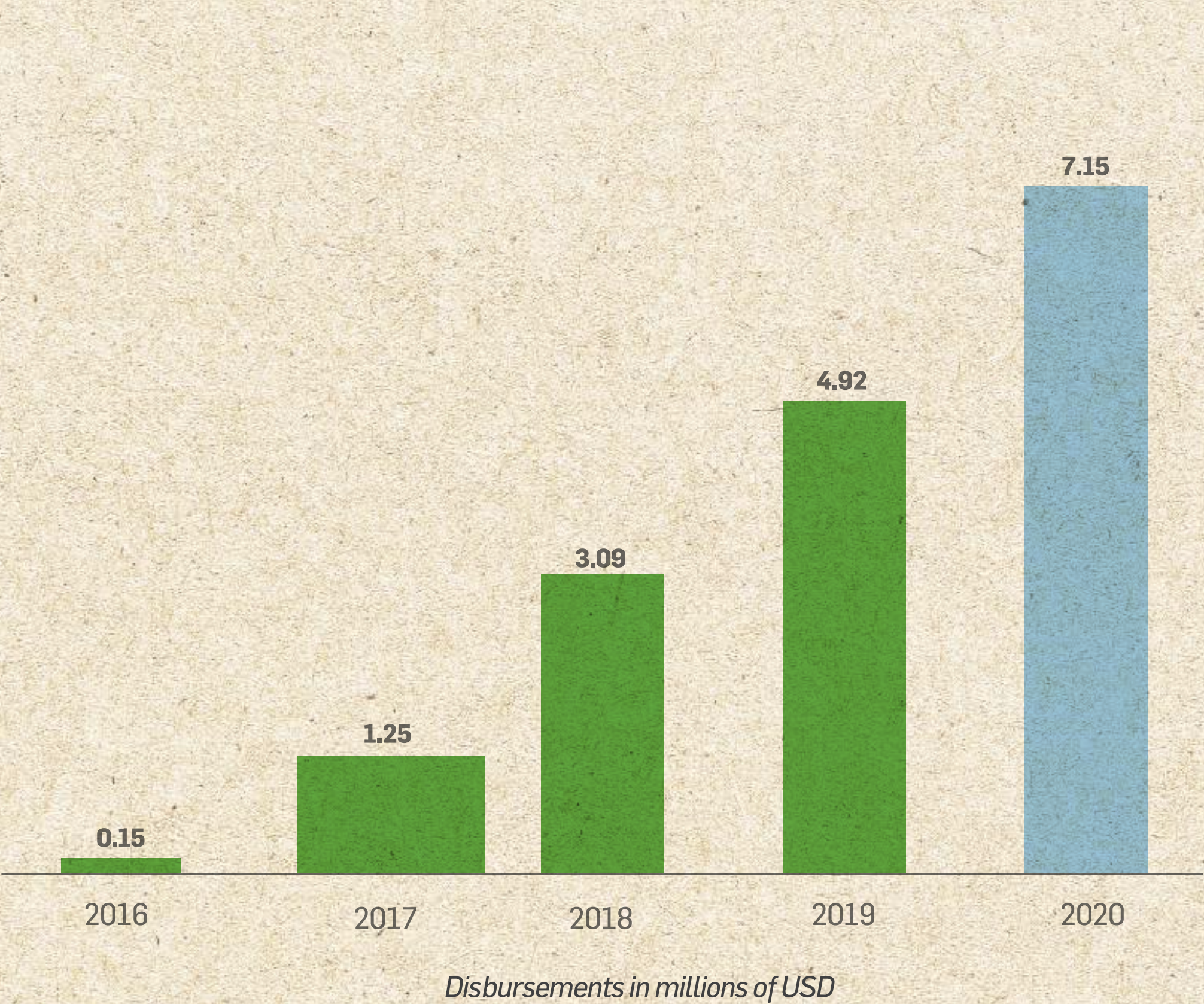
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BIO- EMERGENCY FUND – (BIOFUND, GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN/MOZBIO2, USAID)

-  Total value of the financing: **USD 2.3M**
-  Duration of the project: **2020-2021**
-  Conservation Area Beneficiaries: **24**

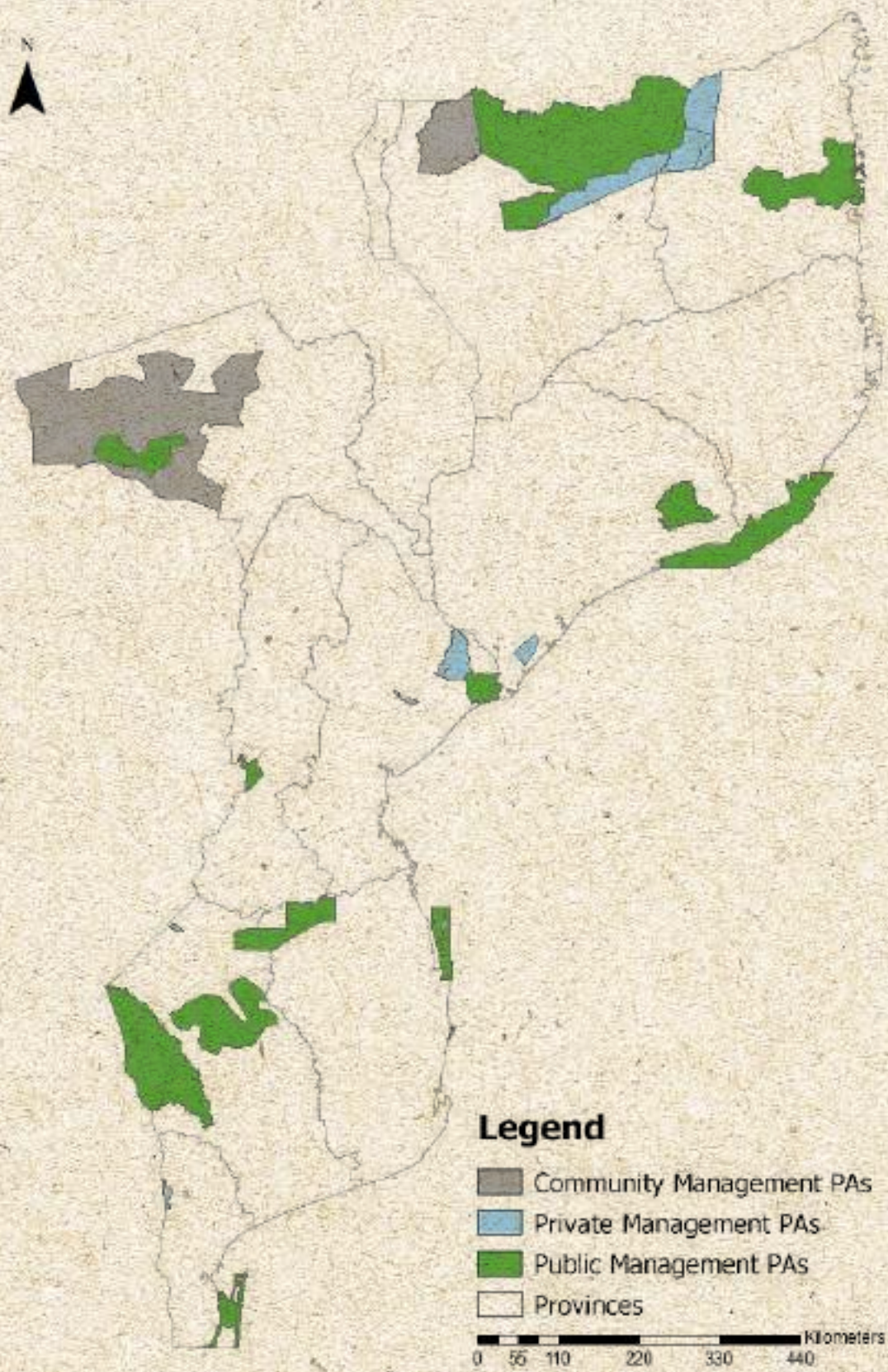
BIOFUND DISBURSEMENTS

In 2020, BIOFUND disbursed USD 2.2 million to the Conservation Area beneficiaries, resulting in a cumulative value of USD 7.15 million since 2016.



CONSERVATION AREAS THAT BENEFITTED FROM BIOFUND

In 2020, we continued to finance the conservation of biodiversity and we registered a substantial increase in the number of beneficiaries, including areas under public management, areas under private management and community areas.



Conservation Areas that benefitted from BIOFUND in 2020

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE BENEFICIARIES

The execution of the 2020 budget, in almost all the Conservation Areas that receive financing through BIOFUND, was about 80%.

Values in USD

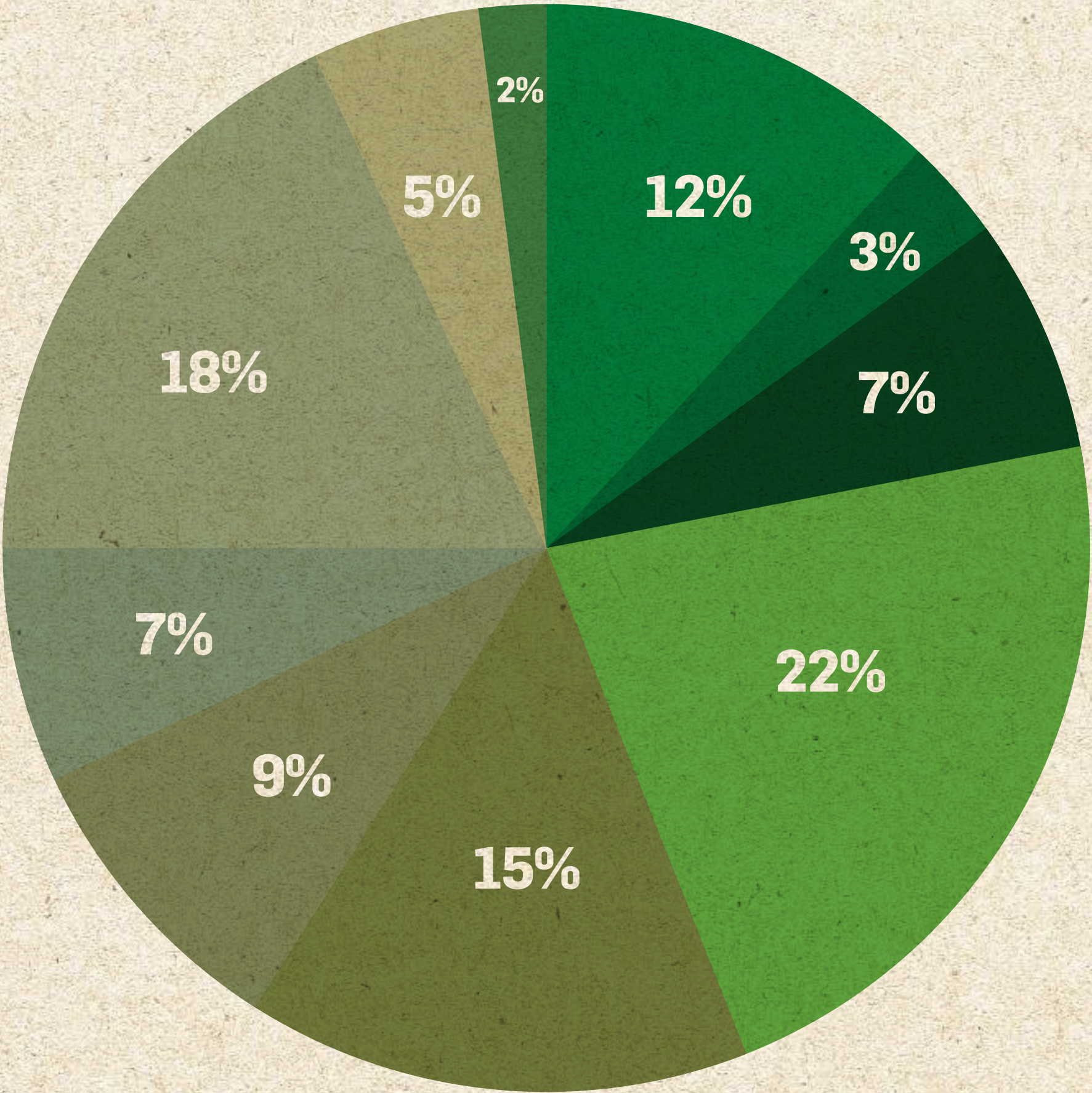
BENEFICIARIES	BUDGET	EXECUTION	% EXECUTION
PNA Bazaruto	125.685,54	99.479,90	79
PN Zinave	91.280,76	84.590,45	93
PN Gilé	111.430,21	96.041,25	86
PN Quirimbas	129.547,85	97.617,98	75
RN Pomene	55.500,43	43.428,38	78
PN Banhine	93.946,00	65.895,01	70
PN Limpopo	172.068,07	92.990,70	54
RN Marromeu	433.401,00	32.254,80	74
PN Chimanimani	453.100,00	401.184,31	89
ZPT Cabo São Sebastião	107.869,34	106.472,72	99
REM/RMPPO	533.060,99	480.685,28	90
RE Niassa	64.694,54	0*	0
PN Mágoè (incluindo o PTT)	187.266,35	91.478,05	49
APAIPS	25.820,00	23.445,59	91
Private CAs (Emergency BIO-Fund)	310.923,78	219.801,20	71

*Support started at the end of 2020

MAIN EXPENDITURES OF THE CONSERVATION AREAS

This graph represents the main expenditures of the Conservation Area beneficiaries in 2020 in all the disbursement projects under way, which were grouped into 10 categories in accordance with current expenditure.

- Conservation and ecology: 7%
- General Costs: 22%
- Community Development: 15%
- Equipment: 9%
- Maintenance of infrastructures: 7%
- Food Rations for rangers: 18%
- Wages (Emergency BIO-Fund): 5%
- Acquisition of equipment: 2%
- Fuel: 12%
- Communications: 3%



MAIN ACTIVITIES FINANCED

Support for the management and protection of the habitats of the ACs:

- Contributed to about 35,000 patrols in all the CAs benefitting from the disbursement projects. An increase of 43% in the number of patrols compared with 2019, when there were about 20,000 patrols in the same CAs;
- Supported the restoration of ranger posts for greater coverage of the area patrolled in PN Zinave, PN Mágoè and RN Pomene;
- Supported the installation of a radio communication system in the Cape São Sebastião ZPT and training the rangers in how to use it;
- As from the third quarter, guaranteed the retention of more than 900 rangers in their jobs in various provinces of the country, under the Emergency BIO-Fund.

Maintenance of infrastructures and means of transport:

- Supported the maintenance of the access roads in the beneficiary CAs, including clearing roads in the Cape São Sebastião Total Protection Zone, the Banhine National Park, the Limpopo National Park, the Gilé National Park and the Mágoè National Park, by hiring seasonal workers;
- Guaranteed the maintenance of vehicles, boats and equipment in the Conservation Area beneficiaries;



- Ensured the maintenance of infrastructures, using seasonal labour from the local communities.

Conservation and ecology:

- Ensured the control of bushfires, the monitoring of sea turtles, dugongs, *Apalis chirindensis* and *Olea Chimanimani*, mangrove forests and marine ecosystems in the beneficiary CAs;
- Guaranteed the management and protection of marine and terrestrial environments, by means of better inspection, monitoring and management of the flora and fauna, and acquisition of monitoring equipment.

Community awareness:

- Supported the creation/revival of 18 environmental clubs, 11 girls' clubs and more than 30 CGRNs;
- Ensured the hiring of more than 200 seasonal workers to remove invasive plants, monitor sea turtles, clean beaches and open paths, among other activities.

Prevention of COVID-19:

- Guaranteed the production and distribution of communication materials to raise awareness as well as the distribution of masks and putting hygiene kits in the hands of the beneficiary CAs and the surrounding local communities.



SUCCESS STORY - Hagnésio Chiponde

From football player to leader in the conservation of biodiversity

Hagnésio Chiponde is a young Mozambican, trained in Veterinary Medicine at the Eduardo Mondlane University, who benefitted from the first edition of the PLCM internship programme, which took place in the National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC), the Maputo Special Reserve and the Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve from March to August 2020.

Hagnésio was always passionate about football and dreamed of playing professionally. But his dedication and commitment to the protection of biodiversity spoke more loudly to him, and today he works in the conservation sector.



He is an example of the positive impact that the PLCM is having on the professional careers of young people, since after the 6 months of the internship he was hired by an organisation that works for the conservation of species and to reduce the conflicts between human beings and wild life.

“ I had the opportunity to start my career in conservation with the PLCM and currently I am one of the team of vets that is helping the National Administration of Conservation Areas in its field operations for the conservation of wildlife. It has been a captivating experience ”

For Hagnésio, undertaking the pre-professional internship increased his willingness to work for the conservation of biodiversity, and has rapidly opened for him very interesting professional opportunities!

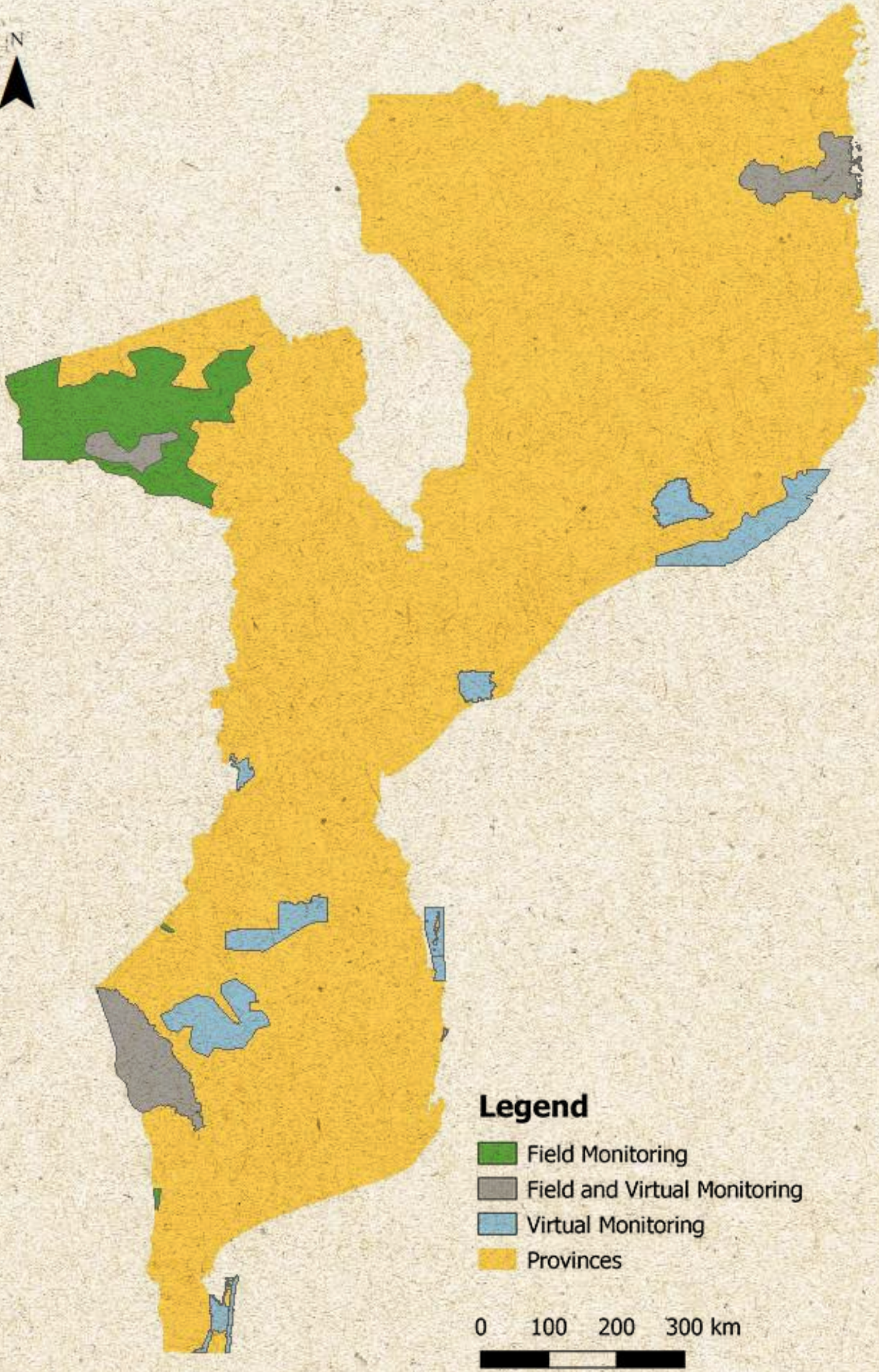


MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT

In 2020, assessing the impact of the BIOFUND financing on the Conservation Areas began. This assessment consisted of the collection and documentation of the indicators of three levels of monitoring (performance monitoring, physical and financial monitoring, and impact monitoring), allowing analysis of the indicators and of the results achieved. This also consolidated the capacity for regularly following up the various activities financed with our portfolio of projects.

The monitoring and assessment team had to adapt because of COVID-19, in order to ensure that the monitoring of activities could continue. Despite the challenges, in collaboration with the partners and donor institutions, in September 2020, for the first time, we held virtual monitoring sessions with the participation of 15 CAs benefitting from the BIOFUND disbursement programme which made it possible to accompany and make recommendations about the activities under way.

In addition, monitoring visits were made to 6 beneficiary CAs. namely the Mágoè, Quirimbas and Limpopo National Parks, the Sàbié Game Park, the Tchuma-Tchato Community Conservation Programme and Safaris de Moçambique.





STRATEGIC PILLAR 03

**CREATE AN ENABLING
ENVIRONMENT**

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS OF PILLAR 3

The objectives of this pillar are to broach relevant themes for conservation, by raising the awareness of society, and particularly of young people, students and future teachers, as well as spreading knowledge about biodiversity, and establishing dialogues and partnerships so as to create an environment in the country favourable to conservation.

PILLAR INDICATORS	PAST RESULTS						STRATEGIC PLAN TARGETS 2018-2022	REALITY
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020
Number of participants in events	0	0	1,500	4,000	5,262	5,066	4,000	13,394
Number of users of the BIOFUND website	-	-	4,110	6,052	12,531	26,739	11,000	32,076

MOZAMBIQUE CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

In 2020, the Mozambique Conservation Leadership Programme (PLCM) held two virtual meetings of its Steering Committee, among other activities, with the following notable results:

- 18 recently trained young people benefitted from pre-professional internships both at central level (BIOFUND, ANAC and CTV) and in the Conservation Areas, namely in the Zinave, Banhine, Limpopo and Bazaruto Archipelago National Parks, in the Maputo Special Reserve, and the Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve.



- 4 students (selected in 2019) received financial support under the research programme and are developing their theses in thematic areas of Conservation, Ecology and Community Development in the Limpopo National Park, the Maputo Special Reserve and the Cape São Sebastião ZPT;
- BIOFUND hired the Southern Africa Wildlife College (SAWC) to undertake a diagnosis of the training needs and priorities of the National System of Conservation Areas;
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between BIOFUND and the National Employment Institute (INEP), to promote the internship programme and establish synergies.



ADVOCACY ACTIONS AND RAISING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

ACTIVITIES:

- Training 100 representatives of the government, the private sector, academics, managers of Conservation Areas and magistrates.
- Holding the competition “Film to Raise Awareness” on the impact of marine pollution, which reached 1,500 people.
- Holding the Webinar on “Opportunities and Challenges for Young People in Leadership in the Conservation Sector”, in which over 400 young people participated.
- Induction of the 250 Deputies of the Assembly of the Republic about the conservation of biodiversity, focusing on climate change, the country’s legal instruments and measures/strategies to be followed to mitigate the effects of Climate Change.
- Holding a lecture on the importance of applying the hierarchy of mitigation, and its relevance to scientific research, attended by 60 students.
- Production of a video in tribute to the rangers, for the celebrations of World Ranger Day, and which reached 400 people.



THEME OF THE YEAR: Emergency BIO-Fund – A response to the effects of COVID-19

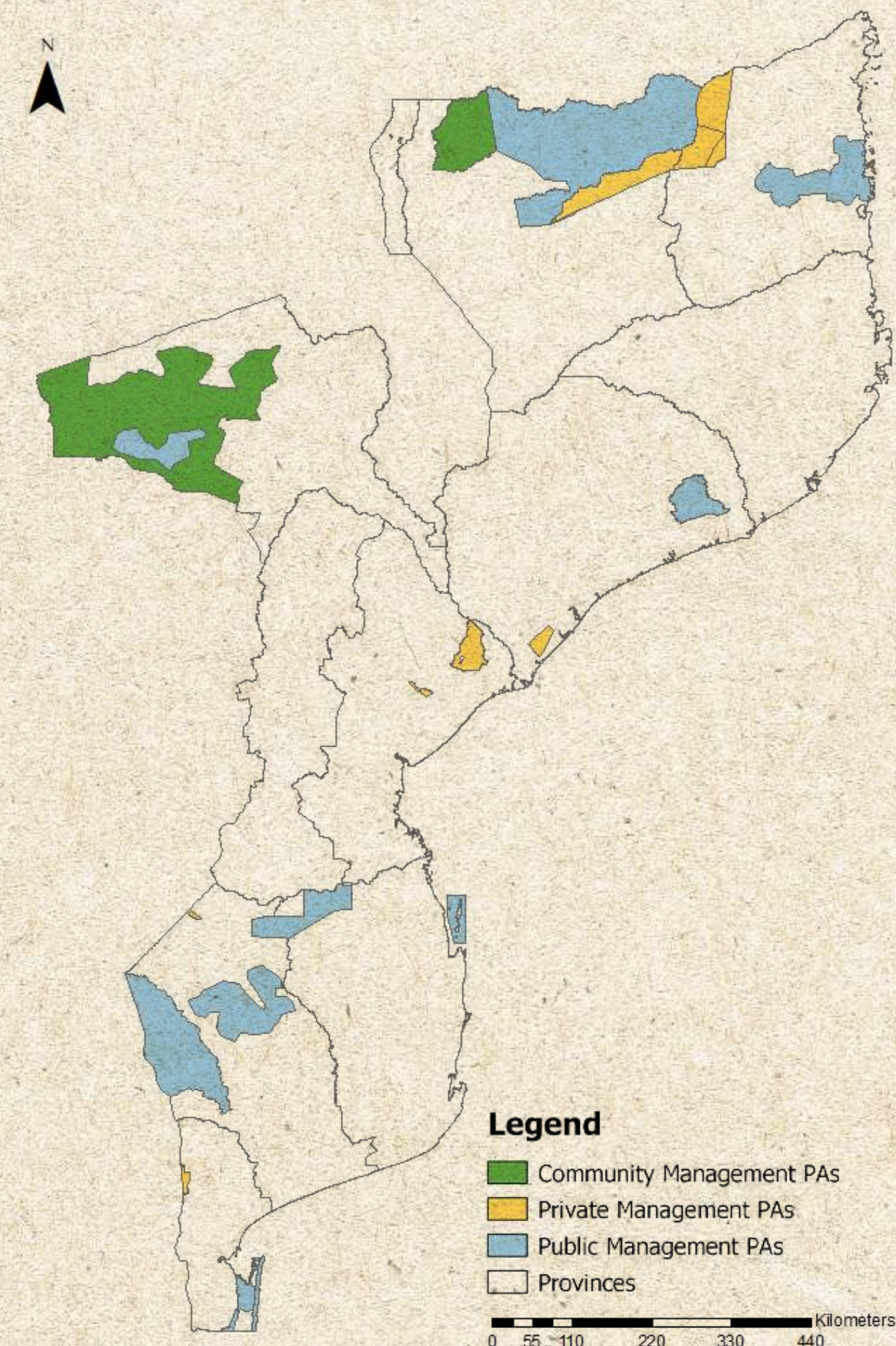
As a way of responding to this emergency, the BIOFUND Board of Directors, on 5 June 2020, approved the creation of the Emergency BIO-Fund, with the aim of guaranteeing the jobs of the rangers and essential staff of the Conservation Areas (whose wages were dependent on income from tourism). The program also supported other essential operational costs of patrolling activity in the Conservation Areas during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This support was possible thanks to the growth of the Emergency BIO-Fund which, 3 months after its creation, contained USD 2.2 million from BIOFUND (USD 1 Million), the Government of Sweden through the World Bank/MozBio2 (USD 1 Million) and from USAID/SPEED+ (USD 249,000).

IMPACT OF THE PROGRAMME

- Support for 24 Conservation Areas: 11 public, 11 private and 2 community management areas;
- 12,695,911 ha of biodiversity protected, equivalent to 61% of the National Network of Conservation Areas;
- 958 rangers supported (528 on full wage support);
- 30,869 patrol man-hours (in the private areas).

BENEFICIARIES OF THE EMERGENCY BIO-FUND



PROJECTS IN INCUBATION

Project ECO-DRR (Ecosystem-based adaptation for Emergencies)

This year, we finalised the design of the ECO-DRR project which is aimed at resilience of the mangrove ecosystems in the Zambezi Delta and the creation of a fund to mitigate the effects of climate disasters on Conservation Areas.

The project counts on financing of €6.29 million of which €6 million is from AFD and €290,000 from the French Red Cross for a period of 5 years. Of these sums, €2 million will be a contribution to the BIOFUND Endowment to set up a permanent fund to respond to the effects of climate disasters in Conservation Areas.





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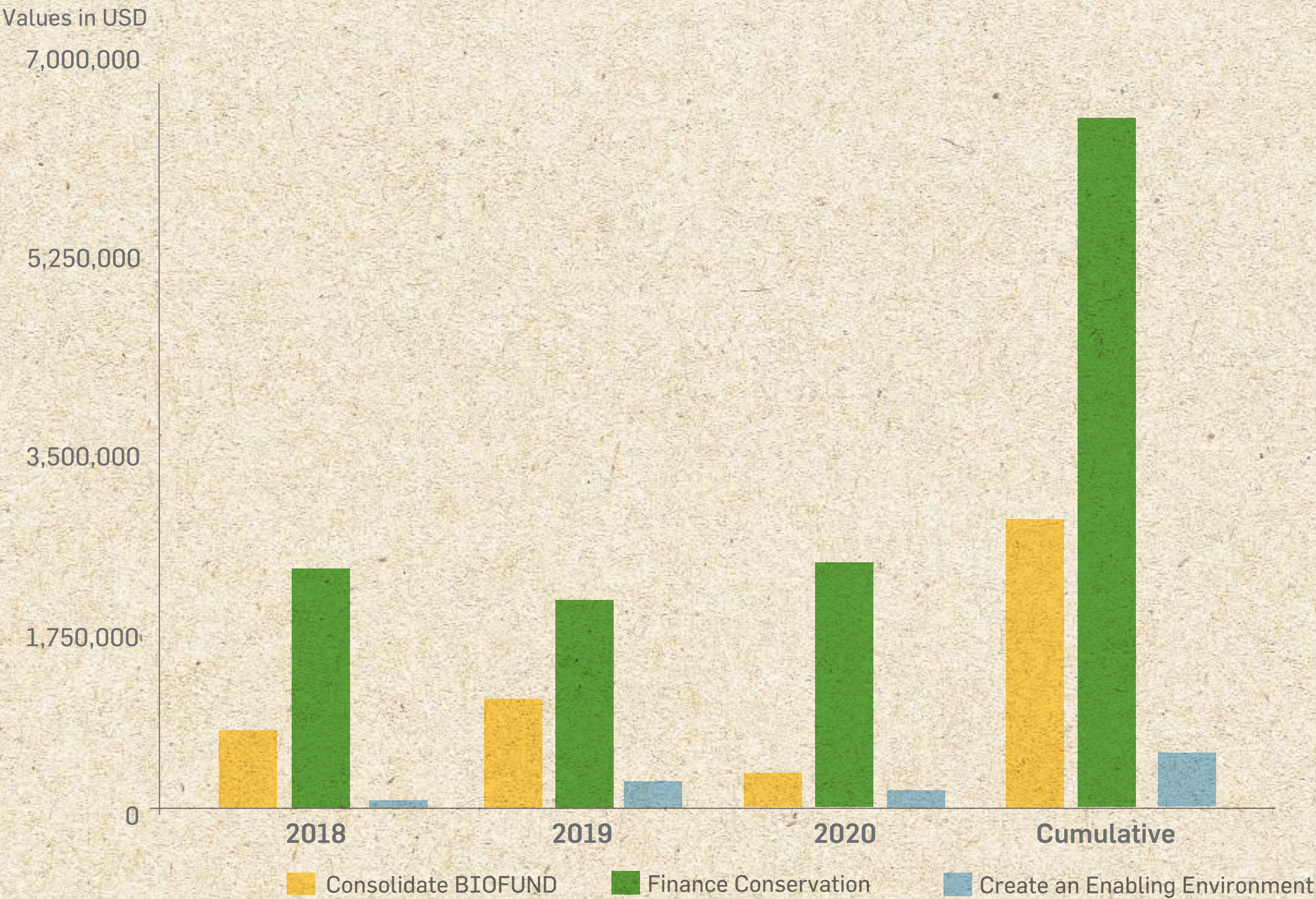
In 2020, the Foundation attained its maximum budget execution to date (USD 3,443,266). However the percentage execution in relation to the budget for the year (USD 8,025,621) was only 43%. This low execution was due fundamentally to the effect of the pandemic which cancelled all large scale events, capacity building, seminars, workshops, meetings, monitoring visits and exchange of experiences with the physical presence of the participants. But fortunately many of these were held remotely, with a drastic reduction in costs.

The following table shows the execution of the annual budget by Strategic Pillar.

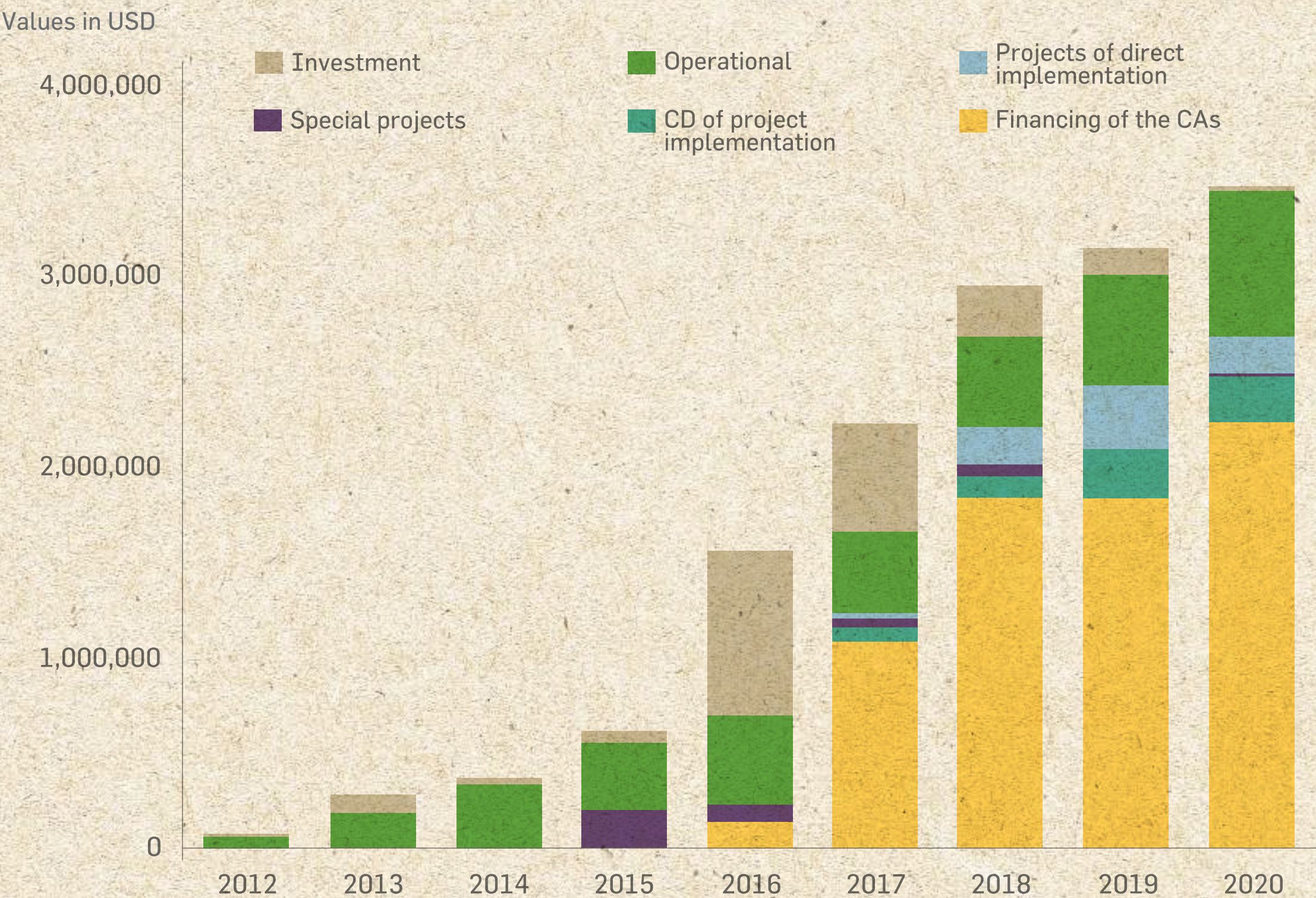
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STRATEGIC PILLAR	BUDGET	EXECUTION	% EXEC
1. Consolidate BIOFUND	1,484,019	997,803	67%
2. Finance Conservation	5,624,891	2,251,407	40%
3. Create an Enabling Environment	916,711	194,056	21%
TOTAL	8,025,621	3,443,266	43%

The following graph compares the execution in 2019 and 2020 by strategic pillar. Despite the restrictions in 2020 we recorded a growth in execution in terms of absolute values when compared with 2019.



The growth in the organizational structure and activities of BIOFUND was accompanied by a gradual evolution in operational expenses, a sporadic growth in institutional investment and steady growth in financing the Conservation Areas and other beneficiaries, as is shown by the evolution of expenditure since 2012.



EVOLUTION OF FINANCIAL EXECUTION 2012-2020

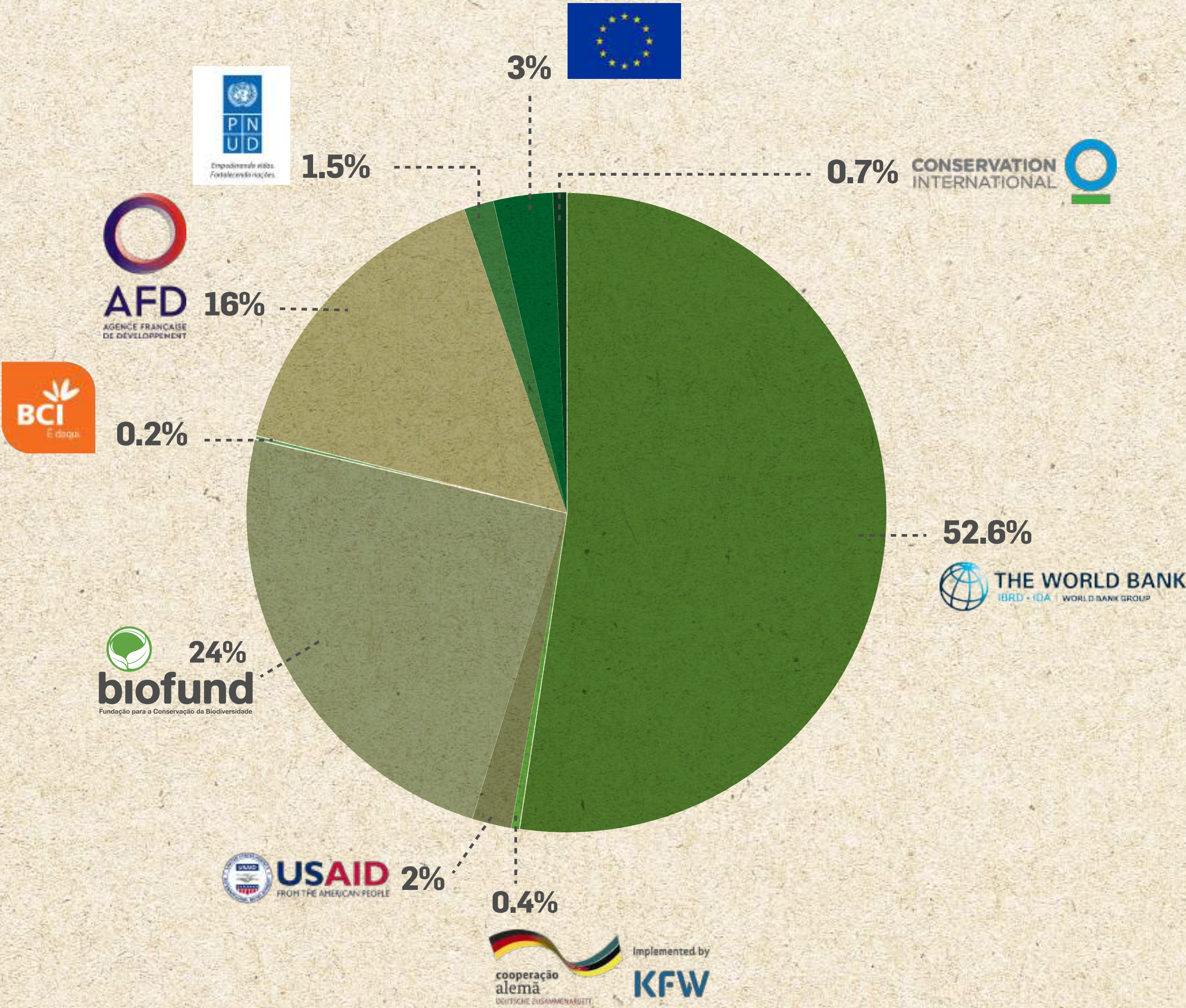
In 2020, the highest proportion of expenditure continued to be financing the operational expenditure of the Conservation Area beneficiaries, accounting for 65% of the total value executed. The table below shows the breakdown of the expenditure:

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL EXPENDITURE									TOTAL(USD)
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
FUNCTIONAL	74,743	287,906	377,794	410,013	1,215,508	887,594	617,314	575,521	620,551	5,066,944
Operational	74,286	185,979	330,312	342,238	361,139	314,404	359,828	447,358	616,805	3,032,349
Investment	457	101,927	47,482	67,774	854,369	573,190	257,486	128,163	3,746	2,034,595
PROGRAMMES	-	-	-	211,900	344,901	1,345,532	2,322,837	2,588,874	2,822,715	9,606,759
Financing the CAs	-	-	-	-	147,530	1,097,764	1,843,077	1,833,370	2,229,601	7,151,342
CD of Project Implementation	-	-	-	-	111,316	174,294	215,689	369,303	391,425	1,258,659
Special Projects	-	-	-	211,900	86,055	45,427	59,082	3,656	14,858	420,978
Projects of Special Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	28,047	204,989	352,545	186,830	772,411
TOTAL(USD)	74,743	287,906	377,794	621,913	1,560,409	2,233,126	2,940,151	3,134,395	3,443,266	14,673,703

SOURCES OF FINANCING

In 2020, BIOFUND counted on the assistance of several partners to support its activities, as detailed in the following graph, which indicates the percentage of co-participation and the origins of the financing.

Special attention needs to be given to the contribution of 52.6 % from the World Bank/MozBio2 followed by about 24% from the yields of the BIOFUND Endowment.



FINANCIAL EXECUTION BY PROJECTS OF DISBURSEMENT

The 2020 External Audit report gives a positive appreciation of the functioning of the Foundation in general, and of the accounting and financial performance procedures in particular.

There are no reservations or qualifications in the report.

CHART OF THE ORIGIN AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS – January to December 2020 (Amount in USD)

Opening Balance	42,099,783	
INCOME		
Project funds received		4,858,912
Interest received		5,770,374
Regularisation		0
Total Received	52,729,06	
EXPENDITURE		
Services and other operational costs		3,443,745
Fees of the asset manager		201,748
Advances vs justifications of the CAs		132,380
Regularisations and return of balances		15,499
Disbursements		1,659,004
Total payments	5,452,37	
Final Balance	47,276,69	



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