



Agriculture and
Agri-processing



Forestry



Fisheries and
Aquaculture



Tourism

Helping sustainable business take root

Who Are We?

The eco.business Fund is an impact investment fund that supports business and consumption practices that contribute to biodiversity conservation, the sustainable use of natural resources, climate change mitigation and adaptation to its impacts.

Operating alongside the fund's investment activities is the eco.business Development Facility (DF). The DF aims to maximize and deepen the impact of the fund in its target regions through a broad array of technical assistance measures for promoting sustainable business practices. The DF also serves as a knowledge-sharing platform for enabling the transformation towards "green economies" by protecting biodiversity, conserving natural resources, and responding to climate change.



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How We Work



Biodiversity Conservation



Sustainable Use of Natural Resources



Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation



Socio-Economic Improvements

We do this working with:



Partner Institutions

To increase funding for environmentally friendly businesses and to spread knowledge of green finance in the local financial sector.



End Borrowers

To promote environmental best practices and develop the markets for green products.



Sectors

To promote collective actions and share research that can steer businesses and the financial sector toward sustainability.

Our Value Proposition



Access to tailor-made,
long-term financing



Support in identifying
investment opportunities
for financial institutions



Support in **monitoring**
and evaluating green
portfolios



Technical assistance
for financial institutions
and their end borrowers

How Does the Development Facility Support the Fund's Mission?



How Does The Technical Assistance Program Work?

1

Donors provide resources
intended for capacity building and the
promotion of sustainable practices.



3

An independent committee approves projects,
provides strategic guidance, and
monitors their progress.



2

**Technical assistance projects
are identified or designed**
with partner institutions.



4

**Technical assistance projects
are implemented**
such as capacity building activities, studies,
events, and sector support.



Project Illustration: Using Technology and Data to Develop the Coffee Sector



Objective:

Enhance sustainable practices through the use of technology and data collection

Approach: Determine the environmental performance of the bank's clients in the coffee sector, through the development of environmental indicators, the use of geo-monitoring software, and equipment (e.g., drones and water and soil sampling equipment)

Result: Increased environmental awareness within the bank and among coffee farmers, leading to mitigation of and adaptation to climate change and a more responsible utilization of natural resources



Project Illustration: Identifying and Reducing Portfolio Risk



Objective:

Support banks' environmental and social risk assessment

Approach: Managing the exposure to clients' environmental and social risks through the review and enhancement of policies, procedures, tools, and internal capabilities of the banks - design and implementation of an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)

Result: Reduced credit, legal, social, environmental, and reputational risks for banks and established mitigation actions to control these risks



Project Illustration: Forest Monitoring for Responsible Cattle Activities



Objective:

Ensure forest protection in cattle activities to facilitate the financing of responsible cattle ranching in Nicaragua

Approach: Develop and test a methodology based on satellite monitoring to guarantee that cattle farms financed by the bank are not located in protected areas and have not contributed to forest loss

Result: Implementation of a methodology that enables the fund to monitor cattle activities and identify changes in forest cover over time



Project Illustration: Knowledge Sharing



Objective:

Ensure partner institutions, companies, and producers are up to date on sustainable best practices, conservation finance topics, and technology

Approach: Sponsor and participate in key events, support bank staff training, and conduct research projects

Result: Increased awareness of bank staff members on environmental topics and sponsored participation in various events and forums



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