



**GEF Project 10581:
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and Preventing Global Extinctions**

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- GEF-funded project (\$1.9m direct funding, + \$8 million mobilized from partners)
- UN Environment Program (UNEP) is implementing agency
- 4 countries (Dominican Republic, Madagascar, Chile, Colombia)
- 4-year project
- Focus on site-level conservation and mainstreaming

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Key partners:

- Governments of each country
- BirdLife International
- SOH Conservación
- Chilean Herpetological Network (RECH)
- Instituto Humboldt
- Asity Madagascar

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Key partners:

- Re:wild
- The Peregrine Fund
- Kew Madagascar Conservation Centre
- Missouri Botanical Gardens
- National Zoo of Chile
- Regional NGOs and community groups

Project Components

Component 1. Improvement of the conservation status of 20 AZE sites and associated AZE trigger species in focus countries.

Component 2. Mainstreaming AZE site conservation at global and national levels.

Component 3. Knowledge management to enhance understanding of and interest in AZE site conservation across sectors.

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Indicators

- Conservation plans developed and implemented at each site
- OECMs or Protected Areas designated, where applicable
- Increased management effectiveness, as assessed by METT
- Opportunities for long-term financial sustainability developed
- Equitable participation of women and Indigenous Communities

* Other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) is a conservation designation for areas that are achieving the effective in-situ conservation of biodiversity outside of protected areas, such as municipal parks, Indigenous lands, etc.

Component 2. Mainstreaming AZE site conservation at global and national levels.

Indicators

- Financial institutions (national, regional, and global banks and agencies) integrate AZE site conservation into their policy/operational approaches
- Government plans and policies include AZE site conservation
- Companies integrate AZE site conservation into their safeguard policies and use IBAT to better scope and plan their actions within the vicinity of AZE sites

* The Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) provides geographic information and screening for critical biodiversity

Component 3. Knowledge management to enhance understanding of and interest in AZE site conservation across sectors.

Indicators

- Increased number of existing and new AZE sites and other KBAs are confirmed and documented in the project countries
- Local communities, private sector groups, NGOs, and other stakeholders apply AZE knowledge in their conservation practices