UK Biodiverse Landscapes Fund



Biodiversity is declining worldwide faster than at any other time in human history. In the last 50 years, human pressures have increased, while animal populations, on average, have been reduced to more than half.

To help address the challenges facing nature today, the UK Prime Minister announced at the 2019 UN General Assembly the BLF with £100 million to cover at least five transboundary and precious biodiversity areas around the world.

Amongst these, the Mesoamerica Landscape covering Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, has been selected as one of the hotspots to develop projects worth around £15 million over seven years from 2022.

The Fund will be under the management of the Department of Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in coordination with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). It will deliver lasting protection and improvement of biodiversity by aligning nature conservation and human development objectives at a landscape scale.

In each area, we intend to execute the program through conservation and development organizations with a history of delivering high-quality largescale projects of this nature. We will also welcome the participation of consortia of organizations.

More information about the development of the BLF will be available in due course at the British Embassy / High Commission of each country.

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Updating information on the BLF

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