



Ecosystems Division

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UN Environment's Thematic Priorities

Medium Term Strategy (2014-2017):

1. Climate Change
2. Disasters and conflicts
3. Ecosystem management
4. Environmental Governance
5. Chemicals and Waste
6. Resource Efficiency
7. Environment under Review

Divisional Structure

6 Branches:

1. Post Conflict & Disaster Management Branch
2. Freshwater, Land & Climate Branch
3. Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services Branch
4. UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre
5. Marine & Coastal Ecosystems Branch
6. Operations & Programme Delivery Branch

Divisional Structure

Cross-cutting areas of work:

- Environmental Education and Training
- Poverty and Environment Initiative

Collaborating centers

- International Ecosystem Management Partnership (Beijing)
- UNEP-DHI Centre for Water and Environment (Copenhagen)
- UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (Cambridge)

UNEA-2 Resolutions

Strong future focus on division's work with multiple UNEA-2 resolutions:

1. Role, functions and modalities for UNEP implementation of the **SAMOA Pathway** as a means of facilitating achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (Small Island Developing States)
2. **Oceans and seas**
3. **Marine plastic litter** and microplastics
4. Sustainable **coral reefs** management
5. **Illegal trade in wildlife** and wildlife products
6. Protection of the environment in areas affected by **armed conflict**
7. Combating **desertification, land degradation** and drought and promoting **sustainable pastoralism** and rangelands
8. Sustainable management of **natural capital** for sustainable development and poverty eradication
9. Investing in human capacity for sustainable development through **environmental education and training**
10. Supporting the **Paris Agreement**
11. Delivering on the **2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development

Disasters & Conflicts

Improve the environmental performance of UN Peace Operations

MAP-X and Oil for Development

Adapt Environment and Climate Resilience in Sudan

Follow-up to Ogoniland remediation programme



Biodiversity

Combating illegal trade of wildlife – Wild for Life Campaign



www.wildfor.life

Natural Capital methodology and tools

Great ape conservation

Global biodiversity and land-use data bases for decision-makers



Land & Water

Leading the UN-Water effort on progress against Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water

Water quality guidelines for ecosystems

Integrated landscape management

Sustainable pastoralism



Climate

Ecosystem-based climate change adaptation

Strengthened climate resilience (Anticipate, Absorb, Reshape)

UN-REDD Programme & Tropical Landscape Finance Facility

Accreditation to the Green Climate Fund



Coastal & Marine Ecosystems

Ecosystem-based management approaches, marine protected areas and ocean governance

Marine pollution (litter, nutrients, waste water)

Regional Seas Programme

Coral reefs



Cross-cutting work

Poverty & Environment Initiative

South-South cooperation on climate, ecosystems and livelihoods

Environmental education

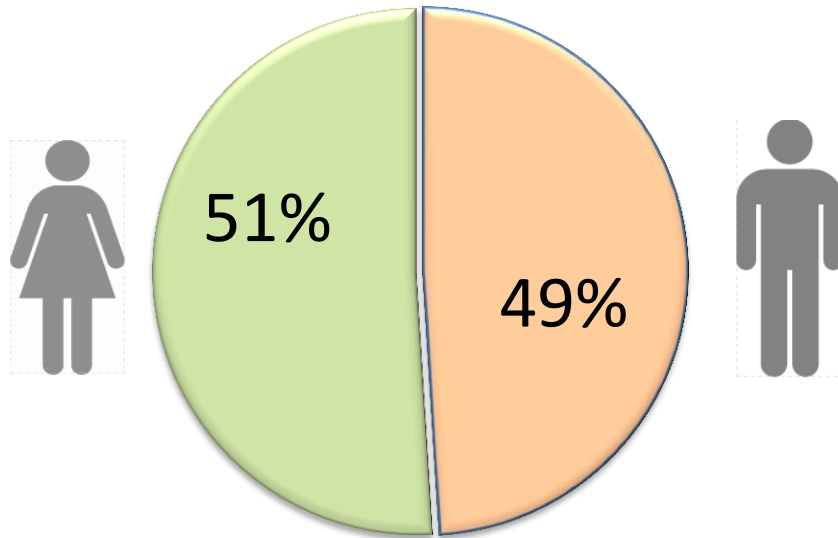
Communication and resource mobilization strategies



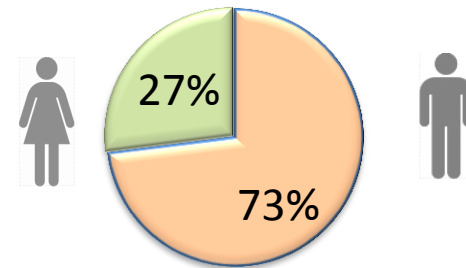
Staff – Gender Ratio

252 staff positions

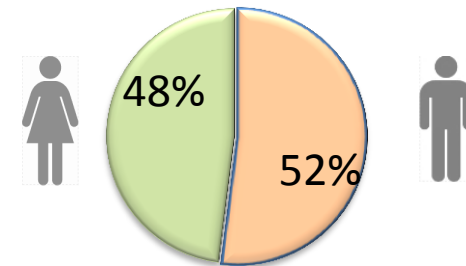
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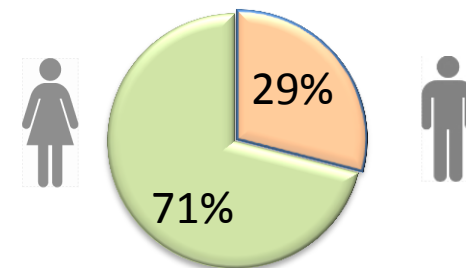
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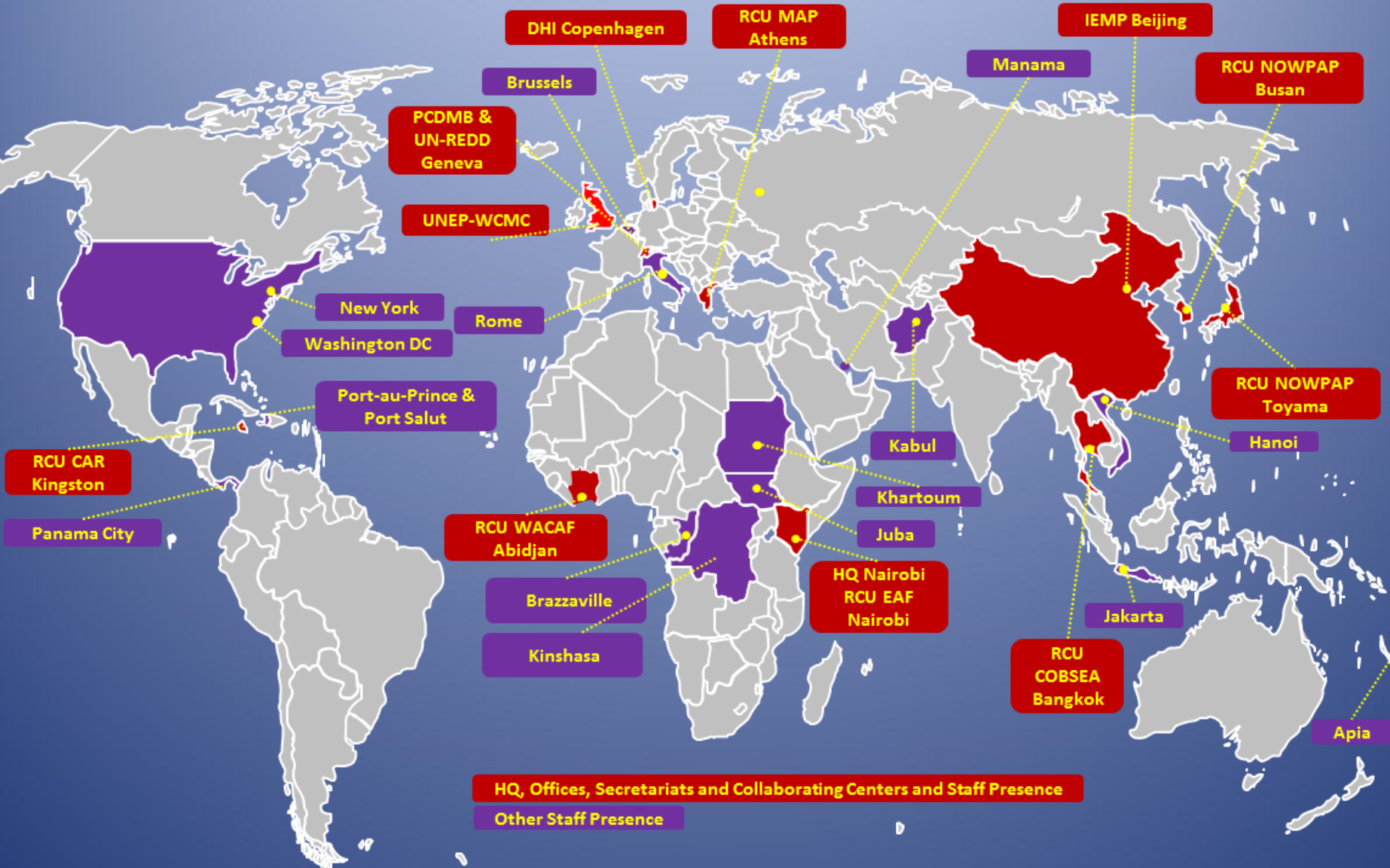


GS Staff



Staff: 50% outposted in 24 countries

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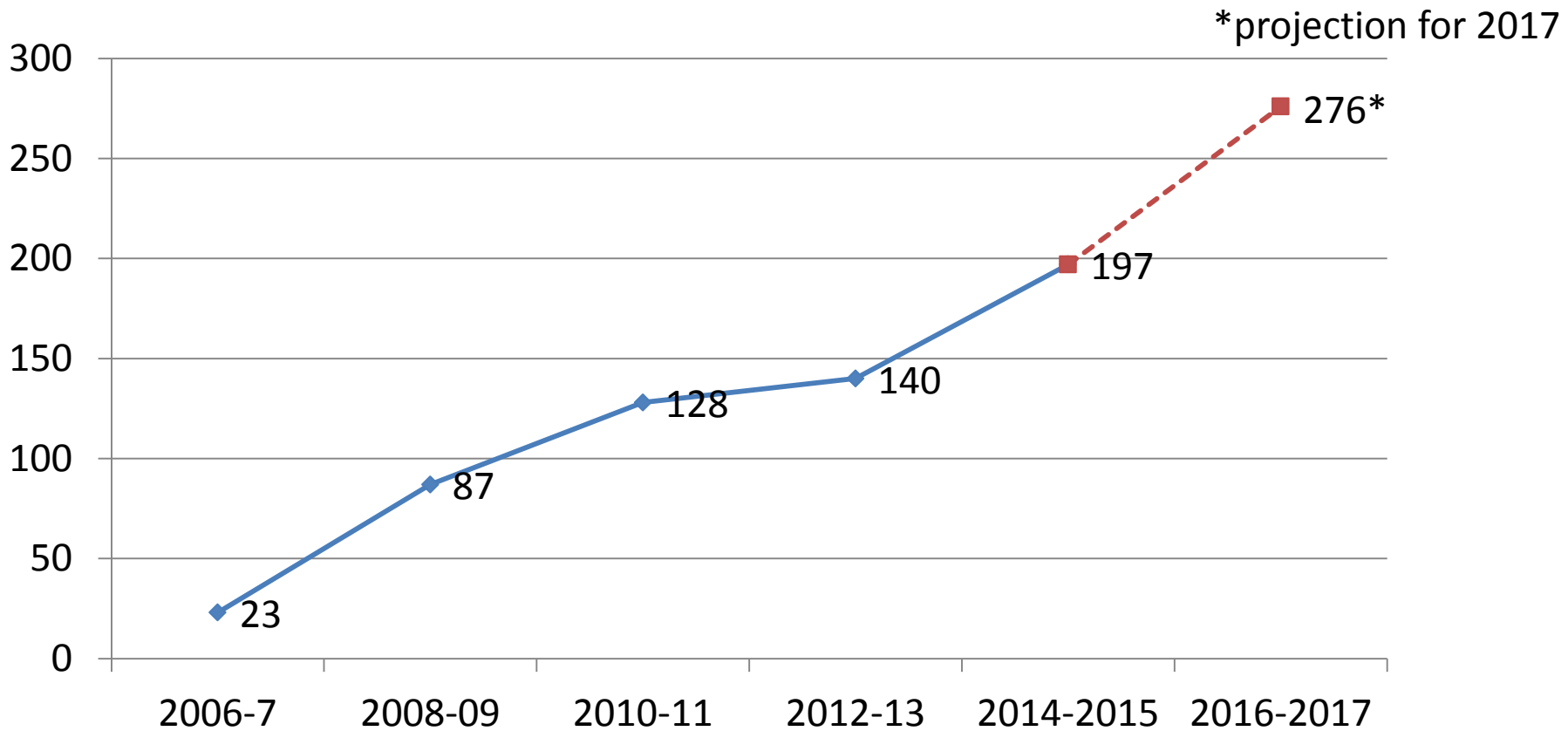


HQ, Offices, Secretariats and Collaborating Centers and Staff Presence
Other Staff Presence

60 Nationalities



Delivery



Challenges



- **Regional/national uptake**
- **Core funding**
- **Large turnover of staff in 2014-16**

Opportunities

- **Strong focus on the work of the Division with multiple UNEA-2 resolutions**
- **Extensive regional presence, including through the regional Seas Programme and the Global Environment Fund portfolio**
- **Accreditation to the Green Climate Fund**
- **Strong link with collaborating centers**
- **GREAT STAFF!!!**



Thank You!

