About CAF

- Latin American **multilateral financial institution**, essentially owned by developing countries
- Provides multiple types of **financial and non-financial services** to clients in the public and private sectors of its member countries.
- We Promote the **conservation** of the natural and social capital, facilitating the migration towards a low-carbon and resilient to climate change economy, with social **inclusion** and equal opportunities.

**Mission:**
- Sustainable development
- Regional integration
CAF Response for Biodiversity and the SDG’s

DACC - Environmental and Climate Change Division

Committed to promote the conservation of the natural and social capital, facilitating the migration towards a low-carbon and resilient to climate change economy, with social inclusion and equal opportunities.

- 3 operative units;
- 8 programs;
- 14 benefited countries;
- 22 executives;
- Over US$ 2 Billion available for Green Financing

1. Green Business Unit
2. Institutional Environmental Management Unit
3. Climate Change Unit

Strategic Alliances
Green Financing
Reinforce Capacities
The Green Business Unit - Objective and Approach

Seeks to **promote new sustainable businesses** that drive a **productive transformation** in the region with an inclusive approach, through three key programs.

1. Biodiversity program
2. Forest Program
3. Green Financing

**Green Businesses Support**

- **Value Chains Development**
- **Knowledge Management**
- **Capacity Development**

**Objective and Approach**

- Natural Capital Corporate Advantage
- Sustainable Value Chains Development
- Access to Markets and Financing
- Generation of Green Businesses Competitive Advantage
Coral Reefs in the caribbean support the nearly **$50 billion tourism industry** and the **25 million visitors** that visit the caribbean region each year.

Marine fisheries and aquaculture exports contributed nearly **$15 billion** to GDP 2001.

Marine habitats like seagrass beds, salt marshes and mangrove, **protect property and infrastructure** from flooding, erosion, and natural hazards like hurricanes. The LATAM region host 1/3 of the worlds mangrove.

The market for **certified seafood is growing** rapidly in LATAM, now nearly **10%** of fisheries trade.
Marine Ecosystems: an untapped potential.

- Marine and Coastal systems provide highly valuable resources and sites of inestimable beauty.
- Investment in promoting sustainable coastal development in this region are modest and do not follow up its real wealth.
- Understanding its values allows quick identification of investment opportunities – investments that can lay the ground for sustainability and conservation.
- There are substantial opportunities to enhance existing values of coastal ecosystems in order to benefit coastal communities, businesses, and the regional economy.
Our Goal

To demonstrate the value of marine and coastal natural capital and to spur investment in its protection:

1. Marine and coastal areas provide a wide variety of benefits to humans, many of which have economic value and are essential for sustainable development.

2. Recognizing these values allows targeted investment in managing marine and coastal systems so these services can be enhanced.

3. The paybacks to society include economic growth, enhanced livelihood opportunities, diversified employment, reduced risk, and maintenance of cultural values.

¿How?

- Supporting an enabling business environment.
- Investing in strategic projects.
- Providing green financing.
- Supporting Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Assessments.
- Promoting knowledge brokering at regional and international level.
Capturing and Enhancing Values on Practice

Blue Innovation Clusters

- Pacific Cluster (Ecuador, Panama, Peru) - Caribbean Cluster (Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, and Barbados) US$ 200 million available for green financing.
- Marine and Coastal Assessments at key high biodiversity Blue Spots.
- US$ 1.5 million in Technical Assistance.
- 600 SME’s to be engaged.
- Over 30.000 will improve their livelihood conditions.
- 80 thousand hectares of high biodiversity oceans with enhanced ecosystem services.

The Spin Off Effect

- Ecosystems and biodiversity protected providing quality ecosystem services for over 10 million people.
- More resilient to climate change landscapes.
- Social and political stability, driving new economic activity in remote areas and where other industries have little impact.
CAF - Biodiversity Strategy: Marine and Coastal Commitments

**Priority 1.** Promote biodiversity resources conservation.

**Priority 2:** Promote sustainable businesses.

By 2021, all CAF country members will have adopted biodiversity conservation and sustainable use measures and access to benefits sharing policies achieving a better situation for biodiversity in the region.

**Priority 3:** Promote good practices on ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing).

**Priority 4:** Generate technical and management capacities.

**Priority 5:** Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Services Actions for 2015-2020

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Generating opportunities for social, environmental and economic benefits for communities living in coastal areas.

Providing proof of concept for sustainable development in coastal and marine sites.

Promotive shared prosperity

Potentiate biotrade innovative products and services.

Preserve biodiversity and ecosystem services

Promote green public and private investments

CAF support to Marine and Coastal Ecosystems.
Thank you for your kind attention.

Más oportunidades, un mejor futuro.

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