



ESTABLISHED NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFICE



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MISSION

To be the leading institution safeguarding Belize's biodiversity and ecosystems for future generations, through effective partnerships while maximizing sustainable social and economic opportunities.



VISION

Belize with healthy, strong and resilient ecosystems for the benefit of its people.

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BIODIVERSITY FINANCE SOLUTIONS

Biodiversity Finance Solutions Exhibition and Marketplace,
5th BIOFIN Global Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 May 2023



BIODIVERSITY INVESTMENT TRACKING

DEBT-FOR NATURE SWAP

CARBON MARKET

RESULT-BASED MANAGEMENT

CROWDFUNDING

NBIO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFICE SYSTEM LEVEL MILESTONES



Support Research & Monitoring

Launched two national information management systems to track against status of biodiversity (nationally) and conservation targets defined within site management plans: (i) Spatial Monitoring And Tracking Tool (SMART); and (ii) Biodiversity Impact Investment Tracking Tool (BIITT).



Support Resource Mobilization

Support mobilization of resources via available resources, pursuing grants, and other concessionary financing sources for biodiversity and protected areas management.



\$10 million USD
Leveraged funding for biodiversity Management from 1 April 2020.

Support Innovative Finance Solutions

NBIO is one of several key institutions supporting the implementation of Belize's Debt-for-Nature Swap, the Blue Bond. The Blue Bond generates **USD\$4 million per year in support of marine protection**, tripling Belize's budget for ocean conservation programs over the next two decades.

30%
additional Marine area committed for conservation

\$364 million USD
towards debt reduction



Improve Resource Management & Protection

NBIO serves as the national focal point to the CBD and the first point of contact for negotiations. It developed and is currently implementing its first 5-Year Strategic Plan (2022 - 2027), which sets the strategic policy results and priority areas.



Develop Resources & Tools

Developed a Business Planning and Investment Framework for Protected Areas and provided support for the development of a Protected Areas Concessions framework to promote public-private partnerships in development of the protected areas.



Foster Community Engagement

The NBIO facilitates meaningful stakeholder engagement and supports sustainable resource use through the promotion of traditional practices & livelihood initiatives.



Improve Governance

Enabled the formal partnership with non-state parties for the management of protected areas, thru updating the Co-management Framework and Agreement.

16 **New Co-Management Agreements Signed**
per protected area site, with a total of 11 non-governmental organizations.

