

PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY-FRIENDLY AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT VALUE CHAINS IN KEY ECOLOGICAL REGIONS

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Bale Ecoregion & Kaffa Biosphere Reserve, **Ethiopia**

Estimated budget: 18.9 M€

Sectors : Agriculture, livestock & biomass energy



Context

The Bale Ecoregion and the Kaffa Biosphere Reserve are globally significant landscapes, part of the Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot, hosting endemic species, wild Arabica coffee, key watersheds and essential ecosystem services.

They face growing pressures from agricultural expansion, overgrazing, unsustainable biomass extraction, logging and weak natural-resource governance, threatening both biodiversity and local livelihoods.



Objectives

- Scaling up integrated landscape management in Bale and Kaffa to align sustainable production with biodiversity conservation.
- Promoting gender-inclusive, climate-smart cereal and coffee production through agroecology, agroforestry and land-use planning.
- Strengthening sustainable rangeland and livestock systems, including rotational grazing, fodder systems and coexistence measures.
- Reducing deforestation through clean energy, woodlots, sustainable forest use and nature-based enterprises.
- Establishing a MELKM (Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Knowledge Management) system to inform policy reform and scale ecological land-use practices.



Institutions : MoA, EBI, EWCA

Local actors : smallholder farmers, pastoralists, cooperatives, PFM/PRM groups, women and youth

Technical/private partners: NGOs, research institutions, energy providers, coffee and cereal value-chain actors

Partners : AFD, WWF, IUCN, EF



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