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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
IN CONSERVATION FINANCE



What are Financial Instruments in Marine Conservation?

Refers to a specific arrangement designed to secure, allocate, or manage financial resources for the purpose of supporting conservation initiatives.

It has a,

- Distinctive mechanism
- Transparency and Accountability
- Effectively manage resource
- Inbuilt impact evaluation mechanism

It can support,

- Marine ecosystems health
- Its biodiversity
- Overall sustainable ocean management

Commonly recognised instruments for MPA includes:

Conservation
Trust Funds
(CTFs)

Blue
Bonds

Blue
Carbon
Credits

Debt for
Nature
Swaps

Blue Carbon Credits

Certificates representing the amount of carbon dioxide absorbed and stored by coastal and marine ecosystems, incentivising conservation through carbon sequestration.



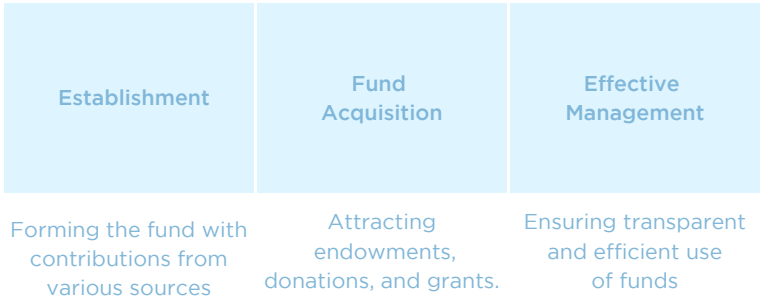
Debt-for-Nature Swaps

Debt-for-Nature Swaps involve restructuring or forgiving existing debt in exchange for investments in conservation projects or Biodiversity protection.



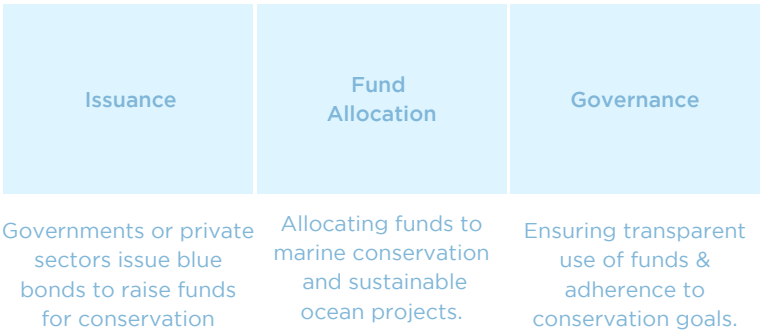
Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs)

CTFs are dedicated financial mechanisms designed to support long-term conservation of natural resources



Blue Bonds

Blue Bonds are debt instruments issued by governments or private sectors, specifically directed towards financing marine conservation or climate adaptation projects.



Seychelles Blue Bond

Impact: Raised \$15 million for expanding marine protected areas and enhancing fisheries governance, driving Seychelles' transition to sustainable fisheries.

SeyCCAT (Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust)

Impact: Mobilized funding from diverse sources for marine conservation projects, supporting sustainable fisheries management and biodiversity conservation.

Pakistan's Indus Delta Capital

Impact: Generated \$695 million in blue carbon credits over 15 years, reducing impacts of pollution on coastal ecosystems and creating jobs in ecosystem restoration.

Belize Debt-for-Nature Swap

Impact: Restructured \$550 million debt, leading to marine conservation commitments and sustainable economic development in Belize