

Environment Action Plan 2024 – 2030

Toward a Nature-Positive Asia and the Pacific

A large school of blue fish, possibly blue tangs, swimming in clear blue water. The fish are densely packed in some areas and more spread out in others, creating a dynamic pattern of movement. The background is a deep blue, suggesting an underwater environment.

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Overview of the Action Plan

1. Rationale: Context, Opportunities, Challenges, and Experience
2. Directions: Outcomes and Objectives, ADB's Approach
3. Operationalization: Upstream, Midstream, and Downstream
4. Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements

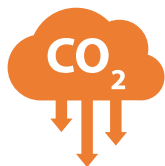
Environment: Solution for climate change and sustainable development

Economy depends on nature

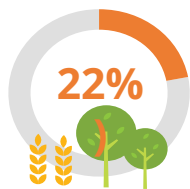
- » Healthy ecosystems contribute to **\$18 trillion** or **53%** of GDP in Asia and the Pacific [1] whereas
- » Nature-positive development could generate over **\$4 trillion** in business and create about **232 million jobs** per year in Asia by 2030. [2]
- » The global biodiversity funding gap stands at about **\$711 billion annually**. [3]



Climate depends on nature



Interconnected triple crisis of **biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, pollutions, and climate change**.



Agriculture, Forest and Other Land Use represents around **22% of greenhouse gas emissions** caused by human activities. [4]



Oceans absorb around **25% of CO₂ emissions**, and **forests** can net sequester a further **25% of emissions**. [5]



Healthy ecosystems offer enormous and cost-effective **climate adaptation benefits**.

[1] [AIGCC. PwC 2024](#)
 [2] [Temasek 2021](#)
 [3] [Paulson Institute 2021](#)
 [4] [IPCC 2019](#)
 [5] [NOAA](#)

ADB's Journey towards Environment Sustainability

2002 - 2012



Do no harm

- Application of environmental safeguards
- Raising awareness and understanding with counterparts
- *Environment Policy 2002, Safeguards Policy Statement 2009*

Strategy 2020

2013 - 2023



Actions for positive Impacts

- Mainstreaming environmental considerations and co-benefits
- Projects with environmental improvement as the primary objective
- *Environment Operational Directions 2013-2020, Climate Change Operational Framework 2017-2030*

Strategy 2030

2023 onwards



Taking to Scale

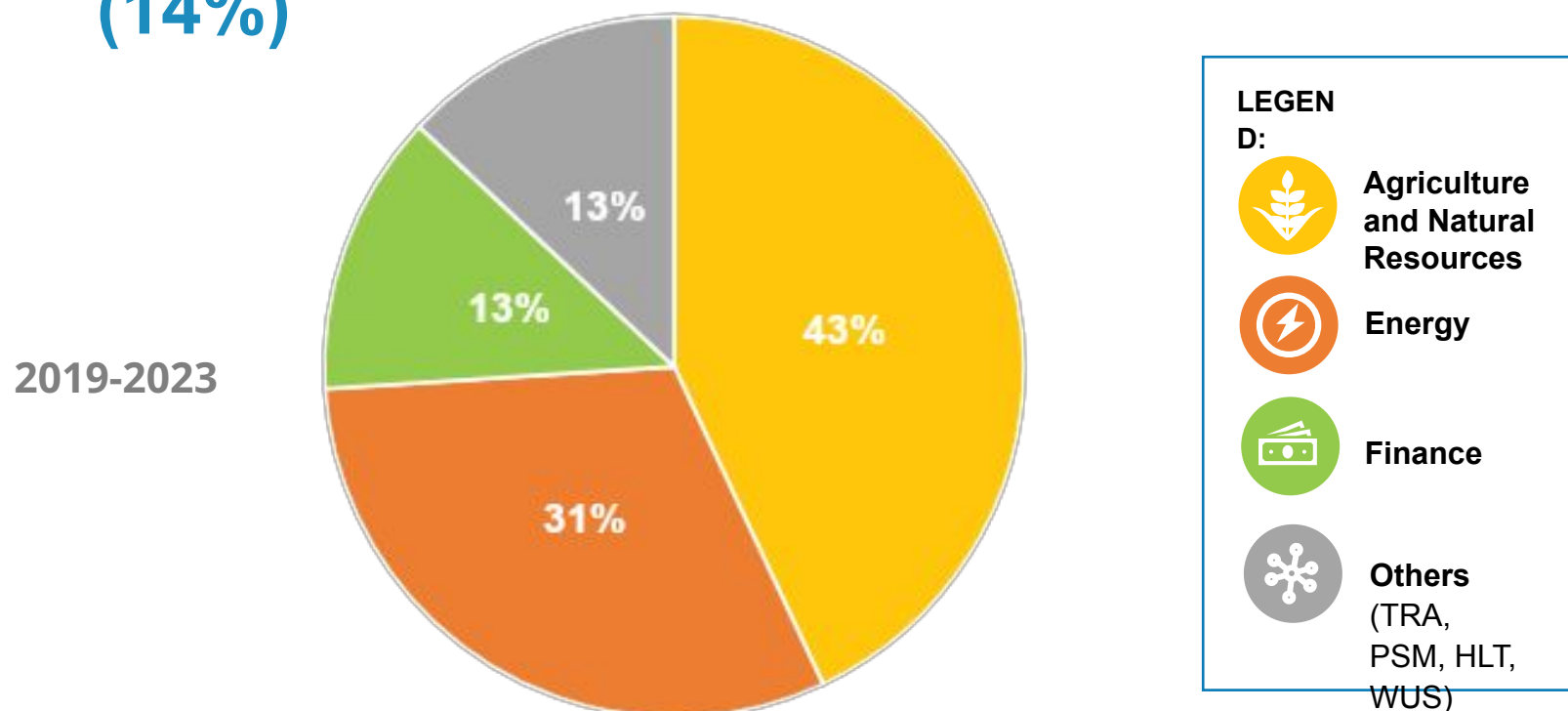
- Active learning from project experience
- Moving from projects to programs
- Mobilizing finance (Nature Solutions Finance Hub, thematic bonds, etc.)
- Linking with national policy reforms
- *Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2023, Disaster Risk Management Action Plan (DRMAP) 2024 (proposed)*

ADB's Environment-related Portfolio

OP3 – Pillar 3: Enhancing Environmental Sustainability Commitments under Strategy 2030

Total finance: **\$14.8 billion**
(14%)

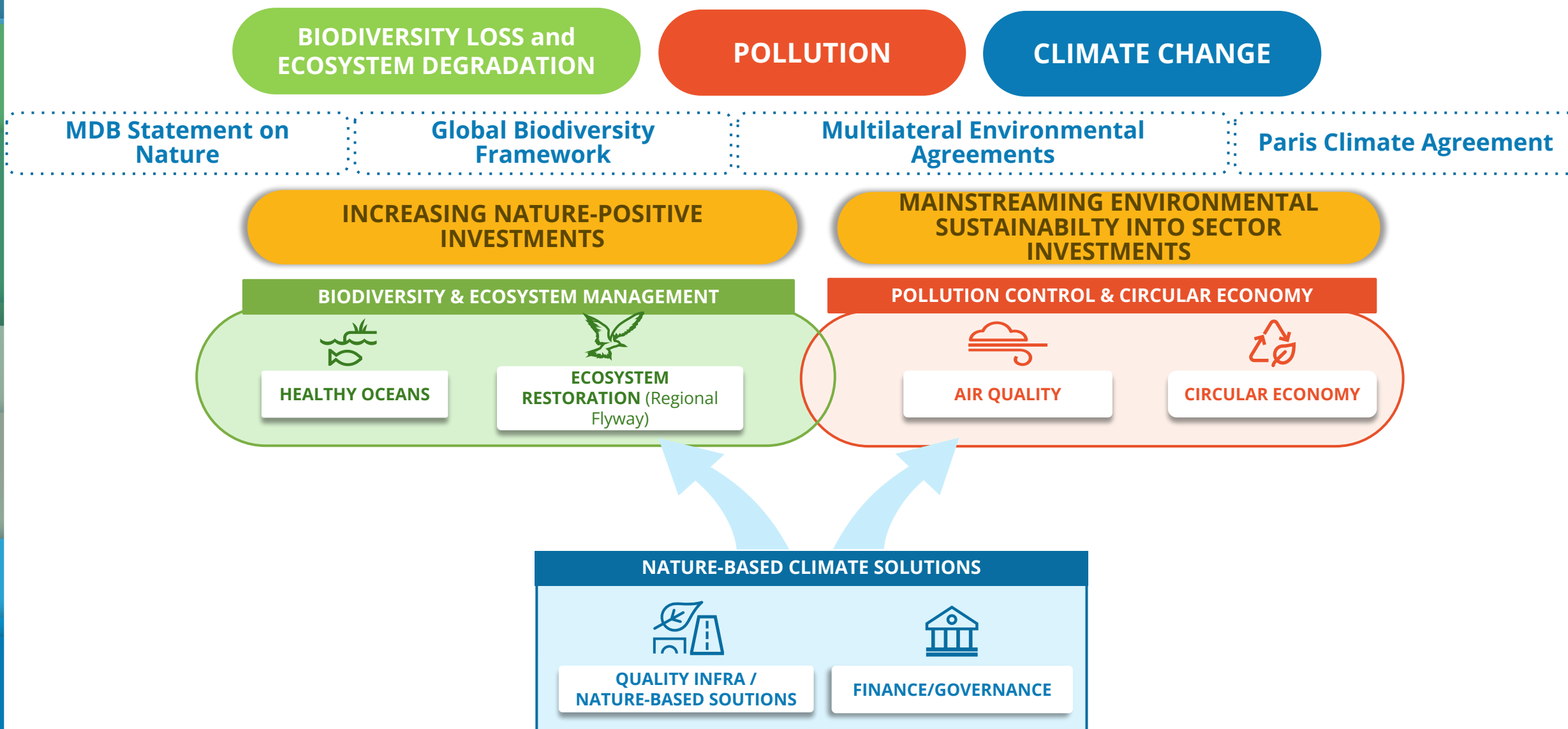
Proportion of projects: **19%**



TRA = Transport; PSM = Public Sector Management; HLT = Health; WUS = Water and Other Urban Infrastructure Services

Note: Data is limited to only 3 Sectors and 15 Subsectors, due to the limited tracking system under the OP3. This data is based on commitments. The amount captured reflects total value of the related projects and the actual project components specific to the environment likely form only a portion of the stated proportions.

Framework for Enhancing Environmental Sustainability Under Strategy 203



Three interconnected mutually reinforcing

All three pillars interlink, addressing climate change, disaster risk, and environmental sustainability through strategic alignment of policies and operations.

NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- Nature as a climate solution
- Enhanced resilience, reduced degradation, carbon sequestration, and green opportunities
- Policy dialogue, financial solutions, operational support, and capacity building

- Conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of ecosystems
- Reduce negative drivers, mainstream into sectors, develop nature-positive projects, track impacts
- Landscape and seascape approach to deliver larger impacts

BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

POLLUTION CONTROL & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Reduce and prevent pollution, promote resource efficiency, and support circular economy
- Support energy transition, improve transport systems, reduce residue burning, address legacy pollution
- Enhance policies, align with treaties, leverage cross-sectoral initiatives



THANK YOU

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