

The Biodiversity Finance Initiative - Phase II (BIOFIN Botswana)

EU contribution: € 270.000 (approx. BWP 4.4 million)

Period of implementation: 2025-2029

Location: Botswana, country-wide

Implementing organisation(s): United Nations Development Programme

Project objectives and description

Development of an Online booking, payment, and revenue collection system for national parks and game reserves: This project introduces a centralised digital platform to replace Botswana's outdated, manual reservation system—previously dependent on fax, email, or in-person submissions—with an integrated online booking and payment solution. The system will consolidate real-time availability for campsites and park entries across both government-managed and privately operated sites, enabling visitors and tour operators to check availability, secure reservations, and process payments electronically in a single transaction.

Mainstreaming biodiversity into the finance sector: This initiative focuses on equipping Botswana's financial institutions with the tools and expertise to assess, manage, and integrate biodiversity-related risks and opportunities into their decision-making processes. Key activities include capacity-building for financial professionals in biodiversity risk assessment, adoption of emerging global standards, and the development of robust frameworks for tracking, reporting, and disclosing biodiversity-related finance.

Achievements / expected results

The new system will deliver streamlined, efficient reservations with instant confirmations, replacing the slow, manual process. Visitors will benefit from a simplified, user-friendly experience with real-time availability checks, while DWNP will gain greater revenue transparency through digital payments that reduce cash handling and improve financial reporting. The platform will also reduce the administrative workload for DWNP staff by automating invoicing and payment processing, ensuring that tourism-generated funds are accurately tracked and allocated to support biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of Botswana's protected areas.

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links:

- BIOFIN [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn page](#)