



Restoration Seed Capital Facility

Find out how to apply!

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The Restoration Seed Capital Facility – Overview and History

RSCF – Accelerating Investment

- The Restoration Seed Capital Facility aims to accelerate investment in forest restoration and protection.
- The Facility aims to contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigations, reduced biodiversity loss, and sustainable livelihoods.

- Key bottlenecks holding back private investment:

High risk perception and complexity of nature-based investments slow progress and increase costs particularly when:

- Raising new impact investment funds
- Developing a pipeline of investable opportunities



How RSCF works

The Restoration Seed Capital Facility supports the **early development** of forest landscape restoration (FLR) investment funds and projects, tailored for two use cases:

| Who? | 1. New investment vehicles | 2. Funds in investment phase | |
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| When? | Fund development | Pipeline development | Project development |
| What? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fund establishment and fundraising | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification and early assessment of investment pipeline | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-depth project assessment and preparation |
| How? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reimbursable grants co-funding of up to 50% of eligible costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant co-funding of up to 50% of eligible costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reimbursable grants co-funding of up to 50% of eligible costs |

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RSCF after five years

Key achievements

6
partners committed
to deliver RSCF's
vision

13
countries across
Latin America,
Africa and Asia
host RSCF projects

16
projects receiving
support from RSCF

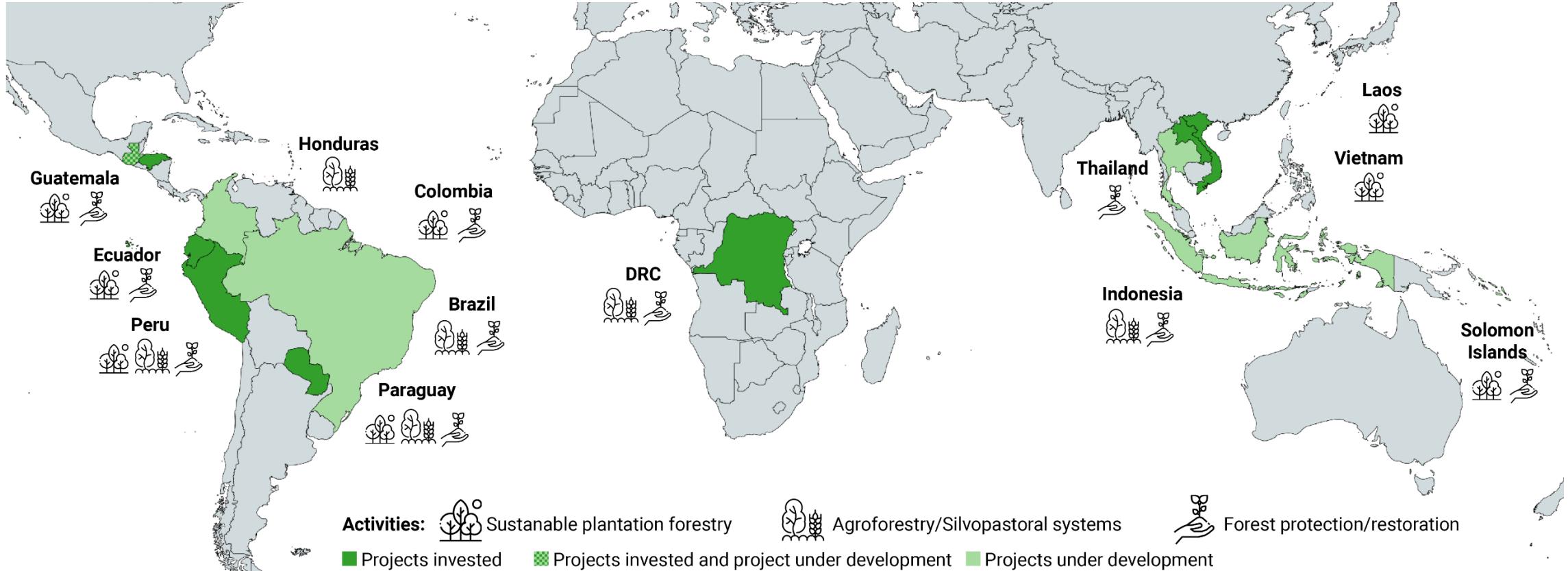
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projects already
successfully reached
investment, 6 projects are
still under development

19
**communication
products** released

23
**knowledge exchange
events** co-organized
or attended

60+
**fund managers, project
developers and
governments** reached

RSCF Projects span 13 countries



Impact in numbers*

**USD 212.1
million**

**in additional
investments to
be mobilized by
the supported
projects**

**849,463
ha of forest**

**to be under
protection of which
725,453 ha of
natural habitat
protected or restored**

**54.6 m
tons CO₂**

**to be sequestered
over the lifetime of
the projects**

**1.875
direct jobs**

**to be created
contributing to
sustainable
livelihoods**

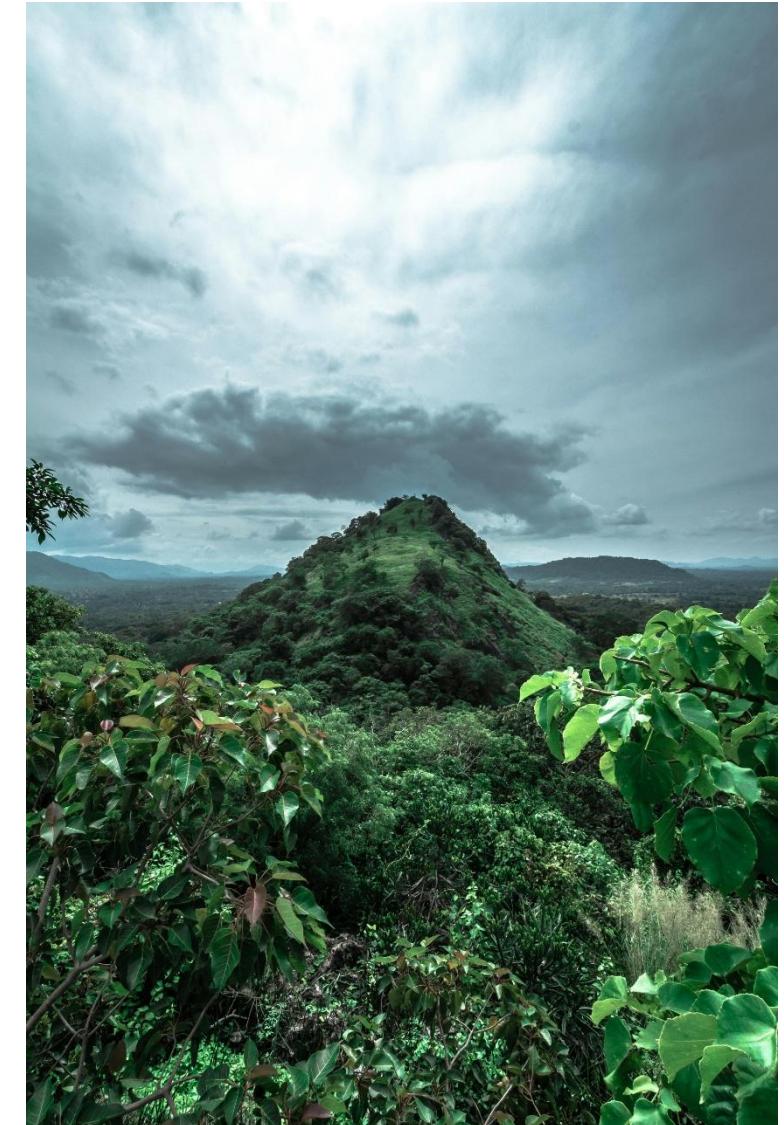
*The Restoration Seed Capital Facility provides preparatory support to early-stage forest landscape restoration projects. Given their stage of development, the figures presented in this report reflect ex-ante estimations of the impact to be generated by these projects after investment is mobilized and project activities are implemented, which can take few years.

A dense, lush green forest scene. In the foreground, a large tree with many branches and green leaves is prominent. The background is filled with more trees and foliage, creating a sense of depth and a thick canopy. The lighting is natural, filtering through the leaves.

RSCF – What is new?

RSCF – Now open to project developers

- Renewed interest in carbon credits created alternative means for private capital to contribute to forest protection and restoration.
- Since November 2025, Pipeline and Project Development support is also available for project developers.
- RSCF is seeking project developers that can bring significant complementary contributions:
 - **Technical strength** that is essential at the earliest stages
 - Ability to steward **long-term value creation**
 - Offering **flexibility** to a broader investor base



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RSCF – Support Lines *for Developers*

Pipeline and project development support

RSCF SL2 & 3 for pipeline and project development are now open for project developers

| Support Lines | SL2 – pipeline development support | SL3 – Project development support |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Mechanics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executed under a one Cooperating Partner Agreement of up to USD 2.5mRSCF support comes on a co-funding basis with a dollar-for-dollar matchingi.e. RSCF covers up to 50% of eligible costsExample: for securing USD 2.5m RSCF funding the total development budget would be USD 5.0mPartner co-funding needs to be private capital and RSCF cannot be matched with donor or philanthropic funding | |
| Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Max. USD 750kMax. 30% of total budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Min. USD 1.75mMin. 70% of total budget |
| Instrument | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grant co-funding of up to 50% of eligible costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reimbursable grants co-funding of up to 50% of eligible costs |
| Eligible items | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Early-stage development workPre-feasibility related workMainly external costs for studies, travel, early-stage assessments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mid to later stage development work until financial closeDD and PDD related external costsConsultants, legal support, travel |

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RSCF – Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

Eligibility and evaluation criteria

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| Entity type <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fund managers and investment advisors to investment vehicles• Developers | Geographies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All ODA-eligible countries• Note: investments need to be in eligible countries, not partner domicile | E&S <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E&S policy and ESMS according to highest international standards• Including climate change risk and impact | Sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest restoration & protection, combined with sustainable land-use activities• E.g. ARR, REDD+, Agroforestry, IFM, NTFP and value chain investments |
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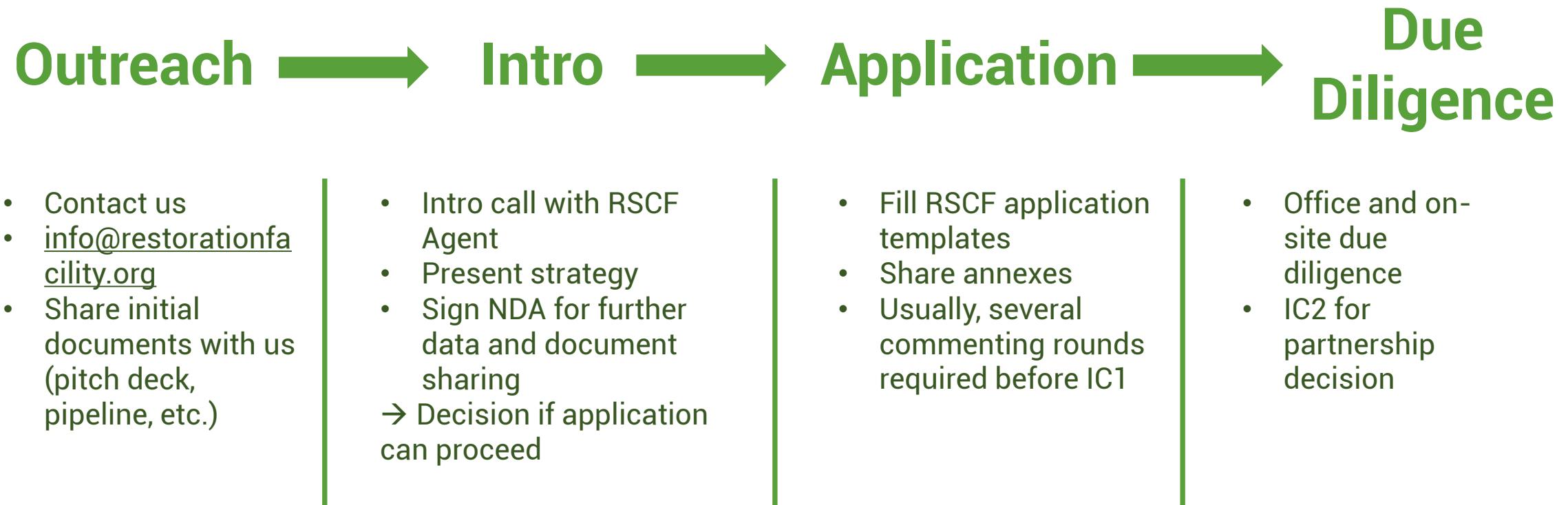
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| Additionality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enabling activities beyond business as usual (E&S, climate change related, risk, etc.)• Broadening of geographic & thematic scope of partners• Unlock private capital | Portfolio <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portfolio approach; no standalone projects• Novel and innovative strategies or geographies• Potential for replication and scalability | Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants need to demonstrate the commercial viability• Technical expertise to execute• Track record on fundraising and management required |
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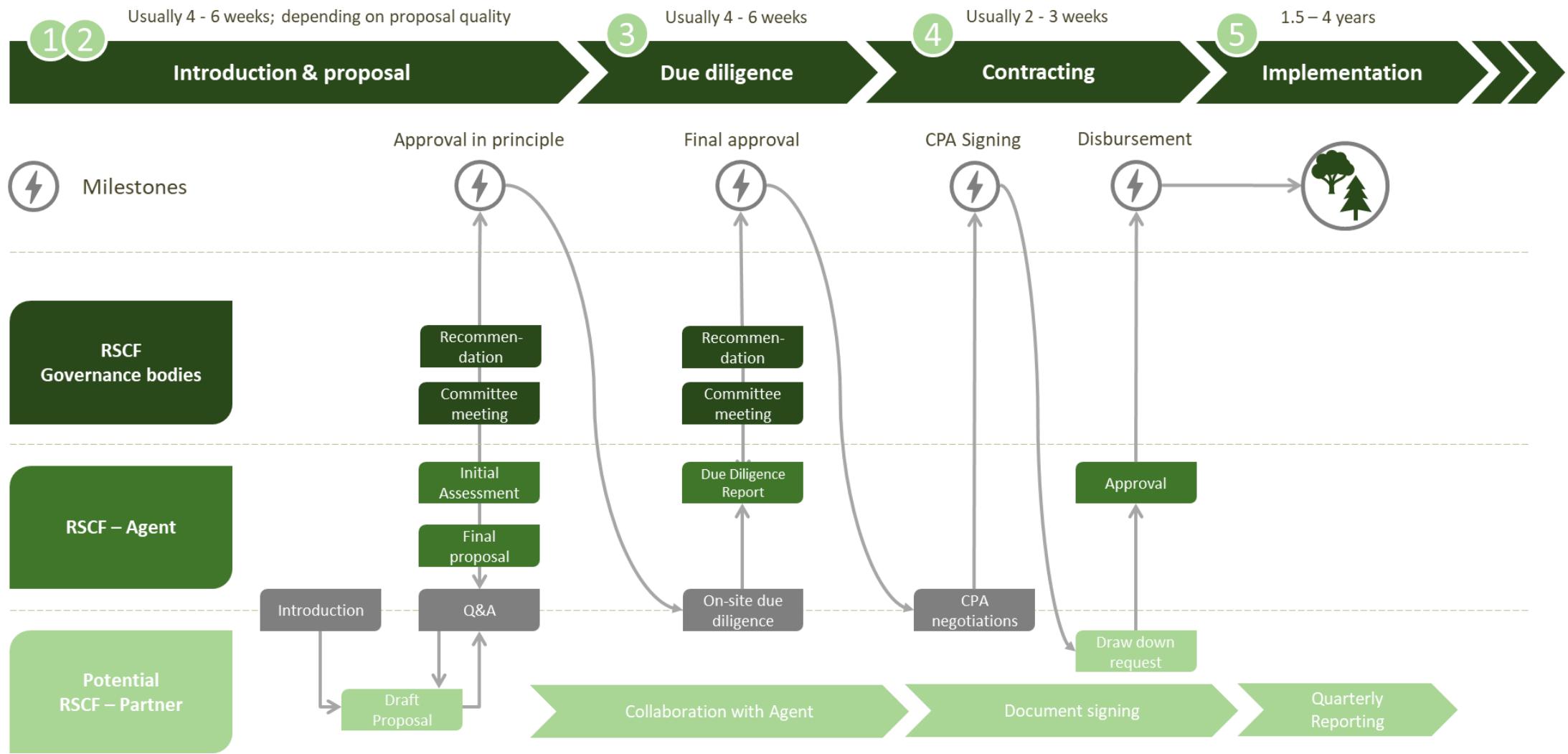
RSCF – Application Process

Application process

RSCF Agent to invite suitable interested parties for submitting an application after initial review of key eligibility criteria



Engagement process



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RSCF – Frequently Asked Questions

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Are all developers eligible?

- Only the ones who meet the outlined eligibility criteria
- Developers need to demonstrate how they align with those
- Only then an application process can be initiated

What type of developers are you looking for?

- Developers who are building a portfolio of projects
- Developers need to have the financial expertise to raise capital and manage the projects
- Long term engagement with project operations required

Is there an allocation policy/ limit for RSCF?

- RSCF will deploy its fund 50/50 between fund managers and developers

How long does the Facility run and is there an extension planned?

- Current lifetime is until 2027 but an extension is in discussion.



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