

Water Funds Network Survey Results



Network Background



1. Flagship Programs

In biodiverse priority geographies, TNC and Partner-led watershed investment programs demonstrate watershed conservation with equitable community involvement



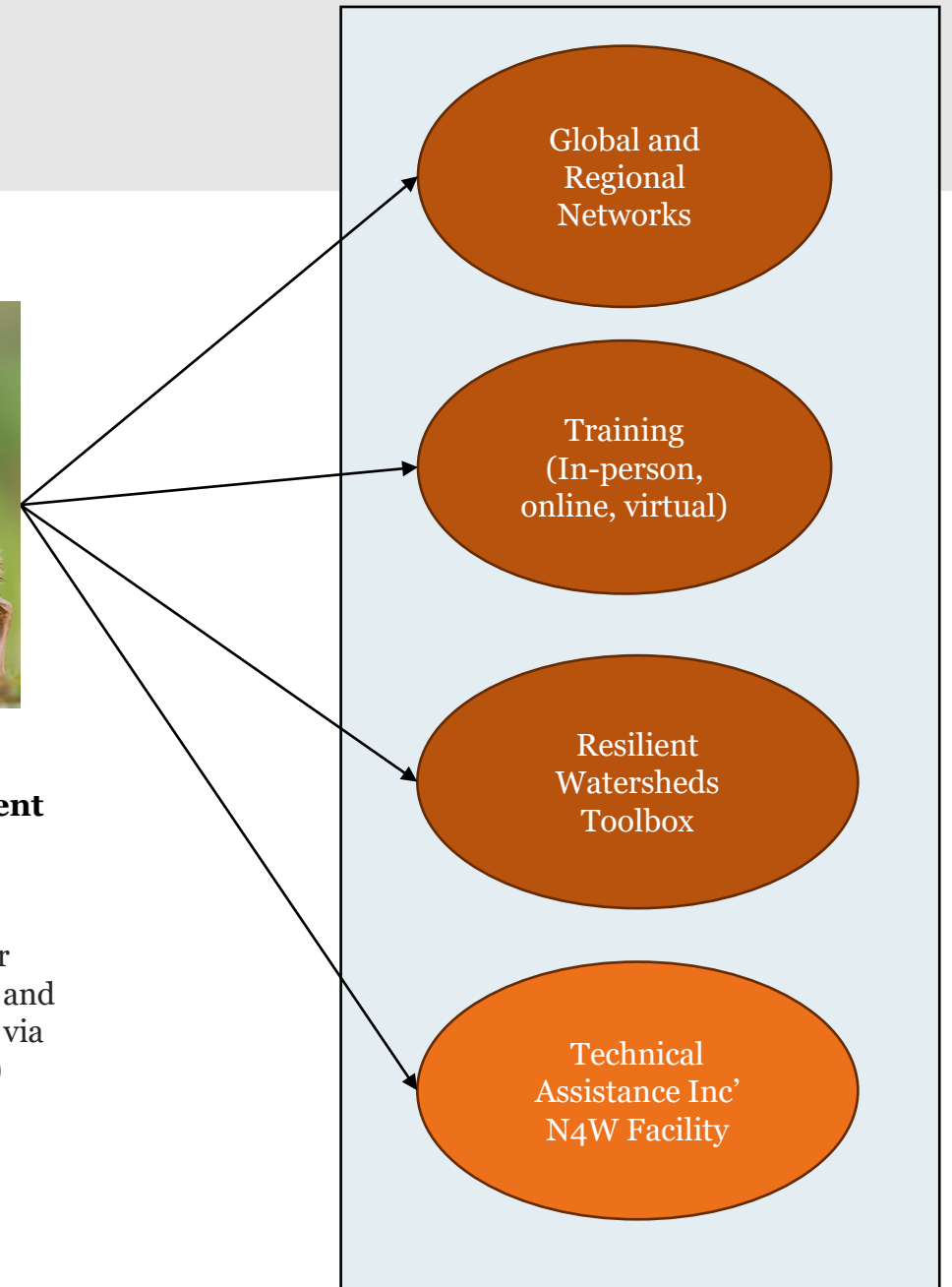
2. Partnerships & Policy

Across multiple geographies, key decision-makers, supported by our allies, create enabling conditions for watershed conservation*



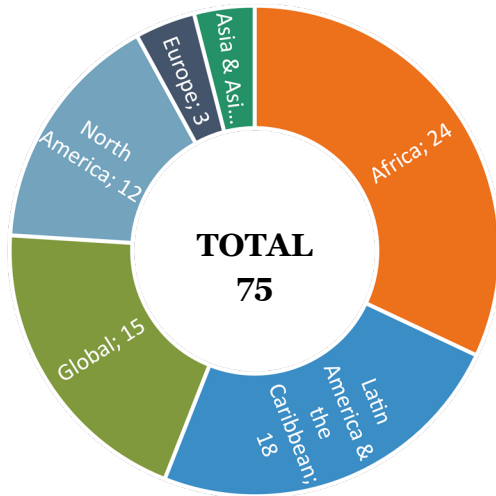
3. Capacity Development

Capacity grows to meet demand for watershed conservation through peer networks, tools, trainings and technical assistance (incl. via Nature for Water Facility)

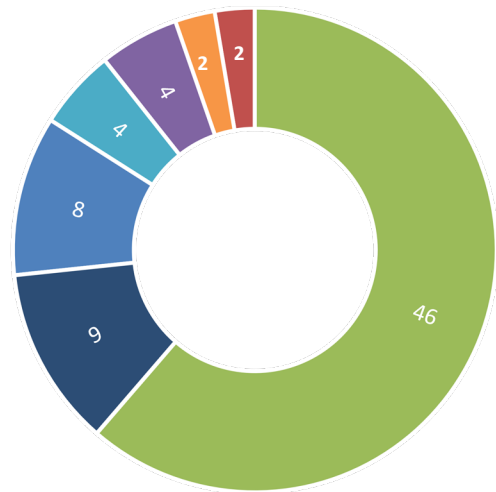


Network Survey Results

In which region is your work located?



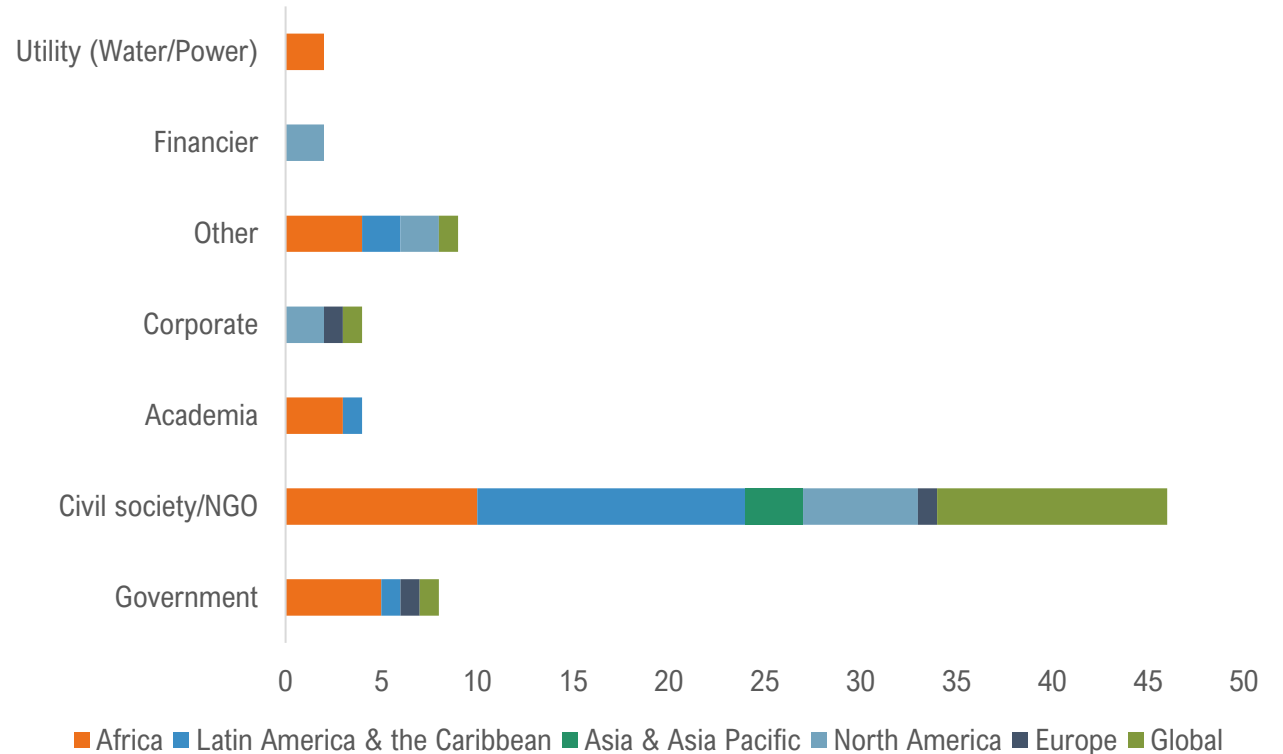
Which sector are you in?



75 survey respondents; majority from Africa with 32%. Zero regulators, 60% Civil society & 10% Government

34 of the respondents are **TNCers**

Zero regulators and low response rates from Europe & Asia suggests **campaign needed to build awareness of Network offerings**. Noting, generally, response rate was relatively low which could be due to the dormancy of Network over the past 2 years.

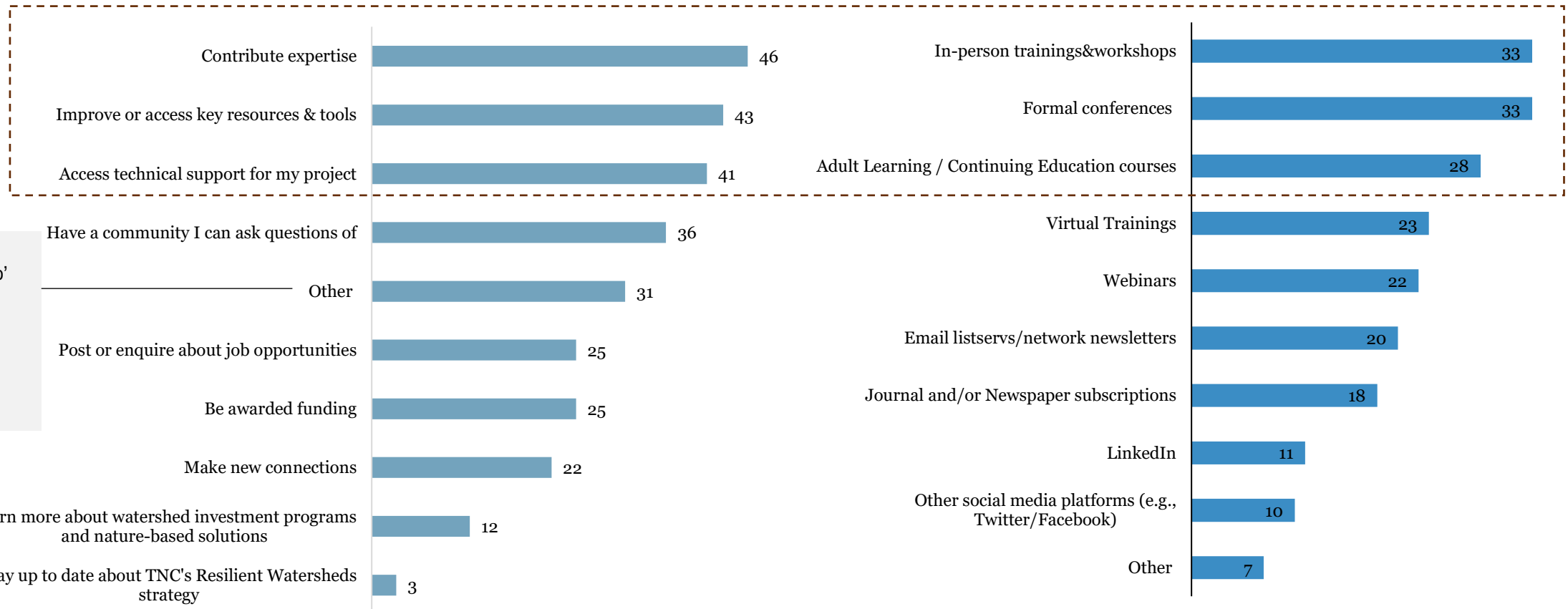


Survey| Where to Invest more!

57 respondents.

- Indicates we **continue to invest** in guidance & tools, and support market development for the Nature for Water Facility as a technical support vehicle.
- Investing time and resources **into hosting in-person trainings** & showing up **at conferences are valuable avenues for building capacity** and **increasing awareness** for Network members.

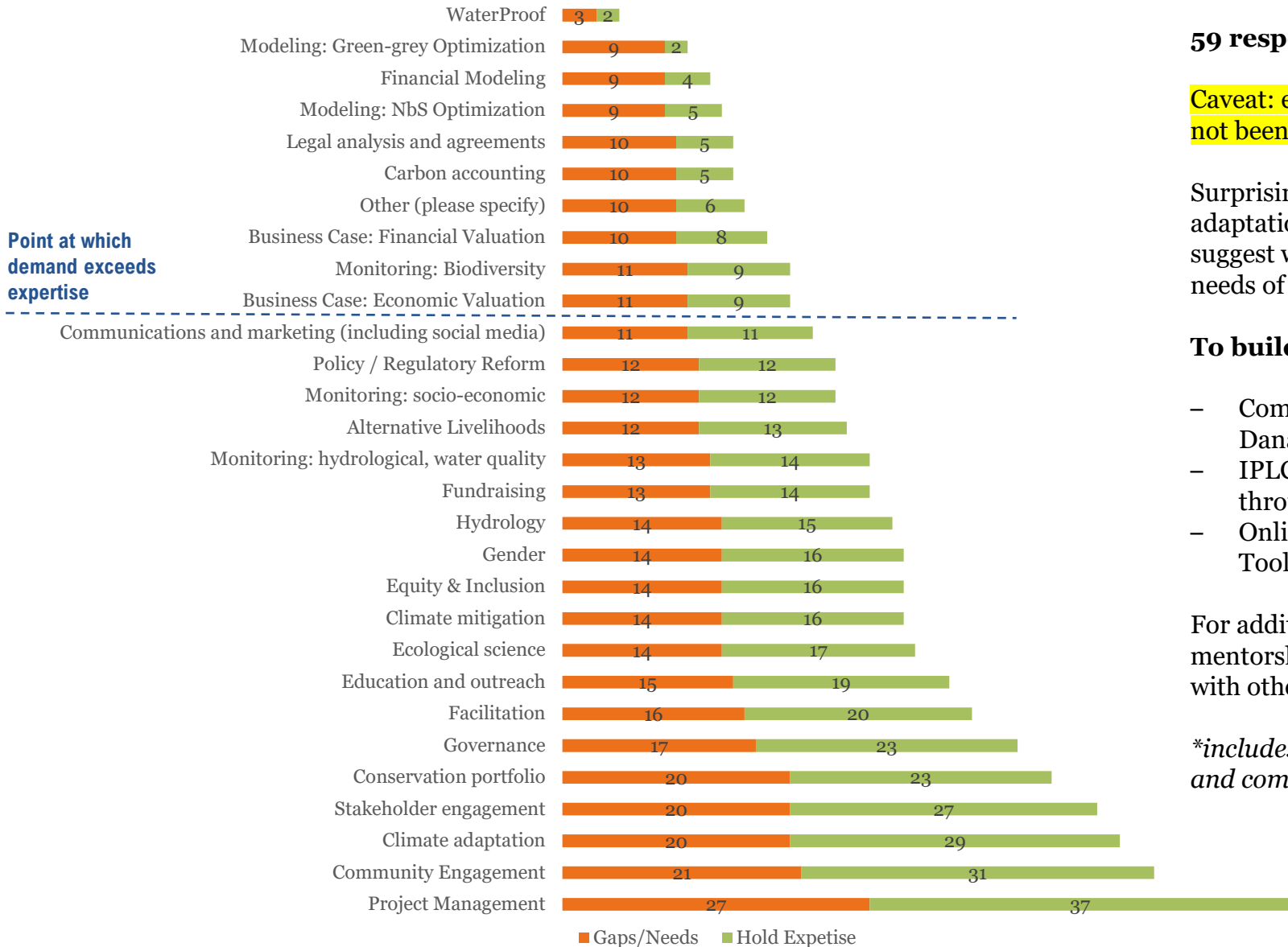
Note, **we do not currently invest heavily** in two-way mentorship, capacity matchmaking, nor formal adult education courses. Responses imply these are areas for increased consideration.



What are your hopes for the network?

Channels/methods you learn about content?

Survey| Leveraging expertise



59 respondents

Caveat: expertise is self-reported, and **quality** of expertise has not been validated / assessed.

Surprisingly, supply exceeds demand by 45% for climate adaptation expertise, and nearly 25% for IPLC* expertise. May suggest we're not tapped into the right expertise to support needs of priority projects.

To build expertise in FY25, we're investing in:

- Community Engagement Module to be developed through Danaher
- IPLC Deep Dive, incorporating community engagement throughout the WIP development process
- Online Modules on ROI under development for new Toolbox

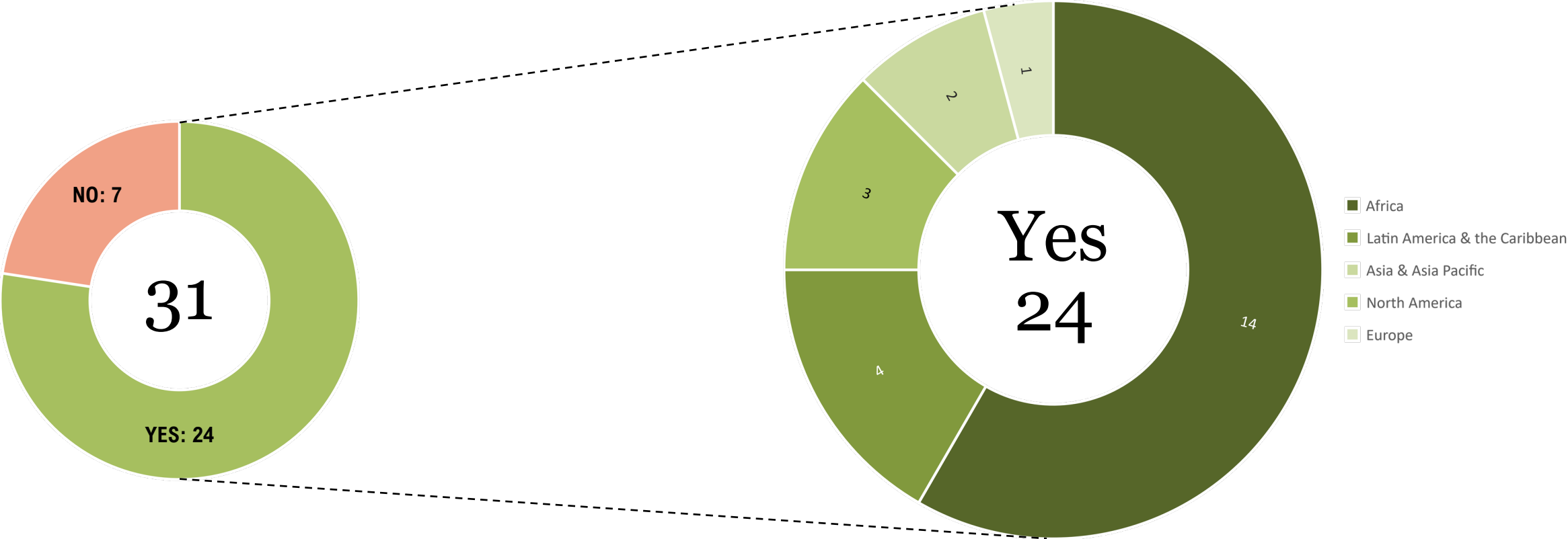
For additional gaps, we should consider investment in 2-way mentorships, capacity matchmaking, and greater integration with other strategies (e.g., TCC).

**includes alternative livelihoods, gender, equity & inclusion, and community engagement.*

Survey| 2-way Mentorship

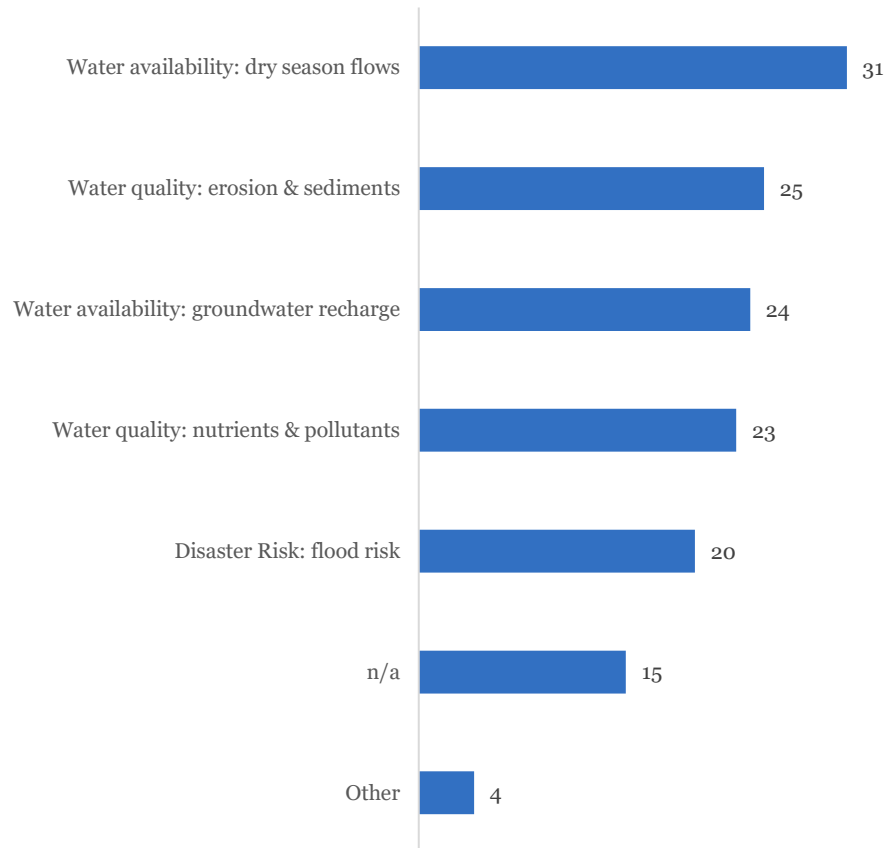
Are you interested in 2-way mentorship?

31 respondents
24 local leads would be interested in a 2-way mentorship program; 58% of interested respondents are from Africa



Survey| WS Challenges & Interventions

What water security challenge(s)?



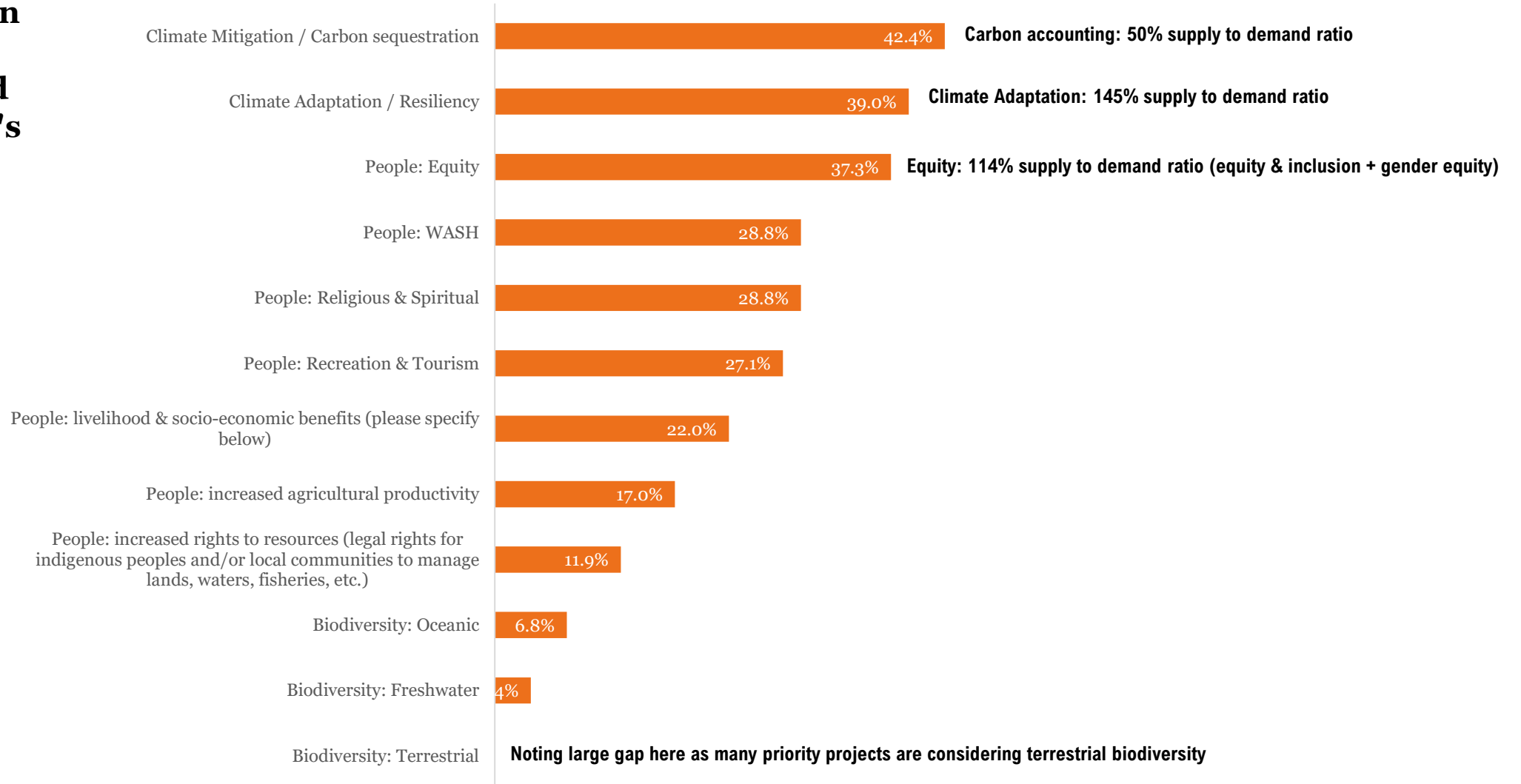
NbS implemented?



Survey| Co-benefits

Other co-benefits in addition to water security monitored by your watershed's investment program?

59 respondents

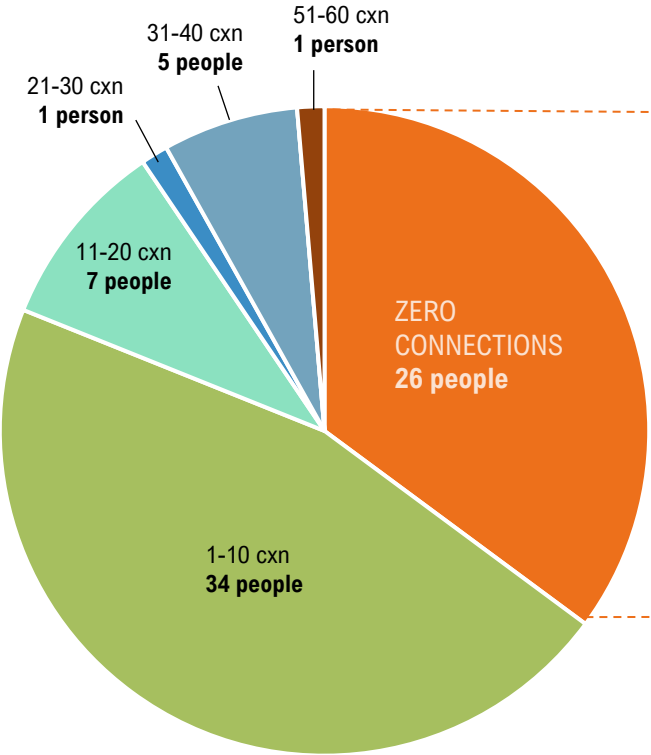


Survey| Member Connectivity

50 respondents

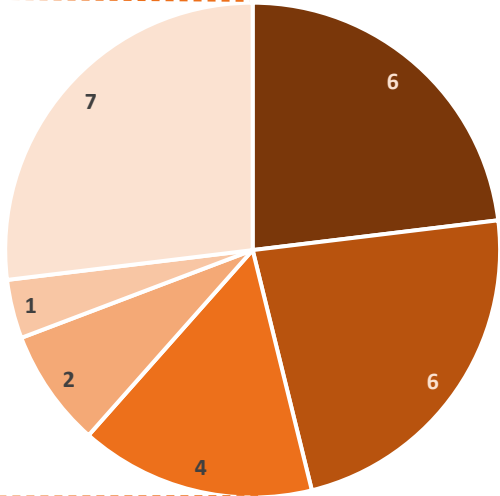
- Of the top 10 connectors, 3 are from Global, 6 from LAR & 1 from North America
- 23 respondents have more than 5 connections majority are from Global & Latin America – only 3 from Africa in this category.
- However, **26 respondents have zero connections**, a portion of which may have skipped the question.

Number of survey respondents and their connections



Respondents with no connections

- Africa
- Latin America & the Caribbean
- Global
- Europe
- Asia & Asia Pacific
- North America





QUESTIONS?

Survey| Member Connectivity

< Back

Indegree

Indegree measures the number of incoming connections for an element. In general, elements with high indegree are the leaders, looked to by others as a source of advice, expertise, or information.

Discover the influencers

ADVANCED OPTIONS ▾

Show top elements by

Rank	Label	Value
#1	Daniel Shemie	17
#2	Silvia Benitez	15
#3	Brooke Atwell	15
#4	Alejandro Calvache	15
#5	Florence Mugi	15
#6	Fredrick Kihara	15
#7	Michaela Carvajal	10
#8	Justus Raepple	10
#9	Naabia Ofosu-Amaah	9
#10	Colin Apse	9

Outdegree

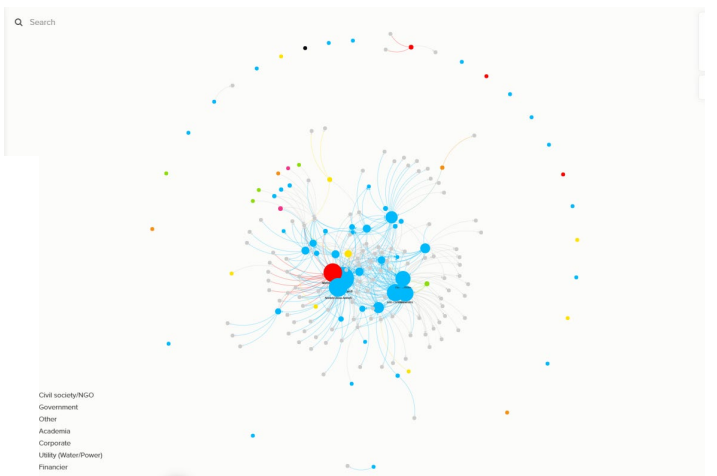
Outdegree measures the number of outgoing connections for an element. In general, elements with high outdegree can reach a high number of elements and spark the flow of information across a network (but may not be the most efficient at spreading the information).

Discover the connectors / spreaders

ADVANCED OPTIONS ▾

Show top elements by

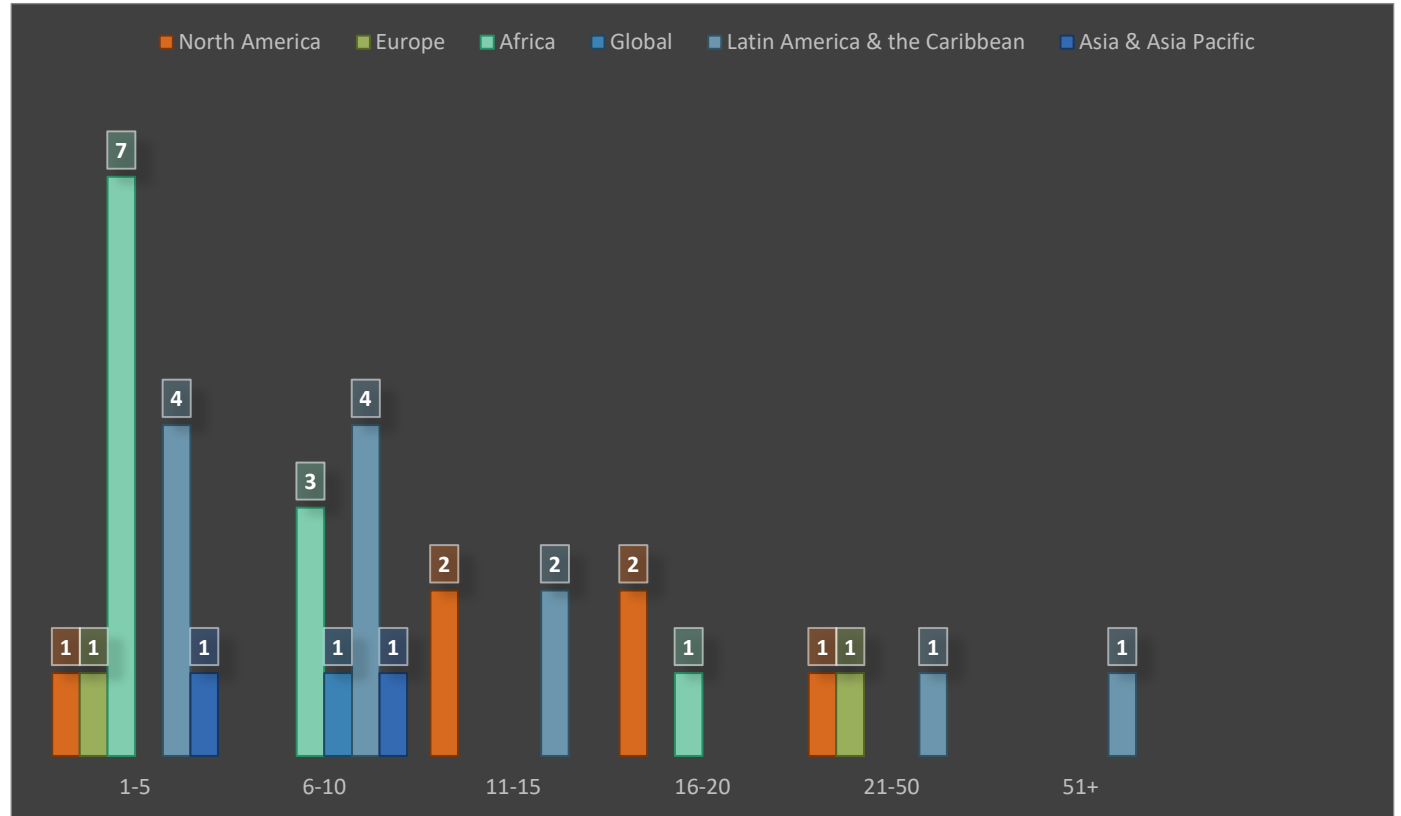
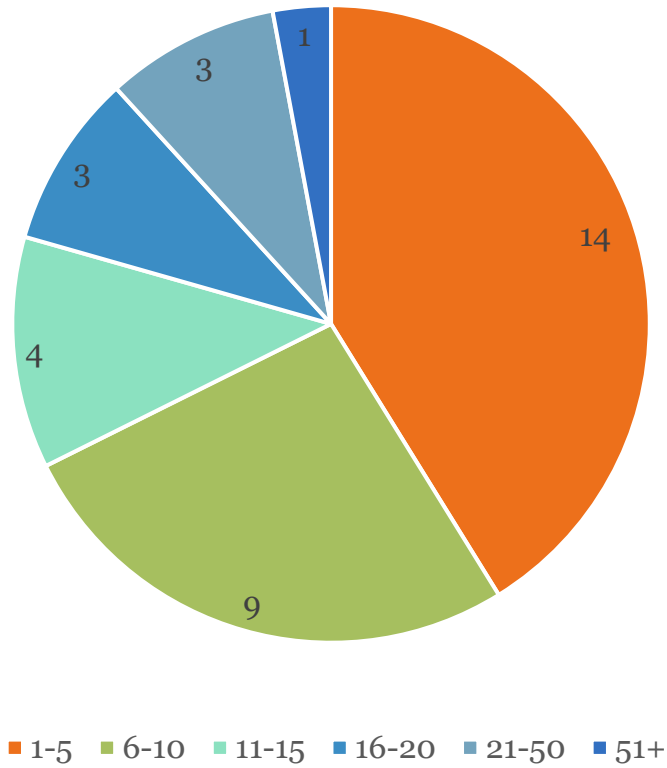
Rank	Label	Value
#1	Brooke Atwell	52
#2	Michael Matosich	40
#3	Naabia Ofosu-Amaah	40
#4	Aldo Cardenas	36
#5	Galo Medina	33
#6	Claudio Klemz	31
#7	Steve Bassett	23
#8	Francisco Nunez	20
#9	Marilia Borgo	17
#10	Nancy Lilly	13



KUMU LINK:

<https://embed.kumu.io/fc4b2deea88e69b6d38083da748fcc42>

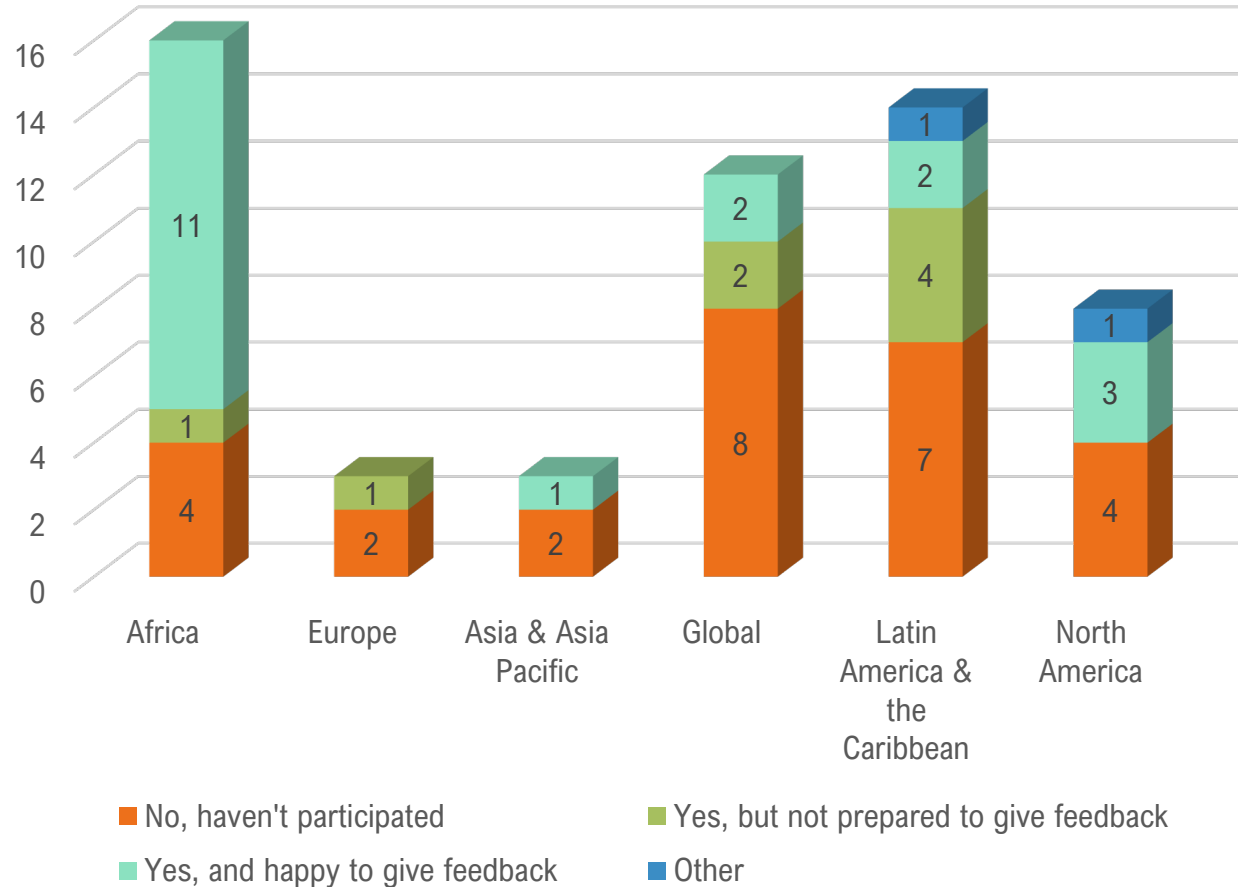
Q12) Select the average number of partners who work directly with you on your WIP (Watershed Investment Program).



– 58 respondents answered the question with an average of 21-50

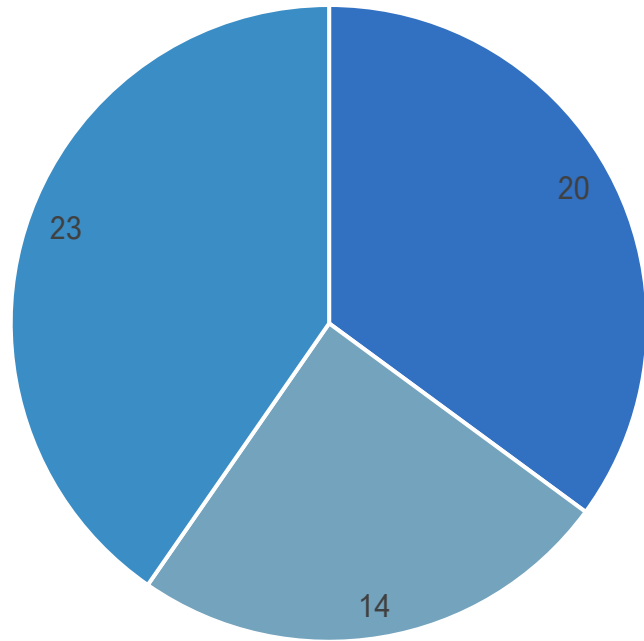
Q15, Does this statement apply to you: “I have participated in an online or in-person Watershed Investment Programs (including Water Funds) training course/workshop and would be prepared to give constructive feedback about my experience.”?

Answered	56
Skipped	19

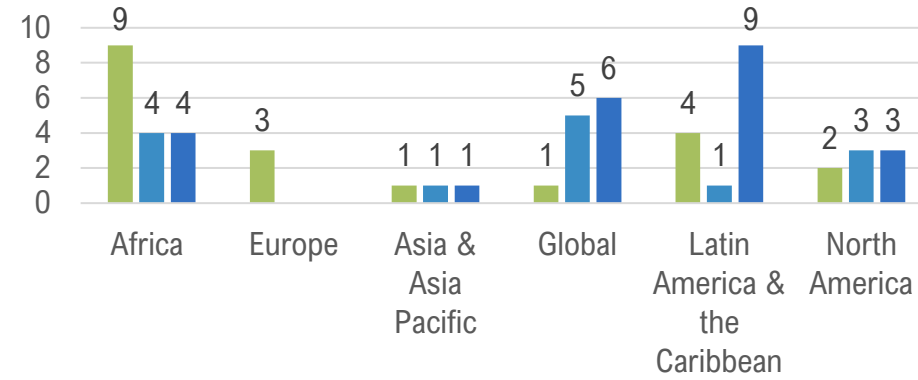


Q17) Are you aware of the Nature for Water Facility and the technical assistance offerings it provides?

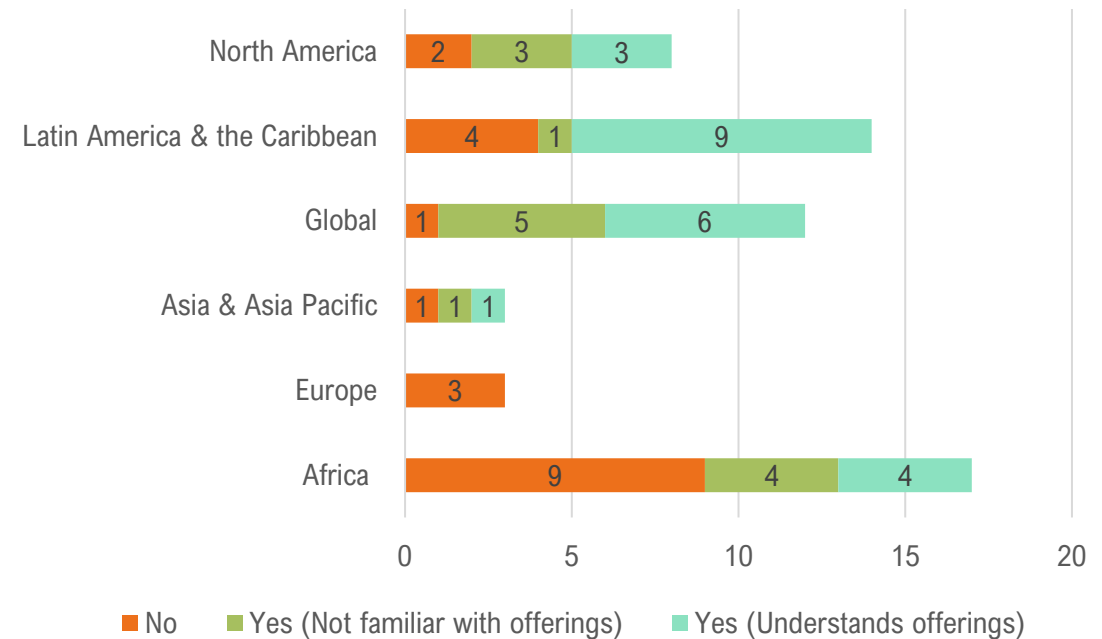
Answered	57
Skipped	18



■ No ■ Yes (Not familiar with offerings) ■ Yes (Understands offerings)



■ No ■ Yes (Not familiar with offerings) ■ Yes (Understands offerings)



■ No ■ Yes (Not familiar with offerings) ■ Yes (Understands offerings)

Q18) Are there any projects or initiatives you'd like to suggest the we reach out to and learn from? If so, please name below; links and/or contact information are very helpful.

1. Aqua for All
2. Vitens Evidence International
3. Sanitation and Water For All Climate task Team (angie.saleh@sanitationandwaterforall.org)
4. Save Ground Water - <https://www.savegroundwater.org>
5. Eliminating Water Poverty (OVBI) - <https://eliminatingwaterpoverty.org>
6. Art of Living River Rejuvenation Projects - <https://www.artofliving.org/us-en/environment-care>
7. TNC Peru has been implementing a hydrological monitoring of ancestral infiltration canals know Amunas since 2018. This experience is developed by TNC staff, whose has gathering data and analysis and we found very well result so far. This is a nice experience for generating evidence for decision-making and increasing the investments in NbS
8. Cape Town Water Fund
9. Alus.ca
10. Bi-national Water Funds
11. <https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/mar/09/kolkata-wetlands-india-miracle-environmentalist-flood-defence>
12. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/05/science/mexico-axolotl-biology.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>
13. The Colorado River water conservation programs that are funded by the DWR. The DWR is focused on conserving water in the reservoirs, which lose water to evaporation, i.e. 50% more than natural water bodies, whereas groundwater recharge is apt to conserve the water for much longer periods of time, thereby a resilient water conservation process.
14. The DWR should really focus on funding technologies that reduce non-beneficial water consumption, conserving water for future generations."

Any other comments?

- I like that you do ask for feedback
- I am new to this space and would like to learn more. My areas of interest are: 1. India/South Asia 2. California
- Eileen Acosta Porras and Gilberto Tiepolo are no longer part of TNC team
- This is Keiko Nakashima and as indicated before, I registered for the 2021/2022 Nature-Based Solutions online training; however, due to health and over workload I couldn't complete the training and I would like to resume/access the material that was provided to nurture my knowledge. Hope you can assist me. Thanks in advance!
- I am out of water policy this year due to another roles and assignments into the government
- The New Mexico Community Engagement training was excellent and I would love to see a "reunion" of sorts in 1-2 years where participants could provide updates on their work. I love the idea of a global exchange between water fund programs working on similar issues or facing similar challenges. Thank you!
- I would like to suggest to update the list of colleagues that work in Water Funds. I did not find some of the LARO colleagues and some are no longer working in TNC