

Over 60 projects were funded so far by the European BEST Initiative (2011–2016) with 13.4 million euro - a cost effective initiative to be continued...

Caribbean

Total amount: 3,434,016 euros
Territories/regions: Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat, Saba, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Turk and Caicos Islands

Projects and activities:

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| 1. Project EcoServPlantain: Quantification of Ecosystem Services in Agroecosystems, case of Plantain banana in Martinique. | 10. Enacting a new regional recovery plan for the Lesser Antillean iguana: an Endangered ecological keystone species |
| 2. Project MANG: Giving impetus to a collective movement in favour of the preservation of coastal wetlands in EU overseas territories*. | 11. Capacity building and increased financing for long term monitoring programmes for coral reefs in the Turks and Caicos Islands |
| 3. Conserving Species and Sites of International Importance by the Eradication of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in the Caribbean UK Overseas Territories. | 12. North Saba National Park Phase 1 |
| 4. Project RESCQ : Restoration of Ecosystem Services and Coral Reef Quality. | 13. Understanding the East Caicos KBA 's Corals and coast : A key to safeguarding TCI's future |
| 5. Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean; embedding capacity for invasive alien species management in UKOT based organisations | 14. Watershed & biodiversity conservation on Bonaire |
| 6. Marine Park Aruba | 15. Best of Bats! |
| 7. CARIPES: Quantification of ecosystem services provided by marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Caribbean with a view to their payment | 16. A nursery for endemics and key native species |
| 8. Saving the sea turtles of Anguilla: combining community action with scientific evidence to drive legislative change | 17. Management of invasive lionfish hotspots: conservation of biodiversity on mesophotic coral ecosystems in Bermuda |
| 9. Scaling-up efforts to rehabilitate threatened coral communities using recruits reared from wild-caught gametes | 18. Improving the management of the invasive lionfish, Pterois volitans, by determining movement patterns and depth preference |
| | 19. Restoration of Key Biodiversity Areas of St. Maarten (plant) |
| | 20. Combining local ecological knowledge and ciguatera analysis to rule lionfish toxicity and edibility and catalyze infestation control |

* Trans-regional project implemented also in the Amazonian (French Guiana) and Indian Ocean region (Mayotte)

Indian Ocean

Total amount: 1,178,887 euros
Territories/regions: Réunion, Mayotte, Scattered Islands (Tromelin, Glorioso Islands), British Indian Ocean Territory

Projects and activities:

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| 1. Project Coca Loca: Connectivity of Loggerhead turtle (Caretta caretta) in Western Indian Ocean: Implementation of local and regional management. | 4. Project DyCIT: The Dynamic and Conservation of the Island of Tromelin/ Dynamique et Conservation de l'île Tromelin (DyCIT) |
| 2. Project MIROMEN: Migration Routes of Megaptera Novaeangliae (Humpback Whales). | 5. Project REPT'ILE: Terrestrial Reptiles of the Scattered Islands. / « REPT'ILE » REptiles Terrestres des îLes Eparses |
| 3. Creation of new protected areas in the public forests of La Réunion and Mayotte. | 6. BIOT Environmental Interpretation and Education Project |
| | 7. COPRA: Conservation et gestion intégrée des herbiers de phanérogames marines du parc naturel marin des Glorieuses et rôle fonctionnel pour les populations de tortues marines |

Macaronesia

Total amount: 168,460 euros
Territories/regions: Azores, Canary Islands

Projects and activities:

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| 1. Changes in submersed vegetation: assessing loss in ecosystems services from fondose to depauperate systems dominated by opportunistic vegetation.* | |
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* Trans-regional project between Macaronesia and the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

Global

Total amount: 2,599,081 euros

Projects and activities:

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| 1. Piloting the Development and Implementation of National-Level Joint Activities between the Rio Conventions in Support of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. | 3. Measures towards Sustaining the BEST Preparatory Action to promote the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories (BEST III) |
| 2. Building partnerships and awareness of biodiversity and climate change in Europe overseas for the future of BEST. | |

Pacific

Total amount: 3,904,959 euros
Territories/regions: French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis & Futuna, Pitcairn

Projects and activities:

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| 1. Project Green-NC: Comprehensive management strategies for environment and natural areas: biodiversity and ecosystem services in New Caledonia. | 12. Conservation du Martin-chasseur de Niau, en danger critique d'extinction, par la communauté locale |
| 2. Protection and sustainable management of French Polynesia land-birds threatened by extinction. | 13. Gestion innovante et durable de l'eau : optimisation du fonctionnement des périmètres irrigués agricoles (Aqualone) |
| 3. CORAIL - Coral reefs in a changing world - ecosystemic services from coral reefs : public tools for decision making in New Caledonia and French Polynesia | 14. Biodiversité et gestion durable de l'environnement marin et côtier et des ressources associées dans le contexte du changement climatique à Wallis et Futuna |
| 4. Project PACIOCEA: Pacific Ocean Ecosystem Analysis. | 15. Conservation de la Sterne néréis - Sternula nereis exsul |
| 5. Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt | 16. Renforcement des capacités locales pour la protection du patrimoine naturel terrestre de Rimatara |
| 6. Biodiversity of oceanic pelagic ecosystems for a better conservation and management of outstanding natural areas (BIOPELAGOS) | 17. Hei Moana, Les Sentinelles de L'Océan |
| 7. Protect and Restore the Dry Forest of the Coast of New Caledonia. / Protéger et restaurer la forêt sèche du littoral de Nouvelle-Calédonie | 18. Renforcement des mesures et outils de conservation des palmiers et conifères menacés des forêts humides et des maquis de Nouvelle-Calédonie. |
| 8. Sauver de l'extinction les deux oiseaux les plus menacés de Polynésie française | 19. Sauvegarde de la flore menacée de l'atoll de Anaa et définition de zones prioritaires de conservation basées sur la flore et la malacofaune sur les atolls soulevés de Anaa et Niau aux Tuamotu |
| 9. Tukemaragai: restauration écologique des petites îles du Sud-Est des Gambier | 20. Renforcement du réseau d'adduction d'eau potable (AEP) de la commune de Houailou par le maintien des services éco-systémiques en amont des captages d'eau |
| 10. Conservation des vestiges de forêts naturelles du plateau de Maraeti'a, vallée de la Punaruu, Tahiti | |
| 11. Gestion durable des forêts de Wallis et Futuna | |

Polar/Sub-polar

Total amount: 1,323,321 euros
Territories/regions: Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises)

Projects and activities:

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| 1. The PISUNA project: Protecting biodiversity and creating multiple benefits for local communities in Greenland. | 4. Identifying important marine areas for macaroni penguins (Eudyptes chrysolophus) in the UK and French Overseas Territories. |
| 2. Détermination des zones d'alimentation utilisées par la communauté d'oiseaux marins se reproduisant sur l'île du Grand Colombier, Archipel de Saint Pierre & Miquelon | 5. Where are they right now? Right whales in the South Georgia marine ecosystem |
| 3. Sustainable fishing in the Arctic: Can the harvest of Greenland's biggest export be compatible with the conservation of benthic ecosystems? | |

South Atlantic

Total amount: 799,040 euros
Territories/regions: Tristan da Cunha, St Helena, Falkland Islands, Ascension Island

Projects and activities:

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| 1. Project TEFRA: Terrestrial ecosystems of the Falklands – a climate change risk assessment. | 4. Trails and Interpretation Improvements in the Peaks National Park, St Helena. |
| 2. Restoration of Peak Dale's St Helena Gumwood Forest. | 5. Forest Restoration and Improved Biosecurity on Nightingale Island. |
| 3. Developing a Site-based Conservation Approach for Sei Whales, Balaeoptera borealis, at Berkeley Sound. | 6. An ecological assessment of Ascension Island's shallow-water seamounts as candidate MPAs |

Amazonia

Total amount: 127,375 euros
Territories/regions: French Guiana

Project and activities:

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| 1. Project SOPPAG: White-lipped peccaries monitoring from the Parc amazonien de Guyane – national park of French Guiana | |
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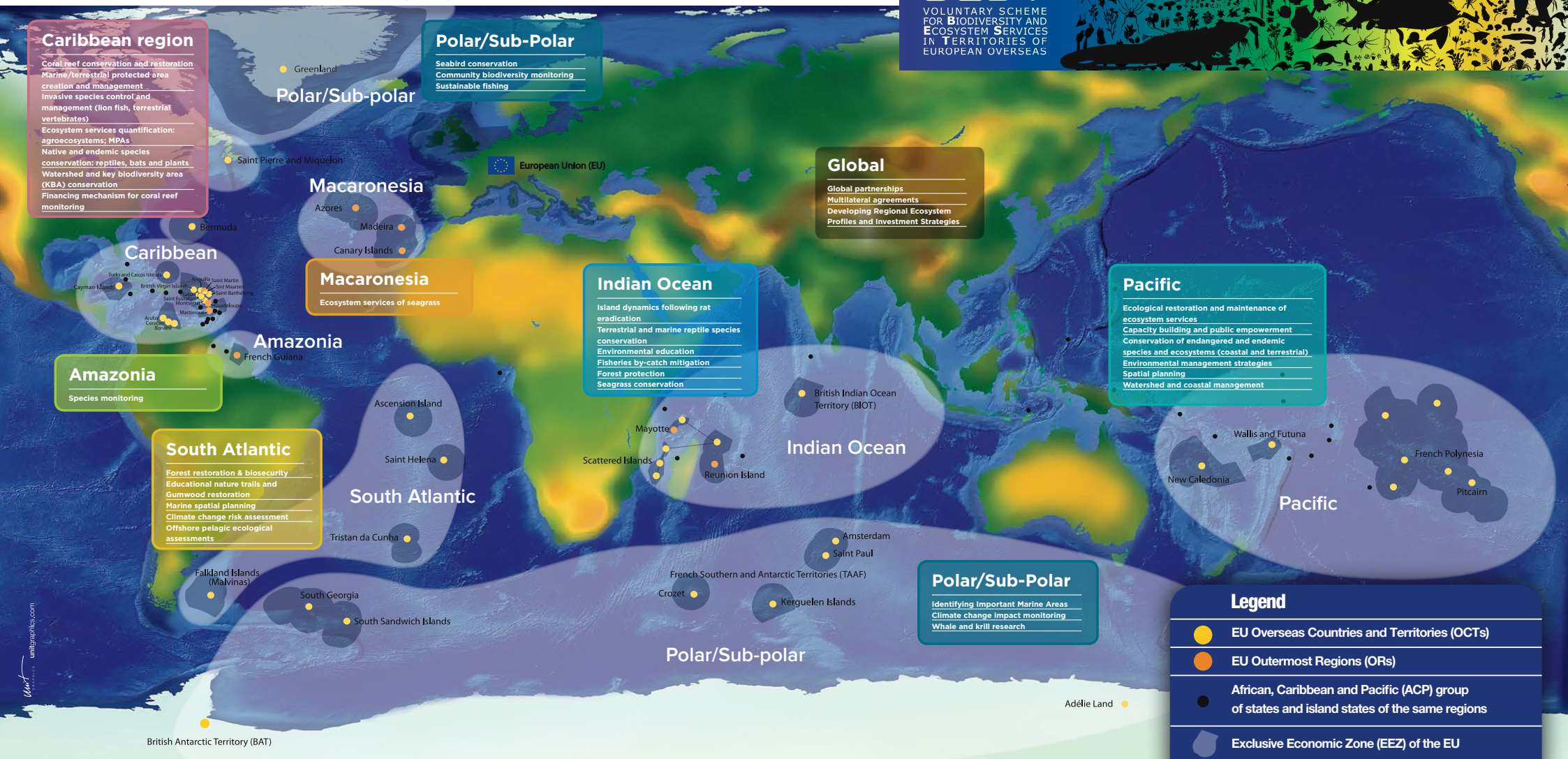
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