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VOLUNTARY SCHEME
FOR BIODIVERSITY AND
ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
IN TERRITORIES OF
EUROPEAN OVERSEAS



Overview on the BEST Preparatory Action

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BEST rationale

EU ORs and OCTs host an **exceptional biodiversity**

EU ORs and OCTs are amongst the **most vulnerable to climate change**

Unlocking the local potential is key - small and medium size projects can have significant impact

Need for a **dedicated funding mechanism**

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BEST objectives

- conservation of biodiversity
- sustainable use of ecosystem services
- ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation

in the EU Outermost Regions (ORs)
and Overseas Countries and
Territories (OCTs)

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BEST PA 2010-2017 6M€

Follow up to the *Message from la Reunion* (2008)

2 open calls for proposals ORs/OCTs 2011,2012 - 16 projects
1 open call for tender 2013 - BEST III

Message from Guadeloupe (2014)

Call for a 'sustainable partnership'

Further investments :

- AFD 800 000€ 2 projects + Facilitating Project support (2012)
- B4LIFE - **BEST 2.0** 10M€: small/medium grants in OCTs (2014-
- EP pilot project - **BEST RUP**: 1M€ small grants in FR ORs (2017-inventories, MAES pilot

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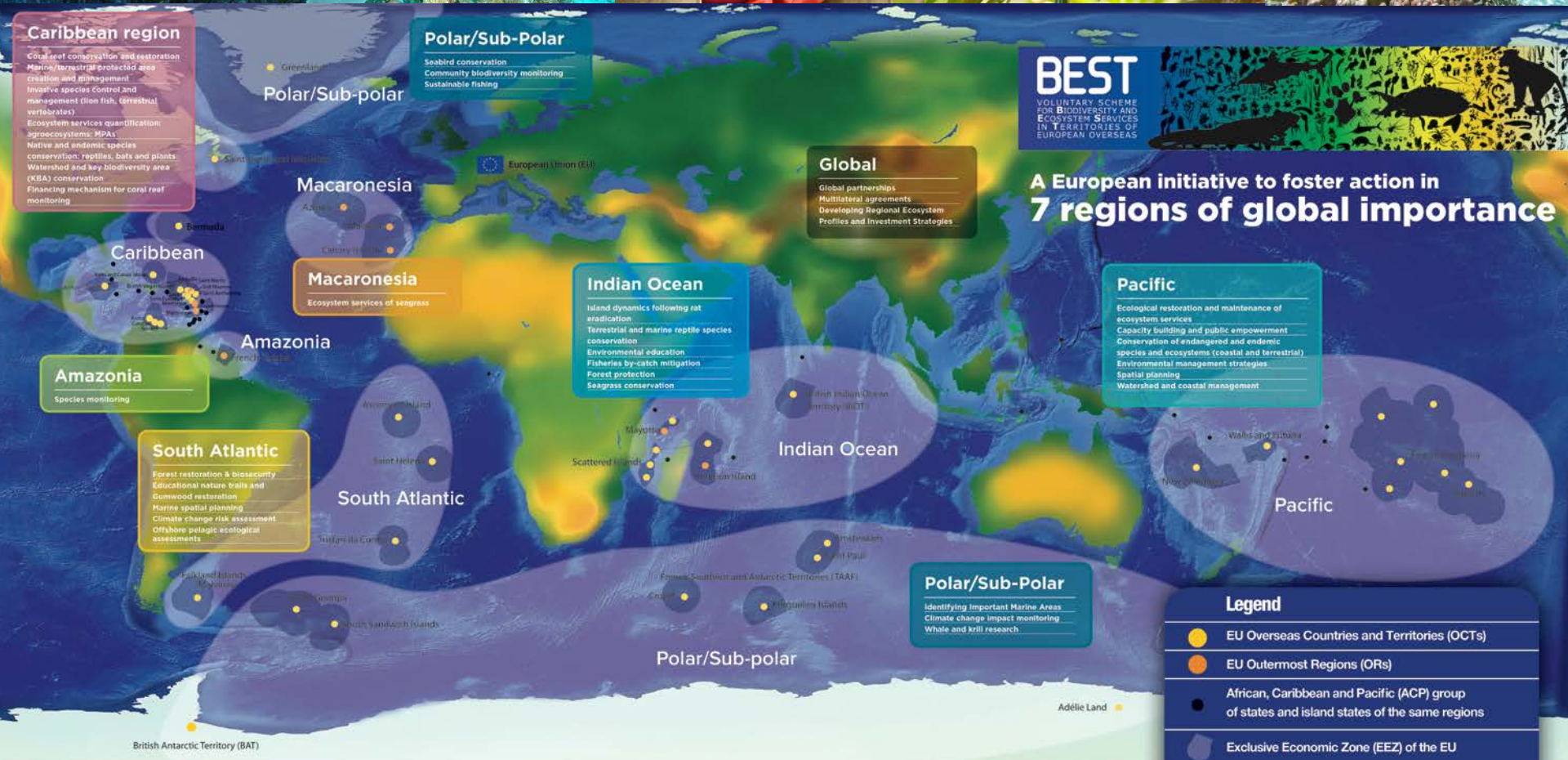
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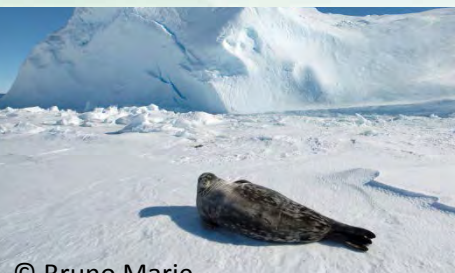


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