



# BEST

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





## Measures towards Sustaining the BEST Preparatory Action

### BEST milestones

- ✓ **7 regional knowledge hubs**
- ✓ **BEST Initiative website**
- ✓ **4 BEST newsletters (EN & FR)**
- ✓ **7 regional ecosystem profiles**
  - 367 key biodiversity areas (KBAs) & ecological corridors**  
identified (3.5 million km<sup>2</sup>)
- ✓ **7 regional investment strategies**
  - > 450 ready-to-be funded projects identified as investment niches
  - > **€ 60 million funding** needs for BEST niche projects (next 5 years)
- ✓ **Brochure** with all 80 BEST-funded projects (2011-2017)





# Regional Ecosystem Profile Results

**367** Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)

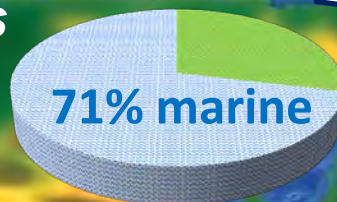
**57** Ecological Corridors

**+ 2** Key Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Area

Participatory process  
mobilized  
900 stakeholders from >  
300 organizations  
>210 workshops &  
consultations + Political  
interest in 7 regions

**3.5 million km<sup>2</sup> KBAs**

**16 % of EU Overseas area**



**Caribbean**  
51 KBAs + 43 corridors  
(>8500 km<sup>2</sup>)

**1% of area**

**Maraconesia**  
46 KBAs + 1 corridor  
(~5000 km<sup>2</sup>)

**<1% of area**

**Indian Ocean**  
38 KBAs  
(>650,000 km<sup>2</sup>)

**39% of area**

**Pacific – 4 OCTs**  
72 KBAs  
(> 840,000 km<sup>2</sup>)

**11% of area**

**French Guiana**  
61 KBAs + 11 corridors  
+ 2 KBESA (>62,000 km<sup>2</sup>)

**29% of area**

**South Atlantic**  
45 KBAs + 2 corridors  
(6200 km<sup>2</sup>)

**<1% of area**

**Polar/Sub-polar**  
54 KBAs  
(2 million km<sup>2</sup>)

**26% of area**





# ***Regional Ecosystem Profile (EP) & Regional Investment Strategy (RIS)***

## **7 Common critical areas for action**

1. Control & management of invasive alien species
2. Improve protected areas management
3. Improve knowledge on species, ecosystem & services, in particular marine, for better ecosystem-based management
4. Strategies & actions to conserve threatened species & habitats
5. Strengthen local conservation capacity
6. Increase environmental awareness & education
7. Illegal fisheries





# Regional Investment Strategy Results

**Caribbean (15 ORs/OCTs)**  
**€ 8.8 million\***  
71 projects (incl. unfunded  
BEST 2.0 /RUP projects)

**Maraconesia – 3 ORs**  
**€ 22 million\***  
127 RIS projects  
+ € 4 million for species  
conservation not covered

**Amazonia – 1 OR**  
**€ 5.1 million\***  
84 RIS + 12 BEST RUP (€  
0.5 m) projects

**South Atlantic – 2 OCTs**  
**€ 4.5 million\***  
17 RIS + 11 unfunded  
BEST2.0 projects (€ 2.1m)

**Polar/Sub-polar – 5 OCTs**  
**€ 5.1 million\***  
21 RIS + 15 unfunded BEST  
2.0 projects (€ 2.9 m)

**Indian Ocean – 4 ORs/OCTs**  
**€ 9.5 million\***  
51 RIS + 24 unfunded BEST 2.0/RUP  
projects (€ 2.3 m)

**Pacific – 4 OCTs**  
**€ 10.7 million\***  
80 RIS + 78 unfunded BES  
2.0 projects (€ 8.9 m)

**400 BEST niche projects**  
**€ 60 million**  
+ >200 unfunded BEST 2.0 / BEST RUP projects  
(€ 23 million)  
+ >50 proposals (€ 71 million) for other priority  
projects in need of funding

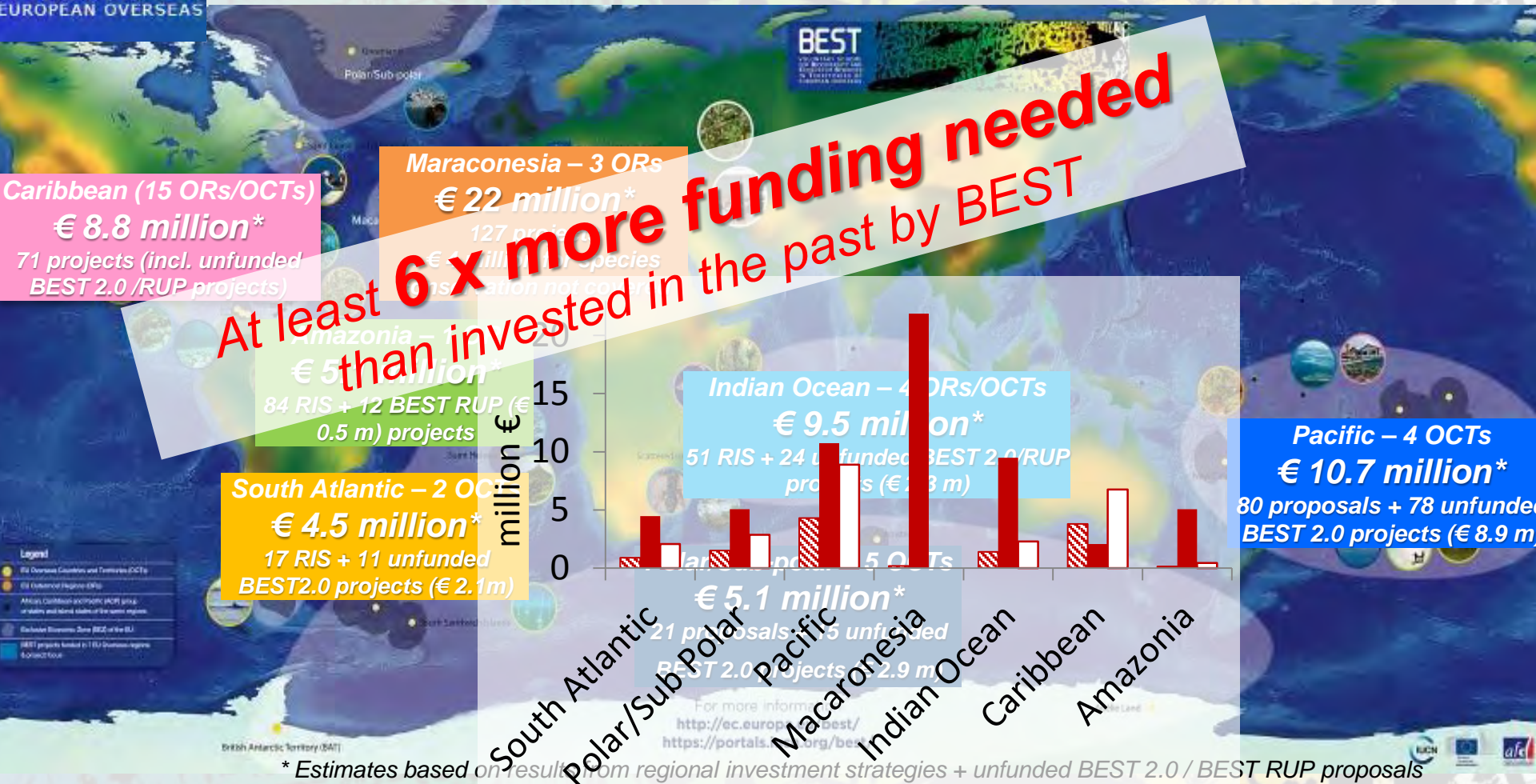
**Legend**  
EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)  
EU Overseas Regions (ORs)  
Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group  
of states and third states of the same region  
Enclaved Economic Zone (EEZ) of the EU  
BEST projects funded in EU Overseas regions  
BEST focus

\* Based on results from regional investment strategies (RIS) & outcomes BEST 2.0 / BEST RUP calls

**Total estimated budget need addressing BEST  
priorities over next 5 years: € 150 million**  
**Total BEST niche funding: € 60 million**



# Estimated BEST budget need for 5 years: at least € 80 million\*



- ▨ Existing BEST funding (2011-2017)
- BEST funding need (RIS)
- Unfunded BEST projects (2015-2017)

## **BEST was recognized as**

- ✓ 1st inter-regional challenge of GLISPA (Global Island Partnership)
- ✓ by CBD : Decision CBD COP XI/15

## **BEST is mentioned in**

- ✓ [EU Council Conclusions](#) 2015
- ✓ [European Parliament Resolutions](#) on the Mid-term review of the EU's Biodiversity Strategy (Feb 2016)
- ✓ Political Declaration at the 15<sup>th</sup> OCTA Ministerial Conference (Feb 2017)
- ✓ [Voluntary SDG 14 Commitment](#) by the European Commission (2017)
- ✓ New EU [ORs Strategy 2017](#)







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## PACIFIC

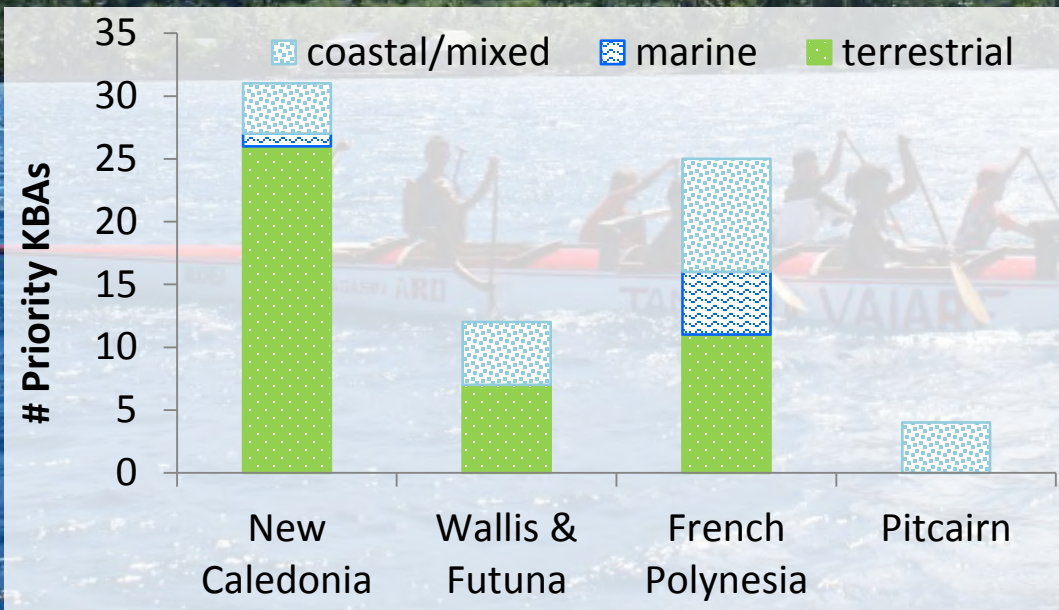
### Ecosystem profile results



>1100 threatened species



72 priority KBAs  
(ca. 840,000 km<sup>2</sup>)



**Stakeholder involvement**  
>300 experts/stakeholders  
70 organisations  
60 local/regional workshops,  
meetings/consultations

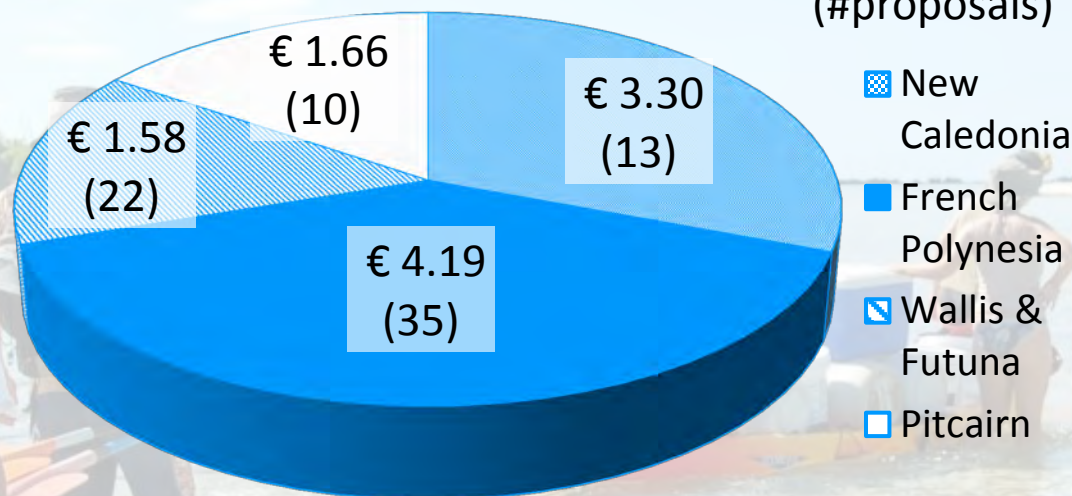


# PACIFIC

## Investment strategy results



Funding needs for BEST projects in million €  
(#proposals)



### Conservation community in the region

**Governmental organisations**  
15 French Polynesia | 11 New Caledonia  
10 Wallis & Futuna | 2 Pitcairn  
>80 local & regional NGOs  
3 international NGOs

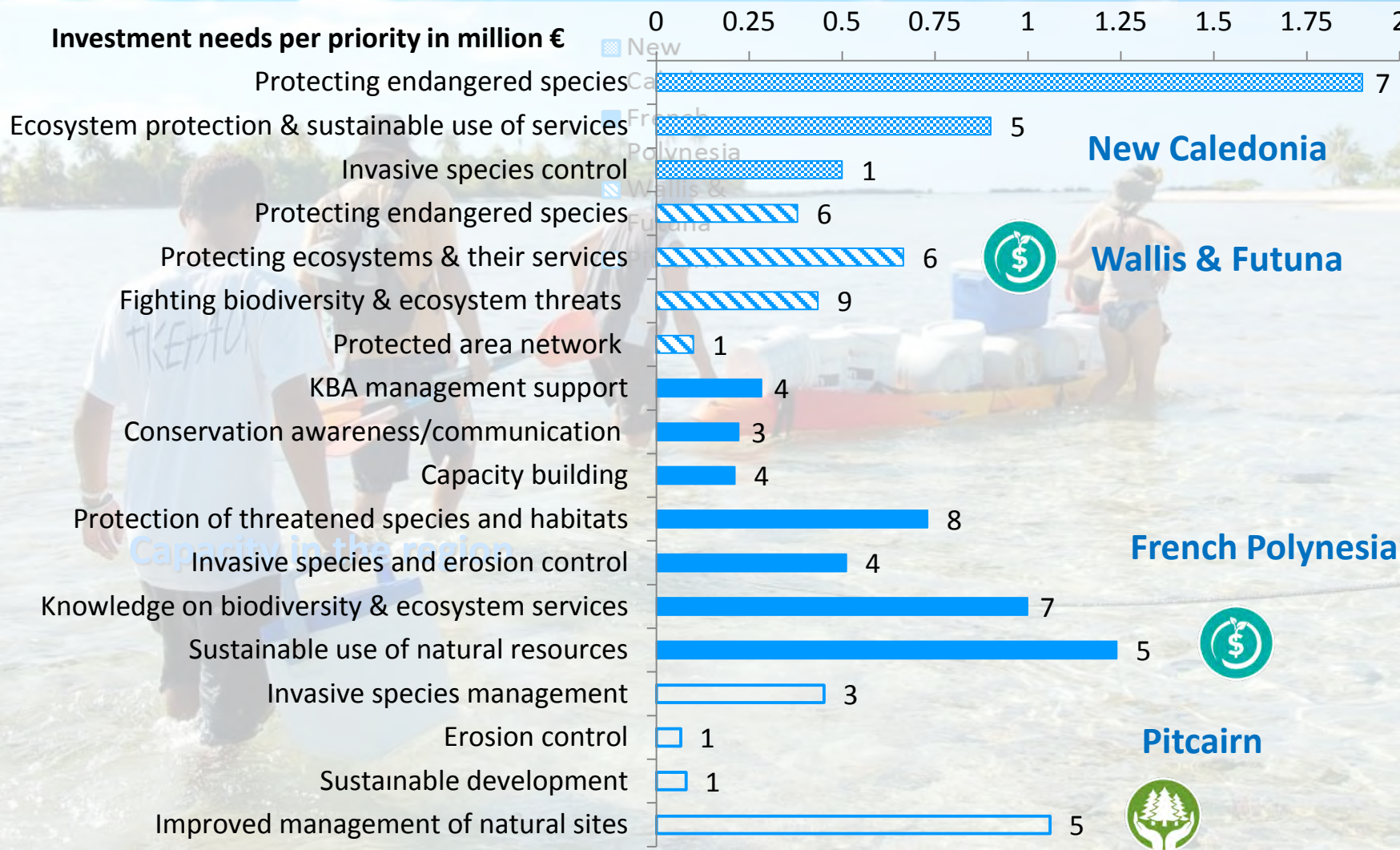


# PACIFIC

## Investment strategy results



### Funding needs for BEST priorities in the 4 Pacific OCTs





# PACIFIC

## Investment needs



**BEST support**  
(2011-2017):

28 projects  
**€ 4,292,524**



Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 10.7 million from 80 RIS proposals  
+ € 8.9 million from 78 unfunded BEST 2.0 projects

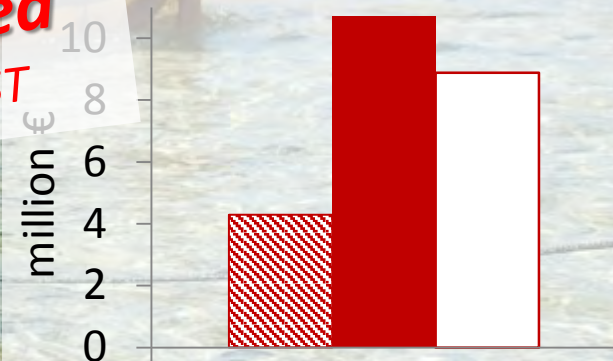
Investment needed:

**€ 19.6 million for >150 BEST projects**  
**+ € 4 million for 5 larger projects**

**8-9 more funding needed**  
*than invested in the past by BEST*

Estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:  
**€ 23.6 million**

\*Based on all RIS proposals & BEST 2.0 projects



Pacific

▨ Existing BEST funding (2011-2017)  
■ BEST funding need (RIS)  
□ Unfunded BEST projects (2015-2017)







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## MACARONESIA

### Ecosystem profile results



Azores ● 6

Madeira ● 7

Canary Islands ● 33



**650** threatened species



**46** priority KBAs (4742 km<sup>2</sup>)

**+ 1** corridor

15% of terrestrial area  
= KBA



**Stakeholder involvement**  
**123** stakeholders/experts  
**6** workshops  
**8** outreach presentations  
Political mobilization

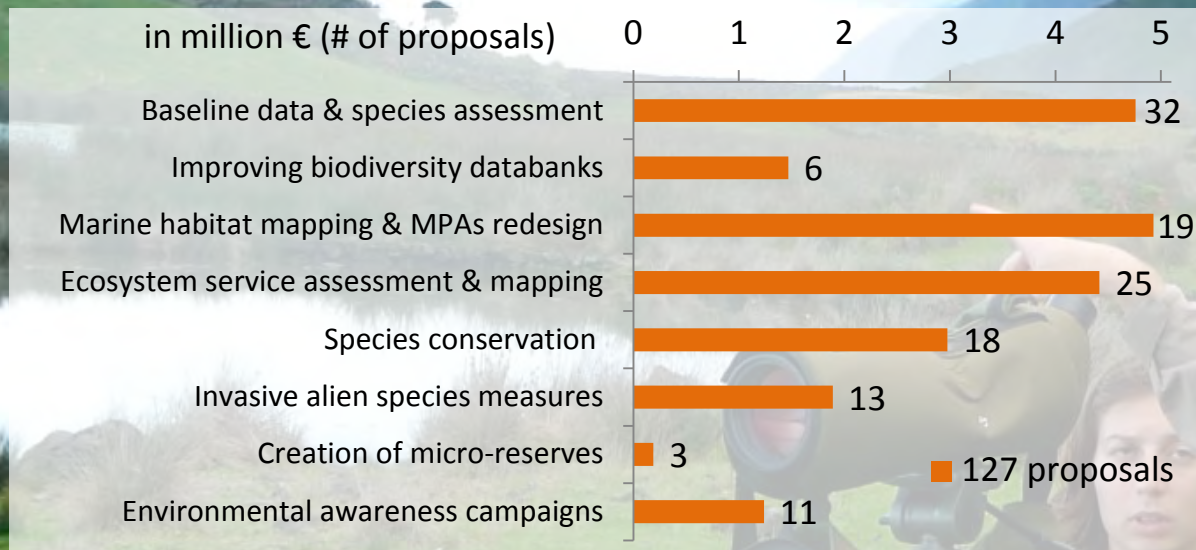


# MACARONESIA

## Investment strategy results



### Funding needs for the 8 regional BEST priorities



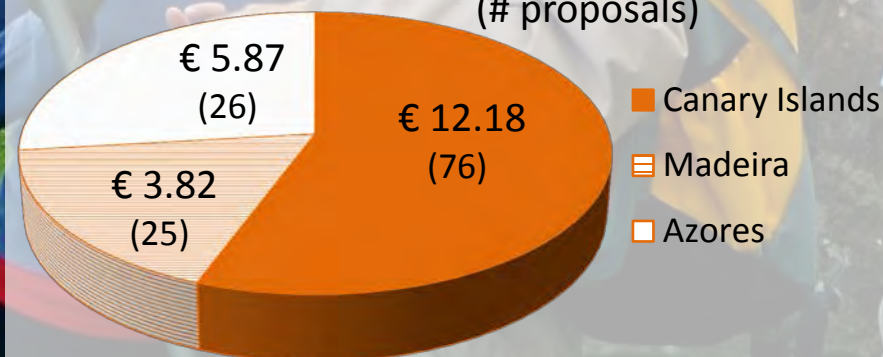
### BEST priorities & niches

**34 Local Organizations in RIS**  
(Public, Research, NGOs)  
**Azores: 13**  
**Madeira: 6**  
**Canary Islands: 15**

### Conservation community in the region

**Local organizations: 24**  
Azores 6 | Madeira 5 | Canary Islands 13  
**Regional conservation community: 25**  
Public Institutes: 10 | Research groups: 11 | NGOs: 4  
+ Regional branches or affiliations of international NGOs

### BEST investment needs in million € (# proposals)





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## MACARONESIA

### Investment needs



**BEST support**  
(2011-2016):



Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 21.8 million from 127 RIS proposals  
+ € 4-5 million for targeted species conservation

### Investment needed:

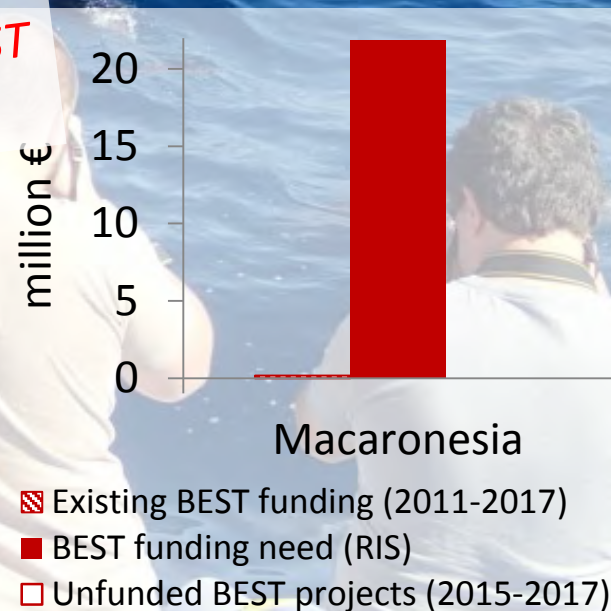
**€ 26 million for 127 BEST projects + activities**  
+ € 4.2 million for 5 other projects

**Only region**  
*currently not benefitting from BEST  
funding opportunities*

**Estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:**

**€ 102.6 million/year\***

\*Based on Annual investment needs for Natura 2000







OUTH  
ATLANTIC



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## SOUTH ATLANTIC Ecosystem profile results



450 threatened species

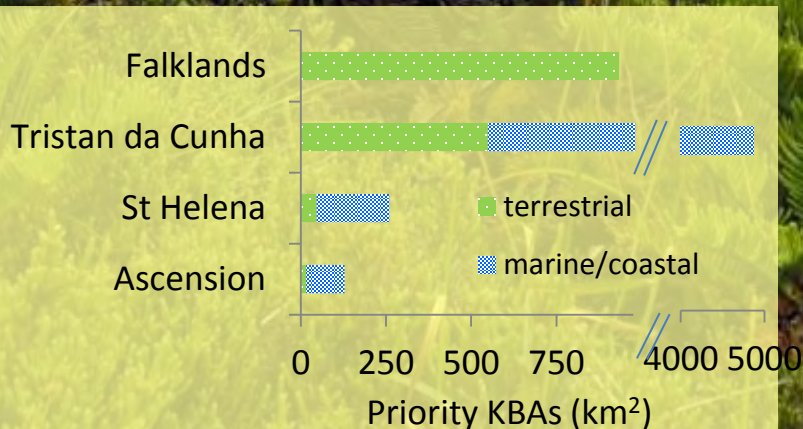


45 priority KBAs (6,192km<sup>2</sup>)

+ 2 corridors  
(10 km<sup>2</sup>)



1/8 of all terrestrial  
area = KBA  
< 2 % of terrestrial  
area protected



Current protection  
level of KBAs

16 fully  
15 none  
14 partially



**Stakeholder involvement**  
> 50 experts/stakeholders  
15 organisations  
44 local/regional meetings,  
workshops, consultations



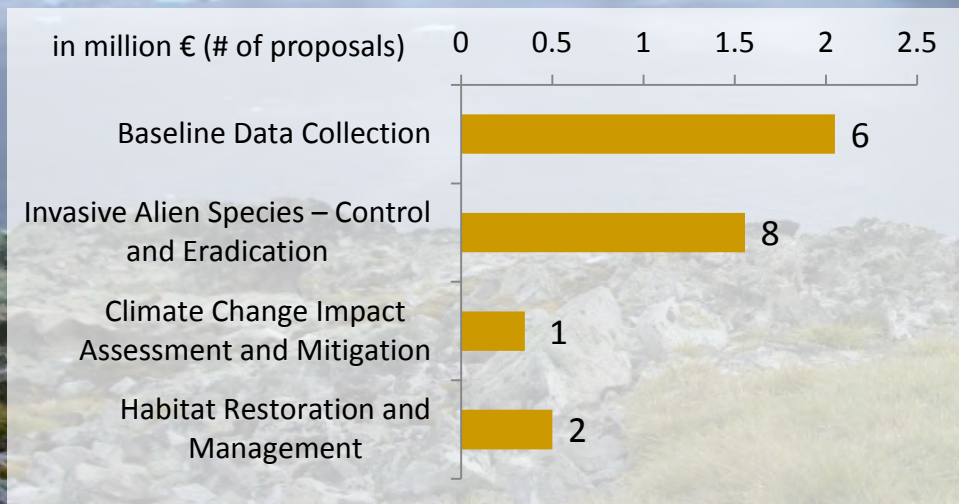
# SOUTH ATLANTIC

## Investment strategy results



### Funding needs for the 4 regional BEST priorities

### BEST priorities & niches



### Conservation community in the region

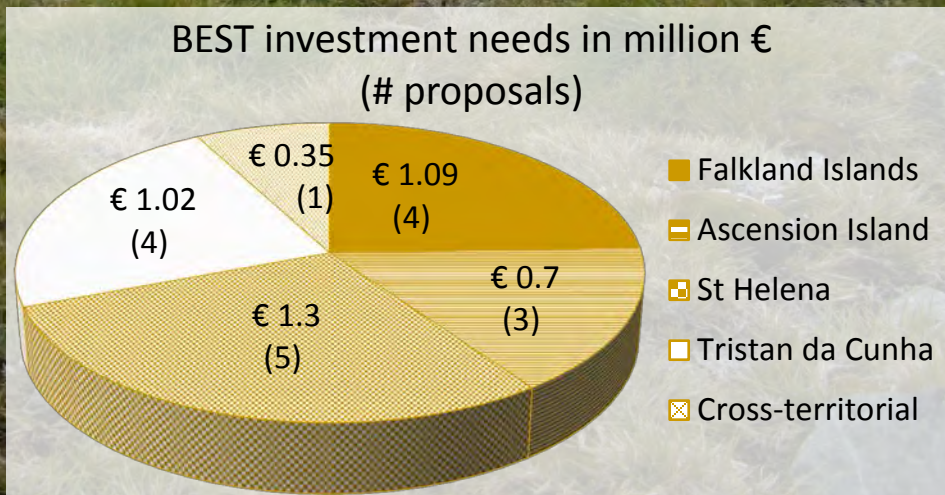
#### 13 local organisations

6 Falklands | 2 Ascension

4 St Helena | 1 Tristan da Cunha

39 regional NGOs

26 international organizations  
(17 based in UK, 9 globally)





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## SOUTH ATLANTIC Investment needs

**BEST support**  
(2011-2017):

7 projects  
€ 889,829



Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 4.46 million from 17 RIS proposals  
+ € 2.1 million from 11 unfunded BEST 2.0 projects

Investment needed:

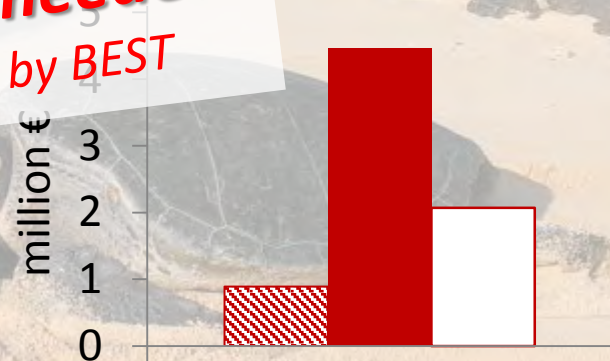
**€ 6.5 million for 28 BEST projects**  
+ € 21.6 million for 11 other projects

**7-8 x more funding needed**  
than invested in the past by BEST

Total estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:

**€ 28.3 million**

\*Based on investment strategy + BEST 2.0 proposals



South Atlantic

Existing BEST funding (2011-2017)  
BEST funding need (RIS)  
Unfunded BEST projects (2015-2017)







MAZONIA



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Amazonia  
French Guiana

## AMAZONIA

### Ecosystem profile results



67 threatened species



62,185 km<sup>2</sup>  
priority areas  
29 % of territory

Terrestrial KBAs

3564km<sup>2</sup>

coastal/  
marine KBAs  
19,091km<sup>2</sup>

15% of marine area  
(134,636 km<sup>2</sup>)  
<1% protected

61 priority KBAs (22,655km<sup>2</sup>)

+ 11 corridors (39,530km<sup>2</sup>)

Almost ½ the terrestrial area

+ 2 KBAES (KBA for ecosystem services)

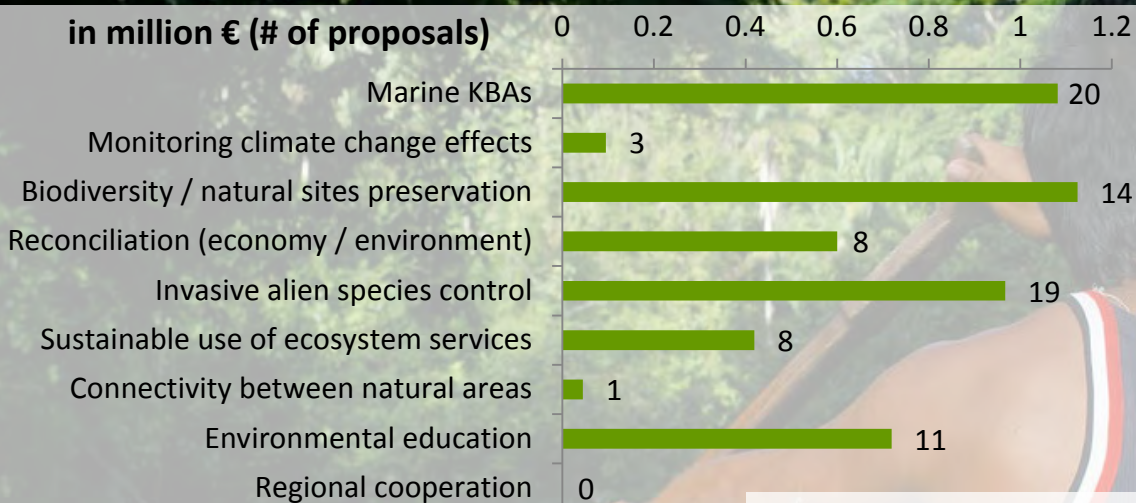
**Stakeholder involvement**  
> 50 experts/stakeholders  
20 organisations  
23 local/regional workshops







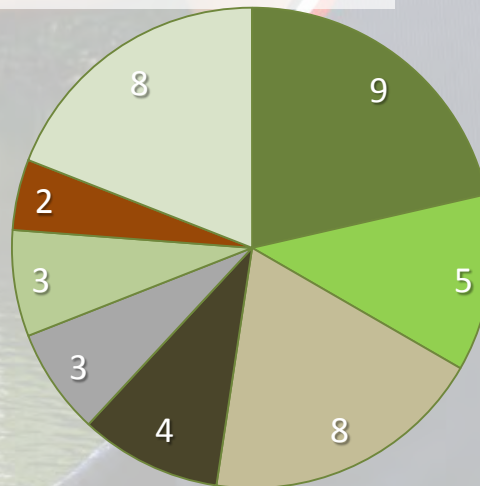
### Funding needs for the 9 BEST priorities



### BEST priorities & niches

### Conservation community in the region

**100 local organisations**  
including local NGOs, French  
research institutions, Protected  
Areas managers  
**Regional community: 101 NGOs**  
**1 international NGO**



### # of project proposals from

- Nature protection associations
- Other organisations
- Corporations and consular chambers
- Territorial communities
- Educational institutions
- Research organisations
- Other public institutions
- Managers of protected natural areas



# AMAZONIA

## Investment needs



**BEST support**  
(2011-2017)

1 project  
€ 127,375

Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 5.05 million from 84 RIS proposals  
+ € 0.5 million from 12 BEST RUP proposals

### Investment needed:

**€ 5.55 million for 96 BEST projects**  
+ € 1.2 million for 16 other projects

**43 x more funding needed**  
than invested in the past by BEST

Estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:

**€ 6.75 million\***

\*Based on investment strategy + BEST RUP proposals



Existing BEST funding (2011-2017)  
BEST funding need (RIS)  
Unfunded BEST projects (2015-2017)





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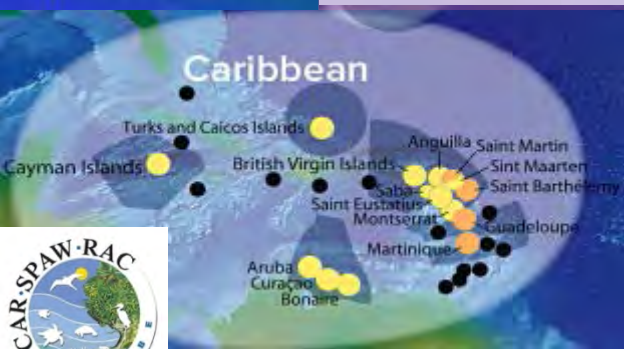


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## CARIBBEAN

### Investment strategy results



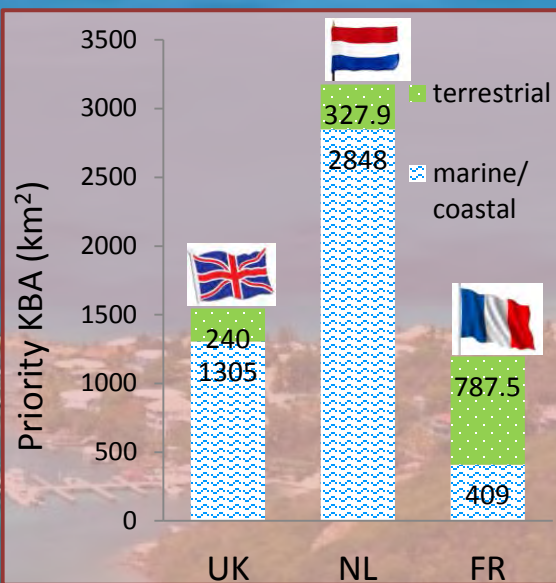
194 threatened species



51 priority KBAs (4,900 km<sup>2</sup>)

> 25% of all terrestrial  
area = KBA

+ 43 corridors (2,730km<sup>2</sup>)



**Stakeholder involvement**  
> **250** experts/stakeholders  
**145** organisations  
**23** local/regional workshops



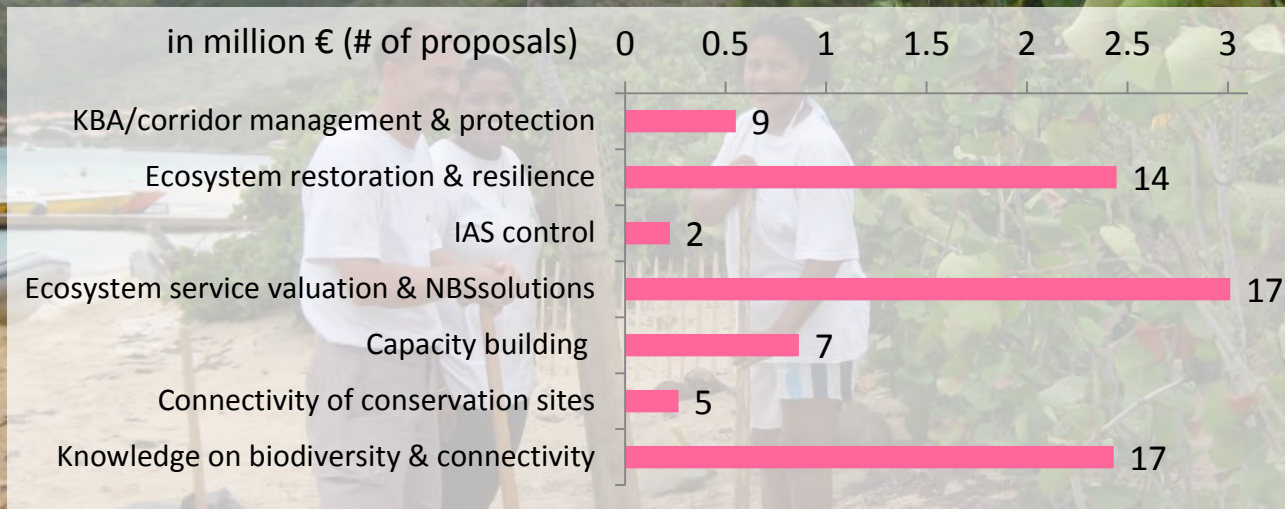
# CARIBBEAN

## Investment strategy results



### BEST priorities & niches

#### Funding needs for the 7 BEST priorities



#### Conservation community in the region

**> 140 local organizations**

More than 30 NGOs in the 6 NL OTs - 60 in the 4 French ORs and OT & 25 in the 5 UK OTs

**Regional community**

8 main Caribbean NGOs

**10 international NGOs (US and Europe-based)**



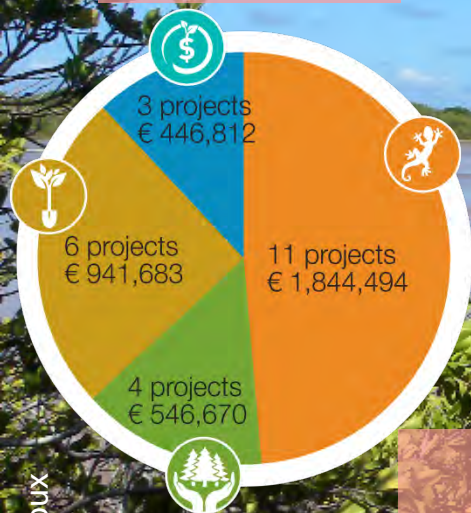
# CARIBBEAN

## Investment needs



### BEST support (2011-2017):

24 projects  
€ 3,779,659



Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 7.7 million from 44 RIS proposals  
incl. € 5.7 million from 33 unfunded BEST 2.0 projects  
+€ 1.1 million from 27 BEST RUP proposals

### Investment needed:

**€ 8.8 million for 71 BEST projects**

**2-3 x more funding needed**  
than invested in the past by BEST

Total estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:

**Unknown with recent  
hurricane consequences**

\*Based on investment strategy + BEST 2.0 proposals







conducted  
populations  
trajectories studies  
reproduction  
size  
widen identify  
birds reside  
knowledge  
areas current  
marine extend  
sea aims  
puffin  
research  
estimate

POLAR & SUB-POLAR



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## POLAR / SUBPOLAR Ecosystem profile results



**78** threatened species



**54** priority KBAs  
(2 million km<sup>2</sup>)

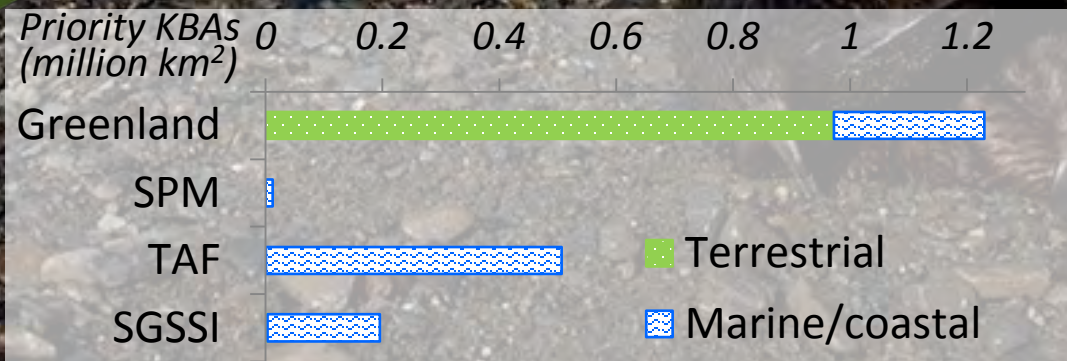
**41** priority KBAs  
South



**13** priority KBAs  
North



**Stakeholder involvement**  
**118** experts/stakeholders  
**35** organisations  
**9** local/regional meetings +  
**>100** online consultations





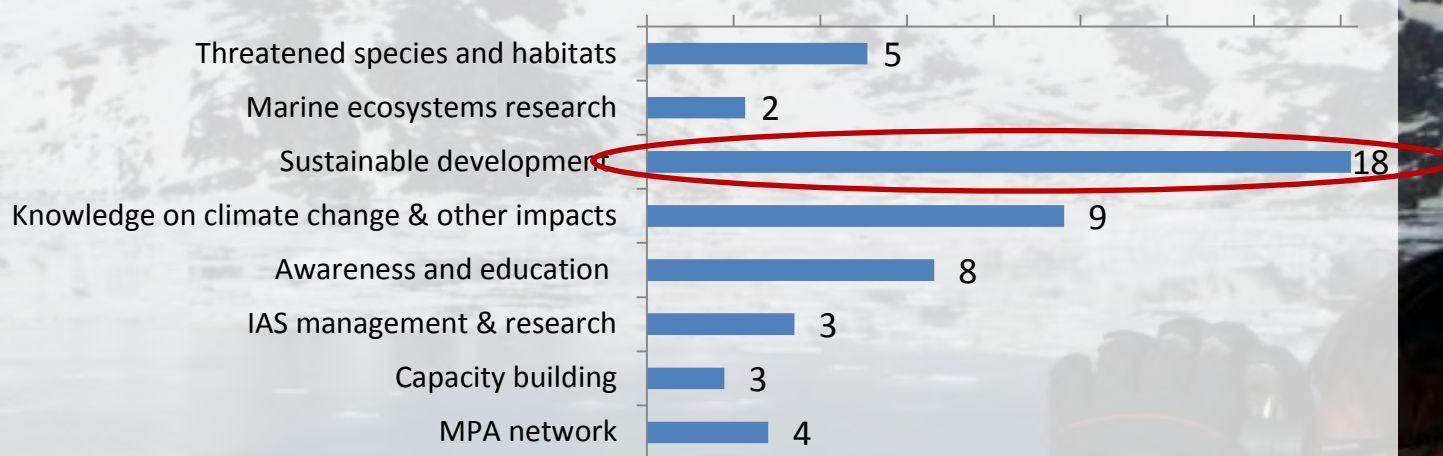
# POLAR / SUBPOLAR

## Investment strategy results

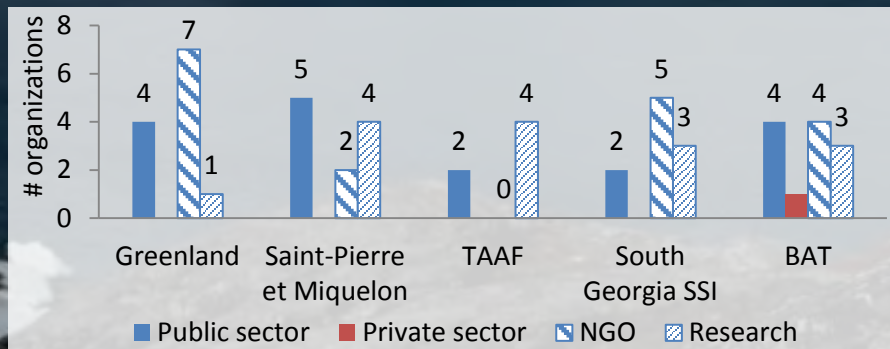


### Funding needs for 8 regional BEST priorities

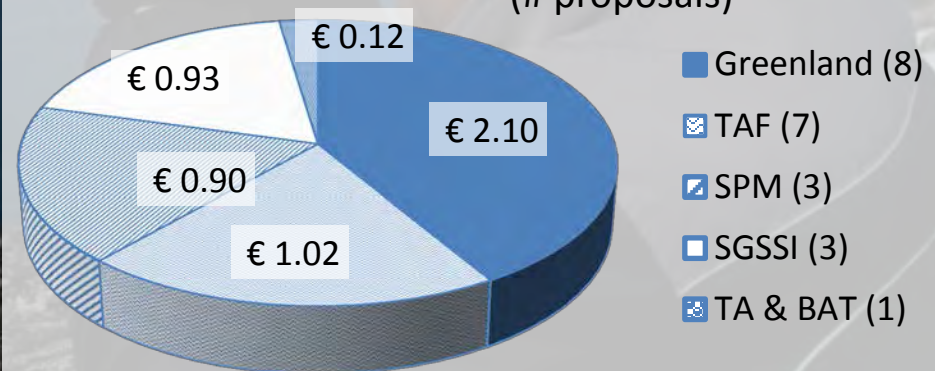
in million € (# of proposals)



### Conservation community in the region



### BEST investment needs in million € (# proposals)





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## POLAR / SUBPOLAR Investment needs



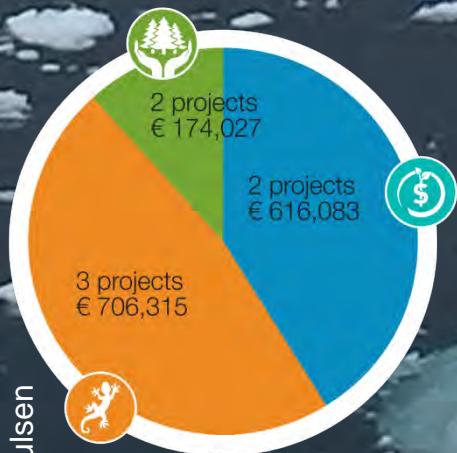
**BEST support  
(2011-2017):**

7 projects  
**€ 1,496,425**

Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 5.1 million from 22 RIS proposals  
+ € 2.9 million from 15 unfunded BEST 2.0 projects

**Investment needed:**

**€ 8 million for 37 BEST projects**  
+ € 3.5 million for 4 larger projects

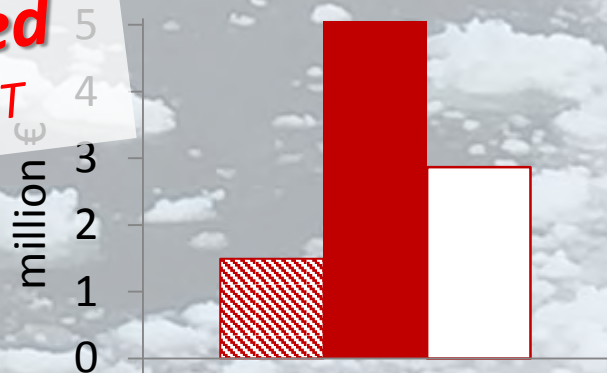


**5-6 more funding needed**  
*than invested in the past by BEST*

**Estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:**

**€ 11.4 million**

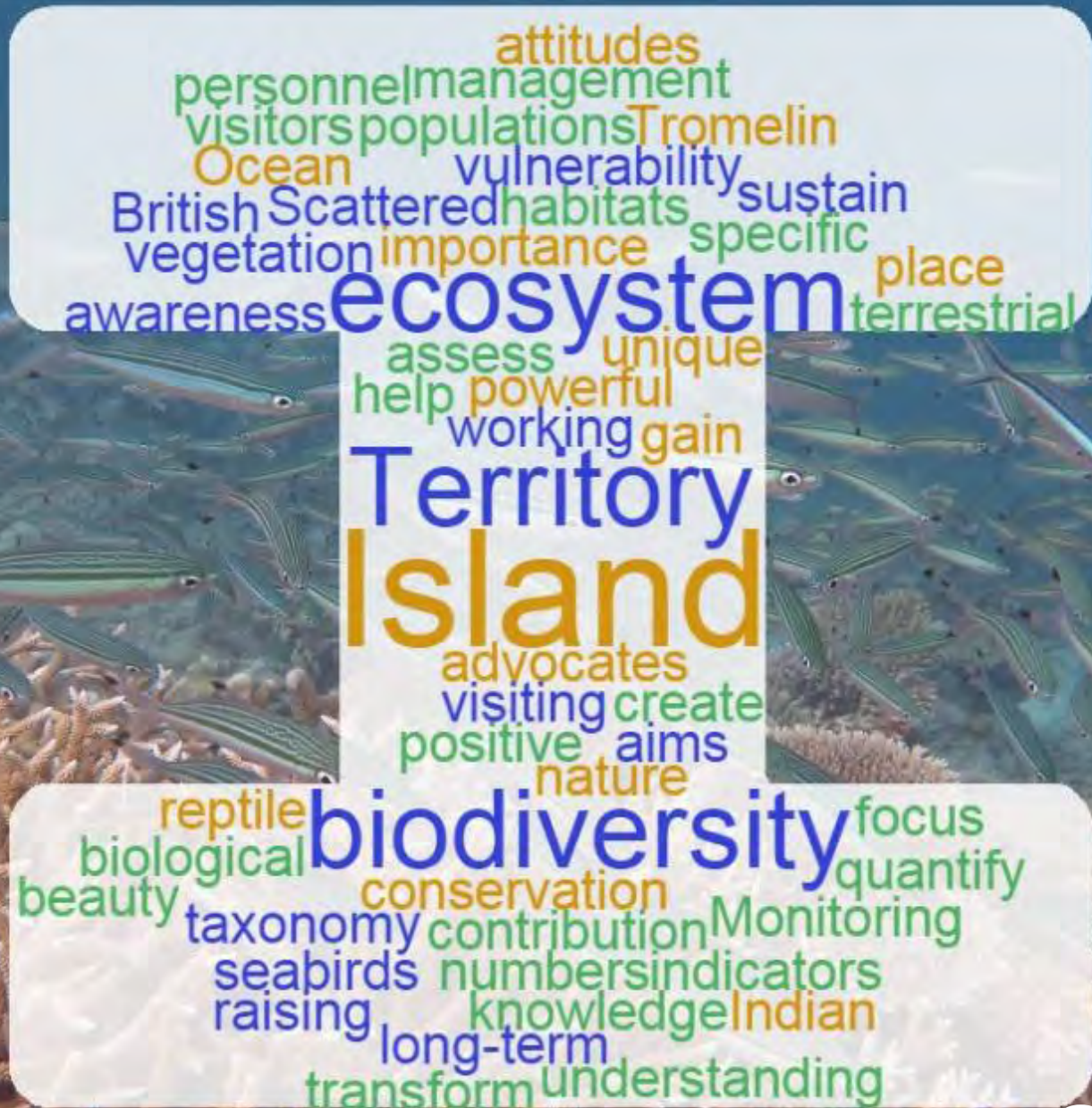
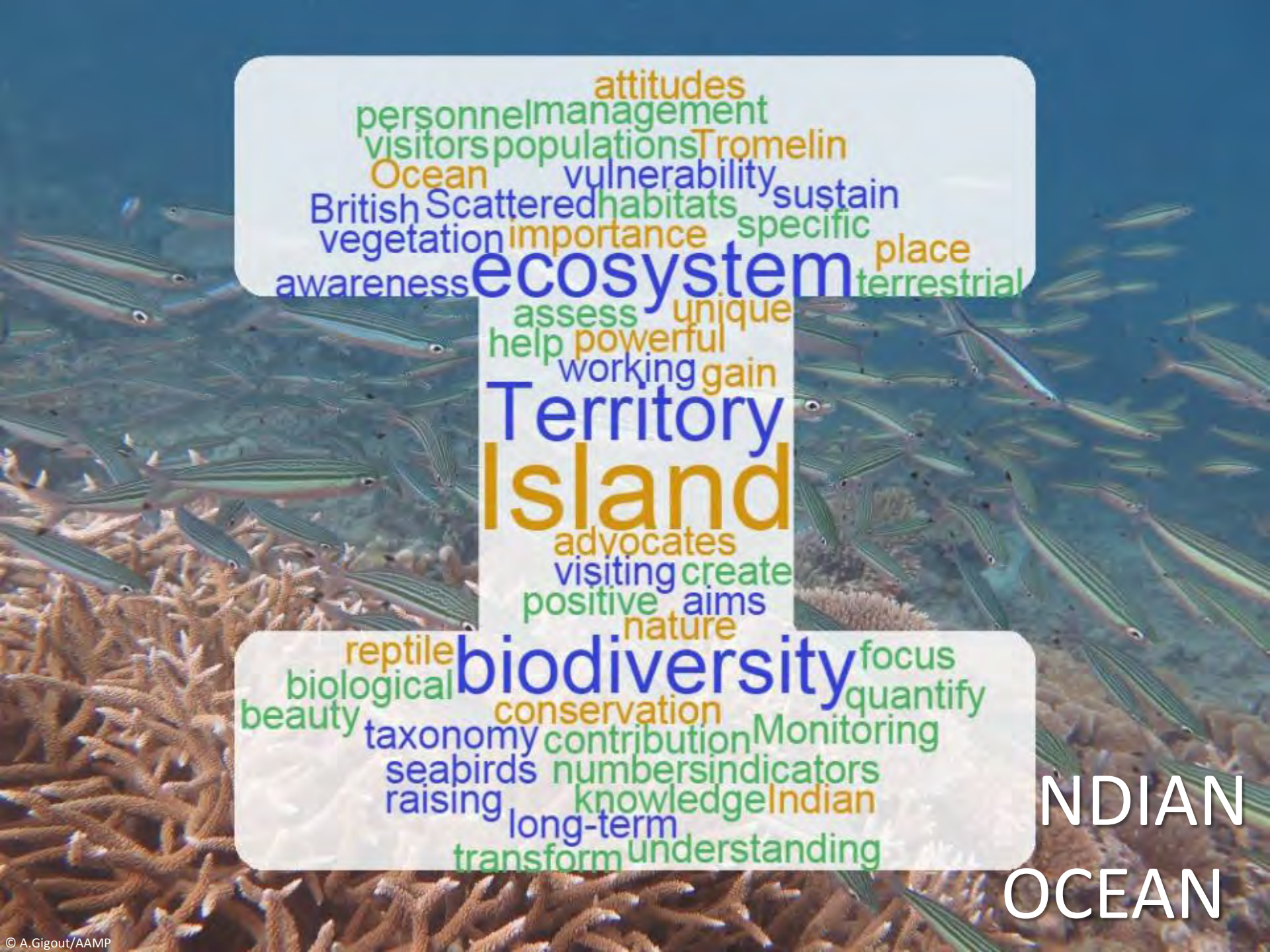
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Polar/Sub Polar

- Existing BEST funding (2011-2017)
- BEST funding need (RIS)
- Unfunded BEST projects (2015-2017)





INDIAN  
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## INDIAN OCEAN

### Ecosystem profile results



**174** threatened species



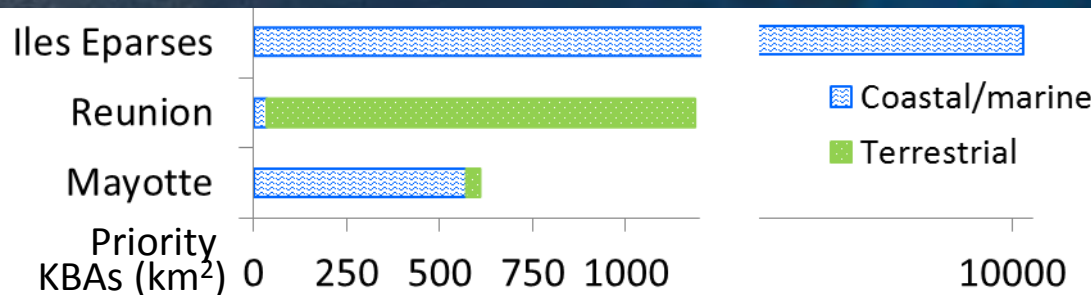
**38** priority KBAs (651,851 km<sup>2</sup>)

#### BIOT

**1** coastal/ marine  
**640,000** km<sup>2</sup>

#### French entities

**coastal/ marine KBAs** **1 KBAs**  
**10,660** km<sup>2</sup> **1191** km<sup>2</sup>



**Stakeholder involvement**  
**130** experts/stakeholders  
**50** organisations  
**70** local/regional workshops,  
meetings/consultations

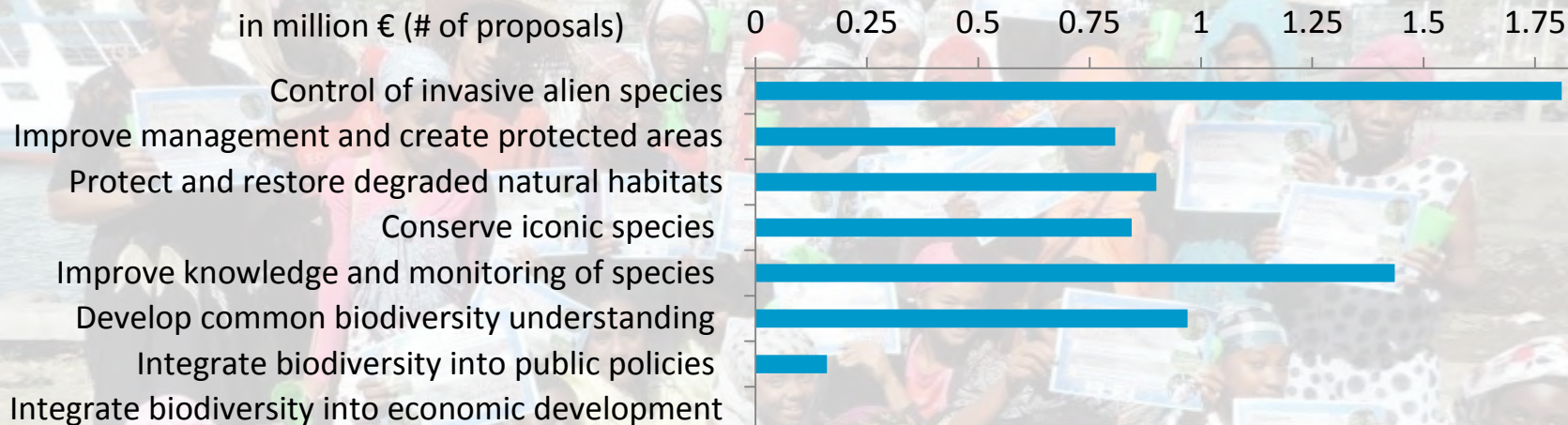


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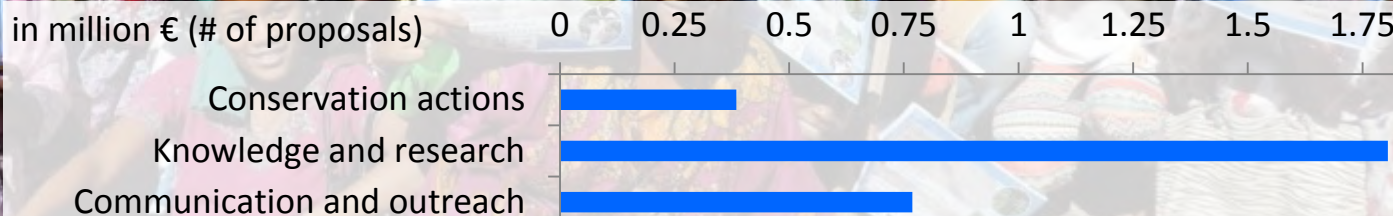
## Investment strategy results



### Funding needs for 8 BEST priorities in French Indian Ocean entities



### Funding needs for 3 BEST priorities in BIOT



**Conservation  
community in the region**

#### 34 Governmental organisations

20 Réunion | 11 Mayotte | 1 Chagos/BIOT | 2 Îles éparses  
~50 NGOs | 2 region-based universities & 4 research centres  
**3 international organisations** active in the region



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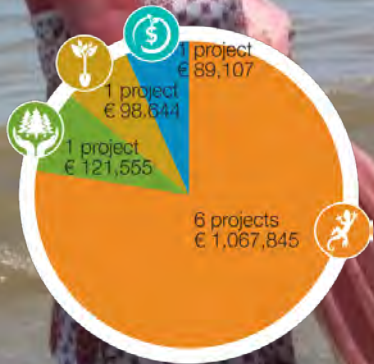
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## INDIAN OCEAN Investment needs



**BEST support  
(2011-2017):**

**9 projects  
€1,377,150**



Potential future BEST projects :  
€ 9.5 million from 51 RIS proposals  
+ € 1.7 million from 9 unfunded BEST 2.0 projects  
+ € 0.6 million from 14 BEST RUP proposals

### Investment needed:

**€ 11.8 million for 74 BEST projects**  
**+ € 40.5 million for 16 larger projects**

**8-9 more funding needed**  
*than invested in the past by BEST*

**Estimated funding needs  
over next 5 years:  
€ 53.1 million**

\*Based on all RIS proposals & BEST 2.0 / BEST RUP proposals



Indian Ocean

- Existing BEST funding (2011-2017)
- BEST funding need (RIS)
- Unfunded BEST projects (2015-2017)



# We thank you for your attention





# Existing funding 2011-2017

## € 12.1 million for 77 on-the-ground projects

