

BEST 2.0. in the B4Life portfolio



Why ecosystems are essential for development?



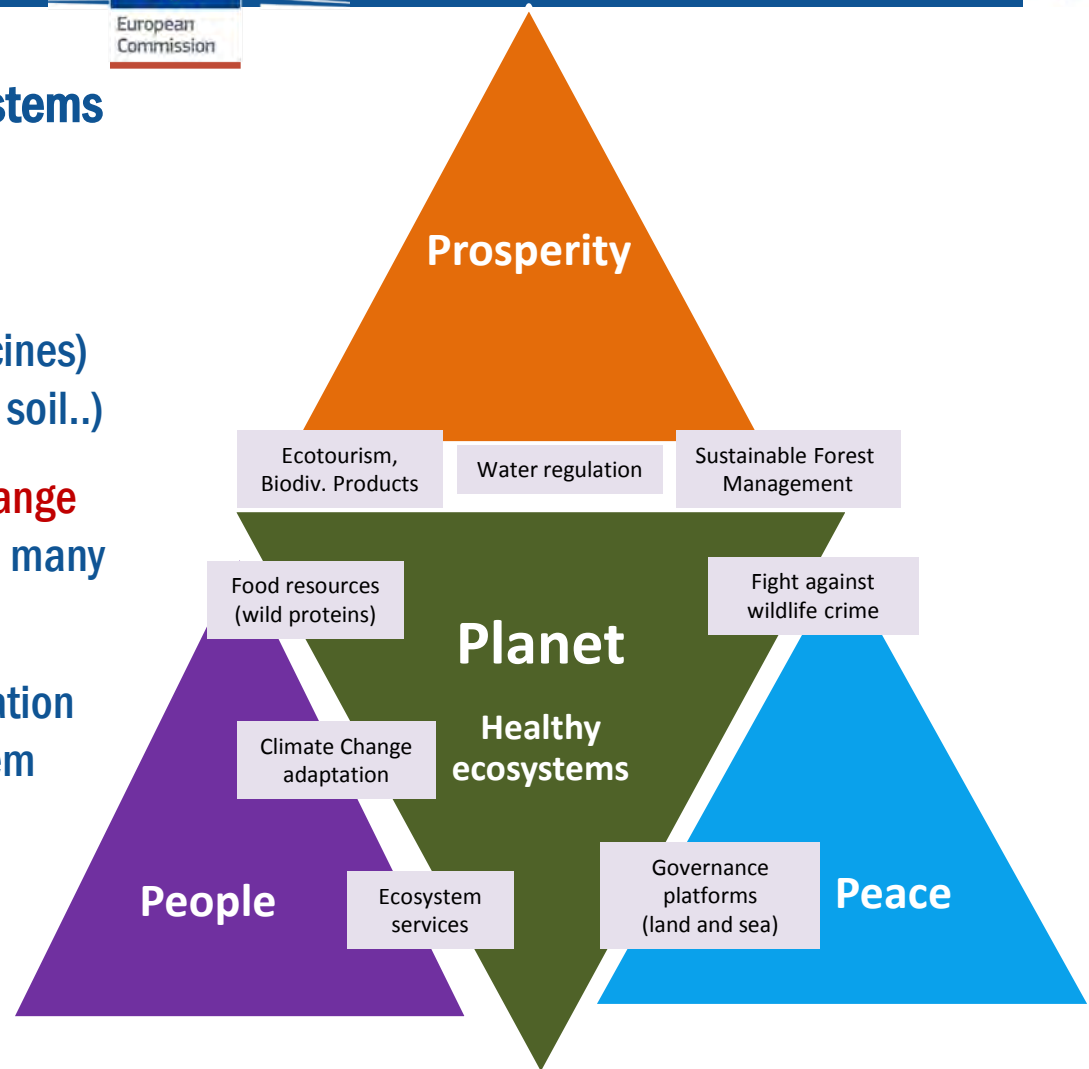
BEST
Biodiversity Ecosystems
and Sustainable Tourism



B4Life

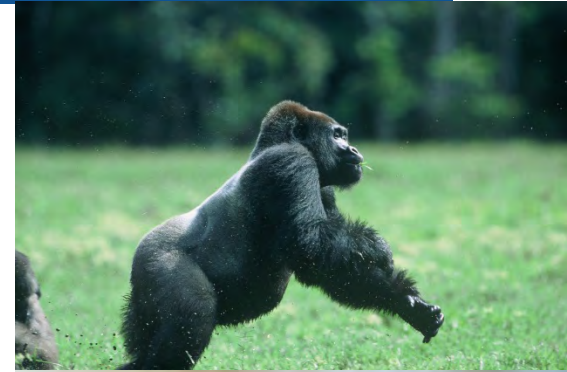
A sound management of healthy ecosystems is the basis for:

- **Livelihood** of rural population by direct provision of products (food , fibre, medicines) and indirect provision of services (water, soil..)
- **Adaptation and mitigation of climate change** are based on ecosystem management in many tropical countries
- **Economic development** around conservation areas (ecotourism, payment for ecosystem services)
- **Stabilisation of fragile** areas subject to wildlife trafficking and armed groups



EU programs of biodiversity conservation in developing countries

- 30 years of EC experience for management of Protected Areas in specific regions
- New strong pressure on biodiversity: poaching, land-use change, demographic growth, globalisation...
- Need of a more consolidated approach (different order of magnitude, integrated strategy...)
- B4Life is the approach for integrating biodiversity conservation and development



Good **governance** to support sustainable management of natural capital

- Coordination and **strengthening of institutions** in charge of protected areas management
- Empowerment of **environmental civil society**
- Law enforcement/Fight against wildlife crimes.
- Design of national biodiversity strategies and natural capital accounting systems → economic valuation



Promote ecosystem conservation for **food security** and sustainable rural development

- Promotion of biodiversity-compatible sustainable agricultural practices
- Promotion of high biodiversity value agro-products
- Protection of a genetically diverse pool of seeds
- Promotion of ecosystem **restoration** of degraded areas.
- Develop sustainable **land zoning and community-based management** plans in buffer zones.
- Promote **integrated coastal management**.



Nature-based solutions toward **Green Economy**

- Develop nature-based market models involving local communities and private sector
- Develop public-private partnership for long-term investments in natural capital
- Develop Payment-for-Ecosystem-Services schemes integrating farmers' and local dwellers' rights
- Contribute to implementing the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing)
- **Ecosystem-based development in the EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)**





- Overall objective: *to promote the **conservation of biodiversity** and **sustainable use of ecosystem services**, including ecosystem-based approaches to **climate change adaptation and mitigation**, as a basis for sustainable development in OCTs.*
- Targeting the 25 EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) - 5 regions (Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Pacific, Polar/Subpolar, South Atlantic)
- Grant facility, funded by European Commission (10 M€)
- From 24/12/2014 to 24/12/2019
- Managed by a Secretariat based at IUCN headquarters
- With support from a Regional Hubs in each region
- More details by Carole Martinez



Complementarities with other DEVCO programs

- **BIOPAMA**
 - Observatory for protected areas in ACP countries
 - Action fund with a similar mechanism than BEST 2.0
 - Could cover the OCTs of Pacific and Caribbean regions
- **CEPF** (Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund)
 - Works in hot spots of biodiversity (with proximity of many OCTs)

Conclusions

- BEST 2.0 on the right track
- Many good projects and the total budget will be committed by the end of 2017
- Many capacity-building activities
- High visibility of the projects
- Management costs in the same order of similar projects
- Model replicated by EU for reaching small organisations in other projects