



Responding to Messages from Reunion & Guadeloupe



Calling for:

A funding scheme for the protection of species and habitats this is easily accessible, flexible, adapted to the local situation, balances conservation and development needs, focuses on small entities and NGOs; and supports regional collaboration.

BEST 2.0 Grant Facility



FLEXIBLE

- ✓ Wide scope – conservation, sustainable use and ecosystem-based climate change adaptation & mitigation

TAILORED

- ✓ Regional approach
- ✓ Small and Medium sized grants (*with different eligibility criteria*)
- ✓ No co-financing required for Small Grants; 5% co-financing for Medium Grants

ACCESSIBLE

- ✓ Considerable capacity-building efforts to facilitate access for local organisations

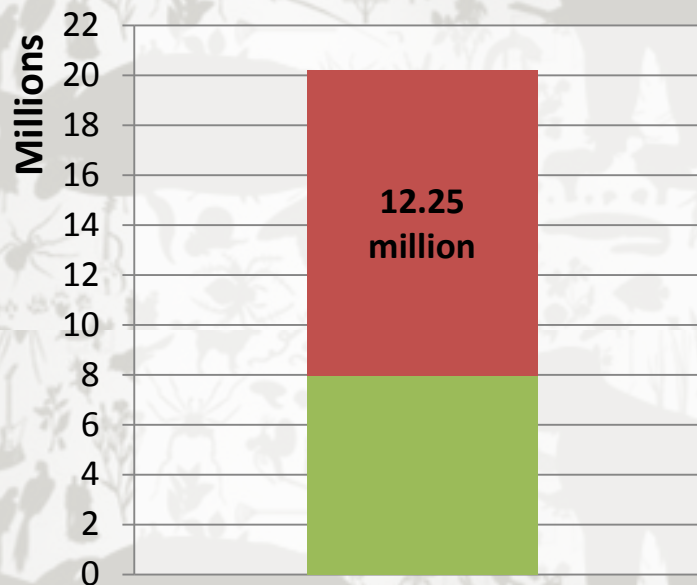
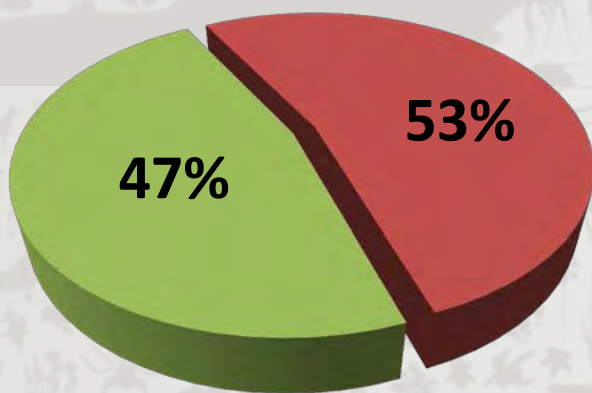
Significant Needs

Not Fully Met

- Positive response to the 5 calls for proposals (130 eligible Full Proposals)
 - ✓ Actors are willing and able to respond
 - ✓ Mechanism is appropriate & responds to needs on the ground

Not all eligible proposals could be funded, despite being of sufficient quality

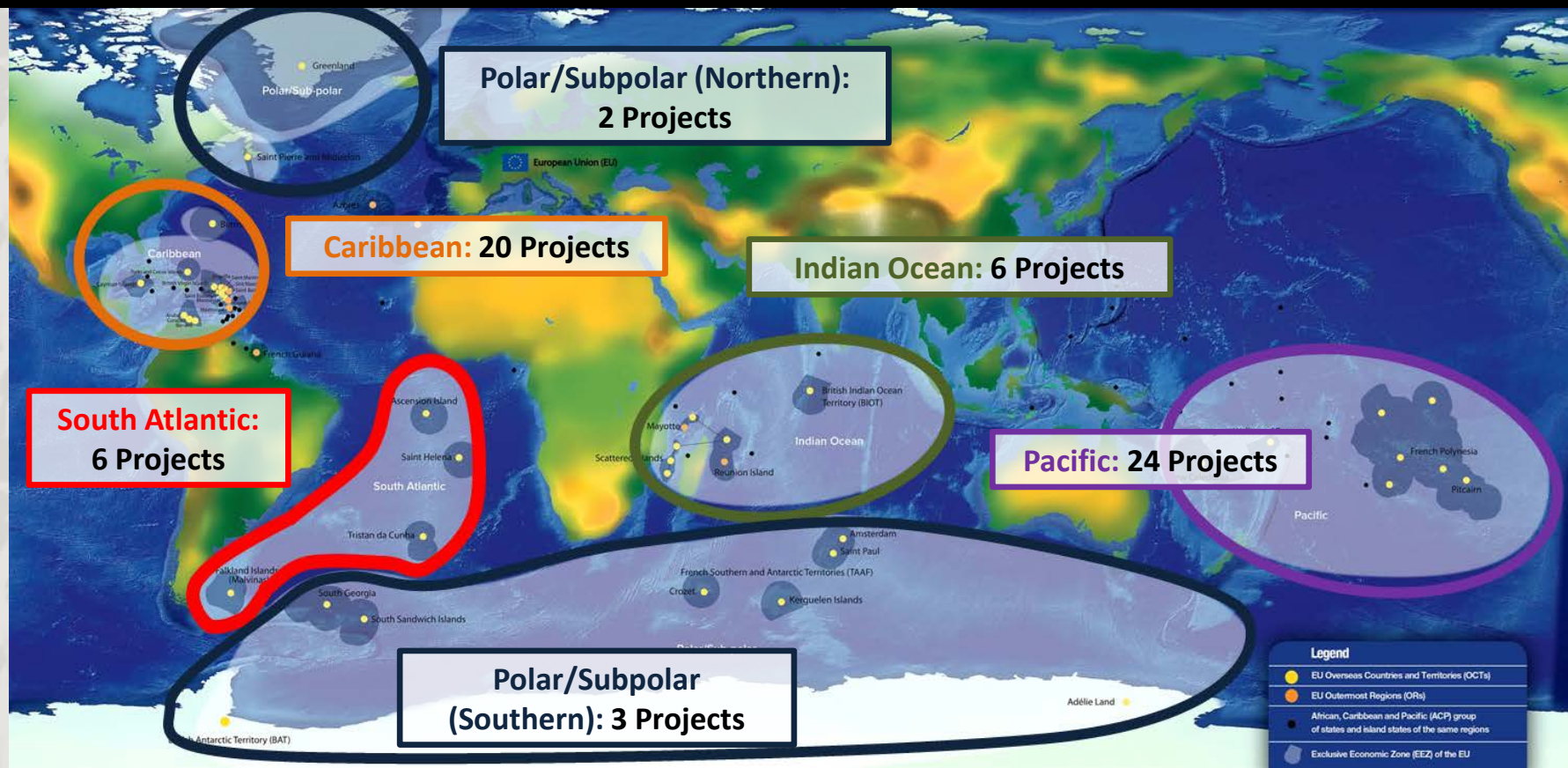
< 50% of the eligible full proposals could be funded



Total of grants requested was
2.5x the available funds

BEST 2.0 Portfolio

61 Projects Funded

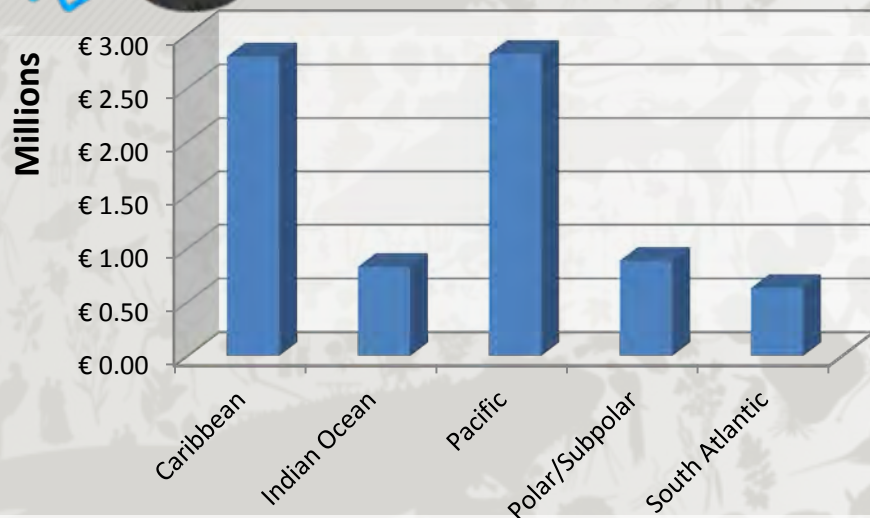


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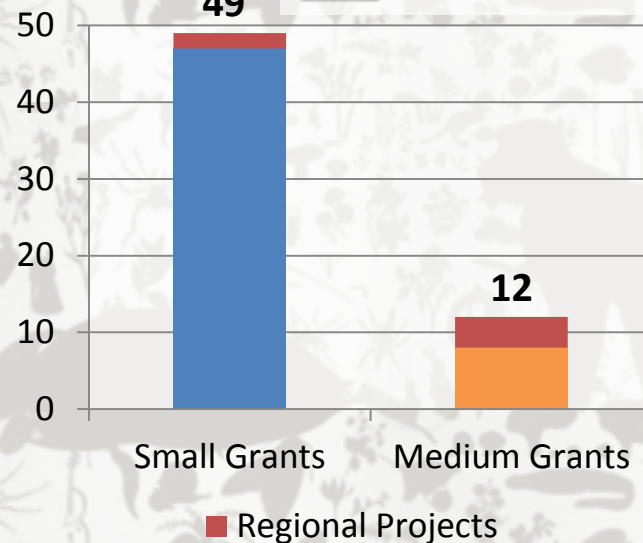
Supporting Essential Actions on the Ground in the OCTs



Nearly **€ 8 million** invested

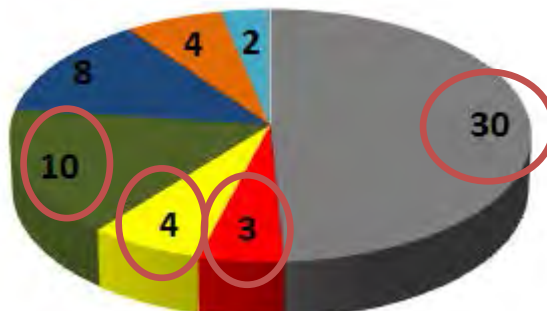


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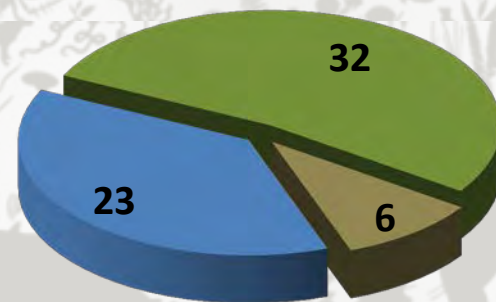


Significant **capacity building** of local actors

- Local NGO/CSO
- Local SME
- Municipality/Local Government
- Territorial Government Department/Service
- EU Member State Organisation
- Organisation based in the region (uninhabited territories)
- Regional Organisation
- International Organisation



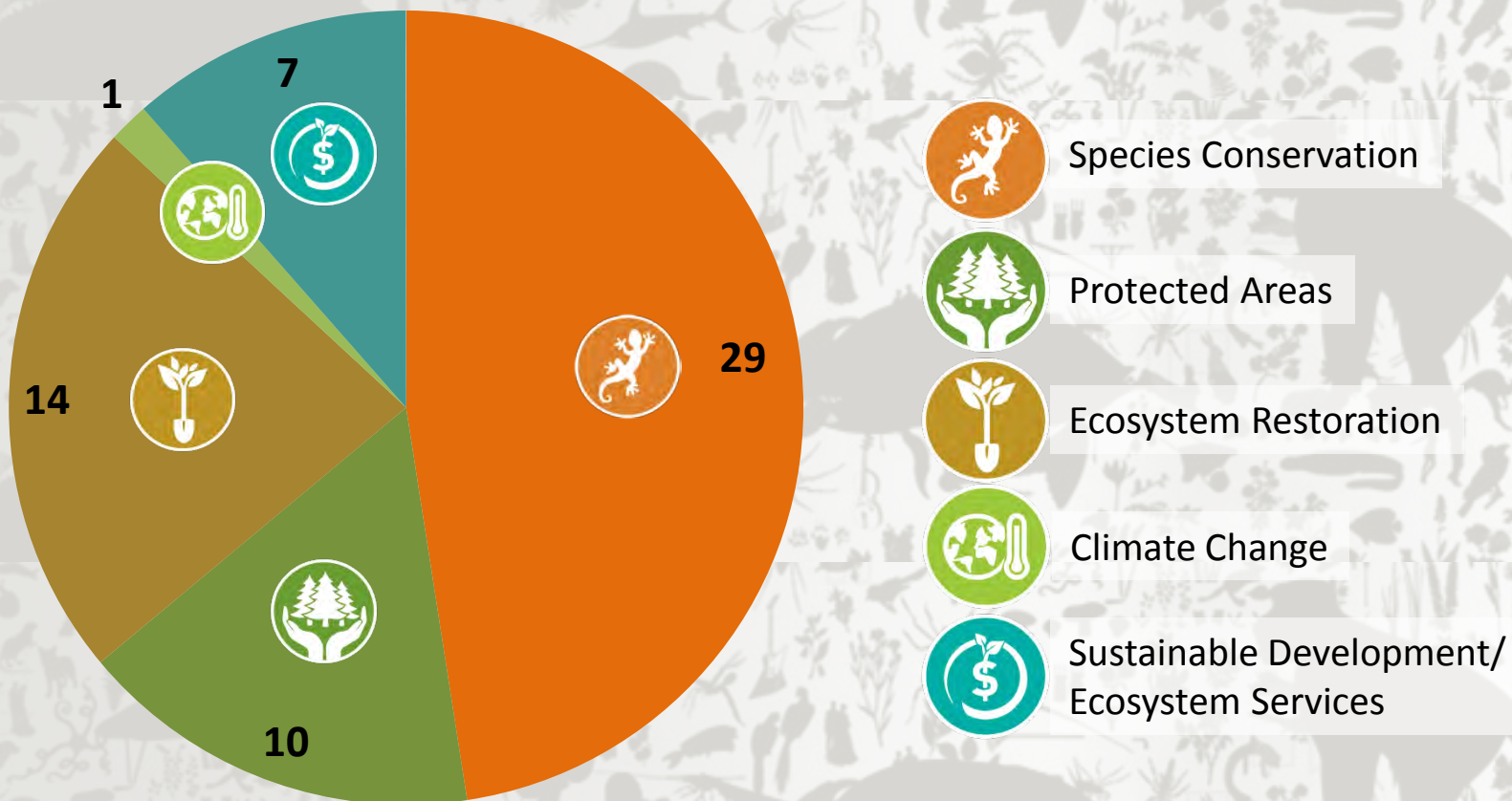
>3/4 of funded projects are led by local actors



■ Marine ■ Terrestrial ■ Coastal/Mixed

Topics

Wide Scope



Capacity-Building

Significant Efforts to Provide Much Needed Support

Preparation and Application Phase

- **12** capacity-building workshops for applicants
- **206** participants in total
- Considerable support provided remotely by phone/email
- Guidance materials available online



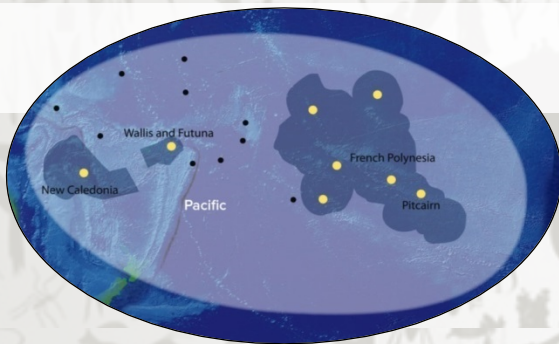
Increase in the quality of applications received noted by the independent assessors

Project Management Phase

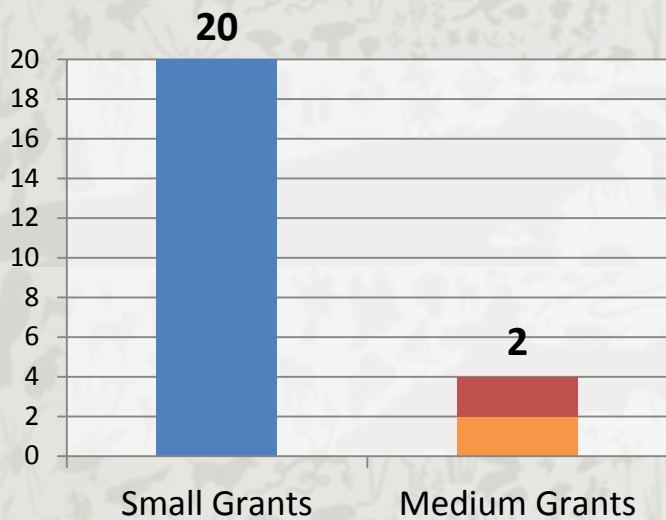
- **4** capacity-building workshops for project management
- **26** participants in total
- Monthly update/monitoring calls
- Field visits undertaken (**8** projects visited to date)
- Guidance materials developed by the Secretariat (Financial reporting guidelines; Guide for calculating staff costs)



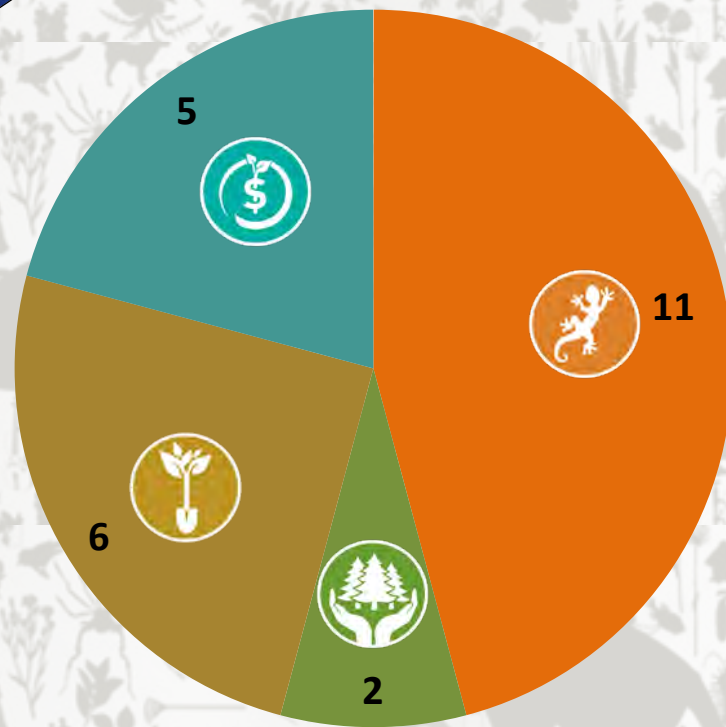
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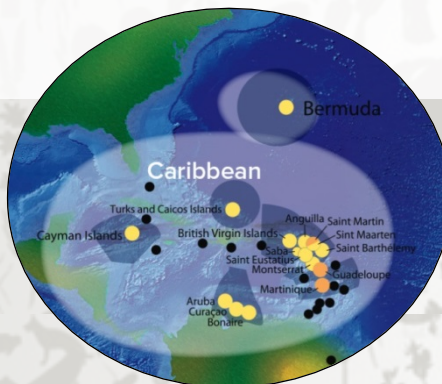
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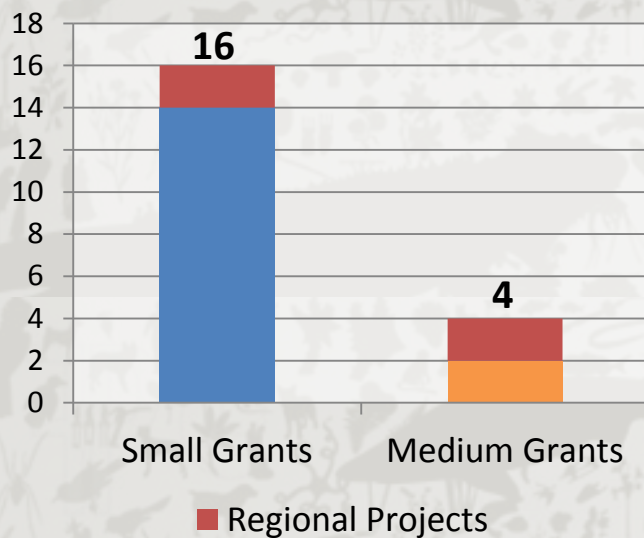
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-  Protected Areas
-  Ecosystem Restoration
-  Climate Change
-  Sustainable Development/
Ecosystem Services



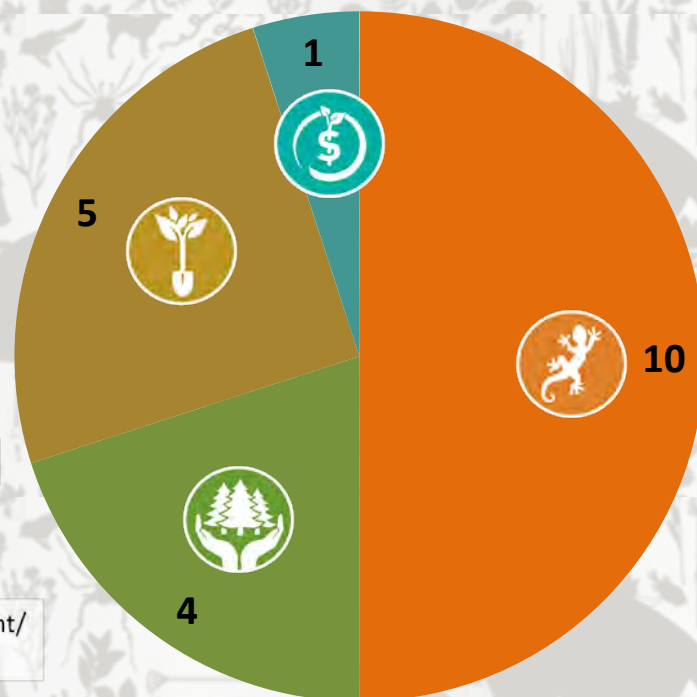
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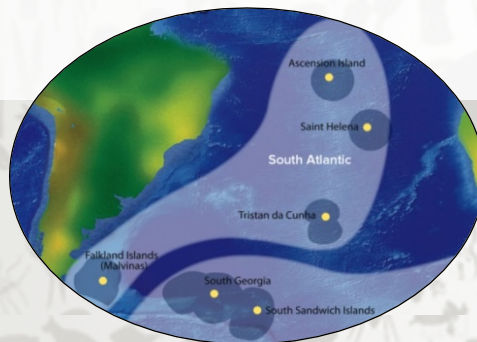
Total Investment: **€ 2.79 million**



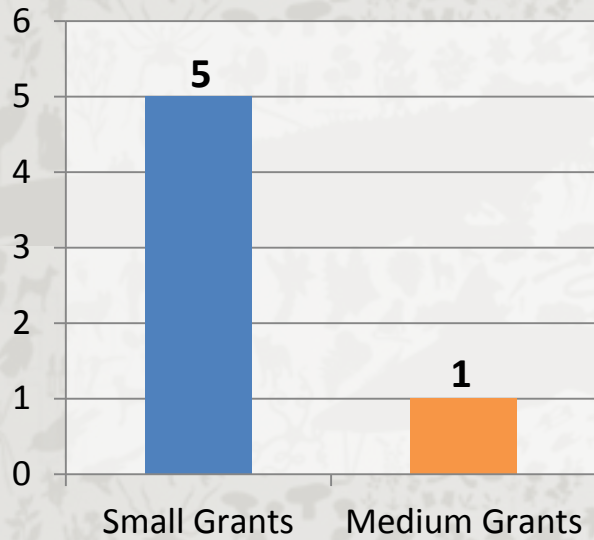
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South Atlantic



Total Investment: **€ 0.63 million**



Species Conservation



Protected Areas



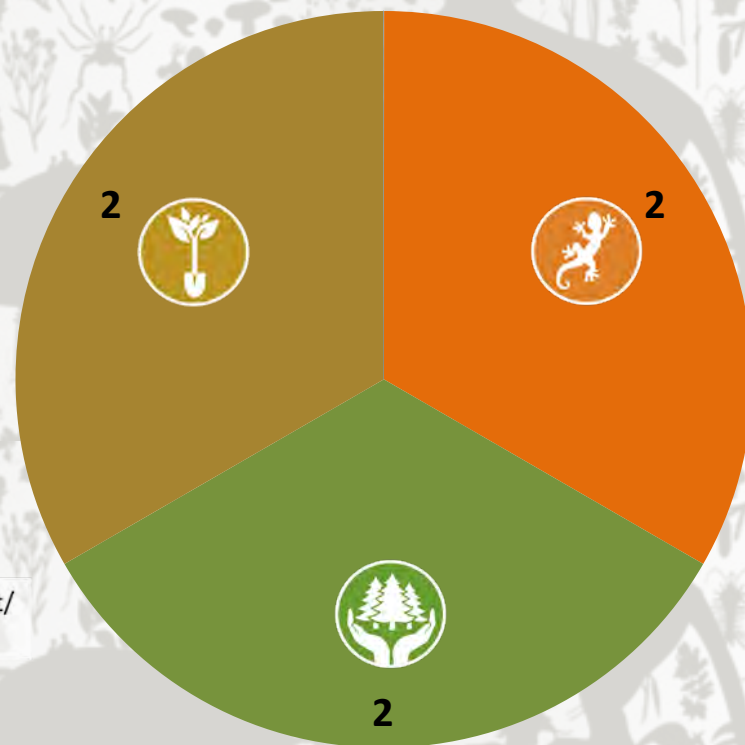
Ecosystem Restoration



Climate Change



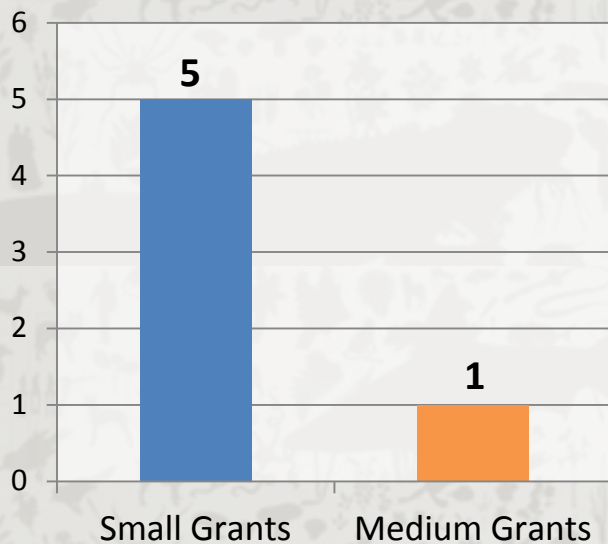
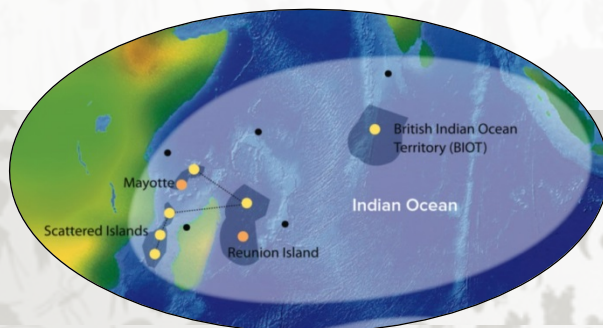
Sustainable Development/
Ecosystem Services



Indian Ocean



Total Investment: **€ 0.83 million**



Species Conservation



Protected Areas



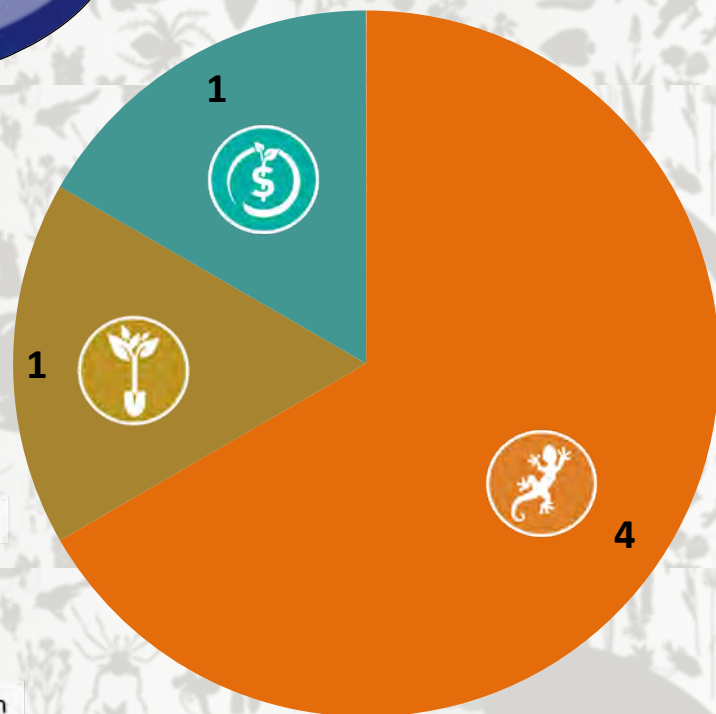
Ecosystem Restoration

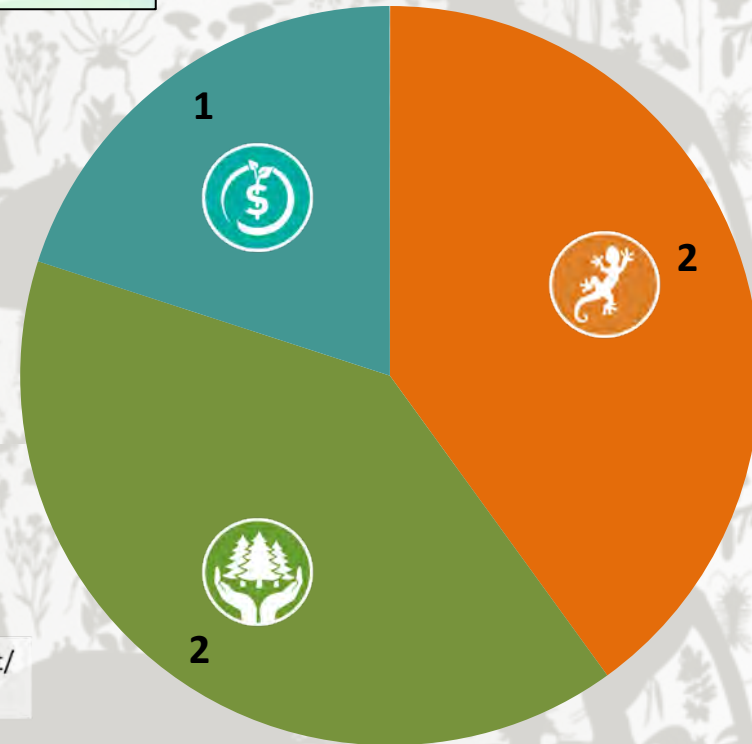
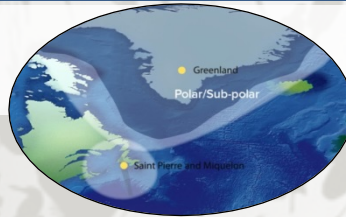


Climate Change



Sustainable Development/
Ecosystem Services





Highlights - BEST 2.0 Projects

Communications & Outreach (to date)



>10 Leaflets/Brochures



>35 Blogs/Newsletter Articles



1 Scientific Publication



>200 Volunteer Hours



>20 Newspaper Articles



21 Radio/TV Interviews



Social Media (most projects)



Spotlight – Pacific Region

BIOPELAGOS



Pacific
Community
Communauté
du Pacifique

Where: New Caledonia and Wallis & Futuna

Led by: SPC



End date:
June 2019

Aim: to support the territories to make informed decisions for the sustainable management and the conservation of their oceanic biodiversity and ecosystems through:

- Acquisition of new scientific knowledge to inform decision making
- Increased capacity in the territories to understand and use data
- Provision of policy guidance and recommendations



A new species of *Polyipmus* (Stomiiformes: Sternoptychidae) from the Western South Pacific

ÉLODIE VOUREY, CYNDIE DUDOUX, ANTHONY SCOTT HAROLD

Abstract

A new species of marine hatchetfish, *Polyipmus larier* sp. nov., is described based on one specimen collected off New Caledonia, in the Western South Pacific. This species is distinguished from the thirty-three known species of *Polyipmus* by the unique presence of only one OVD photophore. The new species is placed in the *P. spinosus* species group, characterized by the presence of minute spines on the ventral PV photophore scales and an external multispinate posttemporal process.

Highlights to date:

- 2 scientific cruises conducted in New Caledonia
- 2 months campaign of seabird tagging in New Caledonia in three sites
- 2 week exploratory campaign for seabird in Wallis and Futuna
- First results on the spatial distribution of the micronekton and seabird foraging grounds
- 1 scientific publication on the description of a new species of micronekton in NC
- Numerous communication materials produced



Spotlight – Pacific Region

Conservation of the Critically Endangered Niau Kingfisher by the Local Community

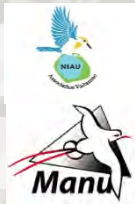
Where: French Polynesia

End date:
July 2018



Led by: Vaitamae

Partner: SOP Manu



Aim: to contribute to the safeguarding of the Niau Kingfisher by:

- controlling predation threats and monitoring populations
- promoting sustainable agricultural practices
- awareness-raising of local populations
- sharing experience



Highlights to date:

- Monitoring of 10 breeding couples
- Sterilisation of domestic cats and trapping wild cats
- Promotion of sustainable agricultural practices
- Trainings for project local staff
- Significant local engagement in project



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Strengthening the Drinking Water Supply System of the Commune of Houailou by Maintaining the Ecosystem Services of the Upstream Water Catchment

Where: New Caledonia

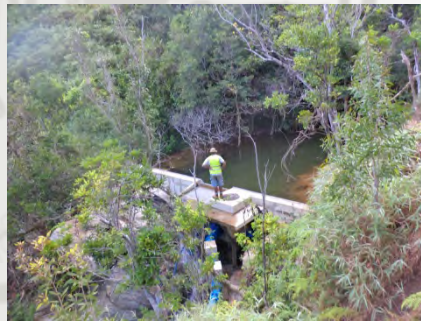


End date:
May 2018

Led by: Mairie de Houailou

Aim: to strengthen the drinking water supply system by:

- securing the perimeters for immediate protection of catchment water
- energizing forest ecosystem services on the perimeters of protection of the catchment water
- strengthening capacities for intervention and monitoring of populations near the catchments.



Highlights to date:

- Identification of perimeters for forest plantations
- Participatory consultations of local population
- Mapping of the area
- Significant local engagement in project

Spotlight – South Atlantic Region

Developing a site-based conservation approach for sei whales

Where: Falkland Islands, Berkley Sound

Led by: Falklands Conservation



September 2017

Aim: improve understanding of sei whale distribution, abundance, ecology and interactions with human activities to inform future conservation measures.



- Increased understanding of sei whale abundance, distribution and ecology at study site (documented in a Scientific Project Report)
- Draft Code of Conduct developed for marine users to follow to reduce impacts on sei whales and other cetaceans

- Sei whale photo-ID catalogue for 2017 produced (100+ individuals identified)
- Project recommendations will also be fed into a review of the national cetaceans Species Action Plan
- Numerous communication activities and products



Spotlight – South Atlantic Region

Trails and interpretation improvements in the Peaks National Park

Where: Saint Helena

Led by: St Helena Government

COMPLETED

July 2017



Aim: to improve and make access to the Peaks National Park safer while minimising disturbance to the sensitive environment



- 4km of overgrown trails cleared and made accessible
- >200 m of boardwalks, staircases and handrails installed*
- 1 hiking shelter constructed
- Display at a local community event

** The project produced standard designs which will reduce costs for any future boardwalk and staircase additions.*

