Caribbean

**Total amount:** 3,144,016 euros

**Territories/regions:** Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat, Saba, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands

**Projects and activities:**

1. Project EcoSanPuntam: Quantification of Ecosystem Services in Agyenmame, case of Plantain banana in Martinique.
2. Project MANG: Giving impetus to a collective movement in favour of the protection of coastal wetlands in the EU overseas territories.*
3. Conserving Sites and Sites of International Importance by the Essai of Invasive Alien Species (IA) in the Caribbean UK Overseas Territories.
5. Marine Park Aruba
6. CARPES: Quantification of ecosystem services provided by marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Caribbean with a view to their payment.
7. Saving the sea turtles of Anguilla; combining community action with scientific evidence to drive legislative change.
8. Scaling up efforts to rehabilitate threatened coral communities using recruits reared from wild-caught gametes

* 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:**

1. Project Coca Loca: Connectivity of Loggerhead turtle (Caretta caretta) in Western Indian Ocean for the future of BEST.
2. Project MOCRO: Migration Routes of Megaptra (Humpback Whale) -
3. Creation of new protected areas in the public forests of La Réunion and Mayotte.
5. BIOT Environmental Interpretation and Education Project COPRA: Conservation and gestion intégrale des habitats de phanérogames marines du parc naturel marin des Cloizées et rôle fonctionnel pour les populations de tortues marines

Macaronesia

**Total amount:** 168,460 euros

**Territories/regions:** Azores, Canary Islands

**Projects and activities:**

1. Changes in submerged vegetation: assessing loss in ecosystems services from fosterode to depauperate systems dominated by opportunistic vegetation.*

* Trans-regional project between Macaronesia and the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

Global

**Total amount:** 2,599,081 euros

**Projects and activities:**

1. Piloting the Development and Implementation of National Level Joint Activities between the Conventions in Support of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.
2. Building partnerships and awareness of biodiversity and climate change in Europe overseas for the future of BEST.
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)

Amazonia

**Total amount:** 127,375 euros

**Territories/regions:** French Guiana

**Projects and activities:**

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

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