



EU's BEST Initiative

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European Parliament
3 years preparatory action
BEST, 3times 2 million €

Member States
Council Conclusions;
FR, UK, NL

Other funders
AFD 800 000 €
for BEST in 2012

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**International
level**
CBD COP XI 15

European Commission
Implementing the BEST Preparatory Action together with dedicated
partners



Milestones of third year of BEST Preparatory Action

Commission Financing Decision adopted 18 April 2013

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/comm2006/2020.htm#best>

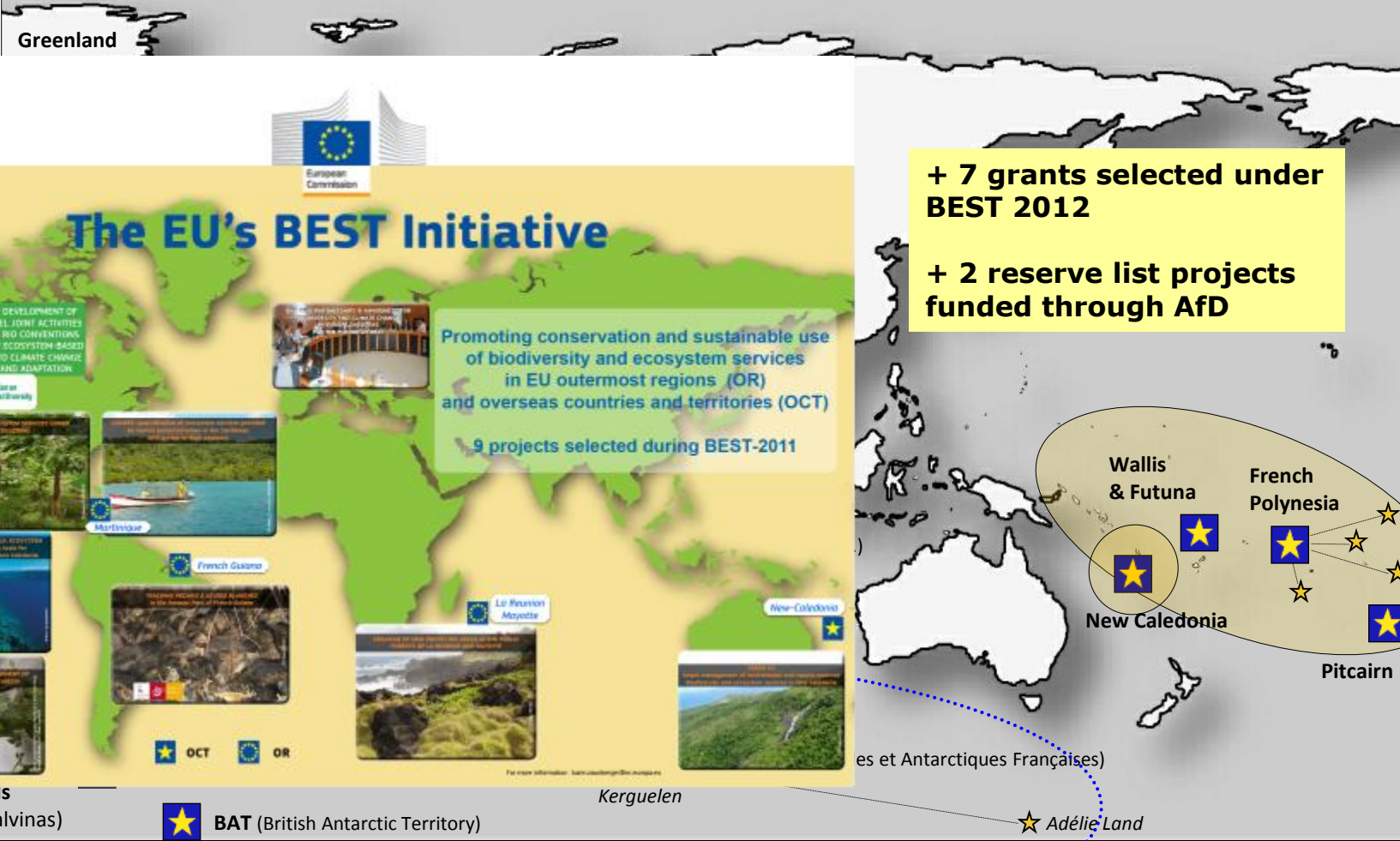
Open Call for Tender "Measures towards sustaining the BEST Preparatory Action to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services in EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories" [Closing date : 2 September 2013]

Contract to be signed before the end of the year

The EU overseas dimension

A major potential for cooperation on climate change and biodiversity

- Anguilla
- British Virgin Is.
- Turks & Caïcos
- Caïman Islands
- Montserrat
- Sint-Marteen
- Sint-Eustatius
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+ 7 grants selected under BEST 2012
+ 2 reserve list projects funded through AfD

Biodiversity hotspot with OR / OCT
 Major wilderness area with OR / OCT
 Polar & sub-polar regions

ORs
 OCTs

CORAIL to provide a set of methods to evaluate ecosystem services delivered by coral reefs in French Polynesia and New Caledonia (BEST-2011-35)





CARIPES - Quantification of the ecosystem services provided by the marine protected areas in the Caribbean in view of their payment (BEST-2011-16-9)

UAG-CRPLC

Centre de recherche sur les pouvoirs locaux dans la Caraïbe

PACIOCEA - South Pacific Ecosystemic Analysis

French Marine Protected Agency (BEST-2012-19)

Identifying important marine areas for the macaroni Penguins in the UK and FR Overseas Countries and Territories

Natural Environment Council, British Arctic Survey (BEST-2012-6)



MIROMEN - *Migration Routes of Megaptera Novaeangliae*

BEST-2012-28

The COCA LOCA project

for the preservation of the marine turtle *Caretta caretta* in the Indian Ocean
– submitted by the Reunion island association Kelonia;
(BEST-2012-20)

The MANG project on coastal wetlands knowledge and capacity building in the
EU overseas entities

– submitted by the Atelier Technique des Espaces Naturels (ATEN)
and the Conservatoire du Littoral.
(BEST-2012-7)





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FOR YOUR
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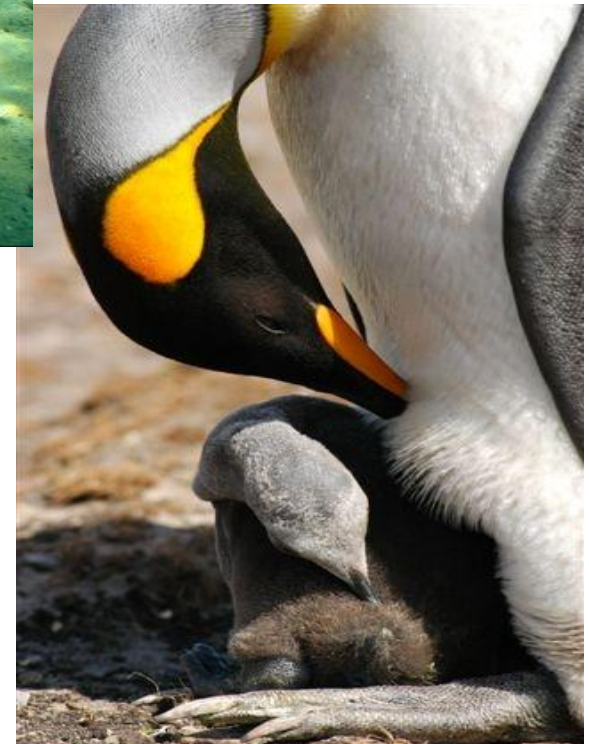


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