

INITIATIVE BEST

Un programme pour la biodiversité
des Outre-Mer européens



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SAINT-PIERRE
et MIQUELON
Des îles d'exception

ARCHIPEL
DÉVELOPPEMENT



A European initiative to foster action in 7 regions of global importance

BEST

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

BEST (Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of European Overseas) aims to strengthen biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, sustainable development and management of ecosystems and ecosystem services, as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation in the 7 European Overseas regions for:

1. Profiling key biodiversity areas (KBAs) & priority areas for action
2. Defining investment niches & supporting actions on the ground through project funding
3. Raising awareness & building capacity

Regional profiling - a scientific & participatory process

- Proven assessment tool to efficiently guide conservation efforts and investments
- A division of work smartly combining central coordination and regional teams
- A participatory process through consultations and workshops with regional and local stakeholders and experts
- Regional assessments based on most recent scientific data, experts and stakeholders' inputs & observations
- A tailored approach to define investment niches & priorities matching EU Overseas stakeholders' needs for future project funding

Caribbean region

- Coral reef restoration
- Marine protected area
- Wetlands conservation
- Coastal and inland protection
- Agroecosystems - ecosystem services
- Sustainable forest management
- Investing often services control
- Payment for ecosystem services

Polar/Sub-Polar

- Habitat conservation
- Community biodiversity monitoring

Polar/Sub-polar

- Greenland

Saint Pierre and Miquelon

- Marine protected area

Bermuda

- Marine protected area

Amazonia

- French Guiana

Amazonia

- Species monitoring

South Atlantic

- Forest restoration & biodiversity
- Educational nature trails
- Guano restoration
- Marine spatial planning
- Climate change risk assessment

South Atlantic

- Tristan da Cunha

South Georgia

- South Sandwich Islands

Macaronesia

- Canary Islands

Macaronesia

- Seagrass ecosystem services

Global

- Global partnerships
- Multilateral agreements

Indian Ocean

- Island dynamics and conservation
- Terrestrial reptile conservation
- Environmental education
- Whale conservation
- Forest protection
- Loggerhead turtle conservation
- Fisheries by-catch mitigation

Indian Ocean

- British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)

Indian Ocean

- Reunion Island

Pacific

- Regional marine conservation
- Dry forest restoration
- WPA management capacity building
- Endangered species conservation (2 projects)
- Environmental management strategies
- Coral reef ecosystem services
- Spatial planning

Pacific

- Wallis and Futuna

Pacific

- New Caledonia

Pacific

- French Polynesia

Pacific

- Pitcairn

Polar/Sub-Polar

- Marine conservation
- Participative climate change impact monitoring

Polar/Sub-polar

- French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF)

For more information
<http://ec.europa.eu/best/>
<https://portals.iucn.org/best/>

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Legend

●	EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)
●	EU Outermost Regions (ORs)
●	African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of states and island states of the same regions
●	Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the EU
●	BEST projects funded in 7 EU Overseas regions & project focus



1ère Conférence UE Biodiversité et Changement climatique Message de La Réunion

Parlement européen
Action préparatoire



13. There is an urgent need for EU Member States and the European Commission, together with the ORs and OCTs, to establish a voluntary scheme for the protection of species and habitats, inspired by the Natura 2000 approach. This scheme should be easily accessible, flexible, adapted to the local situation, balance conservation and development needs, as well as take into account existing mechanisms and tools. The implementation of the scheme should be based on local commitment and shared financing.



MESSAGE FROM GUADELOUPE

Considering the European Commission Communication COM (2012) 287: The outermost regions of the European Union: towards a partnership for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth;
Revisiting Outermost Regions (ORs) policies and actions;
Considering the Council Decision 2013/755/EU on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Union;
Recalling Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) policies and actions;
Recalling the recommendations of the Message from Reunion Island in 2008;
Recalling the islands Declaration on Climate Change of the International Conference in La Réunion in 2014;
Recalling the declaration of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa in 2014;
Recalling the UN Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets adopted by decision XII/2 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in particular Aichi Target 10, as well as decisions XI/13 and XI/15, and decisions of CBD COP 12 on Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration and on Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction;
Recalling the conclusions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) decisions;
Recalling the EU Environmental and Climate framework and more particularly, the EU Biodiversity strategy (COM(2011) 244 final(2)), the EU adaptation strategy (COM(2013) 216) and the EU Invasive Alien Species regulation (PE COMS 2014);
Recalling member states' policies and efforts;
Recalling the Cotonou agreements from 2000;

Taking into account that the ORs and OCTs are part of biodiversity hotspots of international importance with their regions and that they share common challenges in terms of biodiversity and climate change;

Acknowledging the critical value the ORs and OCTs add to European environmental wealth with their unique and diverse ecosystems providing fundamental and vital ecological services to the local populations, as well as to the local, national, regional and European economies;

Alerted by the unprecedented loss of biodiversity and hence natural capital, the threat of invasive species, the impact of climate change and human limited activities on the natural environment and the sustainable development and economies of the ORs and OCTs;

Convinced that the promotion of actions in the field of sustainable management of ecosystems and ecological goods and services, sustainable energy, sustainable management and conservation of biodiversity, disaster risk reduction, would contribute to adaptation and mitigation of climate change in the ORs and OCTs;

Taking into account the characteristics of each territory, national development priorities and individual government's circumstances and legislation of ORs and OCTs;

The CBD Executive Secretary, the French Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy and the French Minister of Overseas territories, special envoy of the French President for the protection of the planet, the President of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources and Labour of the British Virgin Islands Government, the high-

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1ère Conférence UE Biodiversité et Changement climatique des OM Message de La Réunion

2008

2010

2011
Initiative
BEST

2014

2ème Conférence UE Biodiversité et Changement climatique des OM Message de la Guadeloupe

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Strategic orientation:

- Build on the BEST preparatory action by setting up a sustainable partnership dedicated to biodiversity, ecosystem services and climate change in the ORs and OCTs. This partnership shall be committed to the establishment of an inclusive and representative management structure and shall:

Operational actions:

- Secure support from various donors, financial instruments and programmes, exploring in particular the development and use of trust funds;

- 1. **Faciliter l'accès aux fonds européens** des acteurs environnement des RUP et PTOM et **catalyser de nouvelles initiatives** de terrain en matière de conservation de la biodiversité de gestion durable des services écosystémiques, y compris de solutions basées sur la nature d'adaptation et atténuation du changement climatique, comme base du développement durable.
- 2. **Accroître les capacités** des acteurs environnement des RUP et PTOM pour accéder plus facilement et mieux gérer les fonds européens.
- 3. **Augmenter la visibilité** des RUP et PTOM comme partenaires clés de la réalisation des objectifs internationaux et de la stratégie européenne de biodiversité.

UN MÉCANISME DÉDIÉ

Un mécanisme souple

Un large champ:

“Conservation & Gestion
durable de la biodiversité et
services écosystémiques des
O-M européens”

Un mécanisme adapté

Différents types de
subventions :

Rapides ≤ € 50,000*

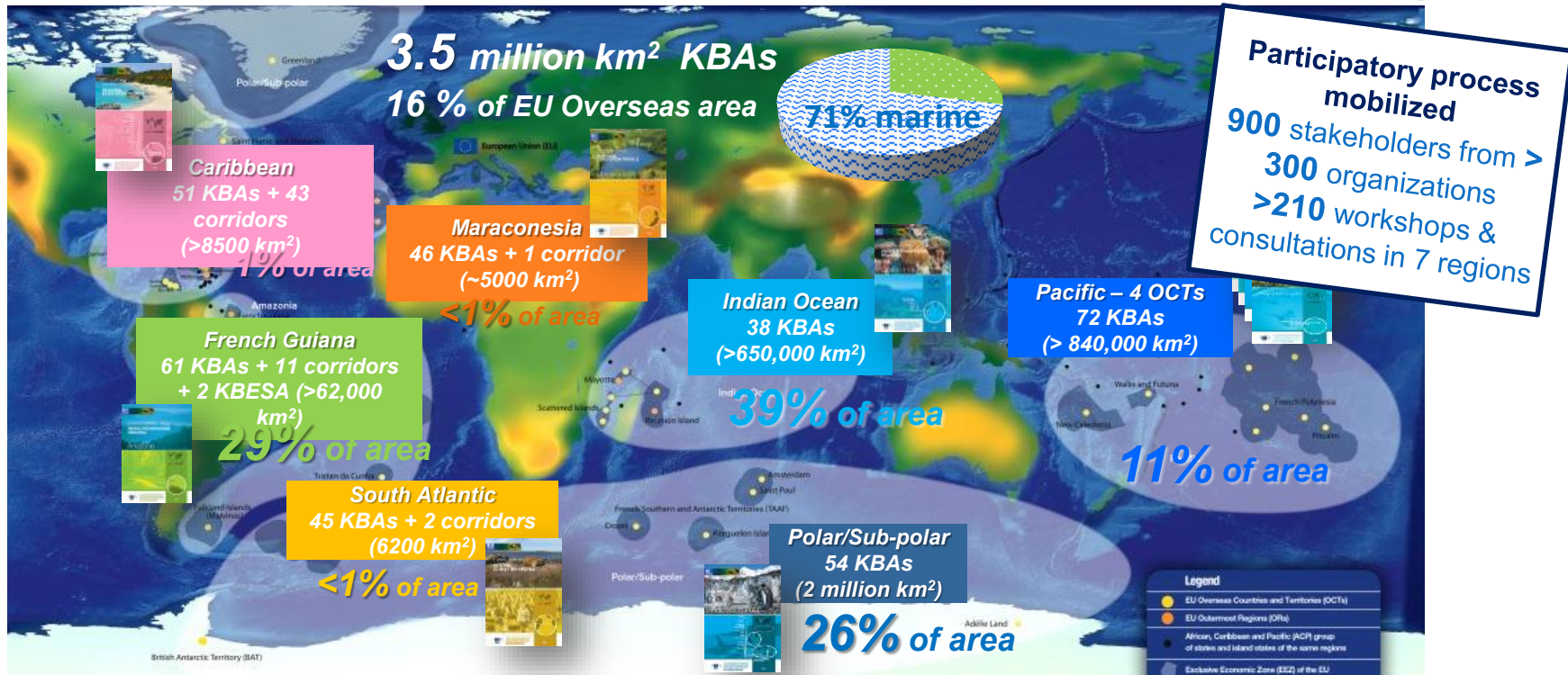
Petites ≤ € 100,000*

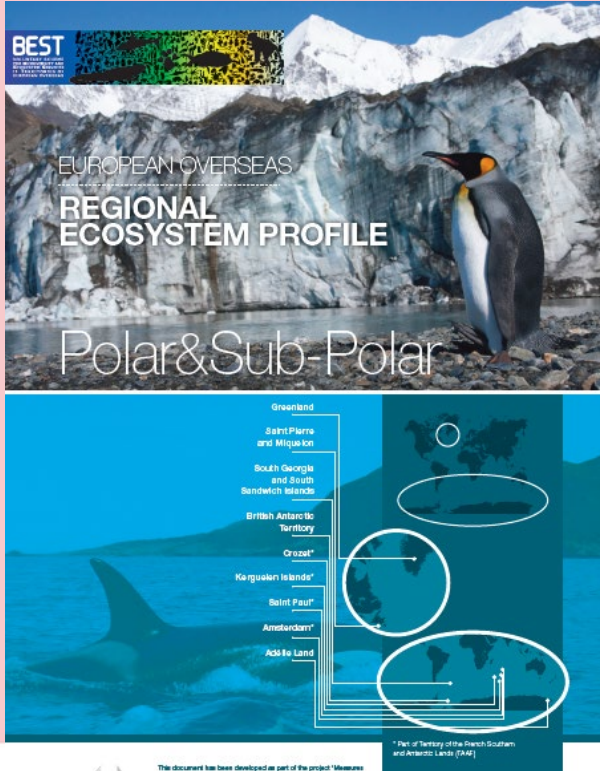
Moyennes ≤ € 400,000

**sans co-financement obligatoire*

Résultats à ce jour

- ✓ 7 profils d'écosystème régionaux
- 400 nouvelles Zones Clés de Biodiversité (KBAs)
- & corridors écologiques (3.5 million km²)





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Figure 26. Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon Key Biodiversity Areas

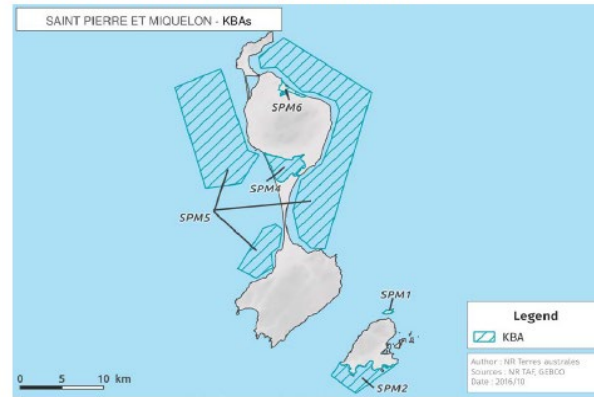


Figure 27. Saint-Pierre et Miquelon Key Biodiversity Areas

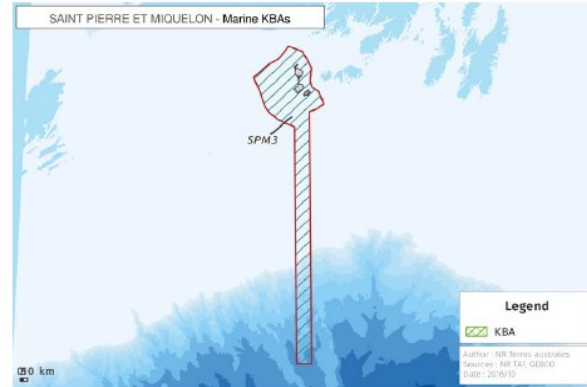
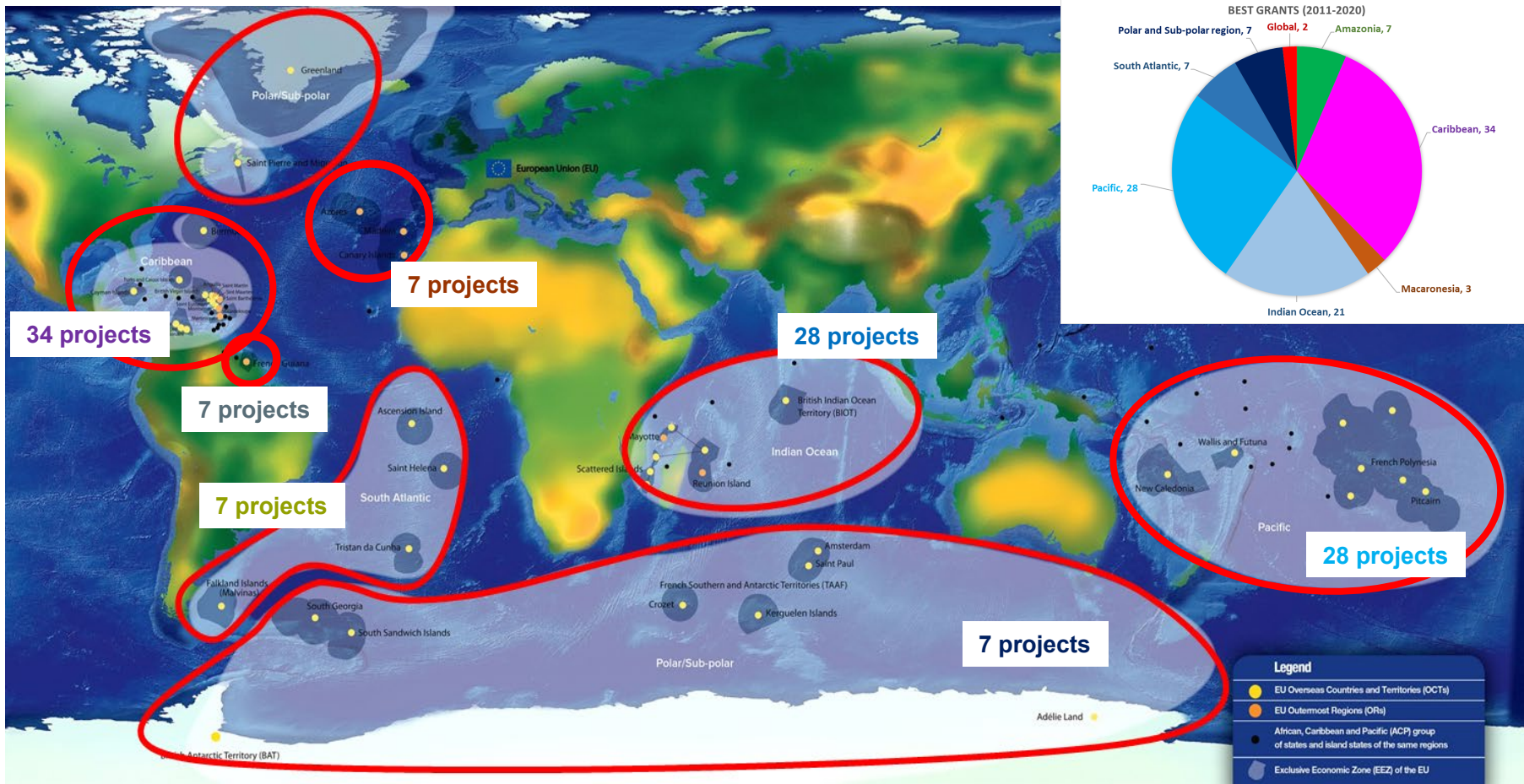


Table 10. List of threatened species present in Saint-Pierre et Miquelon according to the global Red List

TAXONOMY	Latin Name	IUCN Red List category
AVES	<i>Otaria byronia</i>	VU
AVES	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	VU
AVES	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	EN
MAMMALIA	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	EN
MAMMALIA	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	EN
PISCES	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	VU
PISCES	<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>	VU
REPTILIA	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	VU
REPTILIA	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	EN

+ de 100 projets financés

+ de nouveaux à venir en 2021!



BEST 2.0 SG 2015

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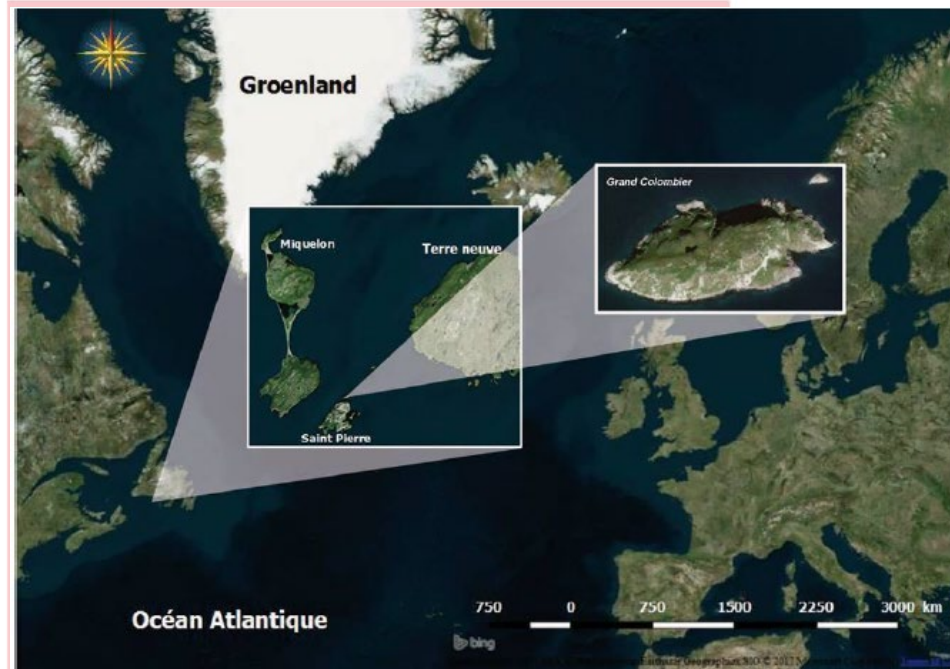
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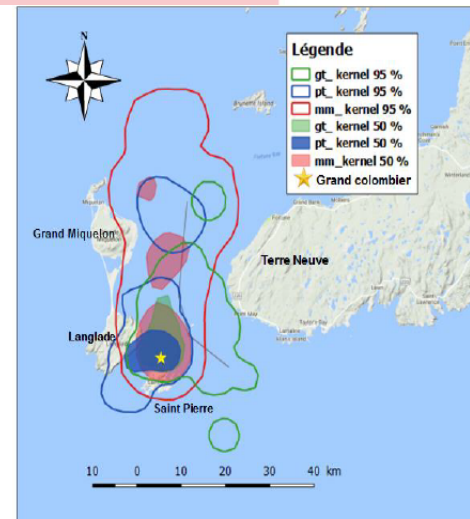
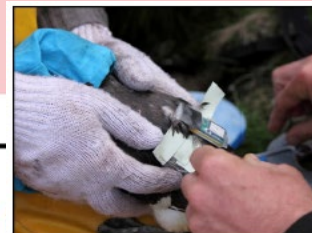


Fig.6 : Cartographie des zones d'alimentation par la méthode des Kernels (à 95 et 50%) chez le Pingouin torda (Pt), le Guillemot de Troil(Gt) et le Macareux moine (Mm)



Pose des émetteurs GPS : à gauche un GPS Catnip sur une Guillemot de Troil, à droite un GPS Pathtrack avec panneaux solaires sur un macareux moine.



Résultats à ce jour

Susciter des vocations :
+ de 120 emplois créés



Implication de la population & citoyens :
+ de 650 volontaires mobilisés



Renforcement des capacités :
+ de **100 workshops** organisés



Sensibilisation :
+ de **500 évènements** organisés
circa **50,000 personnes**



Renforcement des mesures de conservation :

- + de **475,000 km²** marins et côtiers
- + de **1400 espèces** bénéficiant d'efforts d'inventaire
- 12 nouvelles espèces découvertes**
- 3 nouvelles aires protégées** créées

Effet levier et durabilité :

- + de **40 projets poursuivis** après subvention
- + **400 collaborations** initiées

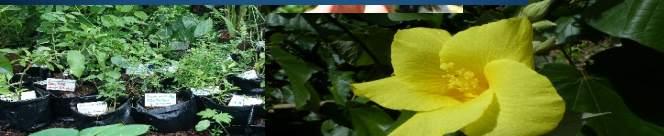




Retour d'expérience

- Petites subventions = un réel effet levier;
- Diversité des besoins et de capacités nécessite une diversité d'outils, de programmes pouvant jouer en synergie et complémentarité;
- Lorsque soutenus, les acteurs locaux peuvent faire la différence = acteurs clés de la mise en oeuvre de la Stratégie biodiversité européenne;
- Les efforts et le temps de renforcement de capacités ne doivent pas être sous-estimés;
- La préparation participative des projets est clé
- La simplification des mécanismes de financement doit être poursuivie!

Merci!



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