BIOPAMA Action Component

Brief introduction to the BIOPAMA Action Component and the Medium Grants

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BIOPAMA provides unique and tailored support to protected area authorities and stakeholders in the ACP countries to address their priorities for improved management and governance of biodiversity and natural resources.

The Reference Information Systems

The Regional Observatories

The Action Component (grant-making)
The BIOPAMA Action Component: a grant-making facility

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Improve biodiversity conservation in priority areas through funding tangible on the ground actions that are addressing management and governance priorities actions identified by diagnostic tools.
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**Action Component’s specific objectives**

- **Enhance** the **management and governance of priority areas** by addressing existing limitations (strengthening on-site infrastructure/equipment for patrolling, poaching control, developing capacity of staff);

- **Strengthen** the **legal framework** required to achieve effective biodiversity conservation;

- **Support local communities'** initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected and conserved areas management.
What for? Eligible activities must:

- Be located in one or several ACP countries, and within these in priority areas.
- Address clear priorities for action* in terms of protected/conserved areas management and governance, sustainable use of natural resources and livelihood of surrounding local communities of the priority areas. The priorities must be identified by diagnostic tools.
- Be consistent with the specific objectives of BIOPAMA Action Component.
- Achieve tangible results and impacts in the field expressed through clear indicators included in the project logical framework.
- Comply with IUCN Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS).
- Enable data and information sharing from the project with the BIOPAMA Regional Observatories and RIS.
- Be cost-efficient and sustainable.
- Be of practical field application and limited in time (confined to the duration of BIOPAMA II) to avoid dependency on the support provided by the Action Component.

Activities with co-benefits beyond conservation (e.g. on human well-being, livelihoods, climate change mitigation and adaptation) will be prioritised.
What for? Eligible activities:

- Address clear **priority activities** identified by **diagnostic tools**:
  - quantified management and governance assessment tools (including IMET, PAME tools – e.g. METT, RAPPAM, Green List, EoH, or equivalent);

  or, if not available,

  - strategic documents at the protected area, national and regional levels;

  and

  - studies validated by PA management authorities.
What for? Priority Activities:

**Priority Identification**

- Address clear priorities identified by diagnostic tools, quantified management and governance assessment tools (including IMET, PAME tools – e.g. METT, RAPPAM, Green List, EoH, or equivalent) or, if not available, strategic documents at the protected area, national and regional levels and studies validated by PA management authorities.

**The action component**

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<td>Cameroon</td>
<td>Develop programs for complete identification of biodiversity hotspots in the country;</td>
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<td>Creating new protected areas in the ecosystems harboring biodiversity hotspots including mountains and crater lakes;</td>
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<td>Central African Republic</td>
<td>Establish a management information system data of importance in biodiversity areas;</td>
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<td>Strengthen the anti poaching devices in its areas (from Representation) - Create at least one protected area in the following sites forming unprotected IBAs in DRC: • Len Kivu • Mountains Intombwe (South Kivu) &amp; Create at least one protected area in the following sites forming unprotected IBAs in DRC: • Virunga National Park • Kahuzi-Biega National Park</td>
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<td>Strengthen the process of the establishment of proposed protected areas and the creation of additional three National Parks.</td>
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<td>Creation of transboundary protected areas with seven neighboring countries of Mali (2016-2020).</td>
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<td>Niger</td>
<td>Ecological monitoring in the National Nature Reserve of the Air and Tenere (RNNAT), the Termit and Tin reserve - Tournesol.</td>
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! Ineligible activities

The following types of action are **NOT eligible:**

- The purchase of land or involuntary resettlement of people;
- Activities on indigenous peoples’ lands or territories without having obtained their free, prior and informed consent;
- Activities on land contested by local communities or indigenous people;
- Activities that negatively affect physical cultural resources and their access and use, including those important to local communities;
- The removal or altering of any physical cultural property (includes sites having archaeological, paleontological, historical, religious, or unique natural values);
- Activities significantly affecting vulnerable groups within local communities, indigenous peoples or where these communities, vulnerable groups, indigenous people have not provided their broad support to the project activities;
- Activities that include the procurement, handling, storage and use of unlawful pesticides.

! A special attention will be given through an ESMS questionnaire
Who? Eligible entities

- be a registered public entity;
- be a registered non-profit legal entity;
- be a registered small or medium enterprise (SME);
  ❌ not be individuals or sole traders.

And

- be a national, subnational or local government agency;
- be a protected area or conserved area;
- be a non-governmental organisation (NGO);
- be a local community-based organisation (CBO);
- be a regional organisation carrying out field projects;
- be an international organisation (IGO) carrying out field projects.

And

- be directly responsible of the preparation and the management of the project;
  ❌ not be an intermediary.
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Where? ACP Priorities areas

- Priority areas in wider conservation landscapes include inter alia, for the purpose of the Action:

  - Key landscapes for conservation (where identified in ACP Countries*),
  - Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs)
  - Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs),
  - Marine Managed Areas or other protected and conserved areas, where their importance is justified by diagnostic tools or strategic documents in ACP Countries, including SIDS.
Where? ACP Priorities areas

• Key landscapes for conservation (Larger than Elephants, EC DEVCO 2015)

The action component

"A full suite of viable populations of the unique wildlife heritage of sub-Saharan Africa maintained in healthy, functioning and resilient ecosystems supporting livelihoods and human development."

Box 3. Criteria used to identify the action component

- Protects a functioning ecosystem with viable wildlife populations.
- Recognised as a World Heritage Site for its global significance.
- Established as a Transfrontier Conservation Area.
- Protects a globally important dry-season coniferous forest.
- Protects long-distance terrestrial wildlife migration routes.
- Protects the most important populations of free-range large mammal species.
- Protects important populations of the Africa black rhinoceros.
- Protects a key population (as rated by the IUCN Red List Criteria) of African wildlife species, including predators, prey, and unique species.
- Features large home ranges, and which consequently require large-scale protection.
- Plays an important role in protecting important wildlife populations (IUCN Red List Category).
- Protects a regionally important hotspot of endemism.
- Contains wildlife landscapes of exceptional scenic beauty.
- Protects a watershed or aquifer that has direct influence on the health of ecosystems that are themselves of global importance.
- Plays a vital role in sustaining a key natural resource with global importance through public, commercial, recreational, scientific, and educational value.
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How? Types of Grants

- Swift and Technical ≤ € 50 000
- Small ≤ € 100 000
- Medium ≤ € 400 000
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How?

Several rounds of calls for proposals
2019 Medium Grant Call Launched on 24/06/2019!

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THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR MEDIUM GRANTS 2019 IS OPEN!

On 24 June 2019, BIOPAMA has opened the first call for proposals under the “Action component”, concerning medium grants in order to transform knowledge into actions.

Applications can be submitted in English or French by 21 September 2019 at 23:59 (Brussels date and time), via the online application portal. Applications cannot be submitted after this deadline.

Your journey will start by creating your user account in the applications portal.

All the potential applicants are strongly advised to read carefully the “Guidelines for Applicants – BIOPAMA Action component medium grants 2019” and the BIOPAMA AC ESMS manual before engaging in the application process.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA FOR THE BIOPAMA ACTION COMPONENT

BIOPAMA ACTION COMPONENT OBJECTIVES
2019 Medium Grant Call budget: 7 200 000 EUR

Grant size:
- Minimum amount: EUR 100 000
- Maximum amount: EUR 400 000

BIOPAMA AC will provide up to a maximum of 95% of the total eligible costs of the project.

The applicants are required to provide a minimum of 5% co-financing.
BIOPAMA MG Proposal Cycle (in calendar days)

- **Launch of the call**
  - MG: Full proposals submitted on portal

- **Assessment + selection decision**: 60 Days
  - RAC Assessment

- **Communication of the Evaluation results + ESMS Clearance**
  - BIOPAMA AC Validating Committee

- **Call for proposal open**
  - 90 Days

- **Call for proposal closed**

- **Results Notification**
  - BIOPAMA AC Secretariat

- **MG Applicants**
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## Who? Eligible entities for Medium Grants

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<td>Local civil society organisations (e.g., NGOs), non-profit organisations, CBOs</td>
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<td>Small socio-professional organisations, small profit organisations (5-10 permanent staff, annual balance sheet or turnover &lt;EUR 2 million)</td>
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<td>Municipalities, cities</td>
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<td>Protected areas, NGOs managing Protected areas, Conserved areas, ICCAS</td>
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<td>National authorities, agencies, bodies and services</td>
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<td>EU Member State organisations, EU OCTs organisations, OECD Member State organisations</td>
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Diagnostic Tools
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If not available
Strategic Documents at the protected area, national and regional levels
If not available
Validated Studies

Call for Proposals

RIS
RRIS

Priorities for Action

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Priority Areas projects

Indicators
The Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme (BIOPAMA) is an initiative of the ACP Group of States financed by the European Union’s 11th EDF.

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