



BIOPAMA

From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet in Eastern and Southern Africa

A global programme: the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme (2017-2023).

A long-term objective to improve the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in **African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries**, in protected areas and surrounding communities.

A global partnership: BIOPAMA is implemented by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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BIOPAMA aims at **reinforcing** the **management and governance** of protected and conserved areas in all the 79 ACP countries. By providing unique and tailored support to protected area authorities at the local, national and regional level, it supports them in achieving their conservation objectives and to report more accurately their progress on relevant multilateral environmental agreements.

- **Regional Observatories** for protected areas coordinate data collection, analysis, monitoring and reporting, and develop the capacities of staff and organisations to make optimal use of this information to address specific needs.
- **Capacity building activities** support protected area management and governance, and enable conservation practitioners, national agencies and protected areas managers to improve decision-making and prioritization of resource allocation.
- **Site-based targeted actions** support local and regional activities for biodiversity conservation on the ground, by enabling NGOs and other key actors to implement effectively their field projects.

BIOPAMA delivers **tools and services** for better biodiversity conservation and protected area management and provides **expertise in geospatial information systems** and **remote sensing**.

- Each **Regional Reference Information System (RRIS)** provides **secure online access** to biodiversity information and knowledge easily accessible and usable by all stakeholders interested in biodiversity, ecosystems, species, habitats, pressures, threats, management, governance, climate change vulnerability, etc.
- The RRIS includes tools such as **IMET (Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool)** - an example of a **protected areas management effectiveness assessment tool**. RRIS tools are designed to harmonise easily with existing data and tools from other systems, for more powerful and informed decision-making.

BIOPAMA aims to complement and align with existing platforms and initiatives in the region.

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