



BIOPAMA Programme Overview

Regional Inception Meeting
6-7 March, 2018
New Kingston, Jamaica



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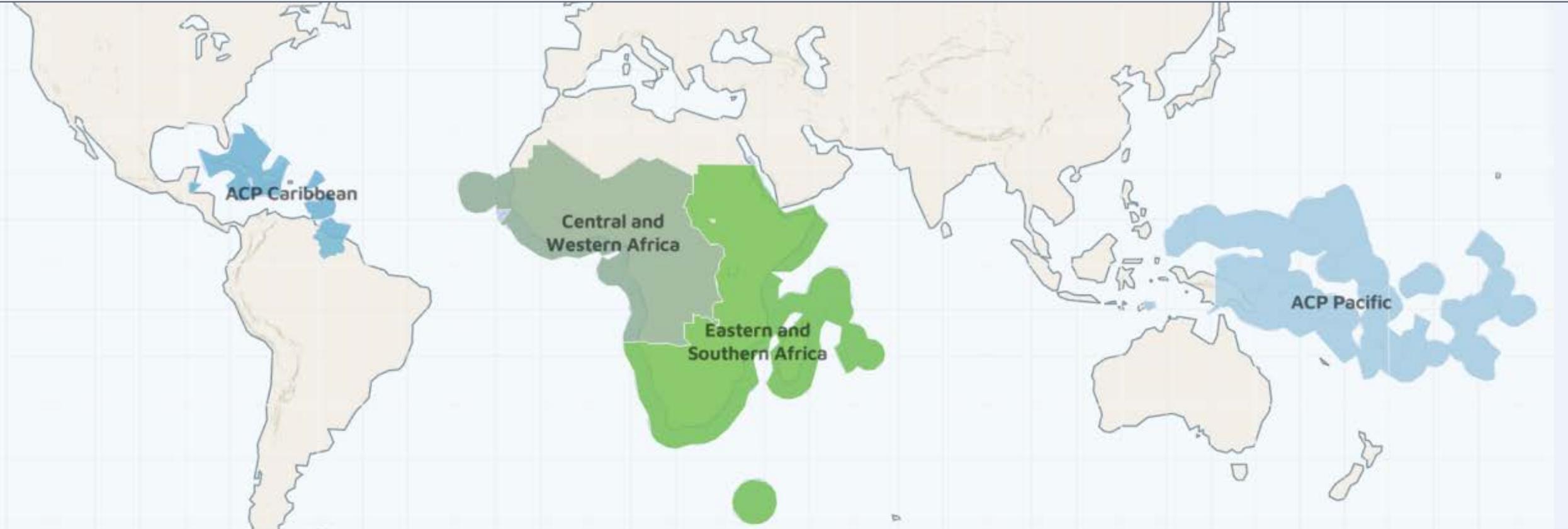


The programme: BIOPAMA (Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management)

- An initiative of the **African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP)** Group of States financed by the **European Union (EU)**'s 11th European Development Fund.
- A Global partnership: BIOPAMA combines
 - the protected areas and the biodiversity conservation expertise of the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and
 - the scientific know how of the **Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC)**.
- Implementation in close collaboration with the regional, national and local actors in **Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific countries**
- **A six year programme (2017-2023)**, continuing to build on the first programme phase.
- A **60 million Euro** investment to improve the long-term conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and natural resources.



The locations: Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries



79 developing countries (including Least Developed and Small Island States)
More than 3 billion people whose livelihoods depend on the natural resources
More than half of the world's 35 biodiversity hotspots
More than 9,000 protected areas, terrestrial and marine

The Caribbean countries

- Antigua & Barbuda
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago



The rationale

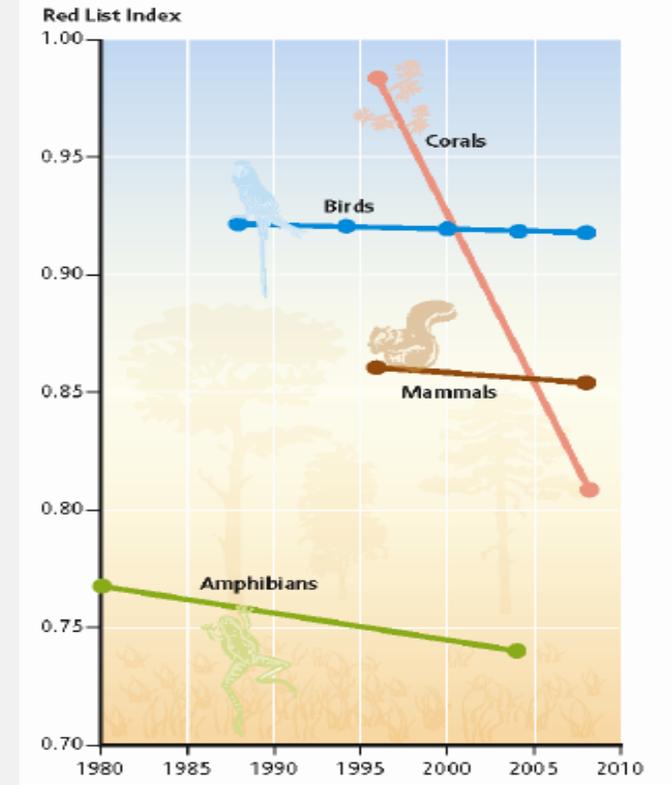
ACP countries' challenges

The main challenges to ensure biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods and effective protected area management and governance are linked to:

- Policy and legal framework
- Institutional building
- Ineffective law enforcement
- Inadequate assessments of impacts from infrastructure developments
- Lack of sustainable funding mechanisms.

Consequences

- Biodiversity continue declining
- Ecosystems increasingly degraded
- Climate change impacts to nature and society
- Livelihoods, particularly of local communities, at risk.



BIOPAMA ... since 2011

BIOPAMA builds on the progress of an initial phase (2011-2017), initiated by the ACP Group of States and funded by the EU's 10th European Development Fund. Until 2023, BIOPAMA will continue to assist the ACP countries to address priorities for effective conservation and sustainable use of natural resources by providing tools, services and financial support.

BIOPAMA (2011- 2017) results include:

- **120+** training and workshops on developing capacity for protected area and data management.
- **2000+** protected area staff, NGOs, governments, technical networks, academia, local communities and private sector benefited and were involved in the BIOPAMA activities on the ground.
- **1 ACP wide and 5 regional and sub-regional** Reference Information Systems in place
- **4 fully functional Regional Observatories for protected areas and biodiversity**



BIOPAMA Caribbean Phase 1

Accomplishments included:

- Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway (Caribbean Gateway) established and hosted by the UWI
- Regional Reference Information System (RRIS) developed
- 200+ protected area staff involved in PA management, data and information training activities
- Successful partnerships forged with national agencies and regional institutions and initiatives



The background features a stylized illustration of a marine ecosystem. On the left, a blue wavy shape contains several fish of various species, including a large striped fish and smaller ones. On the right, a grey wavy shape contains several seabirds, possibly terns, standing on a light-colored surface. The overall color palette is light and naturalistic, with blues, greys, and greens.

BIOPAMA (2017-2023): the mission

BIOPAMA aims to **reinforce the management and governance** of protected and conserved areas in the 79 **African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP)** countries through better use and monitoring of **information** and **capacity development** on management and governance.

The beneficiaries

▶ The direct beneficiaries of the BIOPAMA programme are the protected area actors at the regional, national and local levels, whose efforts will continue to be supported by the provision of tools, services, capacity development and the possibility to finance actions at the site level.



- Ministries of Environment and National agencies leading on biodiversity conservation
- Protected Area agencies
- Regional organizations
- Local communities living in and around protected areas and
- Civil society

The partnerships

Regional organisations, national and local conservation actors are key partners and beneficiaries.

- BIOPAMA aims to complement and align with existing platforms and initiatives.
- BIOPAMA is implemented at the regional level through the IUCN Regional Offices in Eastern and Southern Africa, West and Central Africa, Mexico Central America and the Caribbean, and Oceania.
- Key regional organizations are partners in the programme's implementation.



The objectives: From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet

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



The Regional Observatories



The Reference Information Systems



The Action Grants

The Regional Observatories

▶ The Regional Observatories are the central pillar of BIOPAMA's work. They support data collection, analysis, monitoring and reporting, develop the capacities of staff and organisations to manage this information and provide policy guidance for better decision making on biodiversity conservation.

The Regional Observatories provide tools and services available for stakeholders:

Data and information management and analysis (The Reference Information Systems)

Planning and decision making support

Assessment tools and support for their application including for reporting on MEAs

Capacity development for institutions, managers and local communities.

The RRIS: data and information

The Reference Information Systems (RRIS) are a key feature of each Regional Observatory. They bring together the best available science and knowledge and make it easily accessible, at regional, country and site level, supporting policy making on the inter-linked themes of biodiversity, conservation and development.

- An open-source, free and secure tool.
- Collects and analyses protected areas information and trends.
- Includes tools such as IMET (the Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool). Other tools will be added during the life of the programme.
- Typical information includes: protected areas and biodiversity ecosystems, species, habitats, pressures, threats, management, governance, climate change vulnerability, etc.
- Will be harmonised with other major global datasets, e.g. WDPA, PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet and the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas.

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The action grants

BIOPAMA will support specific actions on the ground aimed at strengthening protected areas and natural resources management effectiveness and governance. The application of the BIOPAMA management and governance assessment tools and data/information from the Regional Observatories will help identify where management action is necessary.



- 20 million Euros will be assigned for small and medium grants for targeted conservation actions.
- They will support activities on the ground, by enabling protected area agencies, NGOs, local communities and other key actors to effectively implement their field projects.

Caribbean Activities - Year 1

- Regional Inception Meeting
- 13th CaMPAM Training of Trainers in MPA Management Course (16-26 April 2018)
- Management Effectiveness Workshop (June 2018)
- Guidelines for implementation of Action Fund (July 2018)
- Outline of State of Protected Areas report (periodic status report)



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