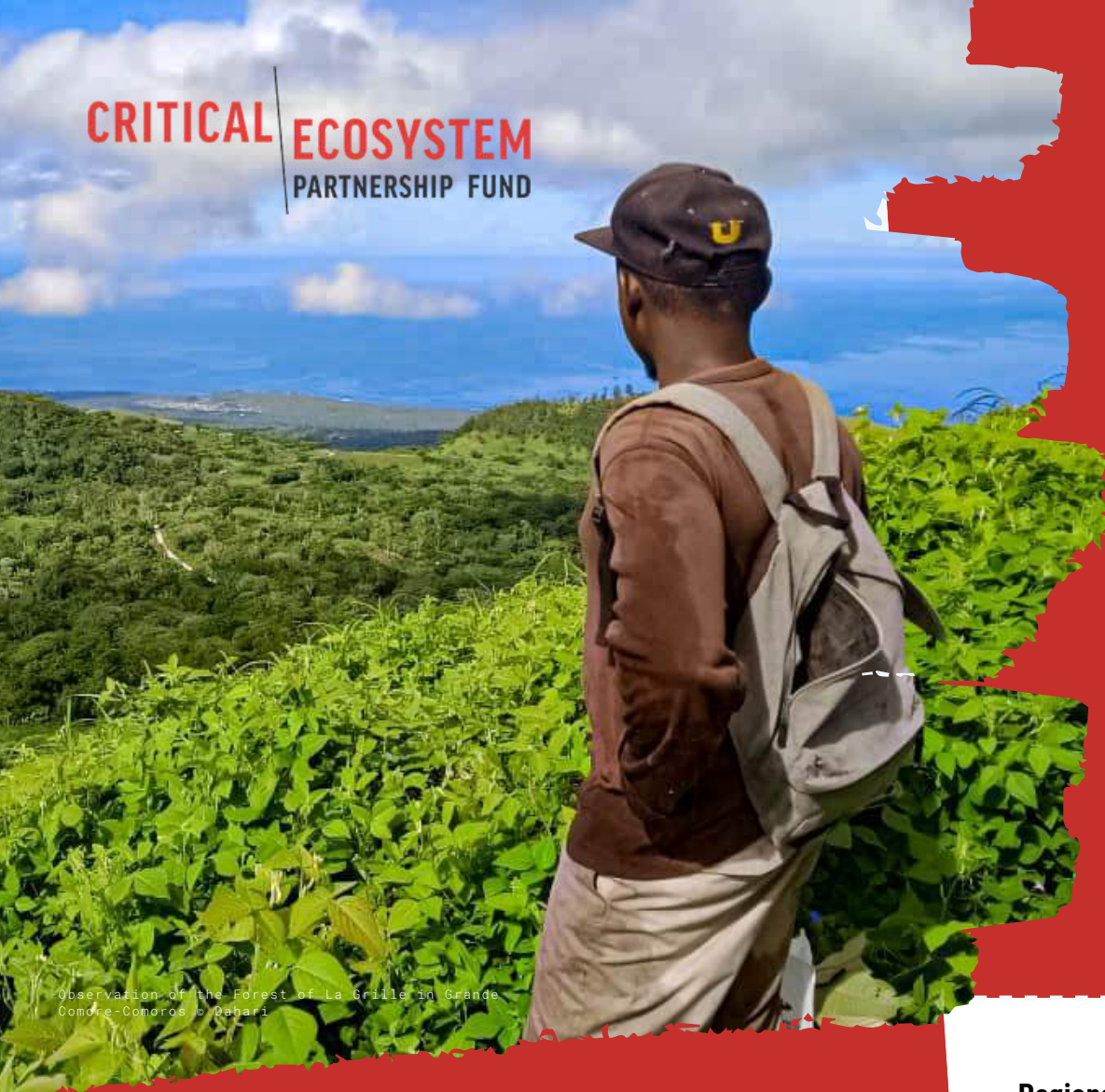


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Observation of the Forest of La Grille in Grande Comore-Comoros © Bahari

Status Update

CEPF investment in the Madagascar & the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

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STATUS UPDATE

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The CEPF programme in the Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot is in its second year of implementation. Some of the programme's highlights so far are:

- We've launched two calls for large grants (> 50.000 USD) and three for small grants (> 50.000 USD), leading to a total of 25 awarded grants, in addition to the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) grant, for a total value of USD 6,109,505. A new call for large grants and another one for small grants are currently open.
- A delegation from l'Agence Française de Développement (AFD) visited the Vallée de Ferney project in Mauritius on December 6, 2023. Ferney Ltd is the first Mauritian civil society organization to have received a CEPF Large Grant of USD 284,000 as part of the 2022 - 2027 funding cycle for the Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Biodiversity Hotspot.
- In February 2023, CEPF received confirmation of a commitment from the European Commission to add US\$10 million to the current investment in the Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands Hotspot. As of October 2023, the new funds will expand on the current US\$38 million, 10-year investment funded by the Green Climate Fund through AFD as the accredited entity.
- On May 11, 2023, as part of the celebration of Europe Week, a one-day exhibition on EU-funded projects was held in Analakely, Madagascar. SAF/FJKM, our Regional Implementation Team partner in Madagascar, was one of the exhibitors and shared information about the grant program. On behalf of the EU, Mrs. Isabelle DELATTRE BURGER, Ambassador of the European Union to Madagascar attended the project day.
- 3 meetings of the CEPF Consultative Committee (CCC) were held in April, March and November 2023. The CCC is composed of representatives of CEPF donors, the National Designated Authorities (NDAs) for the four countries under consideration and selected partners in the hotspot. Its primary role is to contribute to a credible, transparent, impartial, and quality evaluation of the Letters of Inquiry (LOIs).
- A series of masterclasses was held for civil society organisations. Topics included Ecosystem based Adaptation, project writing, project management, gender mainstreaming and safeguard policies.
- Coverage in national media in Madagascar, the Seychelles and Mauritius about the grants programme.
- Quarterly newsletters in English and French were sent out to over 500 recipients from early 2023 onwards.

Upcoming milestones (exact dates to be confirmed):

- June 2-14, 2024 - Supervision mission Mauritius
- June 2024 - CCC meeting
- Q3 2024 - Call for small grants Strategic Direction 1 (for all four countries)
- October 2024 - Supervision mission Comoros
- April 2025 - Mid-Term Assessment of the investment Madagascar



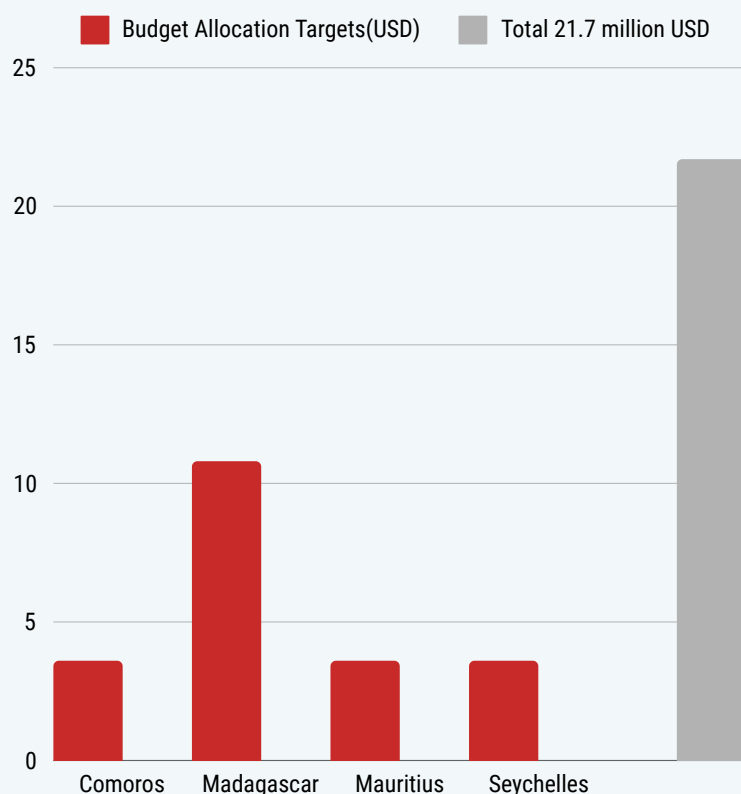
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Dashboard CEPF investment in the Madagascar & the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

Budget Allocation by Country July 2022 – June 2028



Budget Allocation by Strategic Direction

Strategic Direction	EU grant (USD) (excl. Zanzibar) October 2023 - June 2028	GCF grant (USD) July 2022- June 2027	Budget Allocation (USD)	Total (%)
1. Civil society is empowered to implement biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation actions at priority KBAs	5.0 million	9.0 million	14.0 million	64%
2. Civil society has improved ability to support the integration of biodiversity and the Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) approach into political and economic decisions	0.4 million	0.8 million	1.3 million	6%
3. Civil society capacity to conserve biodiversity and enhance adaptation to climate change impacts is strengthened	0.6 million	1.2 million	1.8 million	8%
4. Research on ecosystems and EbA approaches is conducted, and results are disseminated	0.7 million	1.6 million	2.3 million	11%
5. Regional Implementation Team	0.8 million	1.5 million	2.3 million	11%
TOTAL	7.6 million	14.1 million	21.7 million	

CEPF investment in the Madagascar & the Indian Ocean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot so far:



USD 6,109,505
granted so far



Grants awarded 25
(13 SG and 12 LG)



Projects in 4 countries
(Madagascar: 14, Comores: 4,
Mauritius: 4, Seychelles 3)

Projects by CEPF pillar



Biodiversity
17 projects



Civil Society
2 projects



Enabling Conditions
2 projects



Human Well-being
4 projects



Giant tortoise
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For an overview of the projects that received a CEPF grant so far, please have a look at the [interactive map](#).



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Aerial view Mayotte, Comoros
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Call for Letters of Inquiry (LoI)

Date	Countries	Strategic Direction (SD) and Investment Priority (IP)	Type of Subvention	Information Session Date
November 15, 2022 - December 23, 2022	Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles	SD 1 IP 1.1/1.2	Large Grants	November 25, 2022
November 15, 2022 - February 2, 2023	Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles	SD 1 IP 1.1/1.2SD 3 IP 3.1	Small Grants	November 25, 2022
June 6, 2023 - August 1, 2023	Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles	SD 3 IP 3.1/3.2SD 4 IP 4.1	Large Grants	June 21 and 22, 2023
August 15, 2023 - September 30, 2023	Mauritius	SD 1 IP 1.1	Small Grants	August 24, 2023
September 12, 2023 - November 23, 2023	Madagascar	SD 1 IP 1.1	Small Grants	September 27, 2023
March 8, 2024 - April 30, 2024	Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles	SD 2 IP 2.1/2.2SD 4 IP 4.2	Large Grants	March 21 and 22, 2024
April 1, 2024 - May 13, 2024	Seychelles	SD 1 IP 1.1/1.2	Small Grants	April 11, 2024



Restoration at Plaine Sophie, NATIR, Mauritius

Grant-Making Status

Large Grants	Total	Comoros	Madagascar	Mauritius	Seychelles	Regional						
LoI Received	145	100%	29	20%	76	52%	20	14%	10	7%	10	7%
LoI Ineligible	17	12%	5	17%	6	8%	6	30%	0	0%	0	0%
LoI Shortlisted	29	20%	2	7%	14	18%	3	15%	5	50%	5	50%
Proposal Declined or Withdrawn	3	2%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	2	20%	0	0%
Grant Contracted	12	8%	1	3%	7	9%	2	10%	2	20%	0	0%
Grant Pending Contracting	14	10%	1	3%	6	8%	1	5%	1	10%	5	50%
Grant with Category B Safeguard	6	4%	0	0%	2	3%	1	5%	3	30%	0	0%
Grant Closed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Small Grants												
LoI Received	178	100%	13	7%	137	77%	26	15%	2	1%	0	0%
LoI Ineligible	74	42%	7	54%	60	44%	6	23%	1	50%	0	0%
LoI Shortlisted	24	13%	3	23%	14	10%	6	23%	1	50%	0	0%
Proposal Declined or Withdrawn	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Grant Contracted	13	7%	3	23%	7	5%	2	8%	1	50%	0	0%
Grant Pending Contracting	9	5%	0	0%	5	4%	4	15%	0	0%	0	0%
Grant with Category B Safeguard	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Grant Closed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Amount of Contracted Grants per Strategic Direction (Amount of Shortlisted Lol with Proposals under Review)

Strategic Direction	Budget Allocation (USD)	Contracted Large Grants (USD)	Contracted Small Grants (USD)	Total (%)	Budget Balance, incl. shortlisted
1. Civil society is empowered to implement biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation actions at priority KBAs	14,000,000	3,229,383 (526,198)	484,210 (99,993)	31%	9,660,216
2. Civil society has improved ability to support the integration of biodiversity and the Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) approach into political and economic decisions	1,270,000	0	0	0%	1,270,000
3. Civil society capacity to conserve biodiversity and enhance adaptation to climate change impacts is strengthened	1,780,000	(1,781,538)	96,085	105%	-97,623
4. Research on ecosystems and EbA approaches is conducted, and results are disseminated	2,340,000	(749,976)	0	32%	1,590,024
5. Regional Implementation Team	2,300,000	2,299,826	-	100%	174
	21,690,000	5,529,210 (3,057,712)	580,295 (99,993)	43%	12,422,790

Amount of Contracted Grants per Country (Amount of Shortlisted Lol with Proposals under Review)

Country	Budget Allocation (USD)	Contracted Large Grants (USD)	Contracted Small Grants (USD)	Total (%)	Budget Balance, incl. shortlisted
Madagascar	10,845,000	1,722,076 (1,313,634)	282,412	31%	7,526,878
Comoros	3,615,000	499,885 (100,000)	148,717	21%	2,866,398
Mauritius	3,615,000	556,094 (273,837)	99,932(99,993)	26%	2,685,137
Seychelles	3,615,000	451,328 (279,990)	49,235	22%	2,834,447
Regional	0	2,299,826 (1,090,251)			-3,390,077



The remote imagery technique used, baited remote underwater stereo-video systems (stereo-BRUVS), capturing a range of species on a seagrass meadow (c) BERI, Seychelles

Expected Contributions of Active Grants towards CEPF Indicators (And expected Contribution of Proposals under Review)		
Short term impacts indicators	Target value	Expected Contribution
Number of men with increased income as a result of ecosystem-based livelihood activities (sustainable fishing, nature-based tourism, harvesting natural products, etc.).	16,500	4,340 (968)
Number of women with increased income as a result of ecosystem-based livelihood activities (sustainable fishing, nature-based tourism, harvesting natural products, etc.).	16,500	5,034 (1,160)
Number of men with non-monetary benefits, excluding training, from strengthened ecosystem service delivery.	152,500	116,436 (2,108)
Number of women with non-monetary benefits, excl. training, from strengthened ecosystem service delivery.	152,500	116,992 (910)
Number of economic models improving resilience of local communities to climate change.	20	17 (4)
Number of hectares of intact coastal ecosystems with enhanced management.	610,000	6,531 (50,902)
Number of hectares of intact watershed forest ecosystems with enhanced management.	300,000	82,598 (3,117)
Number of hectares of degraded coastal ecosystems restored.	2,000	577 (460)
Number of hectares of degraded watershed forest ecosystems restored.	1,000	2,571 (150)
Number of hectares with climate-resilient agroforestry systems.	1,000	596 (49)
Number of hectares of small island ecosystems with less or no invasive alien species.	1,000	393 (0)
Number of public, private and/or CSO actors adopting KBAs as priorities for EbA.	6	3 (12)
Number of communities, public and/or private institutions using new EbA tools, techniques and/or instruments.	12	7 (150)
Number of strategies engaging private actors to mainstream EbA into their practices.	2	1 (10)
Number of knowledge products on ecosystem services and/or EbA.	3	6 (38)
Number of men from local CSOs with increased capacity.	5,500	2,988 (1,477)
Number of women from local CSOs with increased capacity.	5,500	2,945 (1,395)
Number of local CSOs with a Civil Society Tracking Tool score of 80 percent or higher.	12	40 (93)
Number of CSO national or regional training courses and/or exchange visits.	7	23 (99)
Number of researches on the role of ecosystems in climate change adaptation and the effectiveness of EbA actions.	2	1 (3)
Number of researches measuring and verifying the impact of the grants on ecosystem services.	2	0
Number of public awareness and education events on biodiversity, conservation, resilience, ecosystem services and EbA.	2	(7)



Left foto: Local community habitat restoration CAZ Wes, Madagascar. (c) The Aspinall Foundation CAZ project.
 Right foto: VOI members CAZ West working on report, Madagascar. (c) The Aspinall Foundation CAZ project.

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Dahari	A climate-resilient community-based reef conservation model for the Comoros	Large Grant	\$ 499,885.48	Comoros	07/01/2023	12/31/2025	Refine a community-based marine conservation model in Pomoni and Moya Key Biodiversity Areas on the island of Anjouan in the Comoros to support the resilience of populations and ecosystems to climate change. Establish a locally managed marine area by building the management capacity of fishermen's and fisherwomen's associations while proving alternative economic incentives to improve their livelihoods and ensure the sustainability of the model.
BEE Comores	Amélioration de la connaissance aux impacts sociaux et écologiques pour la promotion de la gestion durable des écosystèmes côtiers et terrestres.	Small Grant	\$ 49,121	Comoros	07/01/2023	12/31/2024	Assess the health of natural habitats and propose participatory management strategies for the protection and conservation of endemic biodiversity and ecosystems, e.g. inventory of invasive species, identification of degraded areas and priority trees for reforestation and the mapping of restoration areas. Train academics and disseminate best practice solutions.
Initiative pour une alternative citoyenne	Renforcement des capacités de résilience des agriculteurs et agricultrices de la zone forestière de Hapimba face aux effets du changement climatique.	Small Grant	\$ 49,933	Comoros	07/01/2023	12/31/2024	Strengthen the seed multiplication capacities of efficient food and market gardening crops, as well as forest and fruit tree seedlings, in an approach to creating a value chain and preserving the habitats of endemic fauna in danger, particularly Livingstone's fruit bat and Anjouan scops owl from the Hapimba forest zone of Mont Ntringui National Park.
Association "les Amis de Nyumbadjou-Djomoichongo	Préservation de l'Ecosystème de Karthala par la Promotion des Pratiques Agricoles et forestières résilientes au Changement Climatique dans la réserve forestières de Nyumbadjou	Small Grant	\$ 49,662.61	Comoros	07/01/2023	2/28/2025	Strengthen the capacity of the Nyumbadjou forest reserve, located in the center of the Karthala forest on the slope of its crater, by reducing the vulnerability of farmers through training on good agricultural practices adapted to climate change. Implement reforestation plans for endemic plants with fertilizing and CO2-fixing capacity to promote the protection of the forest ecosystem and agricultural practices resilient to climate change.
Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire Suisse-Madagascar	Hazo Aina- les arbres la vie - ou les communautés qui restaurent les écosystèmes forestiers des bassins versants dans le sud-ouest de Madagascar	Large Grant	\$ 271,544.8	Madagascar	07/01/2023	10/31/2026	Reduce the vulnerability of the populations of southwestern coastal Madagascar to the risks of climate change by conserving and restoring the forest ecosystem of the lower Onilahy basin. Improve the livelihoods of communities and, among communities and civil society organizations, promote understanding of the importance of healthy forest ecosystems in the face of climate change.
Arboretum d'Antsokay	Advancing collaborative forest restoration and protection in Amoron'i Onilahy Area	Large Grant	\$ 188,920	Madagascar	12/01/2023	11/30/2026	Halt deforestation and erosion of Amoron'i Onilahy Protected Area by engaging local conservation areas managers in ecosystem-based adaptation (protection and restoration of forest habitats), empowering and strengthening their local governance with the development of public-private alliance/partnership and promoting good farming practices/transition to address forest exploitation.
The Aspinall Foundation	Developing Climate Change Resilience in Rural Community Protected Area Management	Large Grant	\$ 148,993.78	Madagascar	09/01/2023	8/31/2026	Help local small-scale subsistence farming communities in the Forest Corridor of Ankeniheny Zahamena adapt to climate change through a combination of awareness raising, patrolling and training in new skills such as climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry which should prevent further loss of primary forest cover whilst increasing ecosystem services and resilience of the communities.



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Conservation Centree sur la Communaute C3 Madagascar	Building resilience for climate change impacts in Three Bays KBA	Large Grant	\$ 216,127.35	Madagascar	01/01/2024	12/31/2026	Carry out baseline biodiversity surveys to inform conservation strategies and a management plan for Three Bays Key Biodiversity Area. Promote sustainable fishing practices and improved processing and marketing techniques. Restore mangroves and develop a community-led management plan to safeguard the ecological integrity of the site while promoting sustainable resource use. Raise awareness on the importance of protected areas and their role in building resilience to climate change impacts.
Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group	Building Community Capacity for Climate Resilience around Betampona Reserve, Madagascar	Large Grant	\$ 441,933.07	Madagascar	07/01/2023	12/31/2026	Empower local communities to carry out a complementary combination of ecosystem-based adaptations, namely native forest restoration and agroforestry, to increase the buffer zone and remaining forest fragments around the Betampona Integral Nature Reserve for protection against climate change-related cyclones, tropical storms and wildfires.
Association Ny Tanintsika	Building Community-led Climate Resilience in Ambositra-Vondrozo Corridor, Madagascar	Large Grant	\$ 206,984.68	Madagascar	10/01/2023	6/30/2026	Improve governance of Ambositra-Vondrozo Corridor for climate resilience via effective community involvement, strengthening of local-level forest management structures and enforcement of forest legislation. Draw up land-use plans to reforest and restore zones, particularly key watersheds. Engage youth through inspirational agroforestry plots to trigger widespread adoption of climate-smart techniques and through ecological and forest monitoring.
Acting for Communities and Trees	Enhancing Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in the Ambodivoasary Natural Reserve	Large Grant	\$ 247,572.61	Madagascar	10/01/2023	12/31/2026	Enhance the climate resilience of the ecosystems and local community at Ambodivoasary Natural Reserve by enhancing community management of intact watershed forest; restoring degraded forest ecosystems, while generating long-term income from the production of native seedlings; developing climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry; and promoting the development of community-based ecotourism to ensure sustainable funding for forest ecosystem conservation activities.
Money for Madagascar	Habilitation (Empowerment) des organisations communautaires de base (COBA/VOI) dans leur rôle de gestionnaires des ressources naturelles de 3 ZCB	Small Grant	\$ 49,814	Madagascar	07/01/2023	12/31/2024	Contribute to the organizational development of nineteen community-based organizations and land managers through the training of young men and women from local communities to become providers of advisory services on agroecological farming practices so as to build livelihood resilience, and in turn improve the governance of community organizations in the management three Key Biodiversity Areas: Amoron'i Onilahy, Complexe Lac Ihotry and Tsinjoarivo.
Association Ny Tanintsika	Appui aux trois communautés de base dans la commune rurale Ankarinoro face au changement climatique	Small Grant	\$ 49,969	Madagascar	07/01/2023	6/30/2025	Undertake an initiative to empower rural communities in Ankarinoro, Madagascar. Assess the strengths of Community-Based Forest Management Associations and design action plans while simultaneously restoring lands through reforestation and agroforestry, supporting coffee and rice cultivation. Emphasize community engagement, particularly involving women, to enhance climate resilience in Madagascar.



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Association PARTAGE	Développement d'un système de paiement pour services écosystémiques destiné à restaurer les terres dégradées et à diminuer les pressions sur les forêts naturelles du Corridor Forestier Fandriana Marolambo	Small Grant	\$ 31,155	Madagascar	07/01/2023	6/30/2025	Develop a pilot site for a payment for ecosystem services scheme to encourage small groups of self-governing farmers to plant trees and show environmental leadership. Restore degraded land and reduce pressure on the natural forests of the Fandriana-Marolambo Forest Corridor, while testing this innovative and proven sustainable development model in Madagascar. Community quantifiers will be paid to monitor the trees planted and the new sustainable agricultural practices that promote biodiversity.
Malagasy teknisiana mivondrona ho Aro sy TEzan?iZahamena ary ny Ala Atsinanana	Appui à la communauté riveraine de la réserve naturelle intégrale de Betampona pour la mise en œuvre des actions d'adaptation face aux risques liés au changement climatique	Small Grant	\$ 49,830	Madagascar	09/01/2023	8/31/2025	Implement in and around the Betampona Integral Nature Reserve the restoration of degraded forest ecosystems, the removal of invasive species, the promotion of resilient agroforestry and the strengthening of the technical and financial capacity of the grassroots community around the reserve.
Madagascar Action Development	Appui à l'amélioration de la résilience des écosystèmes marins, côtier et les populations riveraines du site « Complexe des Trois Baies » (MDG-033) face au changement climatique	Small Grant	\$ 49,873.13	Madagascar	07/01/2023	7/30/2025	Develop a strategy to improve the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems and the local community to climate change in the far north of Madagascar, with a focus on mangroves, threatened species and communities vulnerable to climate change. Development activities will be linked to the livelihoods of local populations and will incorporate the agroforestry system, which aims to protect and fertilize the soil, diversify farmers' production and set up resilience funds to provide savings loans.
Tahosoa Alandriake Mitambatse lanantsona Andatabo	Revitaliser la Conservation Communautaire autour de l'Aire Protégée de Tsinjoriake - Phase I	Small Grant	\$ 5,500	Madagascar	09/01/2023	6/30/2024	Provide communities and civil society, members and partners of the TAMIA Association, with the capacities and means for the conservation of priority habitats and species in the Tsinjoriake Key Biodiversity Area and to implement actions aimed at improving the resilience of species, ecosystems and human populations to climate change.
TAFO MIHAOVO	Soutien aux initiatives des organisations communautaires de bases dans la gestion et gouvernance communautaire contre les feux de forêt, dans trois communes du district de lalangina (androy- ialamarina- ampatsy ampanabe) région haute matsiatra - mada	Small Grant	\$ 46,271	Madagascar	10/01/2023	3/31/2026	Build capacity for ten local natural resource management organizations, promoting sustainable governance in peripheral communities of the Fandriana Vondrozo Forest Corridor. Prevent internal forest migration by updating the Management Plan and enforcing internal regulations. Activities generating income, including rice cultivation, beekeeping and fish farming, will accompany these efforts, benefiting 1,800 individuals.
Ebony Forest Ltd	Restoring degraded native forest in Mauritius	Large Grant	\$ 272,071	Mauritius	12/01/2023	12/31/2026	Restore a total of 21 hectares of degraded watershed forest at Ebony Forest Chamarel (Chamarel Le Morne Key Biodiversity Area) and Vallée De L'Est (Bambou Range Key Biodiversity Area) in Mauritius by controlling invasive alien plants and animals. Improve ecosystem resilience to climate change by reinstating missing species interactions, such as seed dispersal and grazing.
Ferney Ltd	Building climate resilience in the Nyon River watershed, Ferney, Mauritius.	Large Grant	\$ 284,022.72	Mauritius	08/01/2023	7/31/2026	Facilitate natural regeneration of watershed forests and riparian areas through an integrated, ecosystem-based approach. Eliminate invasive alien species, plant selected native pioneer and post-pioneer species and fence off areas. Promote sustainable land management and support resilient livelihoods through climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry and by communicating and sharing knowledge on these topics.



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NATIR	Restoration of Plaine Sophie forest in Mauritius	Small Grant	\$ 49,998.80	Mauritius	07/01/2023	6/30/2026	Conduct a 3-year forest restoration program at Plaine Sophie in Mauritius in partnership with the Forestry Services, with the aim of planting 36,000 woody native seedlings and 36,000 ferns. Partner with a non-governmental organization dedicated to sensitization on Human Immunodeficiency Virus, who will provide manpower for weeding and planting under a pay-as-you-work program designed to support inmates' reintegration into society.
PAT'S NATURE FARM	Development of a model agroforestry plots at Chazal, Chamouny and O'Connor, Camp Caval, Curepipe	Small Grant	\$ 49,933	Mauritius	09/01/2023	8/30/2025	Rehabilitate two abandoned plots of land using an agroecological approach. At Chamouny, ancient relic forest land, rendered flood prone after sugarcane planting and abandoned to invasive plants, will be reconvered with a mix of fruit trees and native plants. At Camp Caval site, abandoned agricultural land will be rehabilitated via an agroforestry model for vegetable production.
Seychelles Islands Foundation	Understanding Invasive Alien Species Eradication as a Nature-based Solution for Aldabra Island, Seychelles	Large Grant	\$ 301,400	Seychelles	01/01/2024	12/31/2026	Conduct thorough research to inform planning for the eradication of invasive alien species from Aldabra Atoll, a World Heritage Site in Seychelles. Enable this step and promote the Aldabra eradication as the second-largest eradication of rats on a tropical island worldwide and as a critical nature-based solution to boost ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change.
Indian Ocean Tortoise Alliance	Eradication of Black Rats (<i>Rattus rattus</i>) From Curieuse Island, Seychelles	Large Grant	\$ 149,928.15	Seychelles	12/01/2023	11/30/2025	Eradicate all black rats (<i>Rattus rattus</i>) from Curieuse Island in Curieuse Marine National Park using an array of self-resetting traps, camera traps, a detector dog and thermal imaging drone in a dynamic rat-free mainland island approach, with associated monitoring, permanent biosecurity and significant educational component for park rangers and the local population.
BERI	Building capacity in Seychelles to advance marine monitoring and ecosystem management to increase climate resilience	Small Grant	\$ 49,234.50	Seychelles	07/01/2023	6/30/2026	Develop an ocean observation and marine monitoring and ecosystem management framework in five marine protected areas around the coasts of Mahe - Seychelles. Conduct research on the status of these identified protected areas and provide mitigating and management approaches where needed. Build long term national capacity by providing training and establishing a network of students and research organizations to develop sustainable ocean observation and monitoring system for priority areas.