



BESTLIFE2030

Grant scheme for biodiversity in the
EU's Outermost Regions and associated
Overseas Countries and Territories

2nd Macaronesian Biogeographical
seminar, Terceira, 08/11/2023

Coordinator



Regional hubs



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BESTLIFE2030: Quick facts

Programme duration

1 February 2023
-
31 January 2031

Grant amount

EUR 31,999.999.39

ORs and OCTs

Amazonia, Caribbean,
Indian Ocean,
Macaronesia, North
Atlantic, Pacific

Calls for proposals

4

Estimated no. of grants

200+

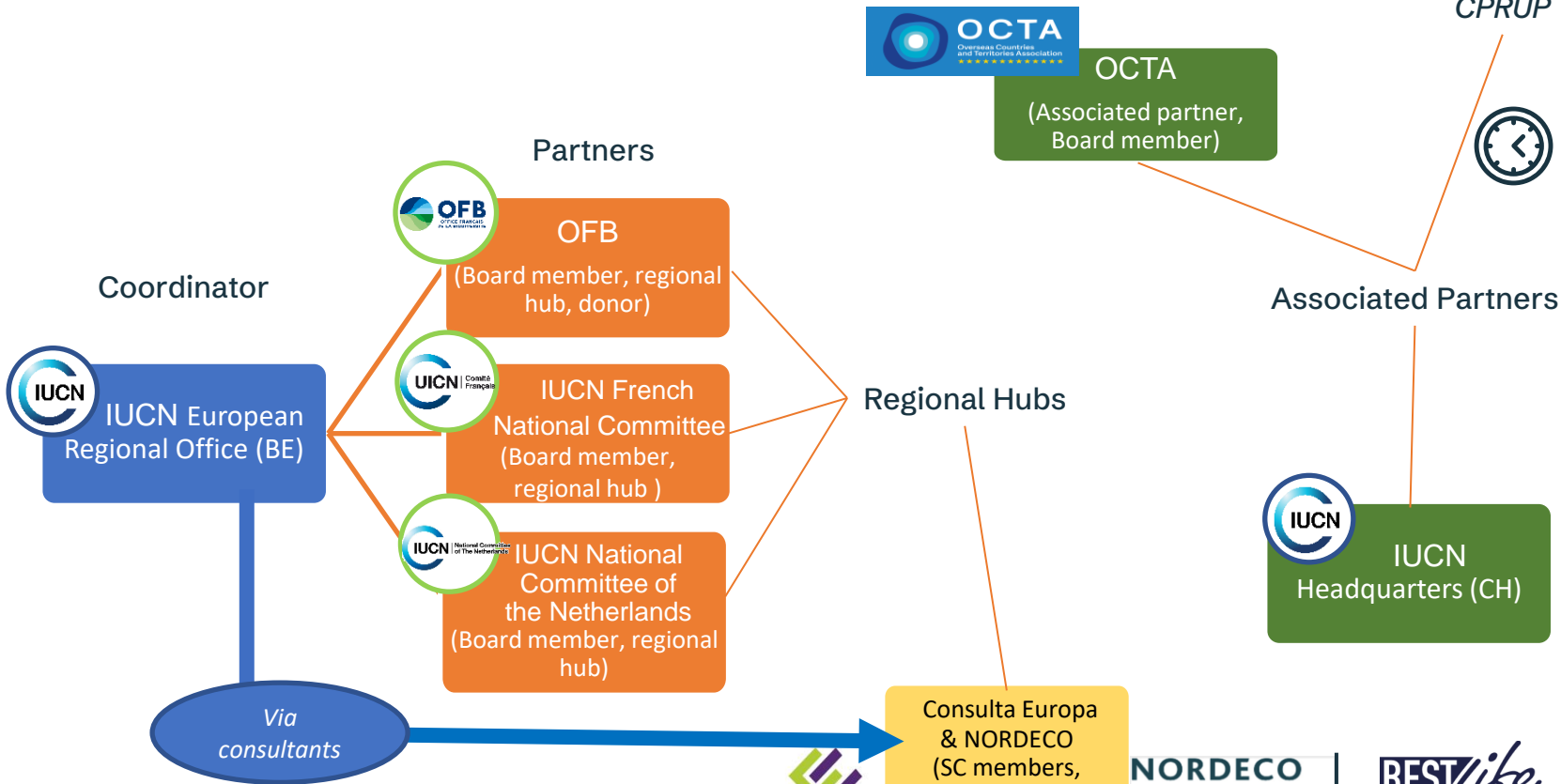
Max grant amount

EUR 100,000

+ 5% co-funding

BESTLIFE2030 objectives

- Provide support to biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of ecosystem services, including for climate adaptation
- Empower local stakeholders to define and implement projects tailored to their respective challenges, and to effectively address concrete conservation issues
 - Engage in key policy discussions at EU and international levels
- Quantify the tangible contribution of EU Overseas towards national, European and global goals for biodiversity and climate action



Geographical scope - regions & hubs

Caribbean
Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba,
Saint-Eustache, Sint-Maarten

Guadeloupe, Martinique,
Saint Martin, Saint Barthélemy



Amazonia
French Guiana



Pacific
New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna,
French Polynesia



North Atlantic
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
NORDECO
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Greenland



Macaronesia
Azores, Madeira,
Canary Islands

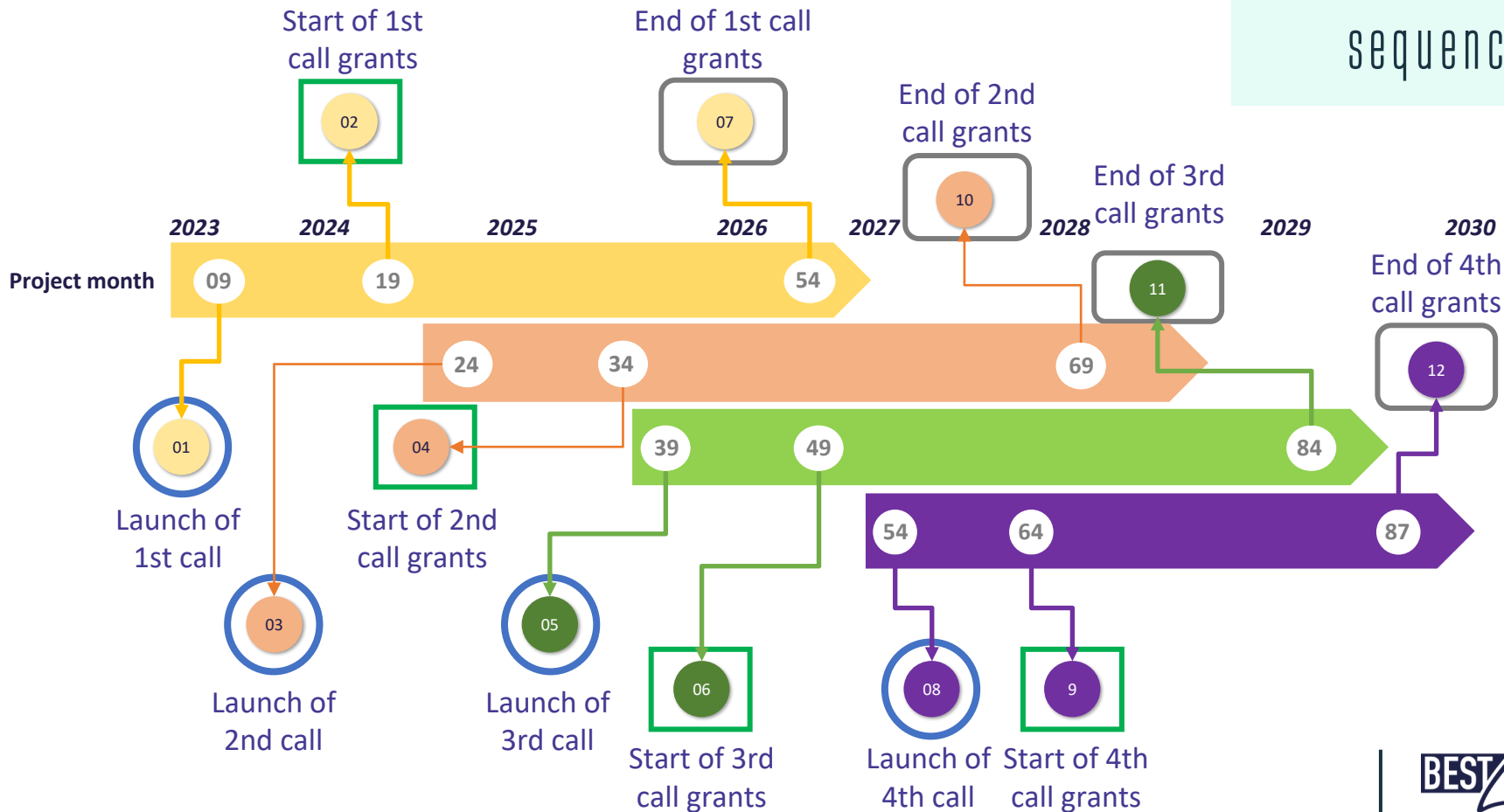


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Indian Ocean
Réunion, Mayotte, French Southern and
Antarctic Lands – Scattered Islands,
Austral Islands and Adélie Land



BESTLIFE2030 call sequence



How to apply

1. Two-step approach

Stage 1: open call -
concept note

Stage 2: by invitation -
full proposal

3. How?

Create an account

Fill in narrative, ESMS, budget, due
diligence sections

Complete the process by clicking the
“submit” button

2. Where?

Only through the IUCN/
BESTLIFE2030 dedicated portal
<https://speciesgrants.iucn.org/>

4. Languages

English and French

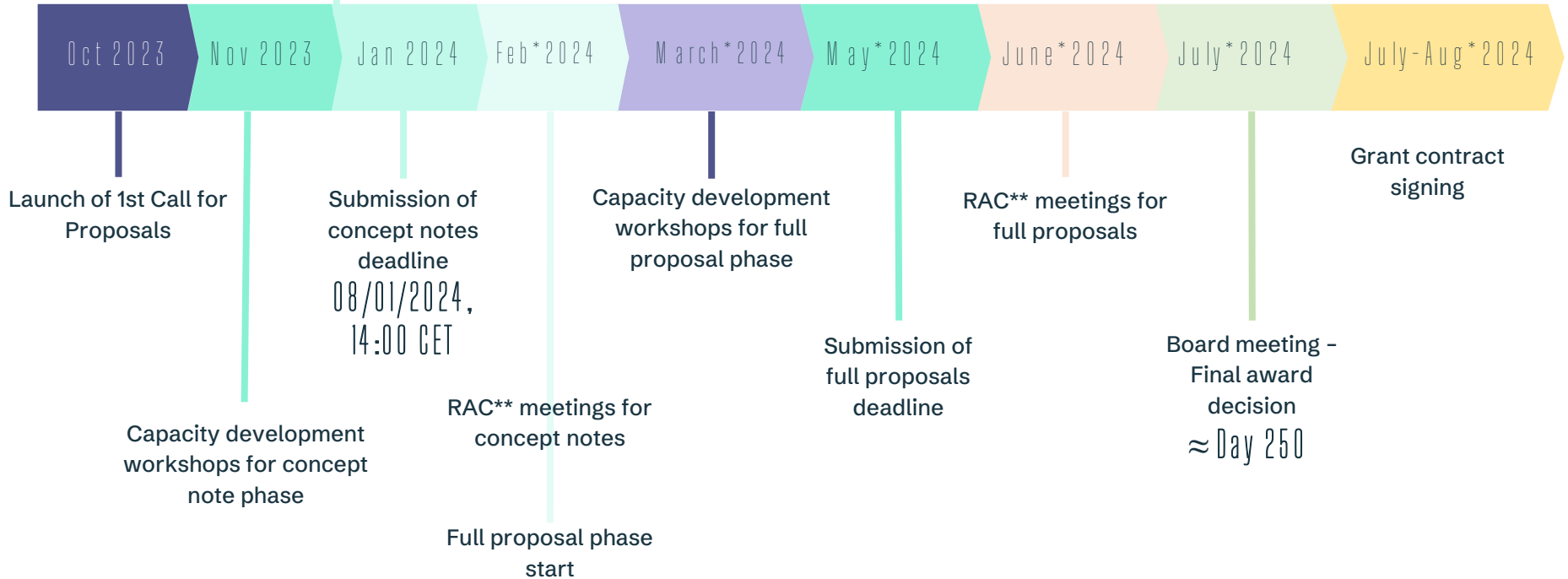


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Call 1 timeline

15/12/2023, 23:59 CET
Deadline for requesting
clarifications



* Indicative dates, depending on the number of proposals submitted

** RAC = Regional Advisory Committees, where evaluation experts debate scores (if needed)



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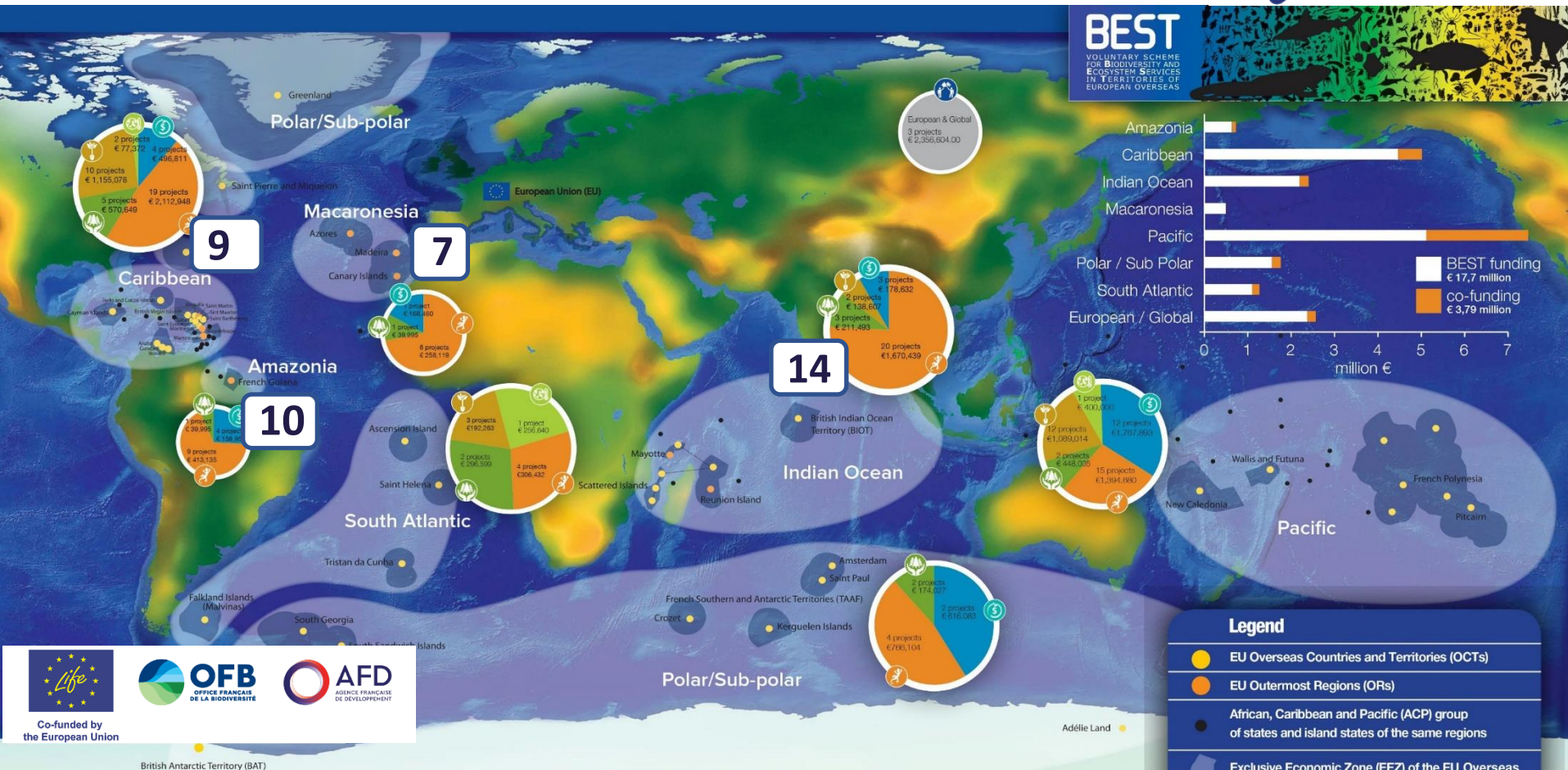
www.life4best.org

LIFE4BEST projects in Macaronesia (2019 & 2020 calls for proposals)

LIFE4BEST (2 calls: 2019 & 2020) = 40 projects



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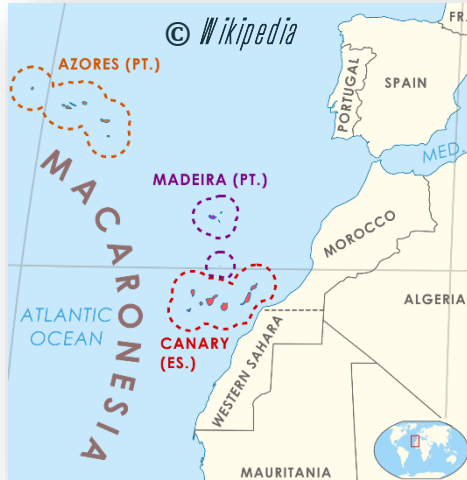
British Antarctic Territory (BAT)

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7 projects funded in Macaronesia by the LIFE4BEST programme

Macaronesia:

- Azores
- Canary Islands
- Madeira



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2019-M-9: The Black Coral forests as unexplored biodiversity Hotspots in the Macaronesian Region: ecosystem functions and services analysed (B-CHARMED)

Beneficiary: Association for Atlantic Biodiversity and Sustainability (“ABAS”)

Objectives:

Develop new acoustic methods to map and characterize **Black Coral** forest

Define Minimal Conservation Units to preserve their ecosystem function

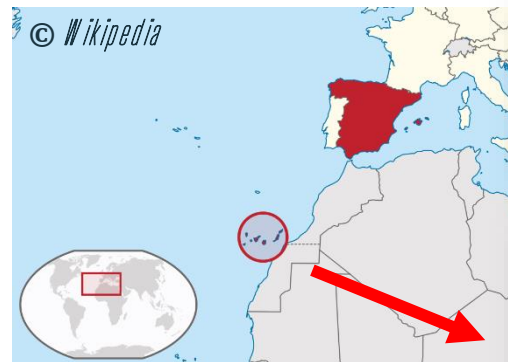
Main results:

Two fieldwork campaigns for data collection showing the key role played by the black coral forests to ecosystem functions.

Wide regional and national media coverage and awareness raising.

190 students from schools engaged about the importance of Marine Animals Forests and the black corals.

New collaborations and synergies established with high-level international researchers who contacted the project thanks to the visibility campaigns.



Spain, Canary Islands, Lanzarote
Jul 2020 – Aug 2021



2020-M-86: Seabird Macaronesian Sound (SMS)

Beneficiary: Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds (SPEA)

Objective:

Assess bird species distribution and abundance by applying an autonomous and low-cost methodology through passive and active acoustic monitoring.

Main results:

7 islands in the Azores and 1 island in Madeira monitored to detect the presence of the 4 bird target species.

Extensive data collection to apply conservation measures such as Species Action Plans and definition of Key Biodiversity Areas. The data can also be exploited as a relevant indicator of marine ecosystems health and conservation.

Projects results provided to the authorities to report to UE directives such as Birds Directive and Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Large awareness raising campaign about seabirds' conservation and threats e.g., several reports on national and regional TV, publications on press and establishment of an active Macaronesian seabird Facebook group with 1,700 members following the conservation and protection of Macaronesian seabirds.



2020-M-37 - Conservation of Madeira's Threatened Endemic Butterflies

Beneficiaries: Butterfly Conservation Europe and Madeira Fauna & Flora

Objective:

Promote conservation of three threatened endemic Madeiran butterflies



Main results:

Identification of 20 Key Butterfly Areas to monitor endemic butterflies.

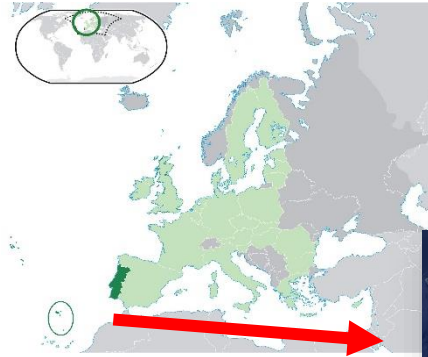
Extensive data collection for target species and all other species on the island.

Action Plans and establishment of a monitoring system on the island following existing EU butterfly monitoring protocols.

Partnership agreement with Funchal Municipality for exploitation of results.

Field guide adopted by the Entomological Department of University of Madeira.

High engagement of volunteers, school students, and citizens in general.



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Portugal, Madeira
Jul 2021 – Oct 2022

