



Biodiversity conservation and enhancement

Conservation

—
Restoration

—
Value creation

Our action today



44

projects
underway
in 2022

— amounting to →



€72 M

earmarked for
biodiversity

Human activities have significantly altered both terrestrial (75%) and marine (66%) surfaces, endangering nearly one million animal and plant species. To reconcile conservation and development, FFEM contributes to global biodiversity conservation goals by involving local residents in the management of their natural resources and protected areas.

1 Shared governance of protected area systems



MOZAMBIQUE

€4.2 M

With its partners, FFEM supports the protection of the Chimanimani Conservation Area to **preserve biodiversity** while promoting local socio-economic development.

FFEM promotes the **creation of terrestrial and marine protected areas**, ensuring that local communities benefit from them and that conservation measures do not harm those who rely on the territory's natural resources. It thus supports the construction of **shared and equitable governance** that includes all stakeholders (communities, local authorities, or NGOs). FFEM encourages the development of **high environmental performance** protected area systems at national and transboundary scales. It promotes sustainable resource mobilisation tools and the **sharing of knowledge and best practices**.

2 Outstanding biodiversity sectors and territories

FFEM values innovative initiatives by local stakeholders for biodiversity conservation in their territory. It supports territories that, in their governance and planning, combine biodiversity **conservation and local development while ensuring sustainable management of flows** (waste, water, transportation). It promotes the development of value chains derived from biodiversity with a positive impact on ecosystems and populations, with special attention to **labeling, the application of BioTrade principles, and the equitable sharing of benefits among upstream actors (SMEs, cooperatives, etc.)**.



SOUTHERN AFRICA

€900,000

Through the PhytoTrade project, FFEM supported the **development of a dozen biodiversity value chains** in eight countries.

3 Connectivity and ecological restoration



WEST AFRICA

€2.1 M

When anthropogenic pressures threaten ecosystems, FFEM contributes to the restoration of forest ecosystems through agroforestry to **reconcile sustainable development and resource preservation**.

Responding to ecosystem fragmentation, a major cause of biodiversity loss, FFEM encourages approaches that **restore connectivity between natural areas and promote the mobility of animal species**. Based on territorial diagnostics, it works on the **planning and prioritisation of conservation choices**, as well as the establishment of mobile protected areas. To promote ecological restoration, FFEM favors innovative organisational and technical methods such as **nature-based solutions (Nbs)**, ecological engineering, or the adoption of contractual approaches with territory users.

In Southern Africa, 12,000 people from local communities have benefited from the PhytoTrade Africa project. Among them, 78% are women. Their natural products have been purchased and processed by 56 companies, creating 634 jobs.

A cross-cutting approach

Biodiversity is strongly affected by human activities. To preserve it over the long term, conservation actions must be combined with improved practices, whether in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions or promoting sustainable agricultural practices. With this in mind, FFEM supports cross-cutting projects on biodiversity as well as the climate, forests, and the ocean. In this way, we contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3 ILLUSTRATIVE CROSS-CUTTING PROJECTS



BIODIVERSITY



CLIMATE



OCEAN

• PHILIPPINES

In Shark Fin Bay, FFEM supports innovative recovery techniques for coral reefs. These combine preservation of biodiversity and resilience of coastal ecosystems.



BIODIVERSITY



FORESTS



POLLUTION

• UGANDA

The "For a new balance among forests, wildlife and riverside communities" project takes a systemic view of human, animal, and environmental health, using a "One Health" approach.



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• MESOAMERICAN REEF

Recognition of a critical zone for fish stock recovery is helping combine preservation of biodiversity, protection of aquatic ecosystems, and the fight against climate change.

Nearly 30 years of solutions



176

biodiversity projects funded since 1995



€215 M

committed to biodiversity since 1995

Biodiversity has always been one of FFEM's three core areas of focus: more than half of the projects financed since FFEM's creation have been dedicated to it. We have adapted our biodiversity actions over the years, thanks to innovations, experience capitalisation, and our constant drive for improvement.



Protecting species and spaces: a territorial model

FFEM operates in ecosystems where biodiversity is particularly rich, threatened, or endowed with rare or endemic species. We perceive protected areas not as sanctuaries, but as complex territories to be managed by taking into account the desires and needs of local population. For us, preservation of biodiversity is an issue intimately linked with **sustainable development for local populations**, which is why we apply a holistic perspective of ecosystems when we take action.



MEXICO—2013

€1,5 M

FFEM has supported CONANP in adapting the French model of regional nature parks to Mexico, with the goal of **integrating biodiversity preservation into local approaches**.



Funding protected areas over the long term

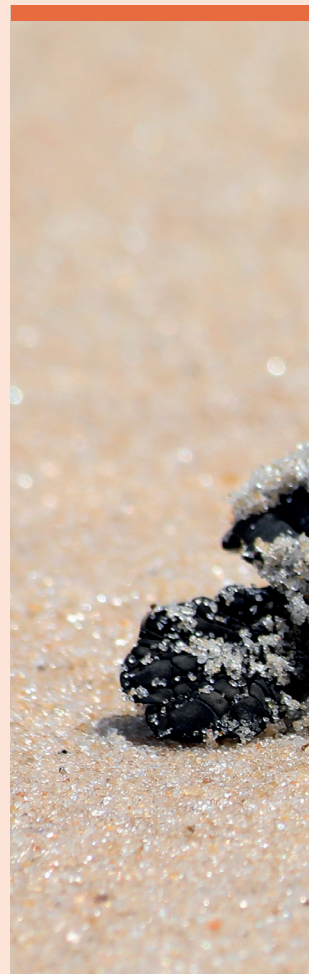


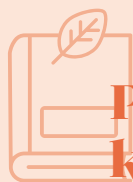
MAURITANIA—2014

€1.2 M

The **BACoMaB trust fund**, supported by FFEM, generates long-term revenue that will help cover the operating costs of two marine parks, including the Banc d'Arguin.

FFEM is setting up long-term financing mechanisms for protected areas to ensure the sustainability of conservation actions. To adapt our tools to different situations, **we contribute to trust funds and target other innovative tools** such as environmental certification or biodiversity offsets. Following a pilot project in Madagascar, we facilitated the start-up of trust funds in Mauritania, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, and Uganda. We also provide support to **South-South networking and exchange of experiences**, especially with longer-established funds in Latin America.





Pooled knowledge

FFEM's mode of action is based on **consolidating and improving knowledge management**, which includes conservation expertise, scientific knowledge, and methodological innovations. We promote techniques that enable better biodiversity inventories and improve impact assessment and the establishment of biodiversity indicators. **Capitalising know-how and knowledge sharing** help create positive synergies for biodiversity preservation. They are also essential for scaling up conservation actions.



MEDITERRANEAN BASIN—2018

€1.8 M

FFEM has been supporting the MedPAN **network of marine protected area managers** for more than 10 years. Its purpose is to promote experience sharing among stakeholders, for **integrated management** in the Mediterranean.

The Small-scale Initiatives Program (PPI): **civil society at the heart of the action**

FFEM considers civil society organisations as reservoirs of innovation for biodiversity. Knowing that these small organisations have difficulty accessing funding, we launched the Small-scale Initiatives Program (PPI), which helps them receive grants of up to €50,000. By providing capacity building or administrative and methodological support, we help them form networks so that they have more influence at the regional and national levels.

THE PPI IN FIGURES



274

PROJECTS
FINANCED



190

ORGANISATIONS
SUPPORTED



28

COUNTRIES OF
OPERATION



€17 M

COMMITTED
BY FFEM



80%

OF CSOS STILL
ACTIVE SINCE THE
COMPLETION OF
THEIR PPI PROJECT

An illustrative small-scale initiative

Protecting sea turtles

CENTRAL AFRICA

Six Central African NGOs working on **marine turtle conservation** have joined forces via RASTOMA, a program supported by FFEM as part of the PPI.

The French Global Environment Facility (FFEM) supports pilot and innovative projects in favour of the environment in developing countries. These projects contribute to the preservation of biodiversity, climate, international waters, land and ozone layer and combat pollution in response to international environmental conventions. They are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and generate local environmental, social and economic benefits.

The particularity of the FFEM: It relies on pilot projects to support innovation and disseminate lessons learned on a larger scale. It supports projects carried out by public, private or civil society actors from both the South and the North, in co-financing with other financiers and international organizations.

Created in 1994 by the French government following the first Earth Summit, the FFEM has since its creation supported more than 400 projects worth €500 million in over 120 countries, 70% of which are located in Africa and the Mediterranean.

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