

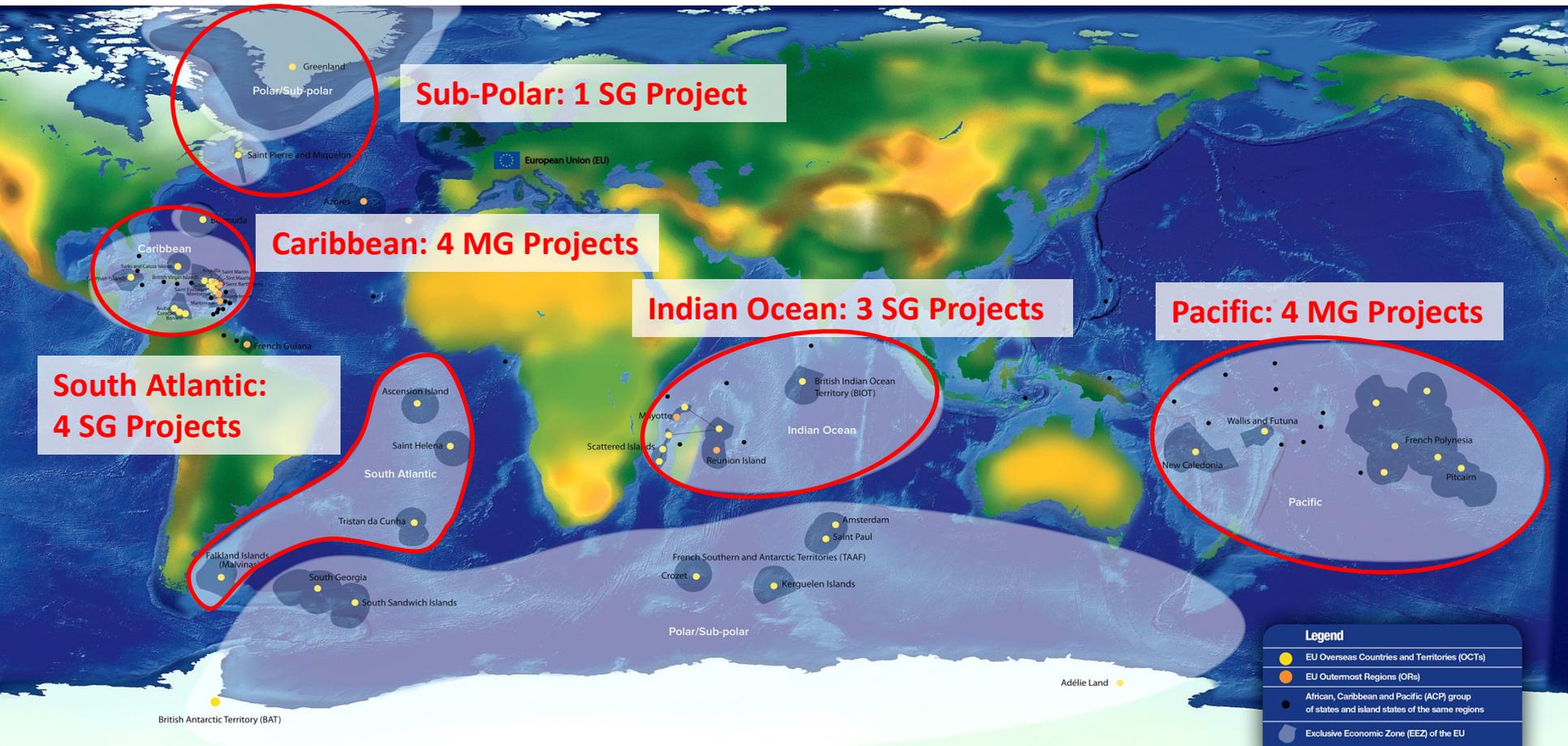
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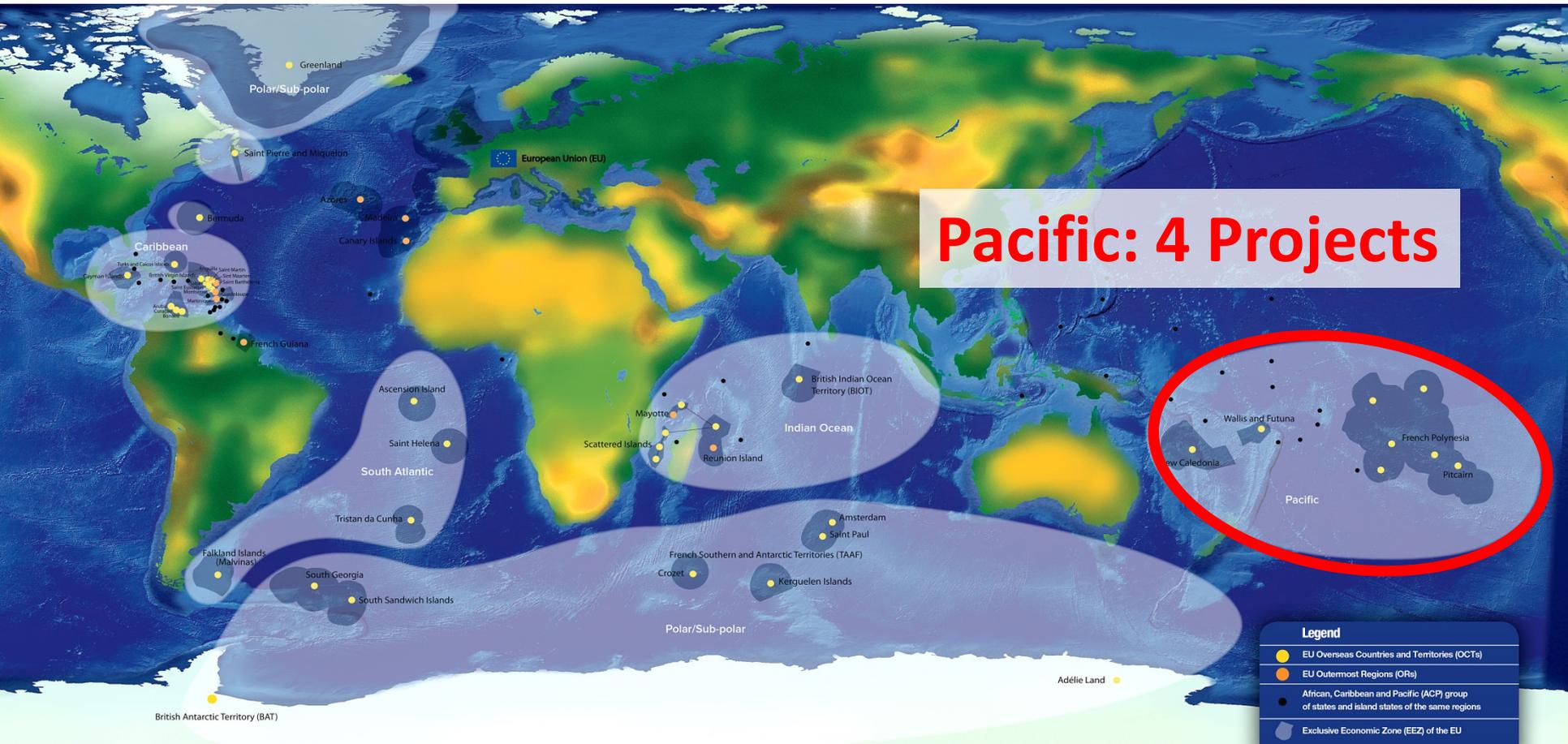
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New Projects in the Pacific Region *(Medium Grants)*



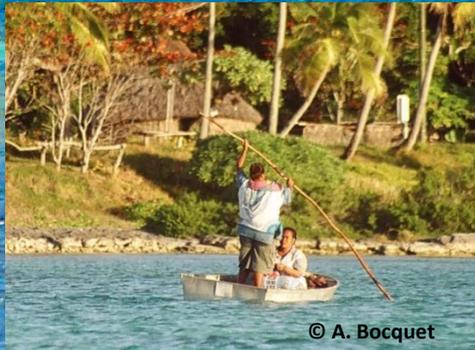
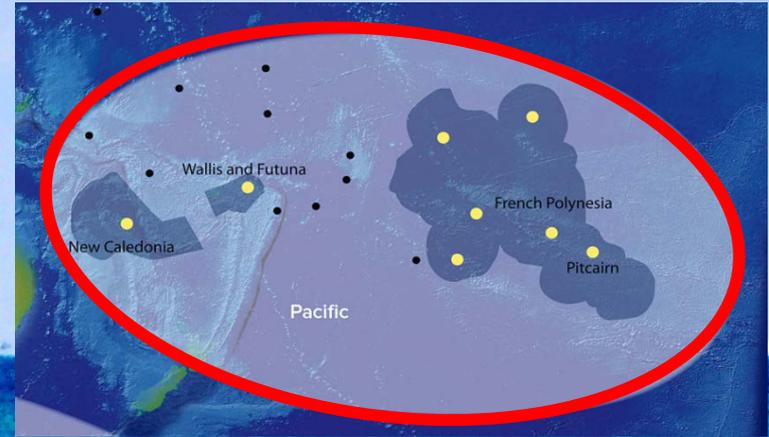


Location: **all 4 Pacific OCTs**

Project lead: Secretariat of the Pacific
Regional Environment Programme



Partner: AAMP



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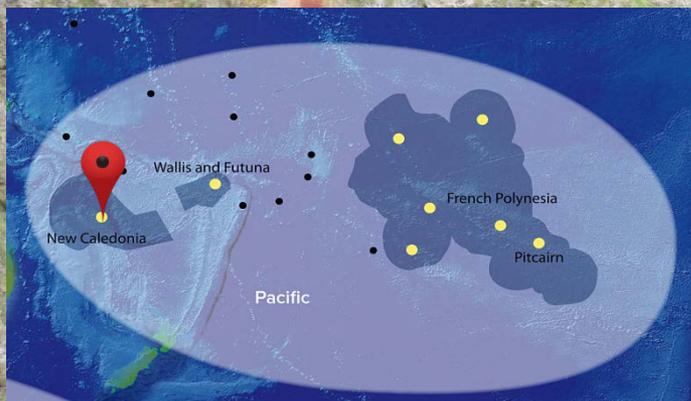
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Aim of the project:

To promote the protection and management of marine and coastal ecosystems and biodiversity of the four Pacific OCTs through the:

- Development of locally appropriate methodologies for the management of large and small marine protected areas (MPAs)
- Elaboration of technical and methodological guidelines on the surveillance and monitoring of MPAs
- Development of good practices in ecotourism, including on the use and management of coastal and marine educational trails.
- Transfer of best practices between the four OCTs and other Pacific Island Countries

Project: Protect and restore the dry forest of the coast of New Caledonia



Location: **New Caledonia**

Project lead: Conservatoire d'espaces naturels de Nouvelle-Calédonie (CEN)



Aim of the project:

CEN and its partners will protect and restore part of the largest dry forest of the coast of New Caledonia through:

- Protection of a large area of dry forest from damage from grazing
- Development and testing of best practices for forest restoration techniques
- Raising awareness of the need to protect and restore the threatened dry forest ecosystem.



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Project: Saving the two most threatened birds of French Polynesia from extinction



Location: **French Polynesia (Tahiti and Fatu Hiva)**

Project lead: Association **Manu** Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie



Aim of the project:

To contribute to the essential and urgent steps needed to save the Fatu Hiva Monarch from extinction and continue efforts to increase the numbers of the Tahiti Monarch through:

- Monitoring and control of threats such as rodent and cat populations
- Identification of the required medium-term conservation actions and the development of Species Action Plans
- Raising awareness of the need to conserve monarchs on Tahiti and Fatu Hiva



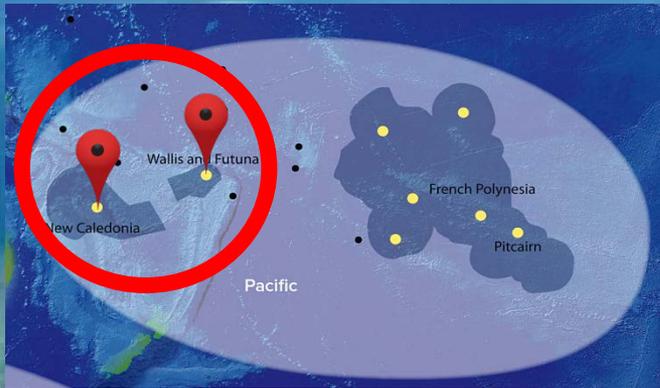
Fatu Hiva Monarch (photo T. Ghestemme SOP)



Adult Tahiti Monarch @ Jean Kape)

Project: **BIOPELAGOS**

Biodiversity of oceanic pelagic ecosystems for a better conservation and management of outstanding natural areas



Location: **New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna**

Project lead: Secretariat of the Pacific Community



Partner: IRD



Aim of the project:

To increase the capacity of the two territories to make informed decisions on the conservation and management of their oceanic biodiversity and ecosystems by:

- Acquiring new knowledge on oceanic ecosystem conservation and management measures
- Building capacity in the understanding and use of biodiversity data to inform management
- Providing scientific advice to support informed decision making in relation to existing or developing marine protected areas (MPAs)





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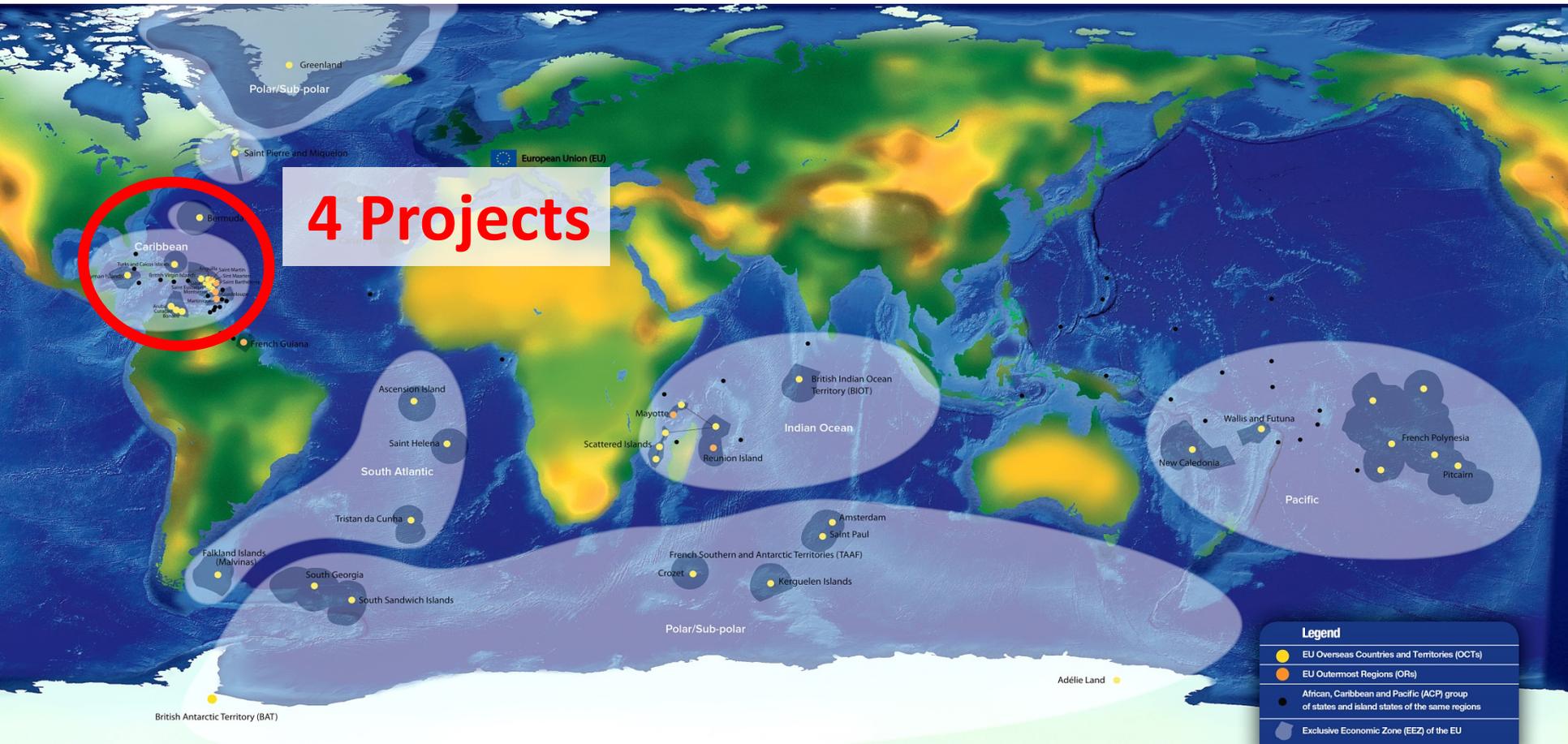
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New Projects in the Caribbean Region

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Project: Securing pockets of paradise in the Caribbean

Embedding capacity for invasive alien species (IAS) management in UKOT based organisations

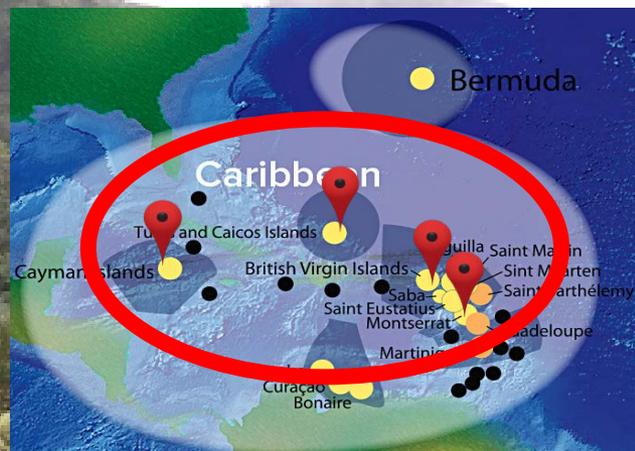


Location: British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands

Project lead: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds



Partners: NPTVI, NTCI, Montserrat DoE, MNT, National Trust TCI



Aim of the project:

To build the capacity of local and national partners in the territories to enable them to address the problem of invasive alien species (IAS) through:

- Training of local staff in IAS management and implementing IAS management activities on-the-ground at 9 sites within 4 Key Biodiversity Areas
- Increasing public awareness of the importance of IAS management
- Promoting regional cooperation and knowledge sharing between the territories
- Developing recommendations and protocols to be embedded into national IAS strategies

Project: Marine Park Aruba

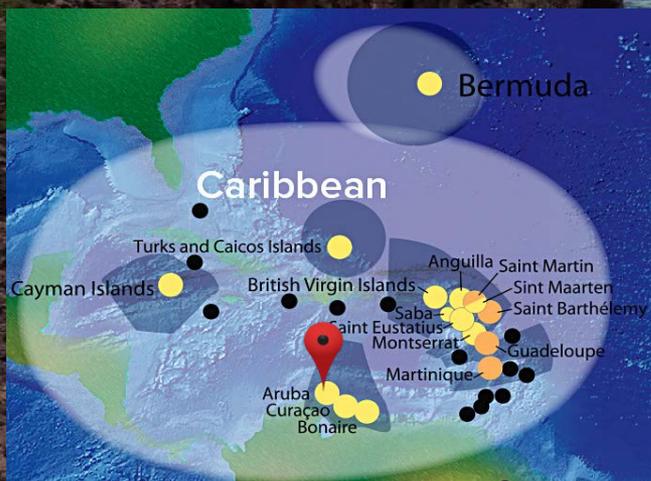


Location: **Aruba**

Project Lead: TNO

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Partner: Directie Natuur en Milieu



Aim of the project:

To protect part of the Aruba's valuable marine habitat through the establishment of a marine park. This involves:

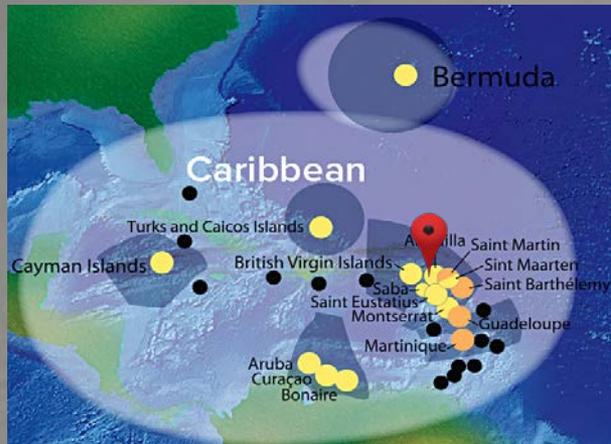
- Putting in place the necessary legislation for the marine park
- Developing and adopting a management plan
- Establishing a management organisation
- Developing, prioritising and selecting 4 restoration and climate resilience project plans that can be implemented within the new marine park



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Project: Saving the sea turtles of Anguilla

Combining community action with scientific evidence to drive legislative change



Location: **Anguilla**

Aim of the project:

To contribute to the conservation of sea turtles by increasing knowledge of their ecology and biology, and engaging stakeholders and decision makers in policy development and implementation.

- Collect vital data about sea turtles necessary to inform actions for their management and conservation on and around Anguilla
- Educate local staff on the biology and conservation of sea turtles
- Run a public awareness campaign

Project lead: Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources



Partners: ANT, University of Roehampton

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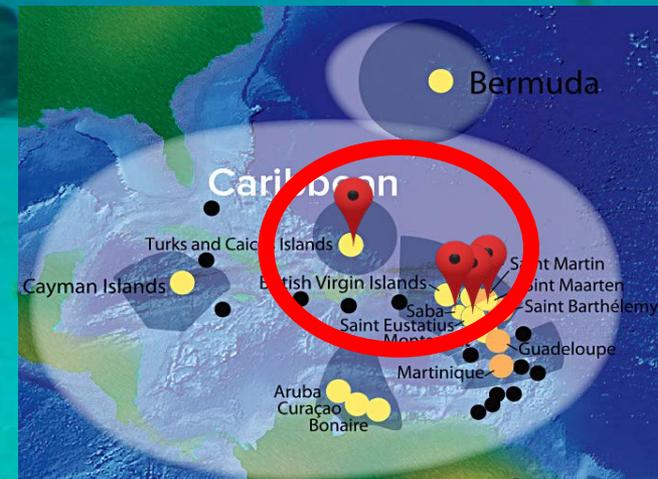
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Project: Restoration of Ecosystem Services and Coral reef Quality (RESCQ)



Location: Sint Maarten, St. Eustatius, Saba, Turks and Caicos

Project lead: IMARES Wageningen UR



Partners: SCF, STENAPA, NFSXM, TCRF

Aim of the project:

To restore *Acropora palmata* (Elkhorn) and *A. cervicornis* (Staghorn) reef zones in each territory through the:

- Establishment of a coral nursery in each territory
- Restoration of one site in each territory
- Development of a practical manual for coral restoration
- Development of management plans and protocols for the nurseries and transplant sites





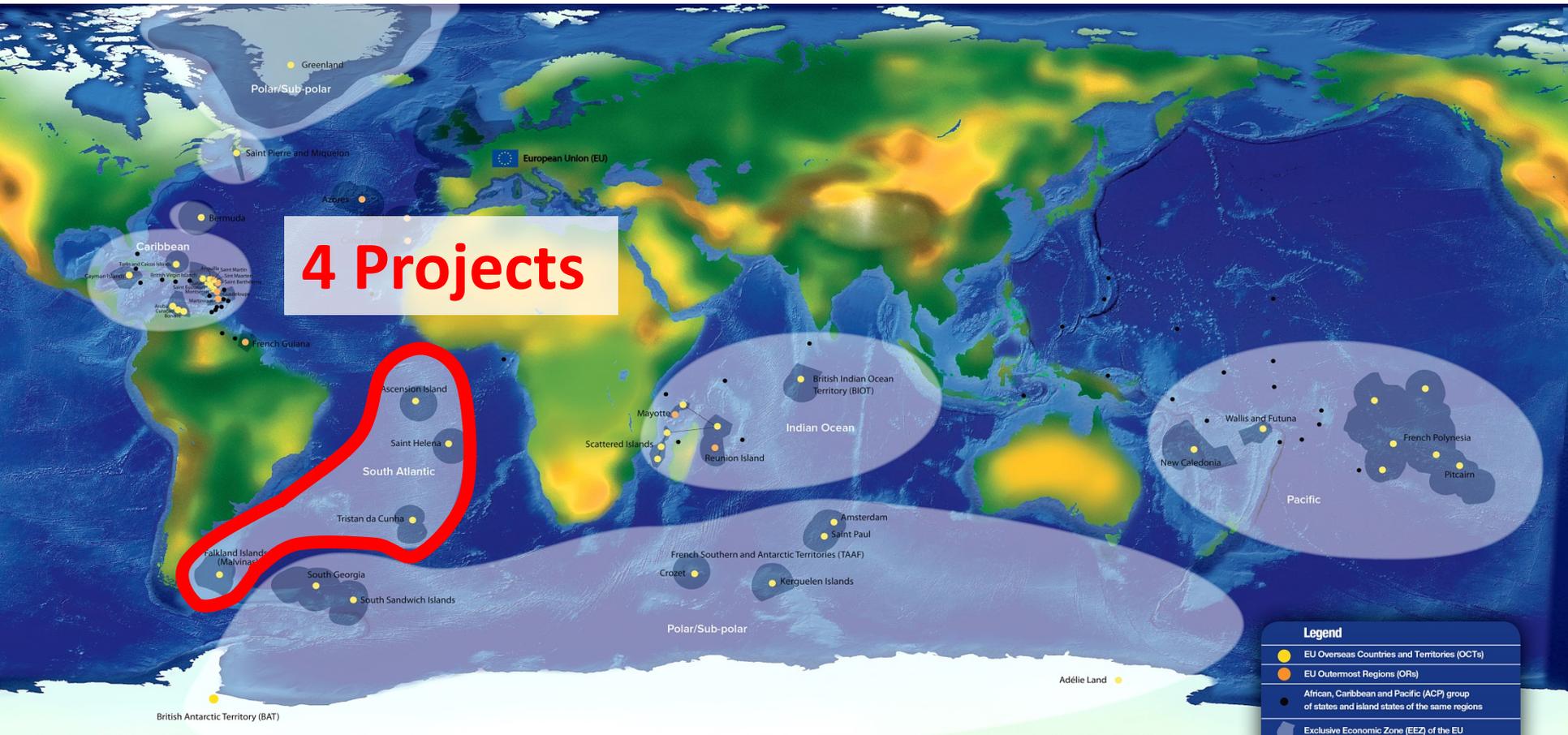
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New Projects in the South Atlantic Region (Small Grants)



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Project: Forest restoration and improved biosecurity on Nightingale island



Location: **Tristan da Cunha (Nightingale Island)**

Project lead: Conservation Department,
Government of Tristan da Cunha



Aim of the project:

To secure the future of the Wilkins' bunting through the restoration of *Phylica* woodland habitat on Nightingale Island. It will also develop and adopt a biosecurity protocol to prevent the spread of invasive species to the island.

Measures to better understand the demography and ecology of the Wilkins' Bunting will be used to inform future management actions.



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Project: Trails and interpretation improvements in the Peaks National Park, St Helena



Location: **St Helena**

Project lead: Environmental Management Division, Government of St Helena



Partner: St Helena Tourism

Aim of the project:

To provide safe access and improved recreational opportunities to the Peaks National Park in a way that minimises disturbance to the fragile cloud forest habitat and its species by improving the trail facilities. It will also provide an educational experience for park users through the development and installation of interpretive signage.



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Project: Restoration of Peak Dale's St Helena gumwood forest



Location: **St Helena (Peak Dale)**

Project lead: St Helena Nature Conservation Group



Aim of the project:

The gumwood tree is an important habitat for numerous endemic species of flora and fauna, however, it is critically endangered due to invasive species. The project aims to halt the decline of the last gumwood forest on the island through the development of a best practice technique for gumwood forest restoration and the development of local capacity in restoration.



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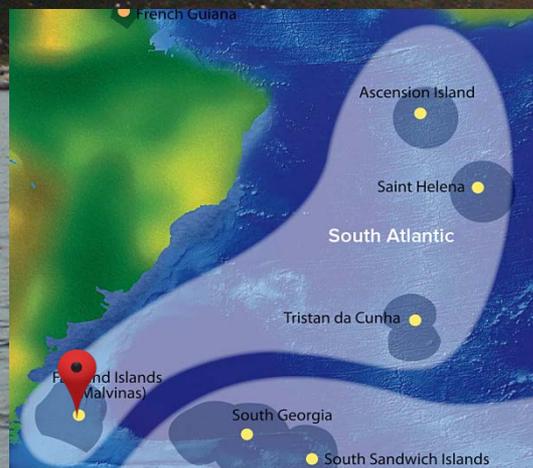
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Project: Developing a site-based conservation approach for Sei whales *Balaenoptera borealis* at Berkeley Sound, Falkland Islands



Location: **Falkland Islands**

Project lead: Falkland Conservation

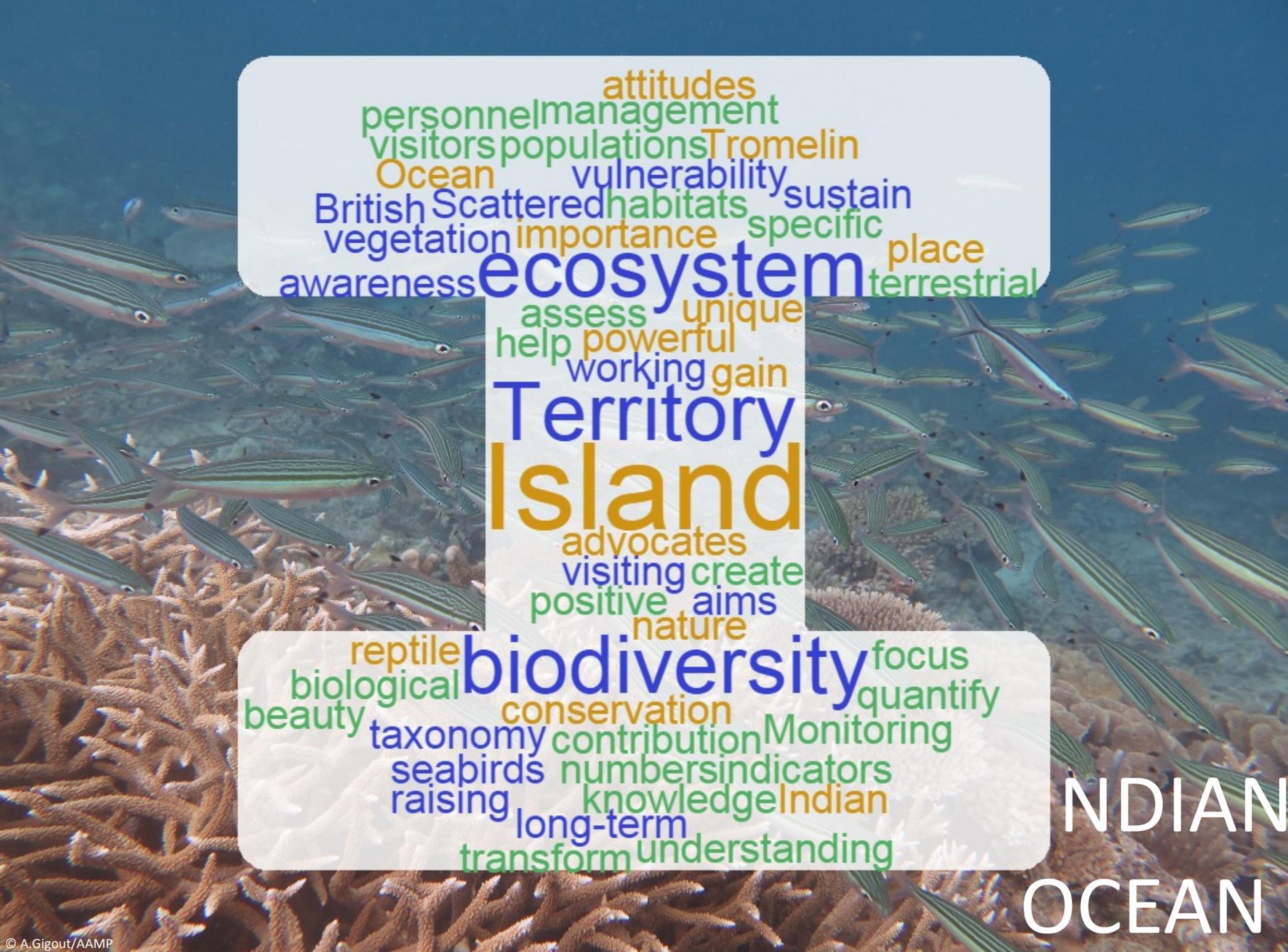


Aim of the project:

To assess the potential impact of increased commercial marine activity on endangered Sei whales at an already busy shipping harbour at the Falkland Islands, and to advise decision makers on measures that promote sustainable management through best practice and marine spatial planning.



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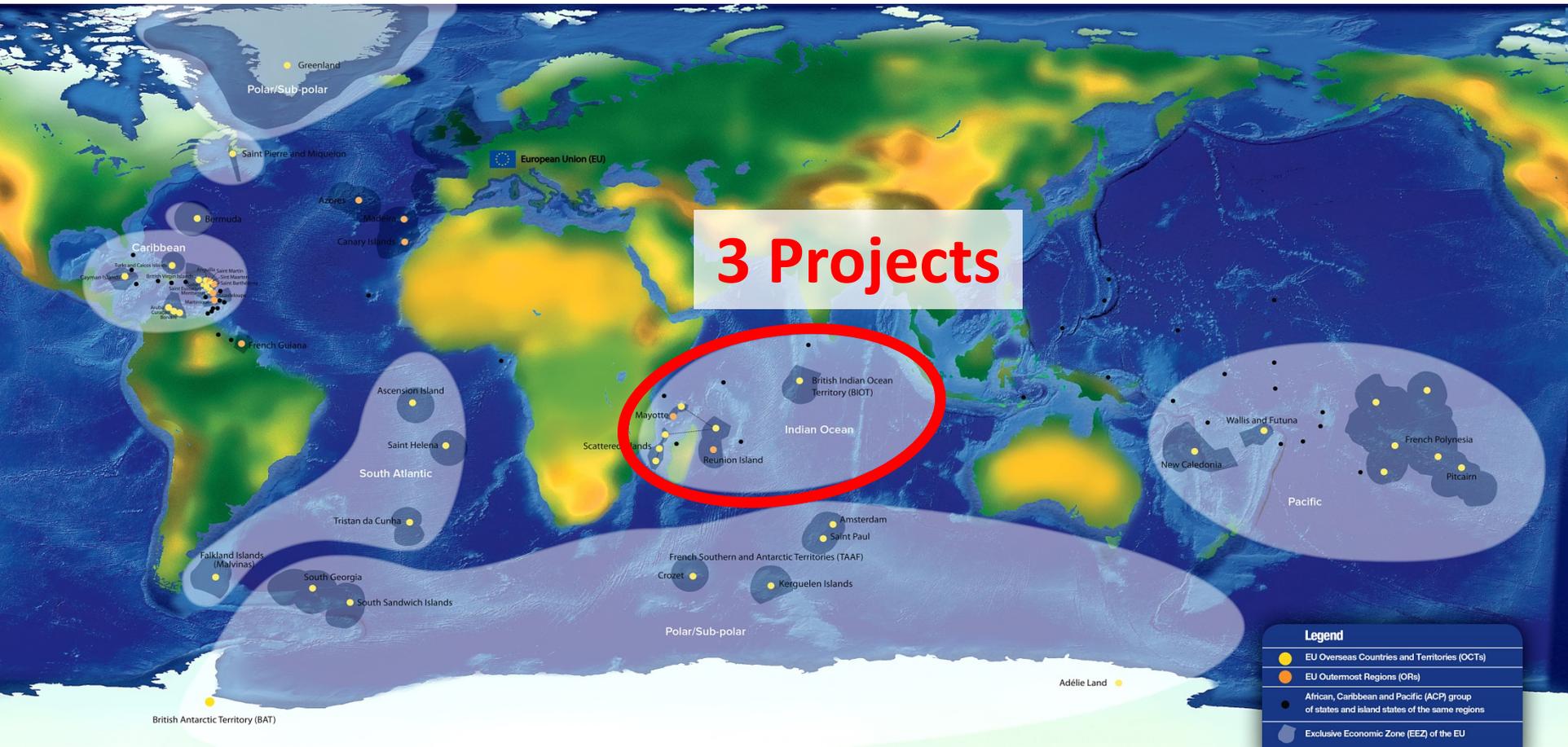
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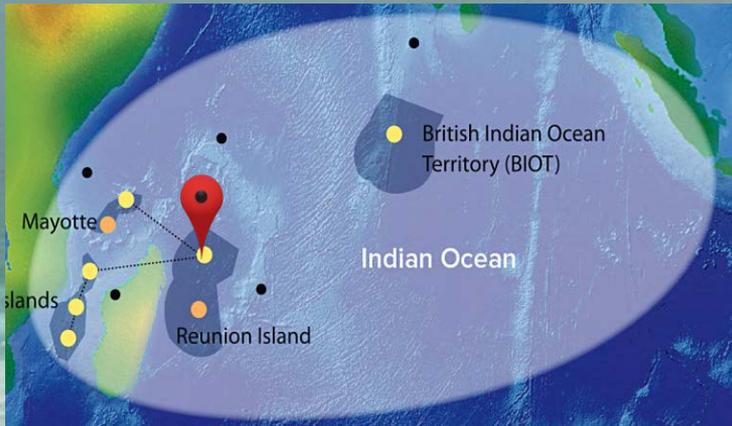
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New Projects in the Indian Ocean Region (Small Grants)



Project: **Dynamic and Conservation of the Island of Tromelin (DyCIT)**



Location: Tromelin, Scattered Islands

Project lead: University of La Réunion



Partner: CBN-CPIE Mascarin



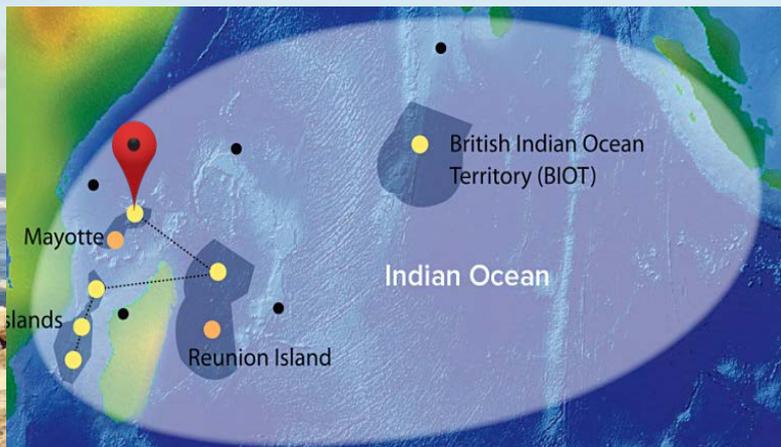
Aim of the project:

To study the evolution of a tropical island after an ecological restoration action. The project will focus on increasing knowledge of the island's seabirds and vegetation, and how these have evolved and will also study the introduced mouse population to understand its impact and the possibilities for eradication.

Monitoring these biological indicators will inform future management actions.



Project: « REPT'ILE » REPTiles Terrestres des ILes Eparses (Terrestrial reptiles of the Scattered Islands)



Location: **Scattered Islands**

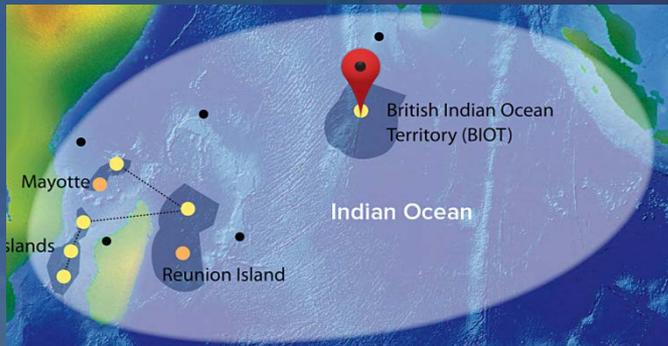
Project lead: Nature Ocean Indien



Aim of the project:

To contribute to improving the conservation of the terrestrial herpetofauna of the Scattered Islands by improving knowledge of the populations size, distribution and taxonomy of terrestrial reptiles on the Glorioso Islands in order to assess their conservation status and vulnerability.

Project: BIOT environmental interpretation and education project



Location: **British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)**

Project lead: British Indian Ocean Territory Administration



Aim of the project:

To transform the attitudes of visitors and personnel to the British Indian Ocean Territory by raising awareness and understanding of the significance of its biodiversity and promoting more sustainable use of its environment by encouraging non-extractive amenity use. This will be achieved through the production of informative publications, signboards and an audio-visual presentation, and the development of a forest boardwalk and a snorkel trail on Diego Garcia and signed trails in the northern atoll islands.



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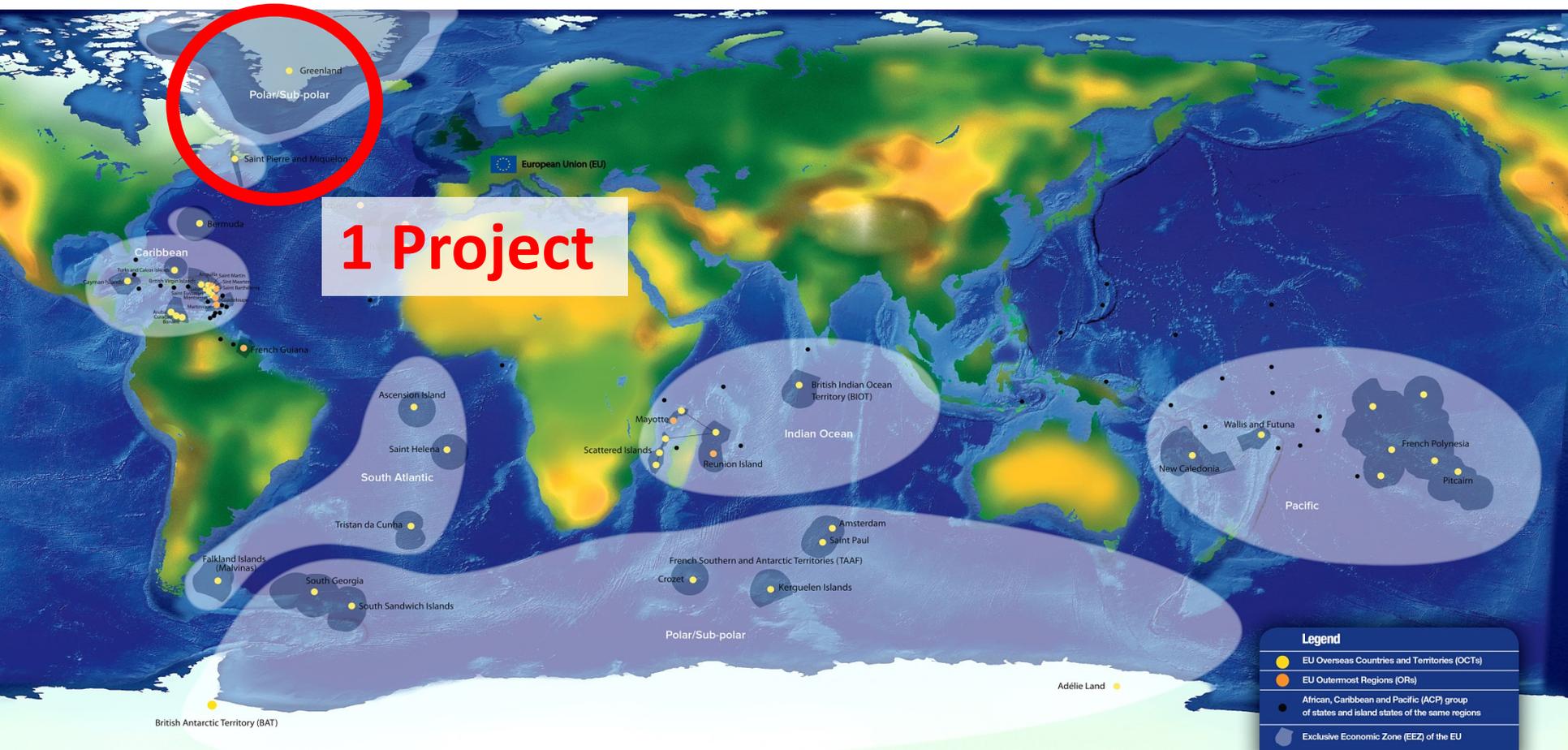
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New Project in the Sub-Polar Region *(Small Grants)*



Project: Determining the feeding areas used by the community of seabirds breeding on the island of Grand Colombier



Location: St Pierre et Miquelon (Grand Colombier)

Project lead: Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (ONCFS)



Aim of the project:

ONCFS have conducted studies to estimate the size of seabird populations on Grand Colombier and to delimit the marine areas they use.

This project will widen this work by identifying sea journeys made by Storm-Petrels and Atlantic Puffins. The results will be made available to inform future decisions regarding the use and management of the marine environment around Grand Colombier.