



“Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management” (BIOPAMA)



General Information

- Funded under EC/ Intra ACP Envelope for Biodiversity.
- Granted to IUCN for demonstrating having a “monopoly” on PAs competencies.
- Largest grant ever provided by the EC to IUCN on protected areas (EURO 9,589,000 over 4 years).
- Geographical focus limited to ACP Countries (Cuba and Somalia are not included).
- Status: project approved and negotiations underway to sign the contract.



General Considerations

- Whilst the project is oriented to ACP countries it will have a main focus on Africa, with 60% of the overall funding targeting this region and the remaining 40% equally divided between the Pacific and the Caribbean.
- It involves three major institutions: IUCN, EC/JRC and GIZ.
- It is considered an innovative project that could, if successfully implemented, lead to a second phase.



Objectives

General Objective: To improve long-term conservation of biodiversity in ACP regions and reduce the poverty of populations surrounding PAs.

Specific objective:

➤ Enhance existing institutions and networks, based on the best available science and knowledge, by building their capacity to strengthen policy and to implement well informed decisions on biodiversity conservation, protected areas management and Access and Benefit Sharing.

Expected Results



Overall Result:

Creation and effective functioning of an “*Observatory for Protected Areas and Biodiversity*” in each of the 3 regions involved. These observatories should be able to:

- Collect and process data and information on biodiversity and ecosystems, pressures and threats to species and PAs and environmental and economic services provided by PAs.
- Define and provide useful indicators for decision making of national and regional institutions in charge of natural resources management.



Institutional setting

EC Joint Research Centre (JRC): Responsible for collecting and processing data and information required for the project and for putting in place the Reference Information System (RIS) in each of the Observatories.

IUCN: Responsible for establishing the 3 Observatories, implementation Capacity Building Programmes, technical and policy support to national/regional organizations, and facilitating networking. It involves 5 Regional Offices (RofE, ESARO, PACO, ORMA/Caribbean Programme, and Oceania); two commissions (WCPA and SSC) and two global programmes (GPAP & SP). UNEP-WCMC is a key partner.

GIZ: Responsible for the Access and Benefit Sharing component of the project. Closer linkages with the work of IUCN and JRC are required for effective project implementation.



Key principles of implementation

- **Create political buy-in by working with regional institutions:** In *Africa*: African Union, RAPAC, OFAC, COMIFAC, SADAC. *Caribbean*: CARICOM, CARIFORUM, OECS, UNEP-CEP. *Pacific*: SPREP
- **Maintain EC Delegations fully informed:** This is an important requirement for reporting and to obtain support for an 2nd phase.
- **Ensure effective technical and financial reporting:** This is a key challenge as administrative/reporting procedures are highly bureaucratic and complex. Lack of compliance could lead to big financial risks.
- **Ensure high visibility:** Using EC visibility and communication guidelines.



Key principles of implementation (cont.)

- **Close inter-institutional coordination is essential:** mainly between IUCN and JRC, and eventually with GIZ, as well as with the EC/EuropeAid Development and Co-operation Directorate-General (DG-DEVCO) and the ACP Secretariat.
- **Use and enhance existing regional training centres and on-going initiatives:** such as L'École de fauna de Garua (Cameroon), College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, in Tanzania, Master degree and Modular Training courses for West Africa, and CATIE in Costa Rica.
- **Synergies with other projects, particularly EC funded projects, are welcomed:** however it is considered that this should be promoted and implementing as long as it doesn't deviate the project from its key objectives and expected results.



Next Steps

- **Preparation of detailed workplan and budget for the contract:** Guidance on input required from RCOs and Commissions will be send shortly. Contract should be tentatively signed by end of April or beginning of May.
- **Technical induction workshop:** Once the contract is signed and funding available this workshop will be organized to define priority actions for effective implementation and monitoring. Tentatively will be scheduled by June/July.
- **Implementation started at the regional level:** With priority given to start developing strong political buy-in in the three regions involved.