



# IBPOW and EU overseas

## Lessons learnt & future challenges

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# EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories

Achieving the EU's global biodiversity targets on oceans, coasts and islands



## IBPOW IMPLEMENTATION IN EU OVERSEAS

- Limited local awareness of CBD&IBPOW;
- Lack of biodiversity as priority and marginalisation of biodiversity in local development strategies;
- Limited technical and institutional capacity for developing BAPs (OCT);
- No dedicated biodiversity funding stream;
- Limited exposure to regional biodiversity planning processes;
- Despite constraints, significant biodiversity outcomes, in particular in relation to protected areas.



## IBPOW IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Remoteness from the EU and isolation from their regions
- Complex governance arrangements (EU, national, regional);
- Lack of an coherent and coordinated framework for EU policy and programmes
- Sustainable financing mechanism.



# LESSONS LEARNT: SUCCESSES

- **Political leadership:**
  - Conference of Reunion Island: Message from Reunion Island;
  - EU Parliament (Champions)
- **Visibility with EU and international institutions:**
  - GLISPA, CBD, Rio+20, EP events;
  - EU overseas as EU international leadership opportunity;
- **Leveraging resources:**
  - Preparatory Action for BEST (2 years);
  - Successful 2011 call for proposals;
- **Partnerships for implementation:**
  - EU Overseas Roundtable on Biodiversity and Climate Change.



# EU OVERSEAS: FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Culture of political leadership (EU, International, regional)
- Future of EP Preparatory Action for BEST:
  - Catalyst for an EU strategic policy and financial instrument(-s) for 2014-2020;
  - Governance arrangements;
- Local/regional priorities and capacity for access to resources;
- Making regional collaboration a reality;
- Themes: IAS, CC, green economy.





**THANK YOU!**

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