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*Parks, people, planet:
inspiring solutions*

TEMEUM : assist and support nature protection professionals in the French overseas territories

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Our ambition is professionalization, TEMEUM program is organized around 4 main work areas:

- local capacity building
- Assistance in finding and diversifying sources of funding
- Supporting territorial recognition of socio-economic value of protected areas
- Inter-regional cooperation

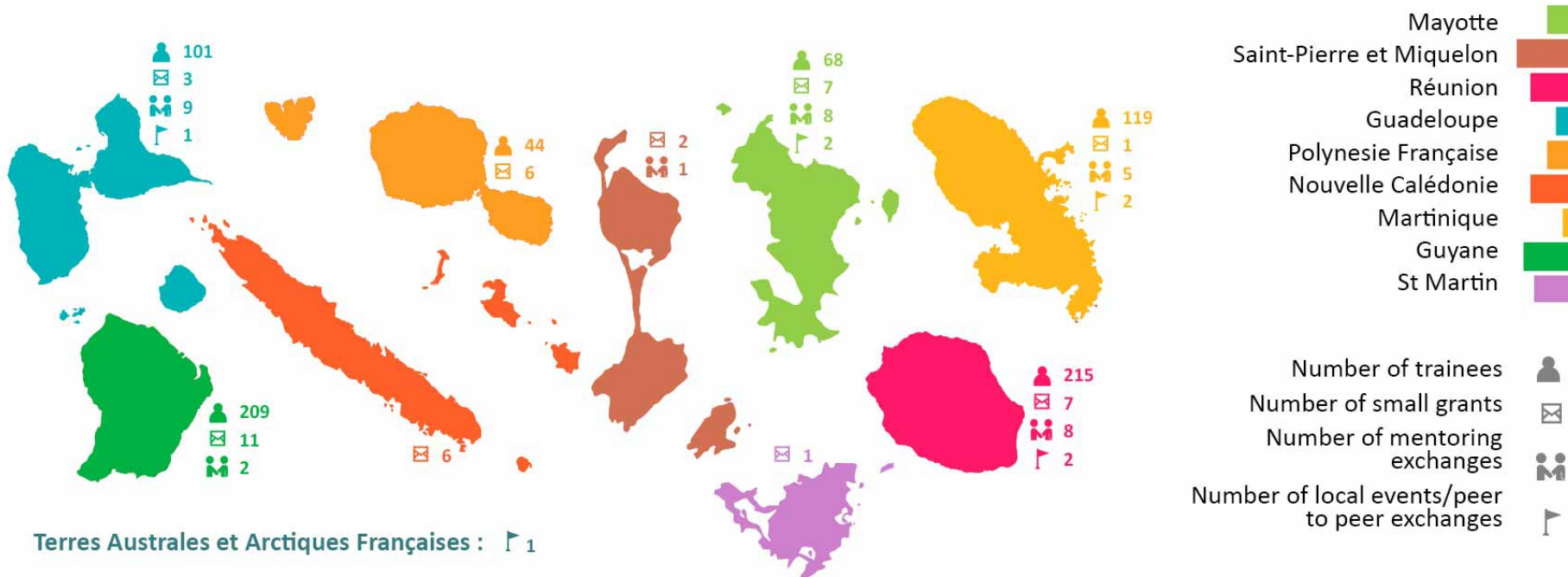
Overseas territories harbour **80 %** of French **biodiversity**

More than **150 protected areas** and **800 professionals** who have to adapt to specific condition : understanding and respecting local communities, taking account of the distance from certain decision-making centres, accessing training and information, adapting management plans and dealing with high impact activities such as poaching and illegal gold mining.



Te Me Um Main picture

Together with Te Me Um's overarching actions to provide integrated assistance to managers in the field, locally based projects are encouraged and supported through the involvement of local authorities and the commitment of local stakeholder



Managers as programme initiators more than 800 professionals

The specific needs of managers and associated stakeholders in terms of training and organising events and projects are relayed to the steering committee by the representatives of their networks and/or their local contact persons. The Te Me Um call for projects (1 or 2 per year) provides direct support for the actions of managers and associated stakeholders.

Joint implementation

A steering committee (SC) runs the overall programme. Made up of 15 partner networks, its main objective is to participate in the identification and selection of the projects to be carried out in the framework of Te Me Um. It meets three times a year, and its projects are carried out by Te Me Um partner networks.

Local contact person plays a key role

Project implementation and exchanges are facilitated by local contact persons, interlocutors for the Te Me Um secretariat, and managers in the field.

The local contact persons:

Facilitate the local network of nature protection stakeholders, assist in drawing up and submitting funding applications (including opportunity files for the call for projects), participate in the technical and logistical organisation of local Te Me Um projects.



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training⁵⁶

transversal communication

mentoring exchanges³³

peer to peer exchanges⁸

local events

legal monitoring

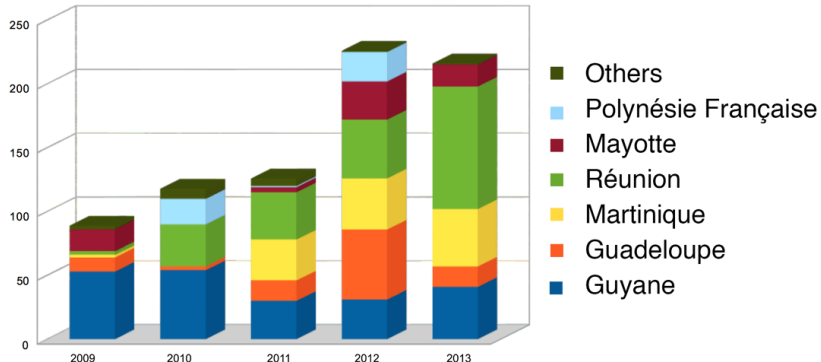
meetings bringing together all
the managers of natural areas
and associated stakeholder



Training

Same level of training as in mainland France, trainees have more than doubled in 5 years, training located in many French overseas territories.

Evolution of trainees' origins during 5 years



Small grants programm

More than 50 mainly concerning training and awareness raising.
Ex: Lemon shark monitoring.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yki9E5L-cEM&feature=youtu.be>

A mentoring programm

with more than 5 beneficiaries per year, ex: running a bird care-center.

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x191tgm_un-martiniquais-a-l-ile-grande_animals?start=13

Some local events based on peer to peer exchanges

Ex : Peer to peer exanges on sustainable tourism in the caribbean.

http://www.iosxm.tv/LE-TOURSIME-DURABLE-3-Journees-d-echange_v335.html

Te Me Um An inspiring solution

Innovative and effective

- A national network of 15 partners to help overseas professional addressing conservation issues
- The support of French ecology Ministry
- Regional networks run by overseas managers to guarantee answers to local needs
- Design and implementation of a yearly program for each region

Evidence of implementation and impact

- Beneficiaries are five times higher after 5 years of implementation
- Actions have been doubled and we achieve more than 90% of the programming
- Support to local projects which can continue and/or expand
- A program identified in the national road map (environmental conference)

Applied elsewhere or more broadly

- Networking is a way to gather ideas and resources in order to address difficult issues
- We are looking for contacts in order to cooperate with neighbouring countries



Components that lead to success

- Local roots are indispensable (the beneficiaries are the program initiators every year)
- Common needs of protected areas managers

Enabling factors

- A national and European consideration, both political and financial, to overseas (Grenelle environment national meetings, regional politic meetings, French “overseas” year, BEST European Commission initiative)
- Main national NGOs concerns with conservation in French overseas territories

