



INTERREG V INDIAN OCEAN

# SUMMARY FOR THE ATTENTION *of citizens*

Annual Implementation  
Report as of 31/12/2025

## PRESENTATION

As part of the regional policy of the European Union, the Interreg Indian Ocean programme is an instrument for financing European Territorial Cooperation, which aims to strengthen ties and exchanges between Reunion, Mayotte and the countries of the Indian Ocean.

The Interreg programme covers 2 strands:

**Cross-border cooperation (CB)**, which covers cooperation between Reunion and the member-states of the IOC (Madagascar, Seychelles, Comoros, Mauritius), to the amount of €41.4M,

**Transnational cooperation (TN)**; which covers cooperation between Reunion and the following countries: Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Comoros, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Maldives, India, Australia and the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, to the amount of €21.8M.

**The Interreg Indian Ocean programme is managed by the Regional Council of Reunion.** The programme finances cooperative operations implemented by actors from Reunion or Mayotte, in partnership with actors from Indian Ocean countries.

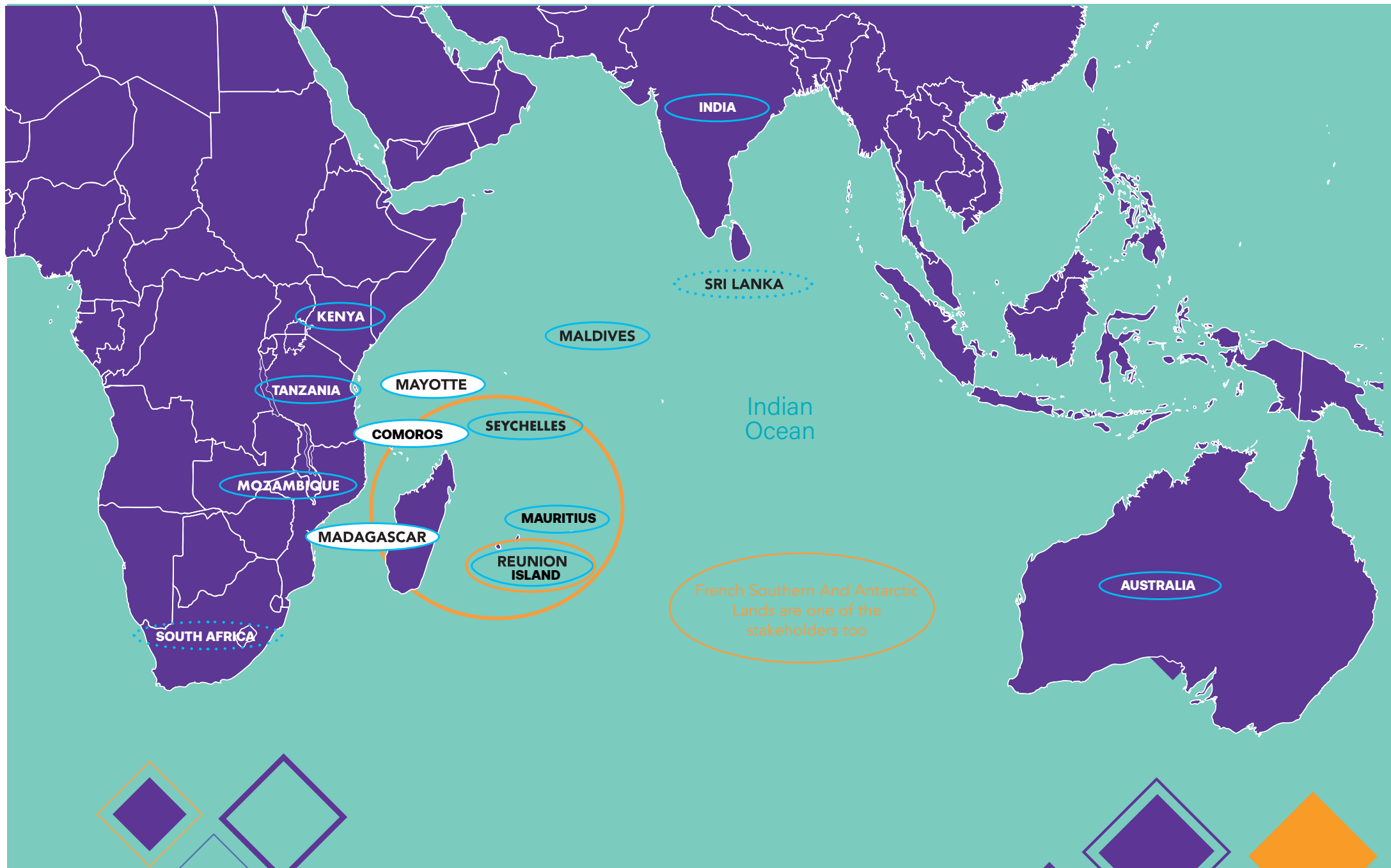
## 11 COUNTRIES

France (Reunion, Mayotte, French Southern and Antarctic Territories), Mauritius, Comoros, Madagascar, Seychelles, Tanzania, Kenya, Maldives, India, Australia, Mozambique

## 5 PRIORITIES

- Developing international research and innovation potential in the Indian Ocean
- Supporting the development of economic exchanges in the Indian Ocean
- Reinforcing collective capacities for adapting to climate change, as well as prevention and management of risks
- Reinforcing knowledge and promoting the natural and cultural heritage
- Increasing the level of skills through support for training and exchange operations

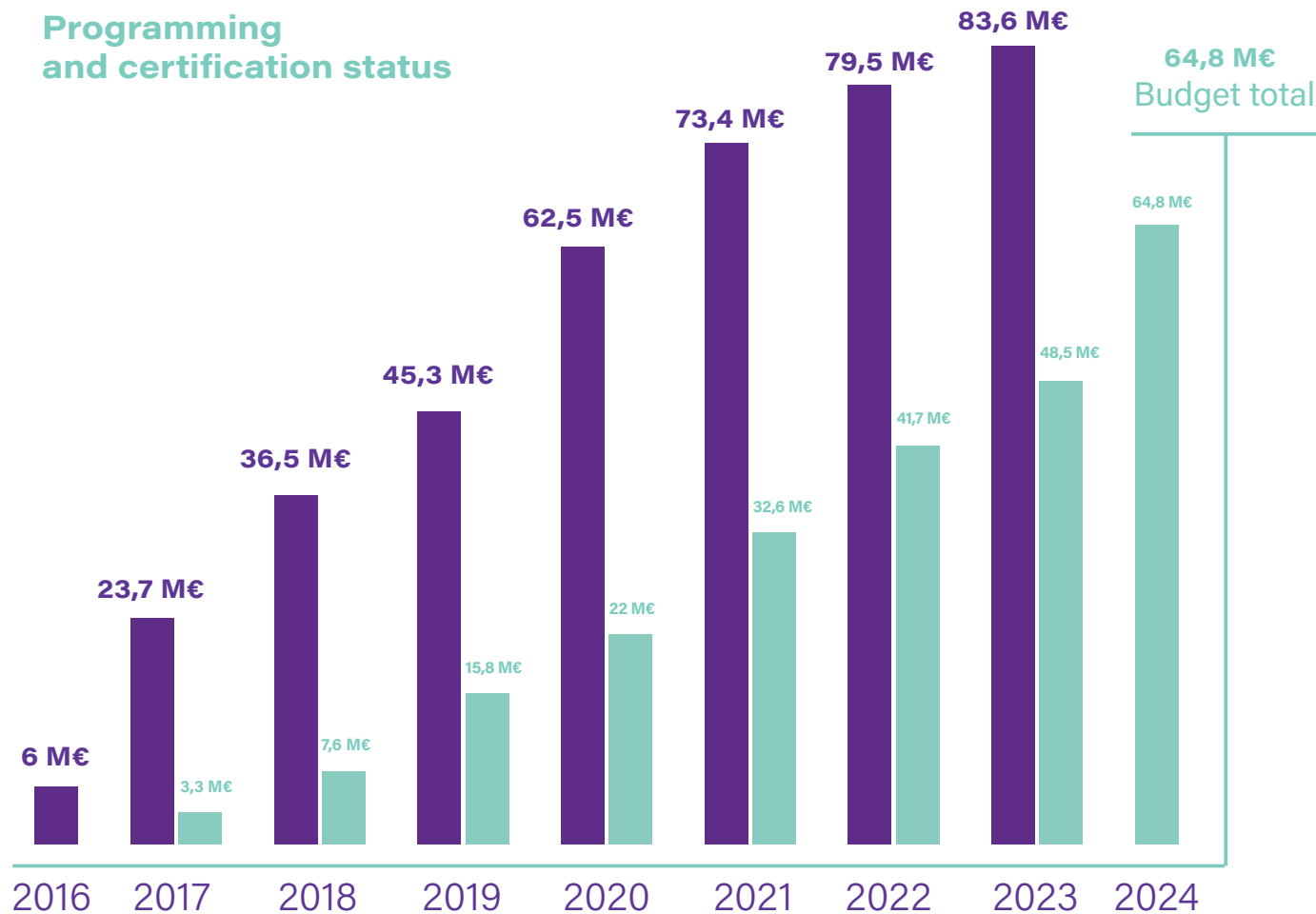
**€74,3M**  
TOTAL BUDGET  
→ € 63,2M FEDER  
→ €11,1M national funding



-  Area affected by cross-border cooperation
-  Countries affected by transnational cooperation
-  Countries affected by transnational cooperation that did not sign the agreements to this day

# A DYNAMIC PROGRAM DESPITE THE HEALTH CRISIS

## Programming and certification status



The programming corresponds to the amounts that have been legally and financially committed by the Region's authorities, following the selection of projects by the Interreg Steering Committee.

Since 2016, 267 operations have been selected, representing a total eligible cost of €83.6 million and an ERDF amount of €69.2 million, or 109% of the available EU funding.


Certification corresponds to the amounts of expenditure reimbursed by the Region to beneficiaries and verified by the Certifying Authority. As of December 31, 2024, the amounts certified by the Certifying Authority amounted to €64.8 million, or 87% of the funding.

## TOTAL CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF SELECTED PROJECTS

■ TOTAL FUNDING ENGAGED

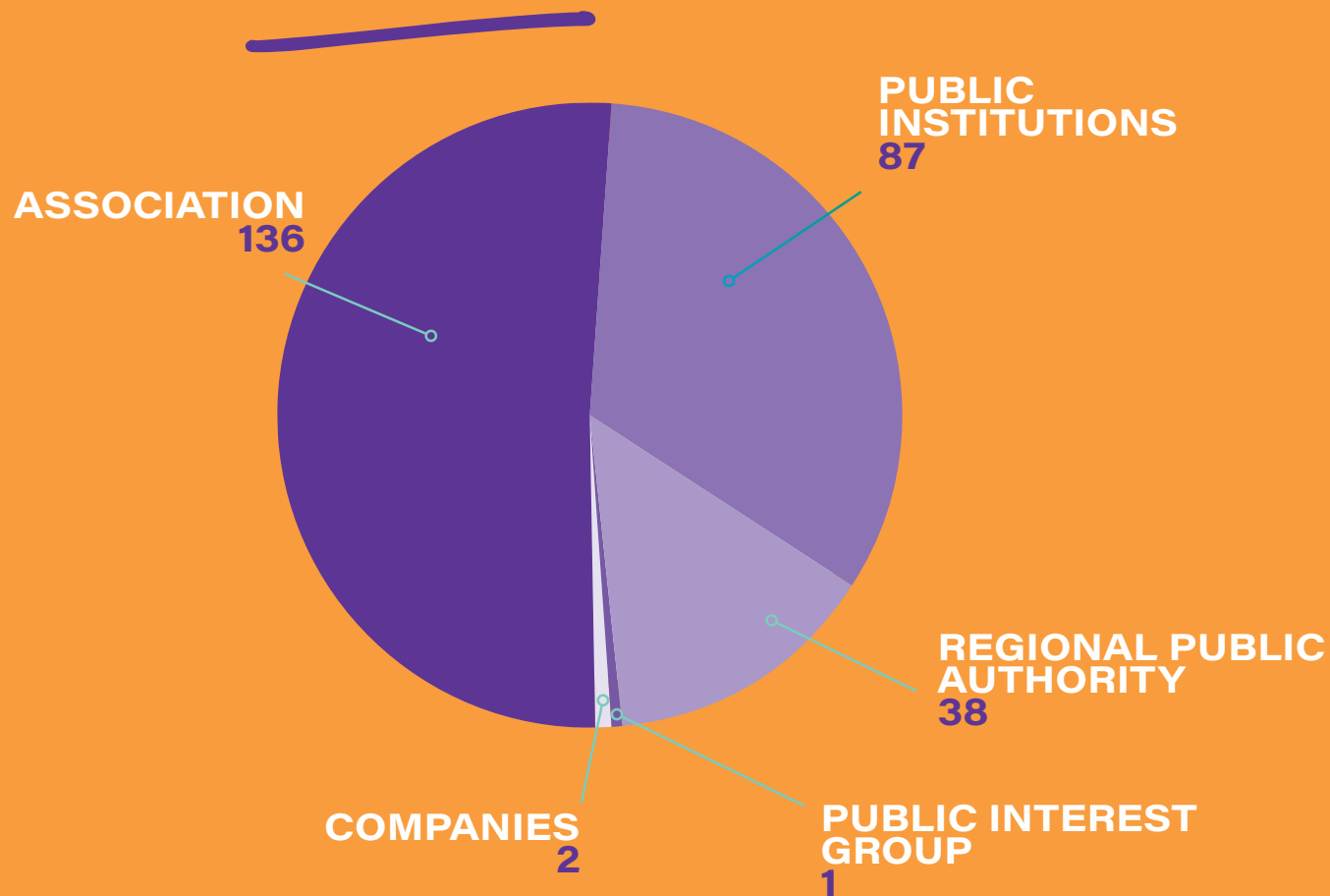
■ TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED AND CERTIFIED

# DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS AND AMOUNTS PROGRAMMED AND CERTIFIED ACCORDING TO PROGRAM PRIORITIES



PRIORITY AREAS	TOTAL ELIGIBLE COST PLANNED PER PRIORITY AXIS	AMOUNT CERTIFIED PER AXIS
<b>Axis 1</b> : Increasing the international potential for research and innovation in the Indian Ocean / TF	22 009 429,24 €	17 690 011,53 €
<b>Axis 2</b> : Increasing the international potential for research and innovation in the Indian Ocean / TN	7 015 346,51 €	5 057 221,30 €
<b>Axis 3</b> : Supporting the development of economic exchanges in the Indian Ocean region / TF	6 699 156,81 €	5 630 308,91 €
<b>Axis 4</b> : Supporting the development of economic exchanges in the Indian Ocean region / TN	9 437 424,63 €	6 845 580,41 €
<b>Axis 5</b> : Strengthening collective capacities for adaptation to climate change and risk prevention and management / TF	6 756 101,50 €	5 081 721,95 €
<b>Axis 6</b> : Strengthening collective capacities for adaptation to climate change and risk prevention and management / TN	4 704 072,14 €	3 817 349,01 €
<b>Axis 7</b> : Strengthening knowledge and promoting the natural heritage of the Indian Ocean region/TF	3 886 367,91 €	3 346 717,39 €
<b>Axis 8</b> : Strengthening knowledge and promoting the natural heritage of the Indian Ocean region/TN	3 905 217,92 €	3 137 499,07 €
<b>Axis 9</b> : Raising the level of collective competence by supporting training and exchange activities / TF	9 807 193,75 €	6 923 998,44 €
<b>Axis 10</b> : Raising the level of collective competence by supporting training and exchange activities / TN	3 147 062,17 €	2 156 003,78 €

# PROJECTS LED BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS IN RÉUNION AND MAYOTTE



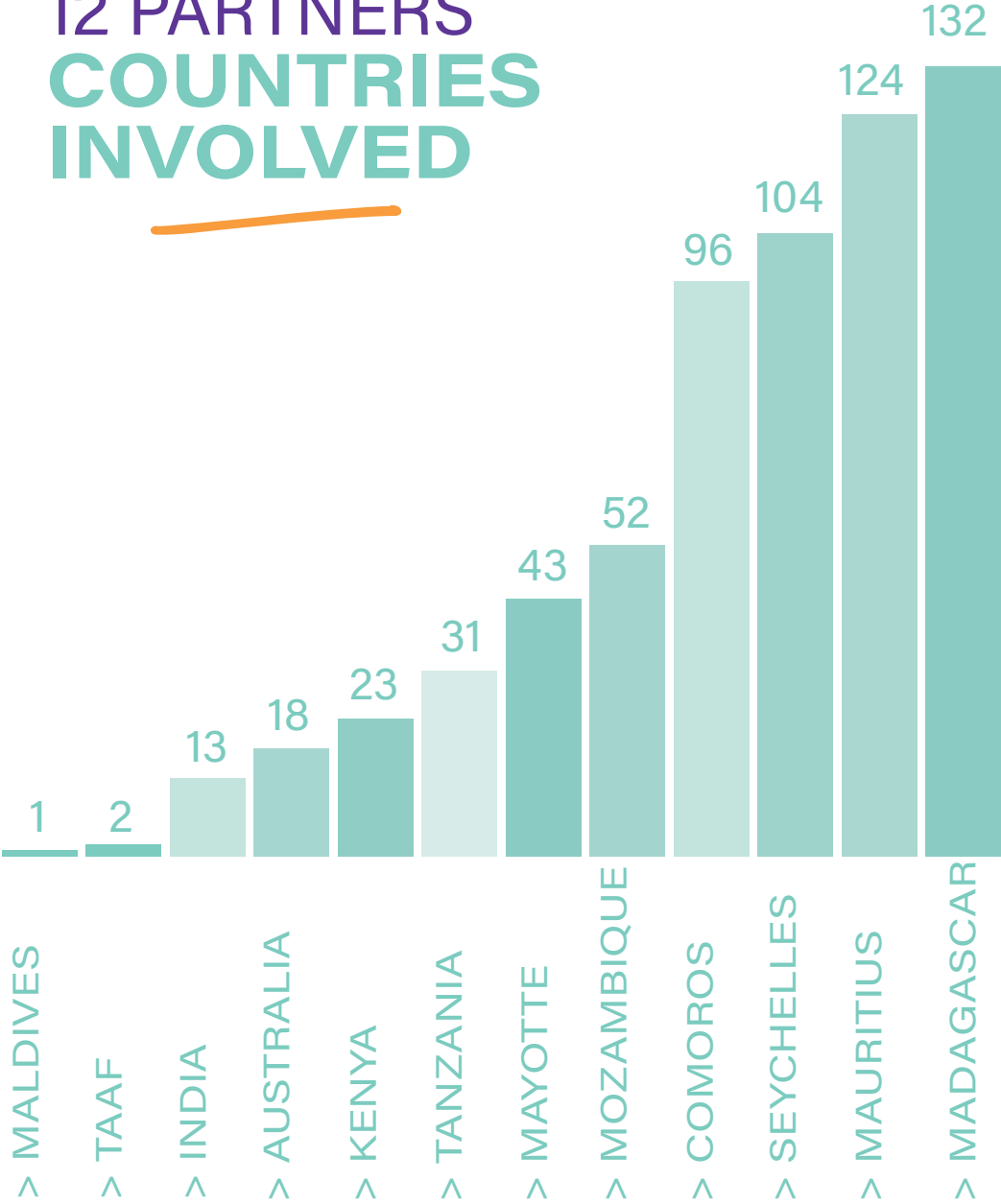
**DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS  
BY TYPE OF PROJECT LEADER**

The Interreg Indian Ocean program is primarily aimed at French stakeholders in Réunion and/or Mayotte, who are the signatories of the financing agreements with the Réunion Region. While most of the projects are led by stakeholders in Réunion, 43 projects involve stakeholders from Mayotte and 8 projects have been led by a beneficiary from Mayotte.

The list of beneficiaries of the Interreg Indian Ocean program can be found on the following page:

<https://regionreunion.com/sites/interreg/article/interreg-documents-telecharger>

# 12 PARTNERS COUNTRIES INVOLVED



NUMBER OF PROJECTS PLANNED BY COUNTRY AND TERRITORY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM

All projects supported by the Interreg Indian Ocean program involve at least one foreign partner from the region. Indian Ocean partners generally contribute to project development and implementation, and sometimes to financing and staffing. The majority of supported projects involve several countries. There is strong involvement from the IOC countries (Madagascar, Mauritius, Comoros, and Seychelles) as well as Mozambique.

# EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERREG V PROGRAM

## RISK MANAGEMENT : THE PIROI CENTER



The Interreg V program supported the construction of the regional center of expertise, training, and innovation dedicated to risk management and climate change: the PIROI Center. The Interreg program also enabled the construction of the emergency pre-positioning warehouse. In addition, PIROI is implementing its regional program for natural and health disaster risk management in the southwestern Indian Ocean thanks to co-financing from the Interreg Indian Ocean program.

- nearly 900 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space for new natural disaster response systems

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING : STUDENT AND TEACHER EXCHANGES WITHIN THE NETWORK OF AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (REAP)



Since its creation thirty years ago, the Saint-Paul agricultural high school has been involved in cooperation initiatives. With the support of the Interreg V program, student and trainer exchanges within the Network of Professional Agricultural Institutions in Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (REAP AAOI) have grown in scope. This project has enabled young students from Réunion to undertake study trips in the region and to welcome students, trainers, and administrative staff from partner institutions in the Indian Ocean to Réunion for training or internships.

- Operations supported under agricultural cooperation programs enabled more than 430 participants to take part in joint education and training programs.
- These programs enabled 200 people, or approximately 50% of participants, to obtain certification or a diploma at the end of a joint training course

## OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH : SEA TURTLES FOR OCEAN RESEARCH AND MONITORING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (STORM OI)



Led by the University of Réunion, in partnership with Kélonia – the sea turtle observatory –, the Centre for Sea Turtle Studies and Discovery (CEDTM) and five regional partners in the Seychelles (Seychelles Island Foundation), the Comoros (Meteorology Department, Mohéli Marine Park, Association for the Socio-Economic Development of Itsamia) and Mozambique (Ponta do Ouro Marine Reserve), this project aimed to increase knowledge about sea turtles and ocean dynamics in the southwestern Indian Ocean.

The program was based on satellite tagging of several species of sea turtles in Réunion, Mohéli (Comoros), Ponta do Ouro (Mozambique), Aldabra (Seychelles), and the Scattered Islands. Thanks to onboard tags, it was possible to track the movements of the turtles in real time while collecting key environmental data (temperature, salinity, etc.). This data was centralized in a dedicated database and enriched research in physical oceanography.

The objective: to better understand the impact of tropical cyclones on the surface layer of the ocean, refine ocean circulation models, and deepen knowledge of the spatial ecology and migratory routes of sea turtles in relation to ocean conditions.

Particular attention was paid to the juvenile stage of loggerhead sea turtles, which has been little studied in the Indian Ocean, in order to better understand this critical phase of their life cycle.

- Support from the Interreg V program made it possible to equip 61 sea turtles with tags to collect environmental data (temperature, salinity, water color, etc.).
- At the end of the project, four scientific articles were published.

# INDICATORS : SOME IMPACTS OF ERDF-INTERREG SUPPORT

**39**

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**40**

NEW RESEARCHERS WORKING ON THESE PROJECTS

**19**

DOCTORAL THESES DEFENDED UNDER JOINT SUPERVISION, INCLUDING 14 PRESENTED BY MADAGASCAN STUDENTS

**858**

COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE (AVERAGE FOR THE YEARS SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN)

**131**

TRAINING SESSIONS ON NATURAL RISK PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

**27**

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, WITH 140 PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS PRODUCED

**743**

PEOPLE GRADUATED, OBTAINED CERTIFICATION, OR PARTICIPATED IN CONTINUING EDUCATION

**149**

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY VOLUNTEERS

# HIGHLIGHTS

- In response to the COVID crisis, the Managing Authority took exceptional measures: 2 changes to the financial model, including the mobilization of the C.A.R.E. regulation
- Organization of 9 Interreg monitoring committees
- 60 steering committees organized, including 5 in written procedures
- Intensification of support for project leaders and links with partner countries through the creation of the Interreg program coordination service
- Strengthening of the involvement of countries that have signed Interreg framework agreements with the Managing Authority (Comoros, Mauritius, and Madagascar in 2016, and Seychelles in 2017)