

# FACT SHEET ON THE KEY RESULTS OF THE RAMP AO SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM\_2024



Following the closure of a first cohort in 2023, the Small Projects program, implemented by the Regional Network of Marine Protected Areas in West Africa (RAMP AO), has awarded 17 grants for a total of €200,846. These grants, ranging from €7,500 to €15,000, have been awarded to MPA managers, NGOs and local communities to strengthen their capacity for sustainable management of marine protected areas and conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity.

The second cohort of projects, lasting between 6 and 10 months, benefit from targeted funding in several priority areas: capacity-building for local communities, ecosystem restoration, adaptation to climate change and improved governance of marine protected areas.

## Benin: (Total: €23,829)

- Donaten MPA (€12,000): Training for 17 local players (10 ecoguards, 3 government employees, 3 local elected officials, 2 young people, 2 administrative authorities and 5 women fishmongers) in sustainable management and above-ground fish farming.
- AMP Bouche du Roy (€11,829): Planting of 10,000 *Conocarpus erectus* seedlings over 4 hectares and training of 30 managers in Nature-based Solutions (NBS).

## Ivory Coast: (Total: €15,000)

- Grand-Béréby MPA: Awareness campaigns in 18 villages, mapping of 21.96 km of degraded coastline, acquisition of 8,000 coconut seedlings to restore 50 km of coastline.

## Cabo Verde : (Total : €36 674)

- Île de Maio (€11,600): Raising awareness among 100 stakeholders (fishermen, hoteliers, shopkeepers) about plastic waste management and training 50 participants in 5R principles.
- AMP Santo Antão (€13,774): Exchange of experience between 2 technicians, 4 fishermen's representatives and 3 institutional representatives for the creation of a new MPA.
- Santa Luzia Marine Reserve (€12,000): Tagging of 123 sharks and rays, recording of 370 elasmobranch observations via 57 hours of underwater video and 44 baited cameras.

## Gambia : (Total : €32,000)

- AMP TANBI (€12,000): Experience-sharing visit by women's groups to the Joal-Fadiouth MPA in Senegal for training in oyster farming, fish processing and mangrove beekeeping.
- Tanji Reserve (€10,000): refurbishment of offices (ceilings, furniture) and acquisition of equipment (12 chairs, 4 fans, 2 armchairs).
- Bolong Fenyo (€10,000): Office equipment and maintenance of sea turtle hatcheries.

## Guinea-Bissau: (Total: €36,244)

- João Vieira and Poilão National Marine Park (€15,000): Maritime surveillance leading to 16 boardings and 7 seizures of artisanal fishing pirogues.
- Urok Islands (€7,500): Construction of a well to supply 200 inhabitants with drinking water in the village of Famosa.
- Orango National Park (€13,744): Training 40 women in income-generating activities and raising community awareness through the organization of a film debate on the conservation of natural resources and the preservation of coastal marine ecosystems.

## Mauritania : (Total : €15,000)

- Diawling National Park: Improving the livelihoods of local communities through the construction of a cattle vaccination park, acquisition of 25 sewing machines for 10 women's cooperatives, installation of 300 m<sup>2</sup> of wire fencing to protect market garden plots.

## Sénégal : (Total : €20,000)

- Lac Rose (€10,000): Support for raising awareness among 60 local players with a view to classifying the site as an urban nature reserve.
- APAC Kawawana (€10,000): Support for the reinforcement of the surveillance system with 1 checkpoint, reinforced patrols and implementation of new co-management rules around the Kawanana indigenous and community heritage area in Casamance, Senegal.

## Sierra Leone: (Total: €20,000)

- Yawri Bay estuary (€10,000): Planting of 26,400 mangrove propagules, recruitment and training of 37 villagers to monitor the plantations.
- Sherbro River Estuary (€10,000): Promotion of activities to reduce emissions and forest degradation through the construction of 25 improved ovens and restoration of 20 hectares of degraded mangroves.

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The RAMPAO brings together some 50 marine protected areas in West Africa. It works to preserve marine biodiversity by supporting the creation, management and development of MPAs. Through coordination, advocacy and capacity building, it strengthens the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems, and of local communities.

