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# BEST Initiative

**MANG Project** - *mangrove tree in the creole of the Antilles* -



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# The Mang Project

**Major political issue:** threatened ecosystem, fundamental role in dealing with climate change. "35 000 hectares of French mangroves will be protected by 2016" - message communicated at the 2013 et 2014 environmental conferences, and the Guadeloupe conference (Oct 2014)

**General objective:** giving impetus to a collective movement in favour of the preservation of coastal wetlands in European overseas territories

**Duration:** 33 months (January 2014 to September 2016)

**Global cost:** 600 000€ (50% co-financed)

**Organisations involved:**

- ATEN
- Conservatoire du littoral
- French Coastal Protection Agency
- Pôle-relais Mangroves et Zones Humides d'Outre-mer  
    Overseas Mangroves and Wetlands Unit

**Target Groups :** managers of European overseas wetlands, local authorities coastal rangers, natural reserve officers, State officials, NGOs, ...

Ramsar Convention  
CBD Convention

IUCN Europe

European Commission  
EU Biodiversity Strategy  
BEST Initiative

Ministries  
(MEDDE, MOM)

AFD:  
French Development Agency

Impact Mer  
consultancy



### Mang Project management committee



# Stakeholders



# Overseas territories concerned



# 8 pilot sites

La Réunion

*Etang du Gol lagoon*



Mayotte

*Vasière des Badamiers*



French Guyana

*Pripris de Yiyi*



St Pierre & Miquelon

*Miquelon-Langlade Isthmus*



Guadeloupe

*Folle Anse marshes*



Martinique

*Les Salines lagoon*



Saint-Martin

*Baie de l'Embouchure*



Saint-Barthélemy

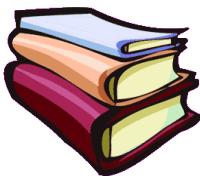
*La Grande Saline*





# 4 work streams

Improve the knowledge and ecological assessment of the pilot sites



Define management objectives and simple monitoring protocols



Build managers' capacities



Communicate and involve stakeholders (translation)



# Activities Planner

Work stream	Actions	Period
Coordination	Coordination meetings	every month
	Programme launch	Jan - Apr 2014
	Gathering and compilation of contacts	May - Dec 2014
Streams 1 & 2	Bibliographical research	Mar - Jul 2014
	Site assessments	Oct 2014 - Sep 2015
	Drawing up of simplified assessment method	Jan - Sep 2015
	Definition of governance and management objectives, and drawing up of simplified, standardised protocols	Mar - Dec 2015
	Testing of methodology & protocols, finalisation	Jan - Sep 2016
Stream 3	Mang Training Course: Conserving a wetland: Why? How?	Guadeloupe, Dec 2014 Réunion, Jun 2015
	Mang Training Course: A simplified method for monitoring coastal wetlands	Mayotte, Nov 2015 French Guyana, Dec 2015 Martinique, Jan 2016
	Ranger Days	Oct 2015 & Sep 2016
	In-the-field training on monitoring and interpreting results in the following fields: hydrology, flora, birds, fish and crustaceans – 1 day per field	Feb - Sep 2016
Stream 4	Creation of flyer and presentation of logo	Apr - Jun 2014
	Launch of website and data entry	from Oct 2014
	Overseas territories workshop at the Assises de la biodiversité conference, Montpellier	Jun 2014
	Conference on European Overseas Territories, Guadeloupe	Oct 2014
	Overseas territories workshop at the World Parks Congress, Australia	Nov 2014
	Presentation at Green Week, Belgium	Jun 2015
	Preparation and publication of awareness-raising documents	May - Dec 2015
	Newsletter	every 2 months starting Dec 2014





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# Keys to success

**Common needs:** community of practitioners – site managers

**Methodological foundation:** site assessment and management planning

**Mobilisation of local stakeholders:** participatory method

**Local attachment:** local branches of *Conservatoire du littoral / Overseas transfer unit Pôle relais mangroves et zones humides d'Outre-mer*

**Political and financial support**

# Contact details

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<http://www.pole-zh-outremer.org/les-actions-du-pole-relais-outre-mer/>

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