

## PROGRAMME INTERREG V INDIAN OCEAN

# Citizen's SUMMARY

Annual Implementation  
Report as of 31/12/2018

## PRESENTATION

As part of the regional policy of the European Union, Interreg Indian Ocean 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.

## 10 COUNTRIES

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

## 5 PRIORITIES

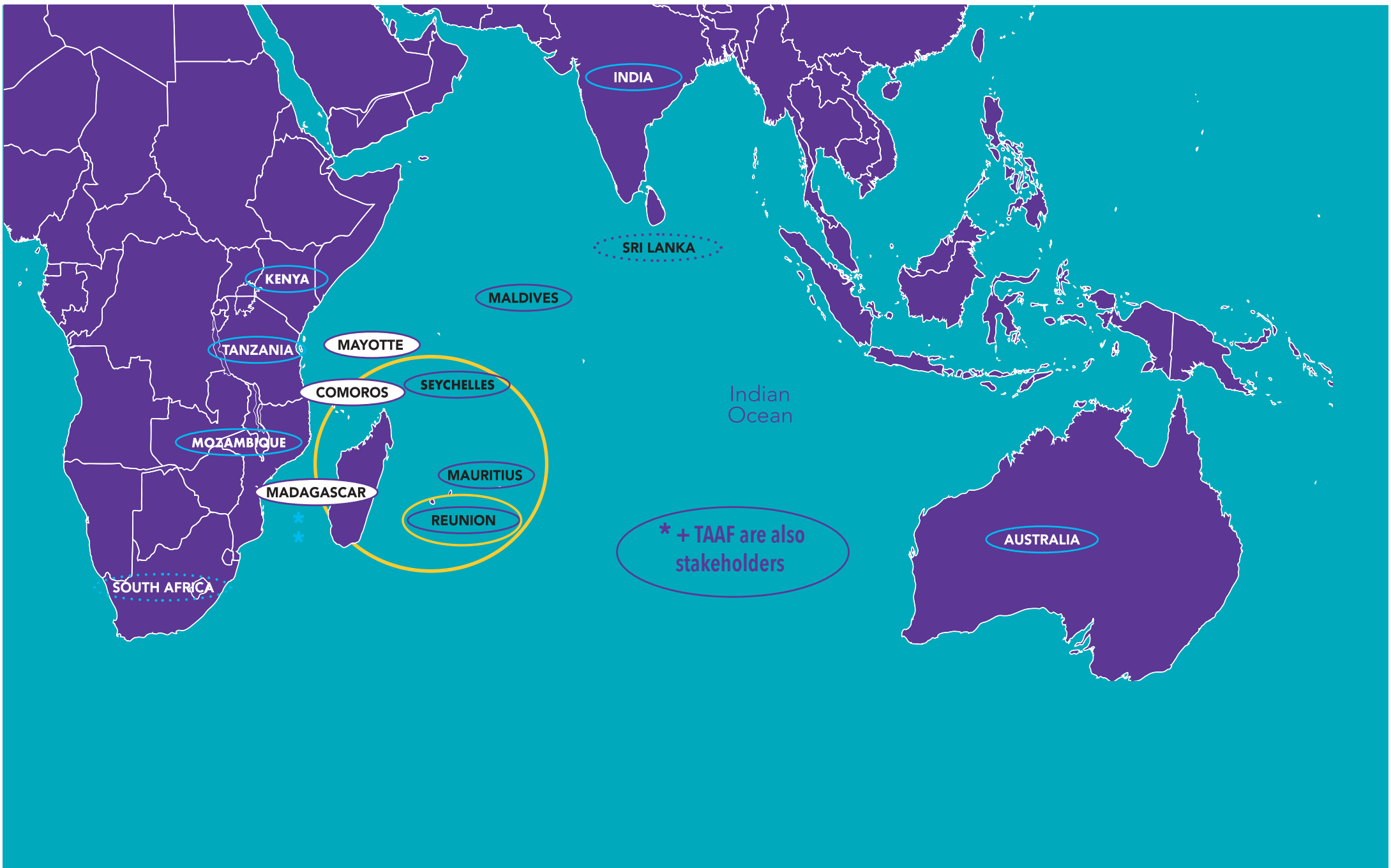
- Developing international research and innovation potential in the Indian Ocean
- Supporting the development of economic exchanges in the Indian Ocean
- Reinforcing collective capacities for adapting to climate change, as well as prevention and management of risks
- Reinforcing knowledge and promoting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

## €74,3 M

TOTAL BUDGET

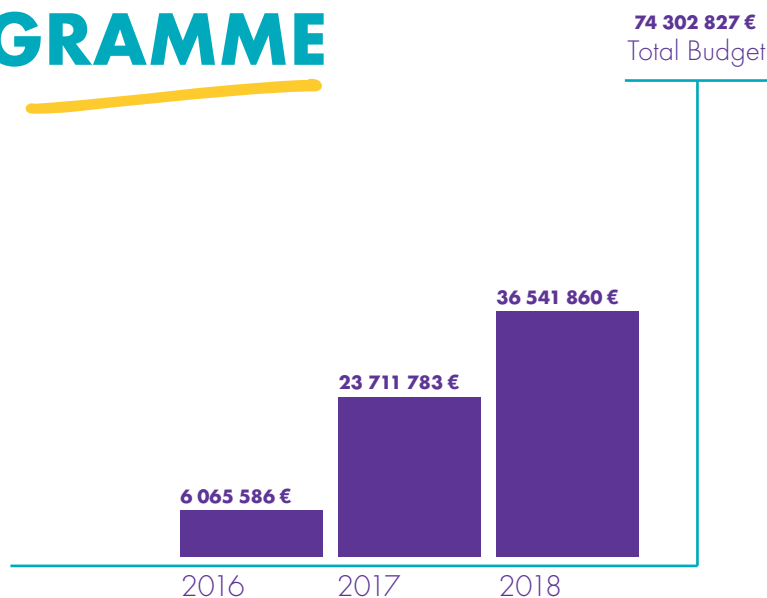
→ €63,2 M ERDF

→ €11,1 M national fundings



-  Zone concerned by cross-border cooperation
-  Countries concerned by transnational cooperation
-  Countries concerned by transnational cooperation to date not having accredited the programme

# A DYNAMIC PROGRAMME

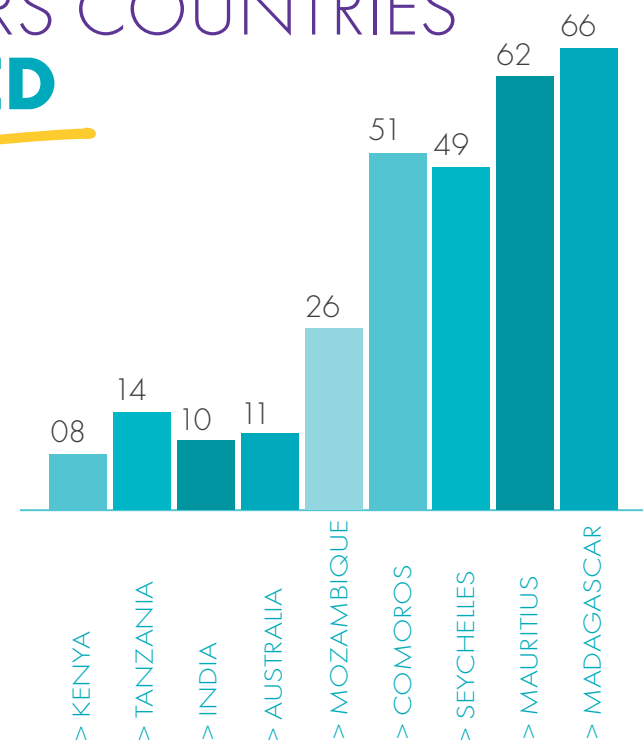


TOTAL ELIGIBLE AMOUNT OF SELECTED PROJECTS

Since July 2016, when it was first set up, the Interreg programme has supported 127 projects, 50 of which for 2018 alone. These projects represent a total eligible cost of €36,5M (representing 49,2% of the financial plan). The funding provided by Europe amounts to €30,6M. The programme has therefore seen significant progress since it was set up in July 2016.

Eligible expenses applied and declared to the managing authority by the beneficiaries are also progressing and have now reached €10,44M, or 14 % of the financial plan as of 31st December 2018.

# 9 PARTNERS COUNTRIES INVOLVED

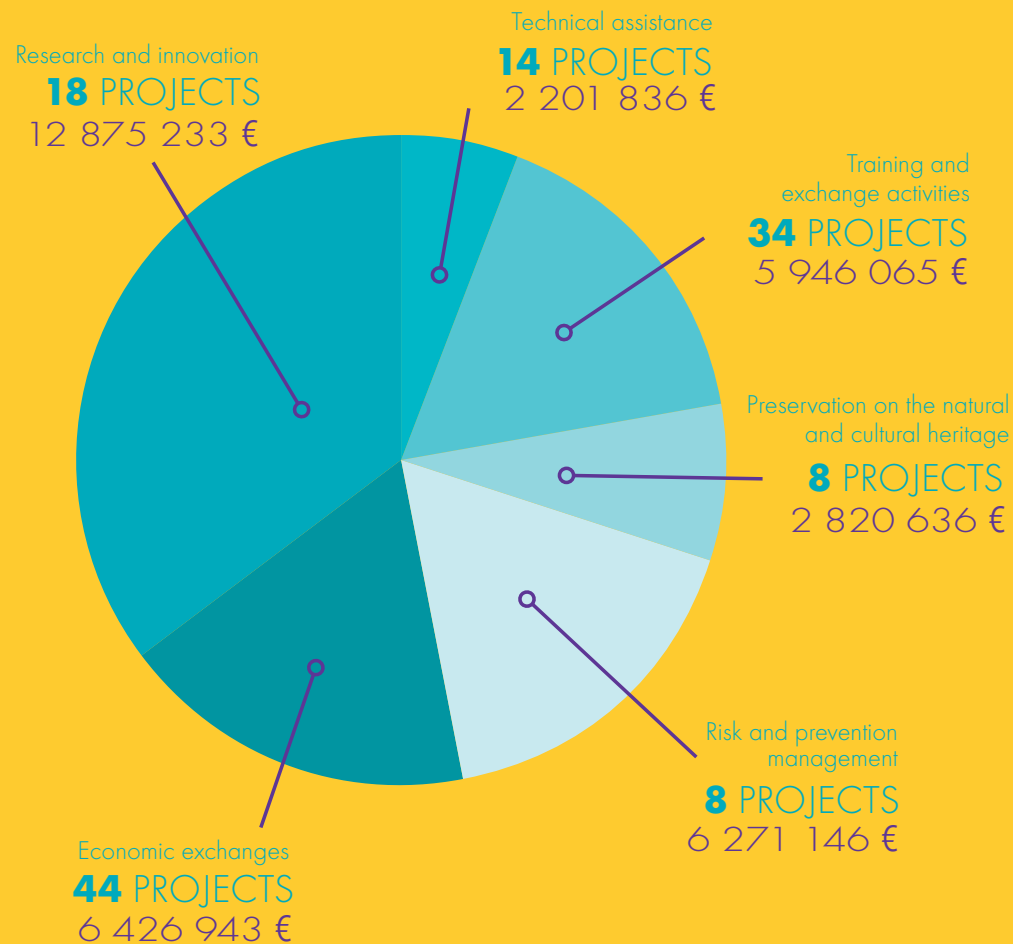


IMPLICATION OF THE PARTNERS COUNTRIES IN THE 127 OPERATIONS

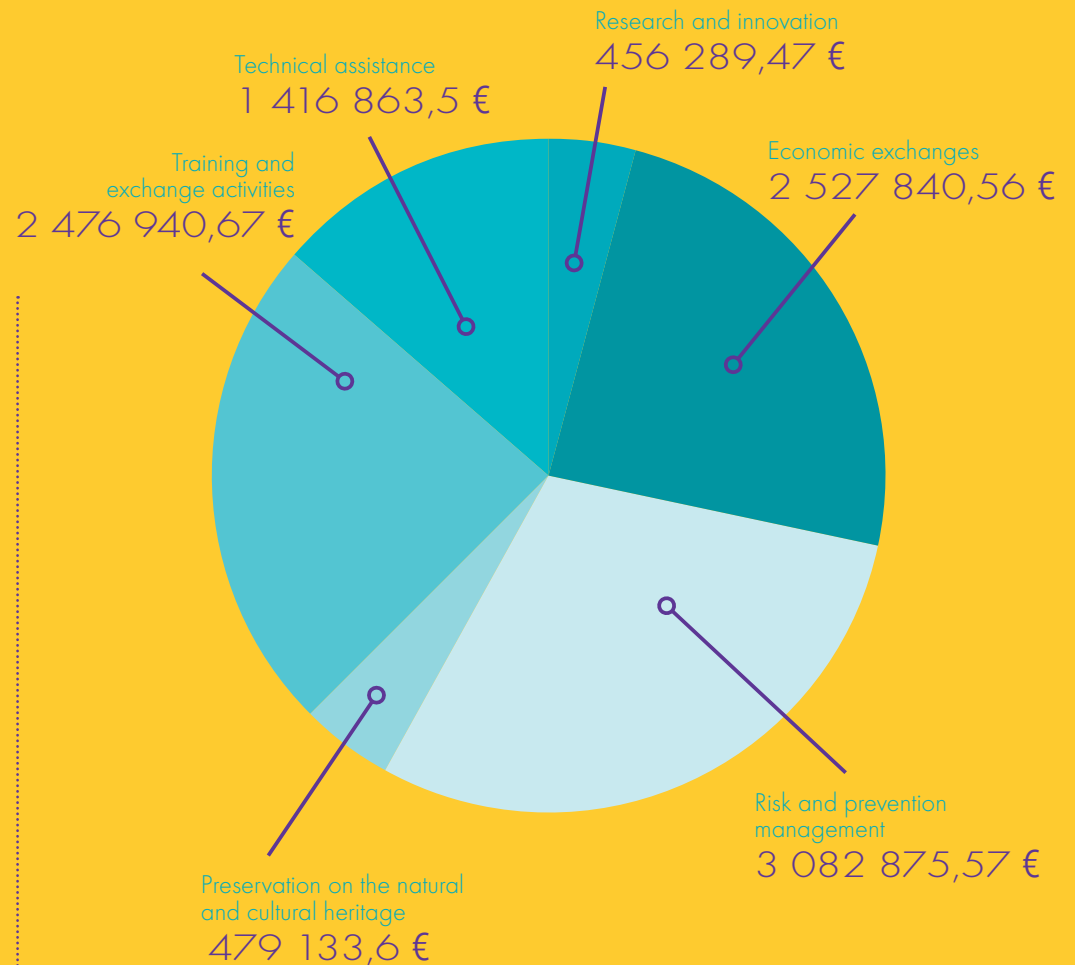
All the projects supported by the Interreg Indian Ocean programme are piloted by French actors from Reunion and/or Mayotte. Interreg projects involve at least one foreign partner in the zone. The majority of the projects supported concern several countries. We can note the important involvement of IOC countries (Madagascar, Maurice, Comoros and the Seychelles), as well as Mozambique.

# 5 PRIORITIES SUPPORTED

## AMOUNT PROGRAMMED



## AMOUNT PAID AND CERTIFIED

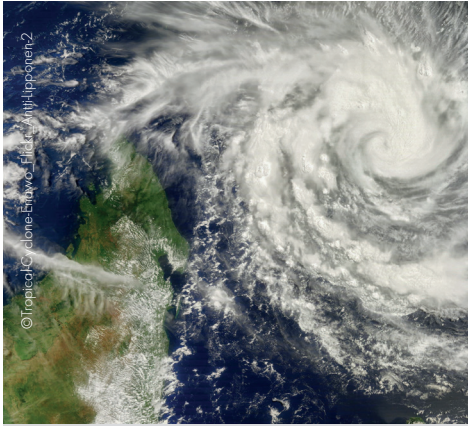


→ THE LIST OF BENEFICIARIES OF THE INTERREG INDIAN OCEAN PROGRAMME CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE:

<https://www.regionreunion.com/sites/interreg/article/interreg-autres-informations>

# A FEW EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2018

## RESEARCH: RENOVRIK - CYCLONES



This project, piloted by the University of Reunion, aims to improve the knowledge of tropical cyclones developing in the South West Indian Ocean basin, in order to improve forecasting of their impact on the main inhabited islands, starting with the current period and going up to the year 2100. The aim is to develop innovative measuring tools (drones, buoys etc.). The data obtained will be fed into risk-analysis models deployed on a territorial scale. An important component of this programme concerns digital representation of future cyclones in the Indian Ocean, in the context of climate change. The projections resulting from ReNovRisk-Cyclones will make it possible to produce estimations of rainfall, wind and swells for 2040, 2080 and 2100, but also to estimate the water resources available for cyclonic recharging in the context of more severe territorial drought.

## CAPACITY BUILDING: INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY VOLUNTEERS (VSI)



The idea is to enable young Reunionsese graduates to acquire professional experience over a period of 1 to 3 years in public and charity organisations abroad. It is the structure abroad that must apply to participate. The young people sign a contract with the association France Volontaires, which has the responsibility of recruiting and monitoring volunteers. 77 young people from Reunion were able to benefit from the programme from 2016 to 2018. Most of the volunteers occupy their post for two or three years, during which period they contribute their skills to the structure that welcomes them, thus reinforcing relations and the projects to be implemented in collaboration with Reunion.

## ECONOMY:

### INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS



Organised by the Export Club from 21st to 23rd of November 2018, these meetings brought together 400 participants, 130 of whom were from Indian Ocean countries (Mayotte, Kenya, Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles, Mauritius, Tanzania and Mozambique). The delegates attended conferences, workshops and BtoB meetings. The main aim was to strengthen links between regional economic operators, around a range of topics potentially promising for the development of their activities: circular economy, agriculture and food, smart cities, internationalisation etc.

## PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE: INDIAN OCEAN SEA TURTLES



The project implemented by IFREMER (French Institute for Research and Exploration of the Sea), in partnership with the administration of the TAAF (French Southern and Antarctic Territories), the Seychelles Islands Foundation and the department of Mayotte, has been contributing to the preservation of sea turtles, in particular the green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) and the hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) in the south-western Indian Ocean. The project focuses on marking sea turtles using low-cost tagging, in order to determine the periods when they visit their functional habitats, as well as the duration of the visits. In the context of the development of a network of scientists in the area, training sessions on the techniques and use of tagging devices are being held. The data obtained will be communicated through open data and the studies will be the object of scientific publications.

# A FEW INDICATORS

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**COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH**  
PROJECTS SUPPORTED (IR01)

11

**NEW RESEARCHERS**  
WORKING ON THESE PROJECTS (IR24)

166

**COMPANIES THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ACTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL** (PROSPECTING, ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL FAIRS/SEMINARS ETC.) (ANNUAL AVERAGE SINCE 2016) (IR03)

39

**TRAINING SESSIONS**  
ON PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL HAZARDS (IR05)

08

**COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS**  
ON PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (IR06)

1219

**PARTICIPANTS**  
IN JOINT EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES (IR46)

78

**PARTICIPANTS**  
IN CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY INITIATIVES (IR43)

# IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 2018

- 2 calls for projects launched in 2018 around the following Interreg programme mechanisms:
  - ✓ support for collaborative projects of preservation and promotion of cultural heritage (15th January to 28th February 2018)
  - ✓ support for educational cooperation projects for secondary schools (lower and upper high schools) and professionals (14th December 2017 to 28th February 2018).
- Modifications to action files, enabling support for projects between Mayotte, Mauritius and the Seychelles (validated on 9th November 2018).
- A modification to the programme, mainly aimed at the financing plan and enabling continued support for projects within the most dynamic axes (validated on 9th November 2018 and approved by the European Commission on 20th February 2019).
- A reinforced mechanism for accompanying projects, with international solidarity volunteers responsible for supporting Interreg projects within the Regional Council branches in Mauritius, Comoros, Madagascar and the Seychelles. The branch of the Regional Council in the Seychelles was inaugurated on 25th October 2018.
- A mechanism for triggering funding was set up for financing granted by the Regional Council of Reunion, to help those piloting projects to prepare their Interreg project in collaboration with their partner in the zone. A call for projects was launched around this mechanism (3rd September to 29th October 2018).
- 13 pilot committees held in 2018, including one in Mayotte (on 10th October 2018), enabling regular selection of projects.
- 1 monitoring committee held on 9th November 2018, with the participation of representatives from Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and the Seychelles, with a presentation of the state of progress of the programme.