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- BIOPAMA overview

- Logical framework
- Online portalProposal cycleEvaluation





#### BIOPAMA (Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management)

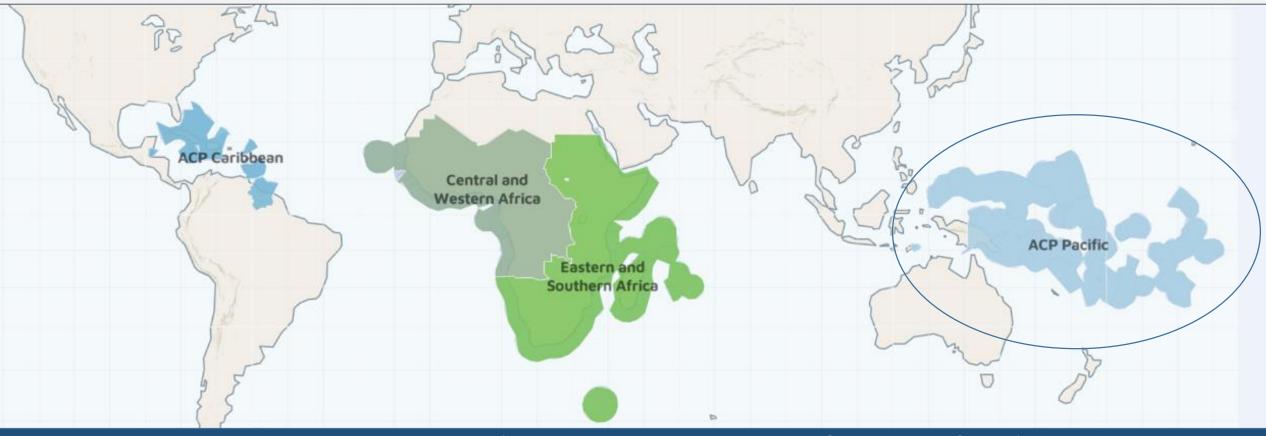
- An initiative of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
   (OACPS) financed by the European Union's 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund
- A 60 million euro investment to improve the long-term conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and natural resources
- A global partnership, combining:
  - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) protected areas and the biodiversity conservation expertise
  - Joint Research Centre of the European Commission scientific and technical knowhow
- Implemented in close collaboration with the regional, national and local actors in ACP countries
- Six year programme (2017-2023), building on the first programme phase







#### Locations: Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries



79 developing countries (including Least Developed and Small Island States)
More than 3 billion people whose livelihoods depend on the natural resources
More than half of the world's 35 biodiversity hotspots
More than 9,000 protected areas, terrestrial and marine





#### Regional focus – our four work areas

"Supporting partners and communities to improve the effectiveness and livelihood benefits from marine and terrestrial protected and conserved areas"



Action Component (21 million euro)



Regional protected area resource and data hub (SPREP)



Support and training



State of Protected and Conserved Area reports





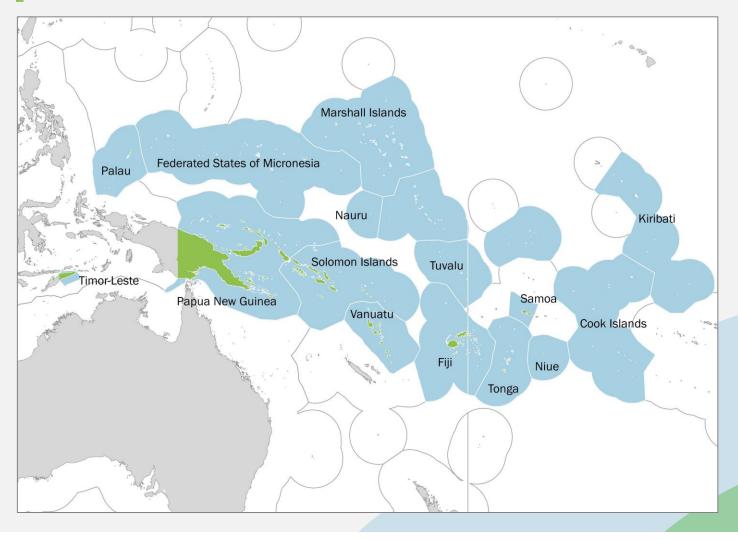
## **Action Component grant types**

Grant type	Max. amount	Max. duration	Scale
Rapid Response Grants	≤€50,000	12 months	Local / site level
Small Technical Grants	> €50,000 and ≤ €100,000	12 months	Local / site level
Medium Grants	> €100,000 and ≤ €400,000	36 months	National / regional



## **Pacific Action Component team**

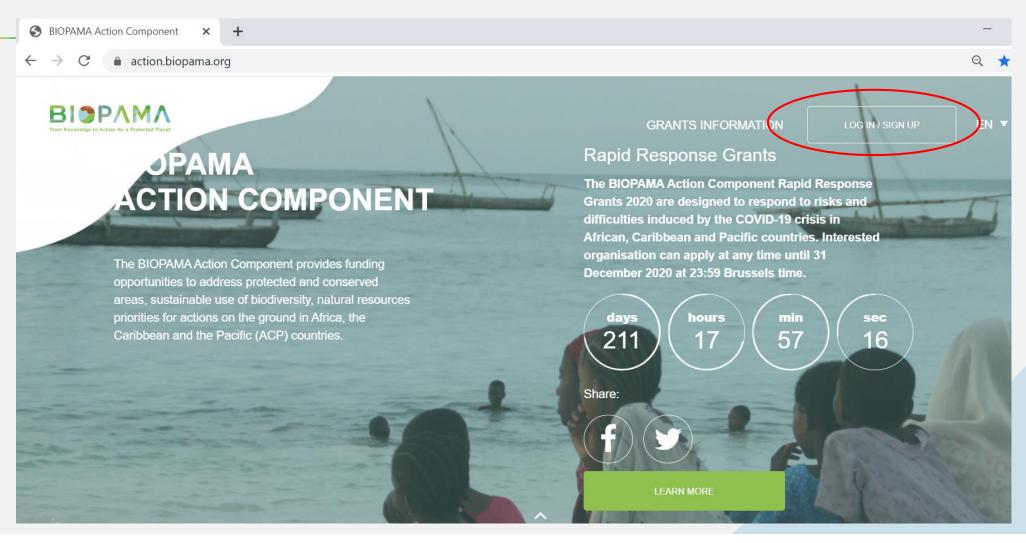








## **Action Component portal**



https://action.biopama.org/ https://action.biopama.org/rapid-response-grant/



#### **Available information**



#### BIOPAMA Action Component

**Guidelines for Applicants** 

Rapid Response Grants 2020

Open-ended call until 31 December 2020, 23:59 (Brussels date and time)

(In order to convert to local time click here)

Donors & Implementing Partners





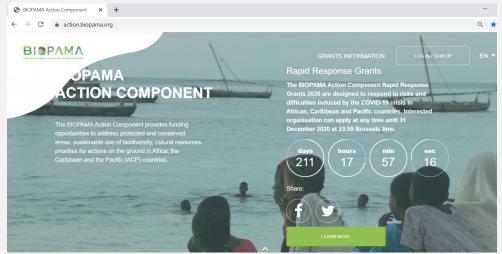




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## Purpose of the Rapid Response Grant

To respond to risks and difficulties for priority areas and surrounding communities induced by COVID-19

Examples of risks and difficulties include:
reallocation of budget at the national level
reduction of budget for protected areas
economic consequences for staff

- health and security for staff reduced incomes from ecotourism
- economic consequences for local community livelihoods health and security of local communities
- environmental crimes





## Specific objectives of the Rapid Response Grant

Enhanced management and governance of protected or conserved areas

Increased resilience to major shocks and recovery of the protected and conserved areas including sustainable/innovative funding planning

Maintained livelihoods and/or enhanced resilience of local communities to major shocks caused by the COVID pandemic, whilst effectively contributing to protected areas management

Only one of these can be selected in your application form



#### Rapid Response Grant snapshot

RRG round: €2 million ☞ all regions

Grants of up to €50,000

No co-financing required

Maximum 12 months

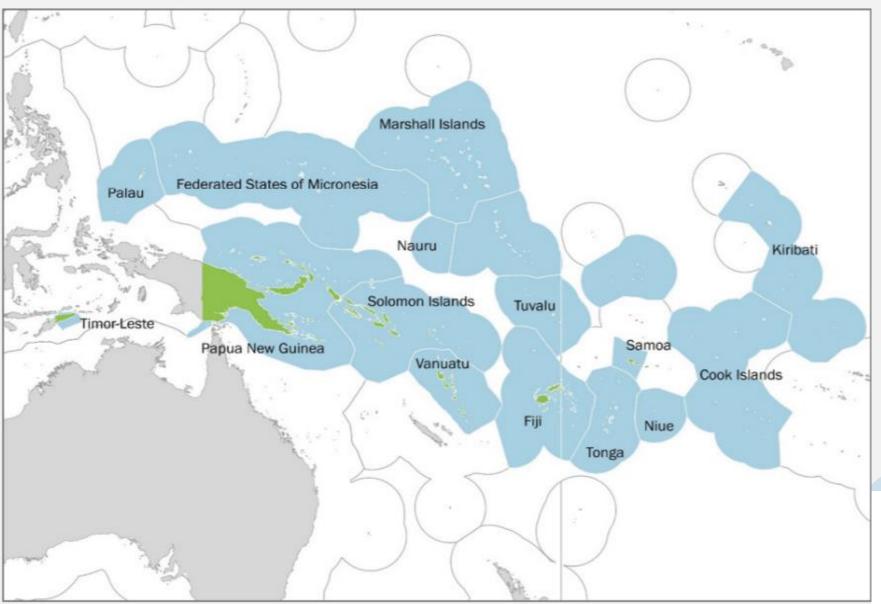
Single stage process – applicants must submit a full proposal

Apply through the Action Component Portal

Submit any time before: 31 December 2020 at 23:59 Brussels date and time



## Geographic criteria



- Cook Islands
- Fiji FSM
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands
- Nauru
- Niue
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga Tuvalu
- Vanuatu



## Who is eligible?

#### Must be:

- a public or private legal entity
- registered as a separate legal entity in an ACP country
- already involved\* in the management, governance and community livelihoods of the targeted priority area
- directly responsible for preparing and managing the grant project, not acting as an intermediary



## Who is eligible?

#### Must not be:

- a beneficiary of a grant funded by the EU (including EDF funds) for the same activities
- an individual or sole trader



## Who is eligible?

- Governments national, state, provincial, local
- National and local NGOs
- Community-based organisations
- Regional organisations
- International organisations\*
- Registered protected and conserved areas (incl ICCAs)
- Small-medium for-profit enterprises



#### **Location criteria**

Activities must take place within priority areas in wider conservation seascapes and landscapes where their importance is justified by 'diagnostic tools' or strategic documents

e.g. protected or conserved area, community conservation area, key biodiversity areas, marine managed areas, proposed protected or

conserved areas





#### **Conflict of interest**

BIOPAMA consortium organisations are not eligible for funding: IUCN Secretariat, EC-JRC, SPREP

Grants will not be awarded to entities whose staff includes an individual currently employed by, or closely related (i.e. immediate family) to an employee of IUCN, EC-JRC, or SPREP

IUCN member organisations are eligible to apply for grants provided they fulfil the eligibility criteria and can show their legal and structural independence from the IUCN Secretariat



#### Requirements for co-applicants

Lead applicant: main contact point and bears responsibility for implementing the project

Co-applicant: must satisfy the same eligibility criteria and support lead applicant to implement the project





## Limits on applications and grants

An organisation may submit up to two proposals as lead applicant and/or co-applicant per call per region

But applicants can only be awarded one RRG as a lead applicant

Entities that have been awarded a Medium Grant or a Small Technical Grant as lead applicant cannot be awarded a BIOPAMA Rapid Response Grant



#### **Activities must...**

- Be consistent with the RRG objectives
- Address emergencies from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Achieve tangible results in the field within one year of fund transfer
- Comply with Environmental and Social Management System
- Share project information and data with the BIOPAMA Regional Observatories and Reference Information System
- Be cost-efficient and sustainable
- Be of practical field application and time-limited



## Defining an 'emergency situation'

To be eligible, actions must address an emergency situation or enhanced threat to biodiversity or community livelihood due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Ongoing issues even if they require urgent action are not the target of the RRG



## Criteria for 'emergency situation'

- 1. Urgency: How recently has the threat emerged or worsened due to COVID-19?
- 2. Time sensitivity: Will there be a measurable conservation benefit if activities start quickly rather than in several months or years?
- 3. Duration and reversibility of impact: Does the threat have the potential to cause long-lasting negative impact to the biodiversity value of the priority area or the community livelihood?





## **Examples of eligible activities**

- Anti-poaching operations
- Participatory patrolling and monitoring
- Supporting sustainable livelihoods
- Involve young professionals or vulnerable groups
- Enhancing resilience and recovery of priority areas
- Enhancing community resilience to major shocks
- Avoiding changes to PCA status
- Training
- Management or governance assessments
- Economic or social analyses



## Ineligible activities

- Purchasing land or involuntary resettlement of people
- Activities on indigenous peoples' lands or territories without free, prior and informed consent
- Activities on land contested by local communities or indigenous people
- Activities that negatively affect physical cultural resources and their access and use, including those important to local communities
- Removing or altering any physical cultural property (includes sites with archaeological, paleontological, historical, religious, or unique natural values)
- Activities significantly affecting vulnerable groups within local communities, indigenous peoples or where these communities, vulnerable groups, indigenous people have not provided their broad support for the project activities
- Activities that include procuring, handling, storing and using unlawful pesticides



#### **Financials**

No co-financing required

Must show you have sufficient financial and operational capacity to implement the project

Budget can use real costs or 'simplified cost' option

Management fee of 7%

Cannot provide financial support to third parties through subgrants



## Eligible costs

- Human resources
- Travel
- Purchase of vehicles, equipment and supplies
- Local office costs
- Other costs and services



#### Ineligible costs

- Debts and debt service charges (interest)
- Provisions for losses or potential future liabilities
- Costs declared by the beneficiary(ies) and financed by another action or work programme
- Land or building purchases
- In-kind contributions
- Currency exchange losses
- Credit to third parties
- Government salaries, unless new activities
- Costs leading to personal or private profit





## Budget spreadsheet – tab 1 budget

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BIOPAMA II - Budget for Rapid Response Grant <sup>1</sup> -  All categories of the budget are based on reimbursement of actual costs  Simplified Costs Option where appropriate and/or on combination thereof.	Project proposal <sup>2</sup>	Period of implementation <sup>3</sup> dd/mm/yyyy - dd/mm/yyyy			Justification of the costs - describe the nature of
Costs 2	Unit	# of units	Unit value (in EUR)	Total Cost (in EUR)⁴	cost and its calculation
3 1. Personnel costs <sup>5</sup> - SIMPLIFIED COST OPTION ALLOWED <sup>6</sup>					
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12 2. Travel and subsistence					
13 2.1. International travel	Per unit			€ -	
14 2.2. Local travel	Per unit			€ -	
15 2.3. Per diems for missions/travel - SIMPLIFIED COST OPTION ALLOWED <sup>6</sup>	Per unit			€ -	
16 2.4. Other accommodation/subsistence costs	Per unit			€ -	
17 Subtotal Travel and subsistence				€ -	
18					
19 3. Vehicles, equipment and supplies for the project					
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21 3.2 Purchase of equipment. <insert description=""></insert>	Per unit			€ -	
22 3.3 Purchase of machines, tools. <insert description=""></insert>	Per unit			€ -	
23 3.4 Purchase of spare parts/supplies/materials. <insert description=""></insert>	Per unit			€ -	
24 3.5 Other (please specify)	Per unit			€ -	
25 Subtotal Vehicles, equipment and supplies for the project				€ -	
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## Budget spreadsheet – tab 2 budget example

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Costs 2	Unit	# of units	Unit value (in EUR)	Total Cost (in EUR) <sup>4</sup>			
3 1. Personnel costs <sup>5</sup> - SIMPLIFIED COST OPTION ALLOWED <sup>6</sup>							
4 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, local staff)							
1.1. Monitoring officer 50% FTE	Per month	6	1,000.00	€		Monitoring Officer, 50%, will be responsible for tracking the activities and measuring project impacts. 50% time allocated to the project: 50% x 12 months = 6 months. Unit value is gross monthly salary of employee plus employer's charges.	
6 1.2. Community rangers	Per ranger/patrol	360	25.00	€	9,000.00	10 rangers 3 patrols per month. 10 x 3 x 12. Unit value is a payment to one ranger by patrol.	
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10 Subtotal Personnel costs				€	15,000.00		
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12 2. Travel and subsistence							
13 2.1. International travel	Per unit			€			
14 2.2. Transportation of rangers teams	Per unit	36	10.00	€		Hire of trucks for transportation of community rangers. 3 missions x 12 months.	
15 2.3. Rations for ranger teams	Per unit	360	5.00	€		Rations for rangers on a patrol. 10 rangers x 3 patrols x 12 months.	
16 2.4. Local accommodation for monitoring officer	Per unit	24	25.00	€		Local accommodation for the monitoring officer 2 missions x 12 months.	
17 Subtotal Travel and subsistence				€	2,760.00		
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3. Vehicles, equipment and supplies for the project							
20 3.1 Purchase of vehicles. <insert description=""></insert>	Per vehicle			€	-		
21 3.2 Kits for rangers	Per unit Per unit	10	50.00	€		10 kits for community rangers.	
						2 new GPS devices will be needed for accurate mapping and during monitoring	
22 3.3 GPS for rangers	Per unit	2	500.00	€ -		/patrols in the conservancy (New Model XYZ 500 EUR each)	
23 3.4. Motobikes for community rangers	Per unit	5	800.00	€		5 second-hand motobikes will bought for rangers on patrol missions.	
24 3.5. Signposts.	Per unit	10	200.00	€		Materials for the production of 10 signposts.	
25 Subtotal Vehicles, equipment and supplies for the project		1		€	7,500.00		
26							
27 4. Local office - SIMPLIFIED COST OPTION ALLOWED <sup>6</sup>							
28 4.1. Use of own vehicles	Per unit			€	-		
29 4.2. Office rent	Per unit	6	200.00	€		Office rent contribution is requested at the rate of 50%.	
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#### Costing options – real costs v SCO

#### Real cost option

- Estimated costs are entered in the budget
- Reimbursement is based on actual costs
- Higher administrative burden during reporting every euro of funded expenditure needs supporting documents

#### Simplified cost option

- Costs are agreed up front, based on evidence provided by grantee
- Agreed costs are paid based on achieving outputs
- Reduces likelihood of reporting errors
- Lower administrative burden



#### Costing options – real costs v SCO

For submission stage, ensure your budget is as realistic and cost effective as possible

If you are short-listed, we will discuss whether you would like to use real costs or SCO for some cost types



#### **IUCN's Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)**

All IUCN projects are screened for potential negative environmental or social impacts

IUCN'S ESMS helps identify and manage environmental and social risks of projects implemented or supported by IUCN



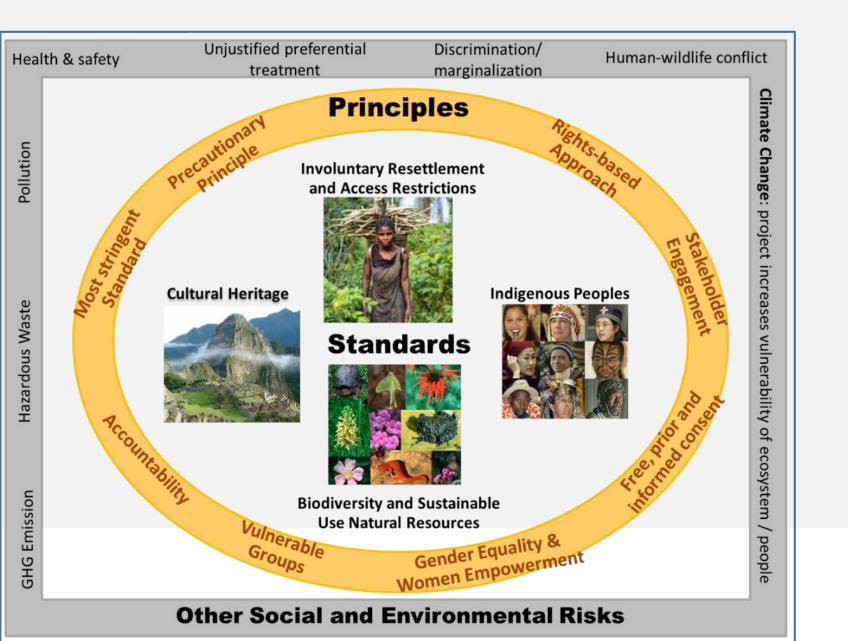
Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)

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#### **IUCN's Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)**



IUCN'S ESMS reflects key environmental and social areas at the heart of IUCN's conservation approach

Eight overarching principles

Four standards



#### **Answering ESMS questions**

You will need to answer some ESMS questions in the application form

Short-listed proposals will be asked to fill out a full ESMS questionnaire

#### 12) Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)

Projects supported by BIOPAMA AC are screened for environmental and social risks. Please describe how the project will address potential issues regarding ESMS Standards and ESMS Principles by answering the following questions. Please note that if your project is selected, you will be requested to submit a full ESMS questionnaire in addition to answering the preliminary questions below in the case of confirmed risks.

- 1) Will the Rapid Response activities be implemented on a territory or area of an indigenous peoples?
- ☐ YES Please describe the consultation held with representatives of indigenous communities and share a copy of the report or how you are planning such consultation. Explain whether assessments have been already conducted and upload a
- 2) Will the Rapid Response activities include enforcement of protected area regulations or include
  - restricting access to resources?
- Please explain whether assessments have been already conducted to understand potential impacts on the livelihoods of local communities and upload a copy. If impacts have been identified, explain how these will be mitigated (max. 300 words).

 $\square$  NO

☐ YES

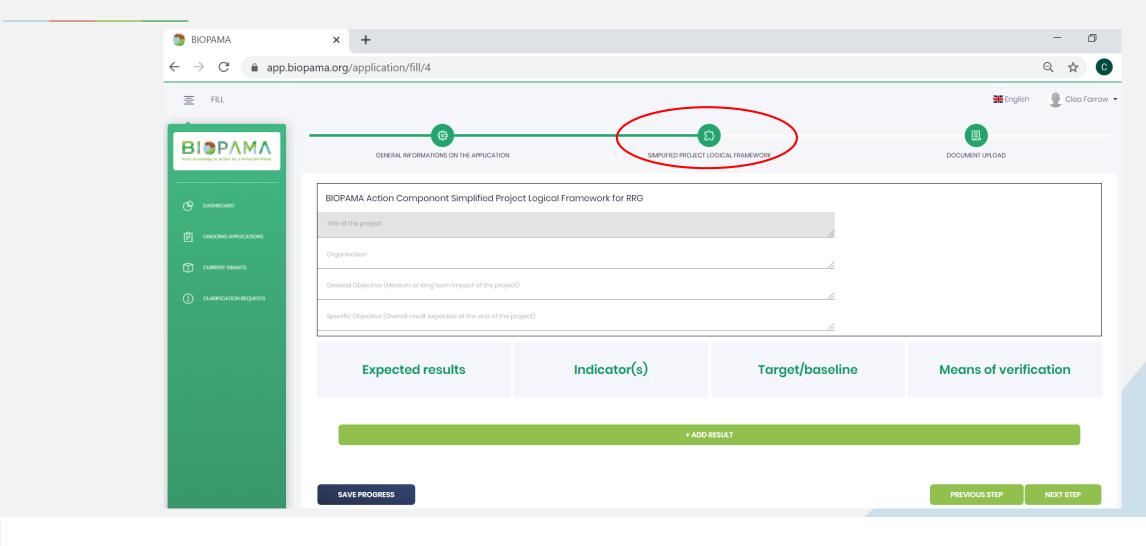
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△ The ESMS questions are compulsory and critical for assessment BIDP



## Logical framework



See page 7-9 of the application form for guidance on the log frame and an example on page 23 of the Guidelines



#### What you need to submit



#### Annex 1: Rapid Response Grant application template (Please insert here the reference number)

This application form has to be completed and uploaded on the BIOPAMA AC portal. The application should be concise but address all requirements<sup>1</sup>.

#### 1) General information

1.	Title:	Insert title of the action to be funded			
2.	Region <sup>2</sup> :	Insert targeted ACP region			
3.	ACP <sup>3</sup> Country:	Insert targeted ACP country name			
4.	Priority Area targeted:	Insert name			
5.	Duration (12 months maximum):	Insert number of months			
6.	Total funding requested:	Enter amount in Euros € (maximum 50 000 €)			
7.	BIOPAMA Rapid Response Grants objective to which the project and its activities will contribute: (only one can be selected)	□ Enhanced management and governance of protected or conserved areas; □ Increased resilience to major shocks and recovery of the protected and conserved areas including sustainable/innovative funding planning; □ Maintained livelihoods and/or enhanced resilience of local communities to major shocks caused by COVID pandemic, whilst effectively contributing to protected areas management.			
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Equivalent to 10 pages maximum in a Microsoft Word document

West Africa, Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, Caribbean, Pacific.

cannot be a beneficiary of contracts financed by the 10th/11th EDF

\*\*Transboundary activities involving South Soudan are eligible.

General information (portal)

Application form (word)

Log frame (portal)

Budget (excel)

Due diligence questionnaire (word)

Applicant declaration (word)

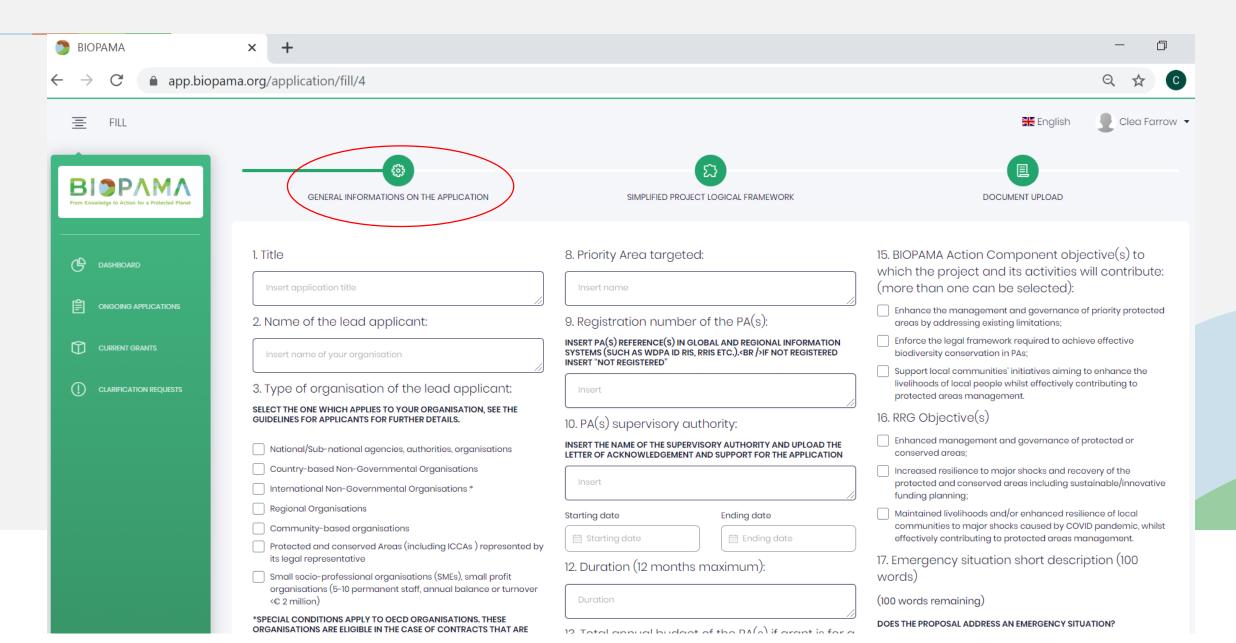
Supporting documents

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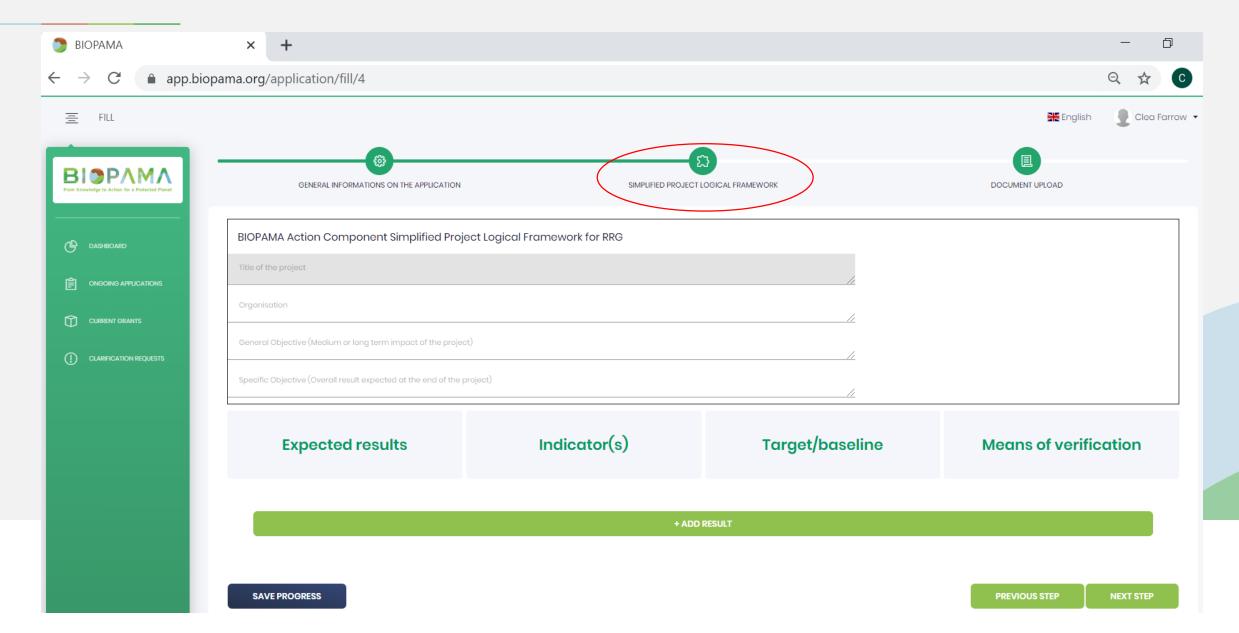


The ACP countries eligible to the BIOPAMA Action Component encompass 78 countries (in alphabetical order): Angola - Antigua and Barbuda - Belize - Cape Verde - Comoros - Bahamas - Barbados - Benin - Botswana - Burkina Faso - Burundi - Cameroon - Central African Republic - Chad - Congo (Brazzawille) - Congo (Kinshasa) - Cook Islands - Côte d'Ivoire - Dijbouti - Dominican Republic - Entrea - Ethiopia - Fiji - Gabon - Gambia - Ghana - Grenada - Republic of Guinea - Guinea - Bissau - Equatorial Guinea - Guyana - Haiti - Jamaica - Kenya - Kiribati - Lesotho -Liberia - Madagascar - Malawi - Mali - Marshall Islands - Mauritania - Mauritius - Micronesia - Mozambique - Namibia - Nauru - Niger - Nigeria - Niue - Palau - Papua New Guinea - Rwanda - St. Kitts and Nevis - St. Lucia - St. Vincent and the Grenadines - Solomon Islands - Samoa - Sao Tome and Principe - Senegal - Seychelles - Sierra Leone - Somalia - South Africa\* - Sudan - South Sudan - Suriname - Swaziland - Tanzania - Timor Leste. Togo - Tonga - Trinidad and Tobago - Tuvalu - Uganda - Vanuatu - Zambia – Zimbabwe.
"While natural and legal persons established in South Africa are eligible to participate in procedures financed by the 10th/11th EDF, South Africa

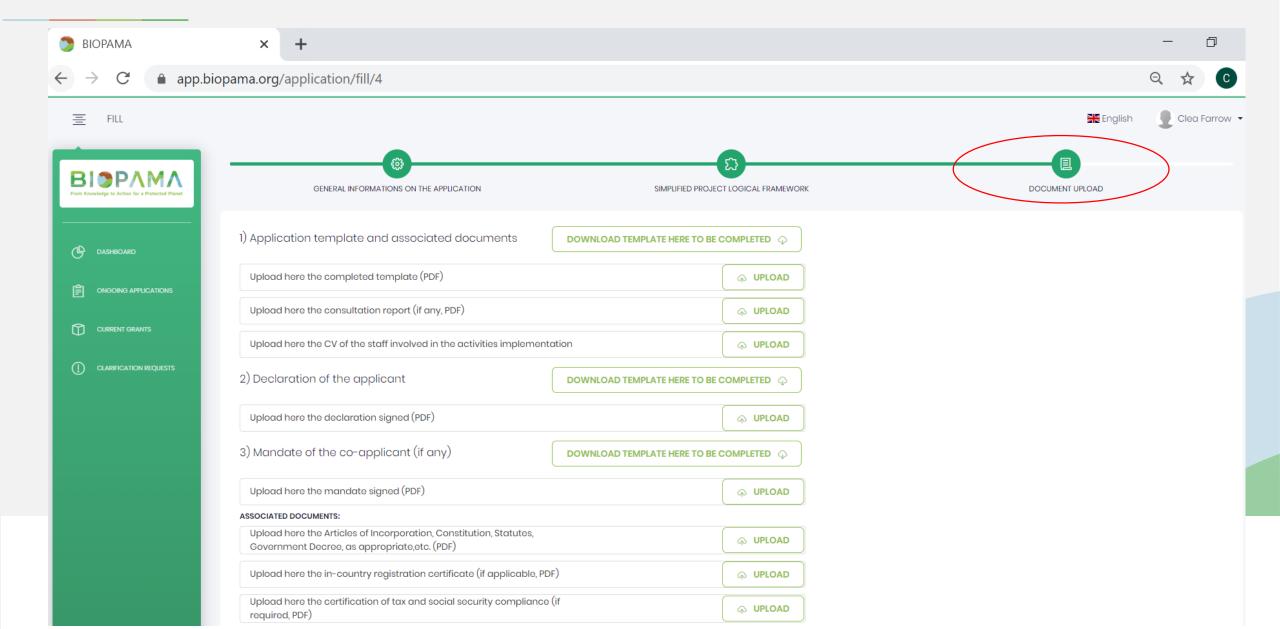
#### Online portal – general information on the application



#### Online portal – simplified project logical framework



#### Online portal – document upload



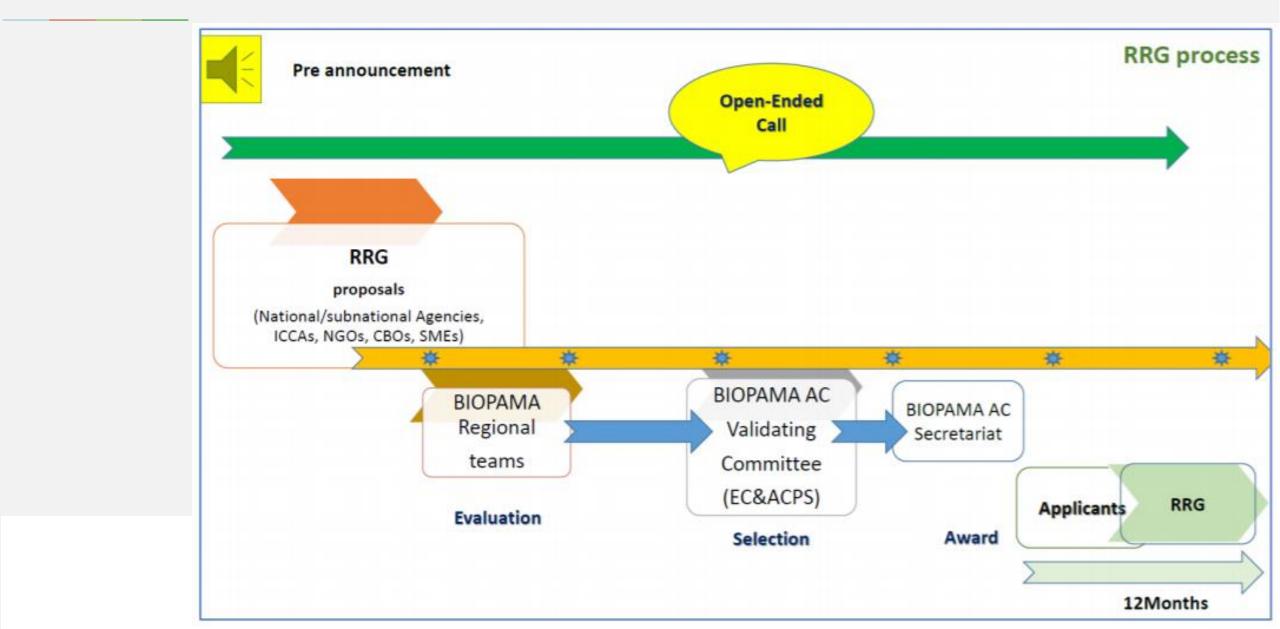
## **Evaluation grid**

Category	Maximum points
1. Emergency	10 points
2. Technical coherence and relevance of activities	5 points
3. Technical capacity	5 points
4. Financial coherence and justification	5 points
5. Sustainability of the activities	5 points
6. Understanding of risk and responses to ESMS	5 points
Total	35 points

⊕ Only proposals that score about the threshold of 21 will be submitted to the BIOPAMA Action Component Validating Committee for the final award decision



## RRG proposal cycle



#### **Further information**

All relevant information will be published on the Action Component portal

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Please contact us ASAP if you intend to apply!



# Vinaka vakelevu!

Questions?





#### From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet









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The Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme (BIOPAMA) is an initiative of the ACP Group of States funded by the European Union's 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund.