

Strengthen the climate resilience and well-being of Pacific communities through biodiversity conservation.



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JOINING FORCES to meet global challenges together

The Pacific Ocean's exceptional terrestrial and marine biodiversity offers invaluable services to communities. But this part of the world is particularly vulnerable to climate change, which has a direct impact on ecosystems and traditional ways of life.

The Kiwa Initiative is a multi-donor program that aims to strengthen the climate resilience of ecosystems, communities, and economies in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories by using **Nature-based Solutions (Nbs)** to protect, restore, and sustainably manage biodiversity.

It provides funding to local and national authorities, public institutions, regional organizations, and local and international NGOs based in Oceania.

For the first time, **the European Union, France, Canada, Australia and New Zealand** are joining forces to tackle climate and biodiversity challenges in the Pacific.

This Initiative, with a budget of nearly 41 million euros*, is managed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD).

OUR AIMS

- + Reduce the vulnerability to climate change of Pacific communities and ecosystems.
- + Facilitate access to Nbs funding for climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation.
- + Support sustainable management of natural land and marine areas.
- + Improve coordination between donors, Pacific Island Countries and Territories and regional organizations.

*Indicative amount including EU top-up of EUR 4M, to be formalised with an addendum to the Contribution Agreement between AFD and the EU.



19 eligible Pacific Island Countries and Territories, including the 3 French overseas territories

- By 2100, temperatures in the South Pacific will increase by 2 to 4 degrees Celsius
- 0.03%: Pacific Island Countries and Territories' share of global greenhouse gas emissions
- 6 of the world's 36 biodiversity hot spots are in Oceania
- Rising sea levels (an 80 cm increase is likely by 2100) will threaten low-lying coastal areas on the islands and atolls
- 80% of the population of Oceania relies on natural resources for its subsistence



OUR VALUES:

- Solidarity
- Responsibility
- Humility
- Respect

Cook
Islands

French
Polynesia

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Simplified access to funding and technical assistance:

+ **Calls for local projects** managed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Grants ranging from 25,000 to 400,000 euros.

+ **Calls for ideas for regional projects** (involving at least two eligible countries or territories). Grants ranging from 1.5 to 5 million euros. The AFD oversees these projects with support from the Kiwa Initiative Secretariat.

+ The Pacific Community (SPC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) **provide technical assistance: capacity building, support for developing and implementing regional Kiwa projects.**

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS*

contribute to **CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION** and offer many other co-benefits, such as:

- Food security
- Health
- Disaster risk reduction (erosion, flooding, etc.)
- Preservation of water resources
- Reduction of gender inequality
- Economic resilience



NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION



BIODIVERSITY

*IUCN definition (2016): Actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits.

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