

French protected area managers contributing to international cooperation



Using the “French model” to achieve post-2020 targets

- **Elaborate governance systems** designed for integration between protected areas and their socioeconomic environment
- A set of **complementary regulation, land tenure and contracting tools** which can be combined to achieve tailored conservation outcomes
- **Democratic values** embodied in protected area management and public access to nature



A real added value to:

- **Establish integrated biodiversity management in populated areas**
- **Guarantee sturdiness and long-term acceptability of protected areas**

Assets of French protected area managers

- **Marine and coastal issues**, with the 2nd largest maritime territory and coastlines on all oceans of the world
- **A unique diversity of physical and biogeographical contexts** in mainland France, from rivers to forests and from alpine to mediterranean
- **Overseas territories** located in major biodiversity hotspots and cooperation regions, sharing a number of social and environmental challenges with neighbouring countries
- A structured community of scientists and protected area managers at the cutting edge of **climate change adaptation** with a tried-and-tested framework
- **A solid experience of ecosystem restoration** including functional approaches, from sand dunes to wetlands like peatlands and lake ecosystems

What we offer: a service to support international cooperation projects

- **Direct involvement of protected area managers** and resource persons related to protected area networks
- **A consolidated service** in order to set up tailored project teams from our four networks and partners
- **Support to any of the project steps**, from strategic reflection to on-the-ground programme implementation
- **A flexible and reactive involvement** from co-constructed project partnership to technical assistance
- **An easily identified gateway** to the skills of French protected area managers

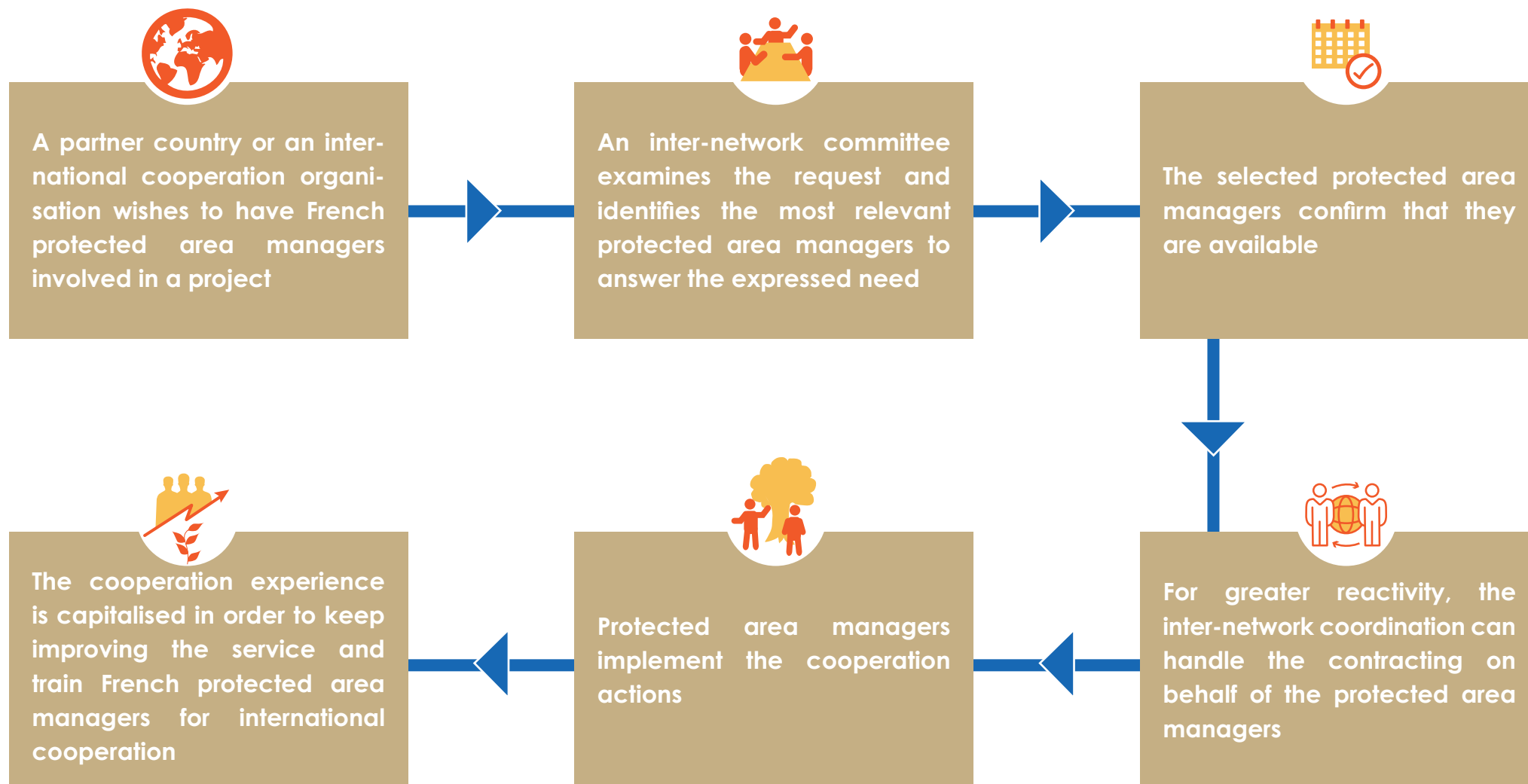
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How does it work?



Areas of expertise



Protected areas in harmony with their socio-economic environment

- Concerted green development schemes in an around large-scale protected areas
- Promoting territories through sustainable tourism policies
- Mainstreaming biodiversity in rural economic sectors such as agriculture and forestry
- Sustainable use of natural resources
- Nature-based solutions to address societal challenges
- Protected area endorsement by local stakeholders
- Sound governance and concertation
- Protected areas managed by cities for cities
- Man vs. wildlife conflicts



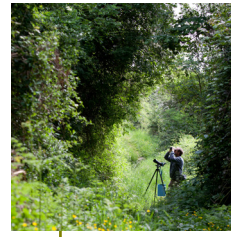
Biodiversity knowledge and monitoring

- Ecological expertise & taxonomic groups inventories
- Species and ecosystems monitoring methods
- Data management and analysis, bio-statistics
- Sharing results
- Management-oriented monitoring platforms



Ecosystem management and restoration

- Conservation-oriented ecosystem management practice
- Local contribution to national and global conservation strategies
- Ecosystem restoration
- Species reintroduction and translocation
- Invasive species management
- Natural and industrial hazard management
- Climate change adaptation of protected areas
- Restoring and enhancing ecological connectivity



Organising the work of rangers and protected area managers

- Management planning and evaluation
- Good practice in law enforcement
- Joint management planning with other types of protected areas
- Building and strengthening networks at a relevant scale with a bottom-up approach
- International recognition schemes and labels



Making the most of public access to protected areas and managed sites

- Carrying capacity assessment
- Visitor and outdoor activities management
- Visitor infrastructure design and setup
- Art and culture in protected areas
- Participatory science
- Education and public awareness – from classic school workshops to innovative hands-on educational areas



Ecological planning

- Knowledge and prioritisation of biodiversity issues at different spatial scales
- Green infrastructure
- Combining regulatory, land tenure and contractual instruments to achieve conservation outcomes
- Mainstreaming biodiversity in land use planning



Protected areas beyond biodiversity

- Knowing, protecting and sharing geological heritage in protected areas
- Landscape-based approaches
- Knowing, vitalising and sharing cultural and architectural heritage in protected areas