

eConservation: Mapping biodiversity conservation projects

What is eConservation?

eConservation is a new web service that provides critical information on biodiversity conservation projects worldwide in an interactive mapping interface. The service is an important module of the Digital Observatory for Protected Areas (DOPA) and supports the BIOPAMA programme for improved decision-making on biodiversity conservation in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

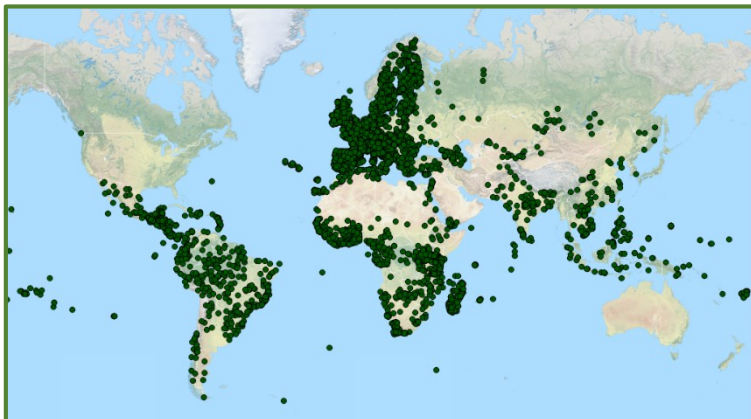
Link to eConservation (Beta version): <http://econservation.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

What is the goal?

eConservation provides a means to collect, share and search information on biodiversity conservation projects. Projects can be searched based on their location, objectives, timeframe, budget, the organizations involved, etc. The service allows end-users to see “*who is doing what and where*” through an interactive mapping interface. By collecting information on both past and present projects, we hope to improve the reuse of project results and lessons learned.

Progress so far

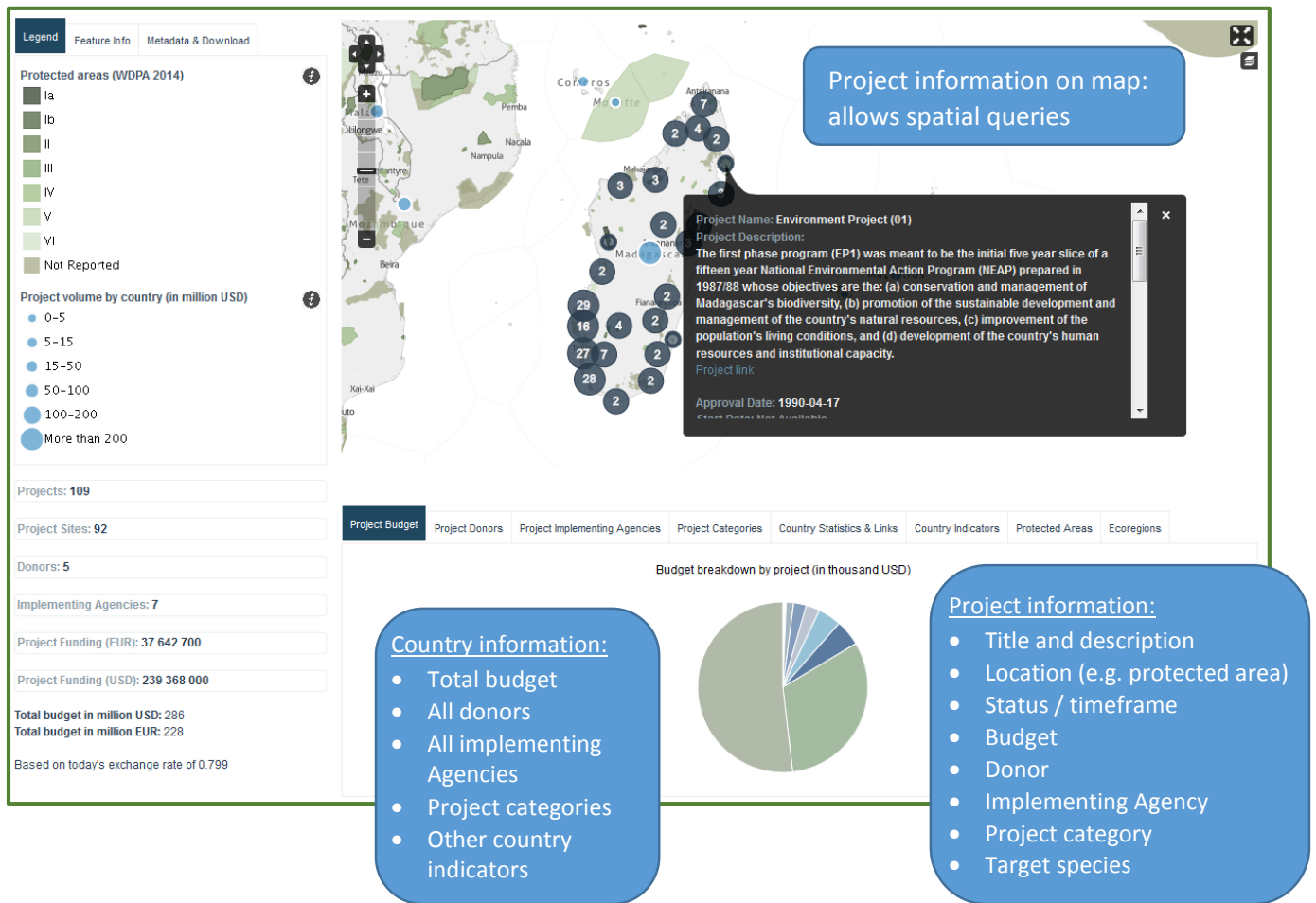
As of 1 August 2015, the **database includes over 5206 projects from 11 data providers, involving some 6441 different project sites** mainly in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe (see map).



Current data providers:

- Amphibian Survival Alliance
- Belgian Clearing House Mechanism
- CBD LifeWeb
- Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)
- Darwin Initiative
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (FFEM)
- GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)
- LIFE Programme of the European Union
- Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund
- The World Bank

An example of the eConservation interface for Madagascar



Next steps:

- Further develop the database (over 10000 projects in pipeline)
- Get updates from current data providers and make contact with new data providers
- Publish user manual / report for eConservation Beta version
- Create online forms for data submission
- Develop eConservation Version 1.0 for launch in 2016



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