

eConservation: Mapping biodiversity conservation projects

What is eConservation?

eConservation is an application that provides critical information in an interactive mapping interface on biodiversity conservation projects funded by big public donors worldwide. The application is an important module of the [Digital Observatory for Protected Areas](#) (DOPA) and supports the [Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme](#) (BIOPAMA) for improved decision-making on biodiversity conservation in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

Link to eConservation (Beta 2 version): <https://econservation.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

What is the goal?

The aim of eConservation is to better understand ***who is funding what and where***, with a view to improve decision-making on biodiversity conservation. The application provides a means to collect, share and search information on conservation projects. Projects can be searched based on many criteria including their location, objectives, timeframe, budget, and the organizations involved. Summary statistics are available at the level of donors, countries and protected areas.

Progress so far

Our database already contains over 2400 projects covering some 7800 different project sites in over 175 countries (see map).



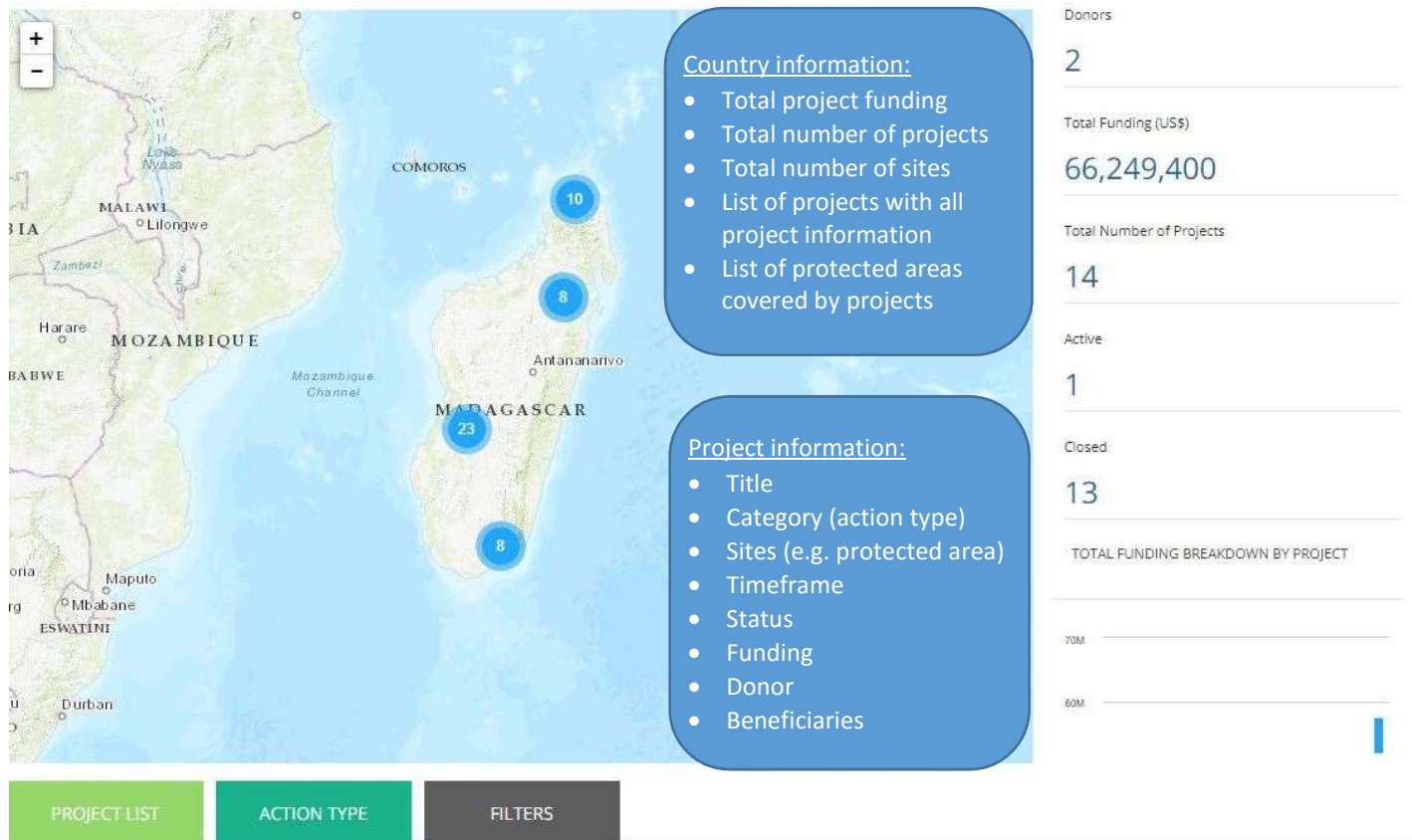
Current data covers:

- LIFE Programme of the European Union
- EuropeAid – Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission
- BEST Initiative of the European Union
- The World Bank (in process)

Planned additions:

- Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)

An example of the eConservation country page for Madagascar



Next steps:

- Continue data processing and expand database with project data from The World Bank, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) and Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Get updates from current data providers and make contact with new data providers
- Produce documentation (e.g. user manual) for eConservation
- Develop eConservation Version 1.0 for launch in 2019



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