

Compilation and organisation of a database on regional programmes interacting with NaturAfrica in West Africa

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Reminder of the Terms of Reference

Through its NaturAfrica initiative, the European Union is supporting a network of key landscapes for conservation and development in Africa, in order to protect wildlife and stimulate economic growth by sustaining ecosystems and ensuring impact in the face of increasing external pressure.

This initiative is organised around three main pillars: Conservation, Green Economy and Governance, the three pillars being closely linked to each other.

NaturAfrica is financed mainly through three types of funding: "national" funding mobilised through the budgets of each of the European Union Delegations (EUDs), programmes financed directly by the EU Member States and, finally, the NaturAfrica regional programme, which covers four sub-Saharan regions, including West Africa. In addition to the programmes financed by the European Union and its Member States, the NaturAfrica initiative promotes collaboration with other programmes financed by other donors such as the World Bank, the GEF and others.

It is therefore important for each field programme, as well as NaturAfrica's Regional Coordination, to have a database of the various regional programmes with which synergies need to be forged.

Various efforts have already been made in this direction, notably through the B4Life facilities. Short-term technical assistance is currently being mobilised by the B4Life 2.0 Facility to produce landscape sheets describing NaturAfrica projects financed at national or regional level by the European Union and the Member States, based on the information provided in the project action documents. More recently, at the meeting of the EUDs in Brussels on 8-11 April 2025, various regional programmes were presented.

However, it became apparent, not only during the preparation of this meeting but also and above all during the meeting itself, that many stakeholders were unaware of the objectives or geographical coverage of the various programmes, or even of their existence. It was against this backdrop that the need arose to build on documentation efforts in order to achieve more comprehensive and user-friendly documentation of all the regional programmes linked to NaturAfrica's three pillars funded by the European Union or other donors in West Africa.

Activities carried out

First of all, the database structure was developed on the basis of a similar database established by INTPA A2, containing the information of interest for each programme. The database was adapted to make it easier to use, in particular by adding filters to facilitate selection by country and by landscape.

The information was collected from three sources:

- NaturAfrica files, produced by the B4Life 2.0 Facility;
- Internet searches;
- Contact with resource persons within INTPA, the DUEs, the NaturAfrica West ATR and B4L 2.0:

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Of the 23 contacts made, 12 responded.

For each programme identified, the following information was provided, in French and English (unless the information is unavailable):

- Funding agency ;
- Target land or ocean, biome ;
- Target country or region ;
- KLCDs present in the area;
- Main themes (Conservation, green economy and development, Agriculture, livestock and nutrition, Security, migration and transhumance);
- Implementation period ;
- Name of programme ;
- Summary/ general objective ;
- Implementing partner(s) ;
- Objectives and/or activities carried out under the 3 NaturAfrica pillars (Conservation, Green Economy, Governance);
- Total budget ;
- Contact person ;
- Links to website and/or information documents;
- Additional information.

The inventory focused mainly on terrestrial programmes with themes related to those of NaturAfrica and still active in August 2025.

Two tabs were added to the database, dedicated respectively to the presentation of the KLCDs and to the presentation of NAAO and its programmes.

Results

A total of 48 programmes were identified. The donors identified are :

	Number of programmes financed or co-financed
EU	30
DE (BMZ/KfW/GIZ)	8
FR (AFD, FFEM)	6
IT (AICS)	3
GEF	3
UN	3
World Bank	2
BE	1
NL	1

Main themes of programmes identified by KLCD NAAO :

	Themes			Total
	Conservation, green economy, governance	Agriculture, livestock, nutrition	Security, migration, transhumance	
Niokolo Koba-Badiar-Bafing-Boe	12	12	7	31
Outamba-Kilimi-Kuru-Pinselli-Soyah-Kounounkan	8	9	3	20
Gola-Foya-Kpo Mountains	7	9	2	18
Wologizi-Wonegizi Ziama	8	9	3	20
Nimba-Diecke	8	10	4	22
Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo-SW Liberia Forests	6	11	3	20
PONASI-Comoe-Mole-Volta	8	17	7	33
W-Arly-Pendjari-Oti-Keran	10	17	7	34
Fazao-Malfakassa-Kyabobo	7	11	3	21
Gadabedji-Termit Tin Toumma-Kanem	6	12	3	21
Cross River-Korup-Takamanda-Cameroon montane	5	11	2	18

The main aim of this database is to make it easier for DUEs and operators to identify the various programmes active in their area of intervention (country or landscape), to give the main information on these programmes and to provide contact points or additional information.

Some of the programmes listed may be a sub-component of other listed programmes. They may also be active on large scales, with little or no direct activity in the chosen landscape. Therefore, this database cannot be used to calculate the total amount invested, either in West Africa or by landscape.

Recommendations for sharing and updating the database :

- Use an online solution to share the document (link to a drive or Google Sheets, for example).
- In order for the filters in cells G2 and H2 to work correctly, the names of the countries and landscapes must correspond exactly to those provided in the hidden "List options" tab (different list in English and French). To display it, right-click on the tabs -> Show... -> List Options.
- Update the FR and EN tabs at the same time so as not to create information discrepancies.
- For programmes active at Global, Continental or Regional level, you still need to enter the AO countries concerned in the cell, so that they appear in the country search. They have been noted in font 1 so as not to disturb reading too much.