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# AFD AND the Three Oceans



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**39**  
**territories**

covered, including 12 French  
overseas departments  
and territories

**€8.5 BN**

Total amount  
for ongoing  
projects

**14**  
**regional  
projects**

in 2025, including 13 involving  
French overseas territories

To provide a holistic response to cross-border issues and promote regional integration between the French overseas territories and their neighboring countries, AFD's approach cover three ocean basins: the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Pacific Ocean.

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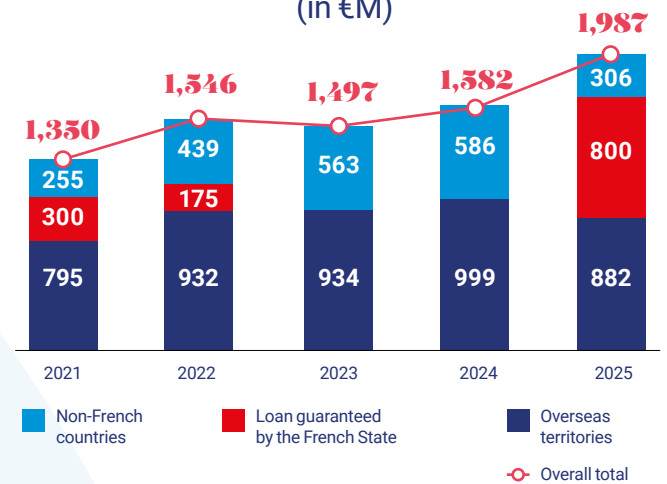
# The "Three Oceans": a shared strategy

France is the only European Union Member State with territories in all three of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans. In 2019, AFD adopted a "Three Oceans" strategy to reflect the country's unique presence.

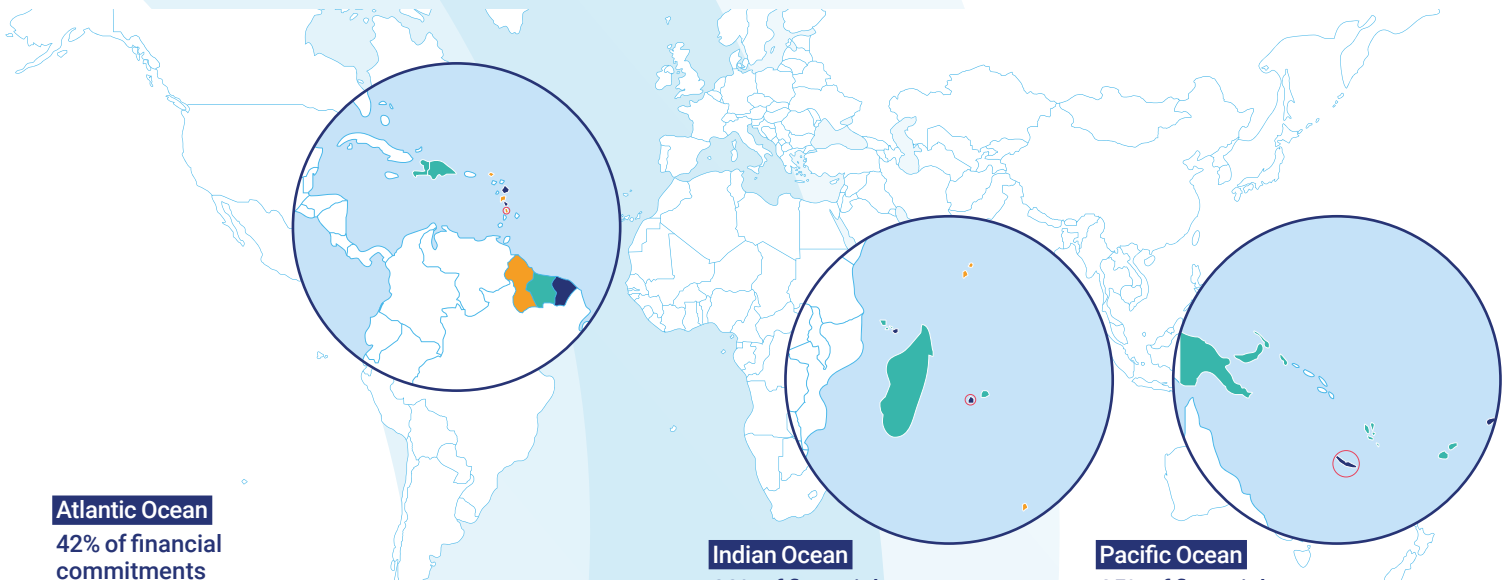
## Three objectives

- 1 Support the economic and social development of the French overseas territories in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 2 Take into account the common challenges facing island territories, with a focus on tackling vulnerabilities and climate change, and strengthening social cohesion.
- 3 Fully integrate the French overseas territories into their respective basins by promoting regional cooperation between them and their neighboring countries.

Three Oceans activity 2021-2025  
(in €M)



## A unique presence in three ocean basins



### Atlantic Ocean

42% of financial commitments

- French overseas territories where AFD is present: Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana
- Non-French countries, where AFD is present: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius
- Territories and countries in which AFD operates: the English-speaking Lesser Antilles, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint-Barthelemy, Saint-Martin, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon
- Regional Office based in Martinique

### Indian Ocean

33% of financial commitments

- French overseas territories where AFD is present: Mayotte, Reunion
- Non-French countries where AFD is present: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius
- Territories and countries in which AFD operates: French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF), Seychelles
- Regional Office based in Réunion

### Pacific Ocean

#### 25% of financial commitments, (excluding State-guaranteed loan)

- French overseas territories where AFD is present: French Polynesia, New Caledonia
- Non-French countries where AFD is present: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu
- Territories and countries in which AFD operates: Wallis and Futuna
- Regional Office based in New Caledonia

# Flagship projects in the three ocean basins

## Regional cooperation



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## Three Oceans Program

- Launched in 2019
- Grant: €22 million (for the three phases)
- Geographical area: Caribbean, Indian and Pacific Oceans

The Three Oceans Program aims to address the increasing vulnerability of island states, largely caused by the consequences of climate change, by helping to mitigate the impact of natural disasters, health crises, and the effects of climate change on certain populations in the Atlantic, Indian and the Pacific oceans.

Implemented by the French Red Cross, this program is strengthening national and regional coordination mechanisms, as well as the preparedness and response capabilities of institutional partners and the most affected communities.

## Indian Ocean region

### Financing the SEGA-One Health network

- Launched in 2019
- Grant: €30 million
- Geographical area: Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific region

Since 2009, AFD has supported the SEGA - One Health (SEGA-OH) epidemiological surveillance and alert management network. The main mission of SEGA-OH is to support epidemic prevention, preparedness and response across the member states and territories of the Indian Ocean Commission. This financing enables the network to play a key role in the surveillance and management of health crises.

In 2024, SEGA-OH expanded its activities to the wider Indo-Pacific region through a €6.5 million financing agreement. This funding will help strengthen health security across this strategic region through technical cooperation among three networks: SEGA-OH, the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN), and the ECOMORE program in Southeast Asia.

## Atlantic Ocean region

### CARIBSAN

- Launched in 2021
- Grant: €3,5 M for the two phases
- Geographical area: Martinique, Saint Lucia, Dominica and Cuba

The CARIBSAN project aims to improve access to sanitation by expanding the use of an environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient solution: planted filters. Already proven in French overseas territories, this approach provides effective wastewater treatment with a low environmental impact, requiring neither energy nor chemical inputs, and is well suited to the constraints of small island territories.

## Pacific region

### Kiwa Initiative

- Launched in 2020
- Grant: €79.3 million (of which €39.7 million from AFD)
- Geographical area: 18 Pacific island states and territories, including 3 French overseas territories (French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna)

Led by AFD, the Kiwa Initiative is a multi-donor fund which aims to strengthen the climate change resilience of ecosystems, communities and economies in the Pacific islands by protecting and restoring biodiversity. It finances nature-based solutions (including agroforestry, watershed health, and community-based fisheries management), while promoting regional cooperation.

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) helps advance France's policy on sustainable investment and international solidarity. Through its financing operations, research and publications (Éditions AFD), sustainable development training programs (AFD Group Campus) and awareness-raising activities in France, AFD finances, supports and drives the transition to a fairer, more resilient world.

Alongside our partners, we provide sustainable solutions for – and with – communities. Our teams are working on over 2,700 projects in the field, in over 115 countries, including France's overseas departments and territories, to support projects for the climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality and global health. Together with Proparco and Expertise France, AFD supports the commitment of France and the French people to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Working by your side, toward a world in common.



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