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IDENTITY SHEETS

General data

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Head office											
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Contact person	Luc Janssens de Bisthoven										
Local partner	Université Abomey-Calavi	UAC	Benin						Public university	Academic	
	Université de Parakou	UP	Benin						Public university	Academic	
	Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement	OBPE	Burundi						Agency of the Ministry	Managment of protected areas	
	Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité	CSB	DR Congo						Research Institute	Monitoring & research biodiversity	
	Université de Kisangani, Université de Kinshasa, Université de Lubumbashi, Université de Goma, Université Officielle de Bukavu	UNIKIS UNIKIN UNILU UNIGOM UOB	DR Congo						Public universities	Academic	

	Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature	ICCN	DR Congo						State agency	Management of the National Parks	
	Institut de Recherches Halieutiques et Océanologiques du Bénin	IRHOB	Bénin						Research Institute	Protection of coastal systems	
	Ministries of Environment of Benin, Burundi, DR Congo, Togo, Niger, Morocco, Palestina, Uganda, Tanzania and their agencies		Various countries in Sahel, Maghreb, middle east, and West and East Africa						Ministries	Collaboration national Clearing House Mechanism, NBSAP	
Secretariats	Various										
Managers	On demand										
Contact persons	Various, no office in the South										
Target group	Researchers, civil servants, development actors, conservationists										

Programme presentation

DATA	
Project number	
Original title	CEBioS-‘Building capacities for Biodiversity and Sustainable development’
French title	CEBioS-‘Renforcer les capacités pour la Biodiversité et le Développement durable’

Dutch title	
English title	CEBioS-‘Building capacities for Biodiversity and Sustainable development’
Contact person	Dr. Luc Janssens de Bisthoven
Service	
Intervention number	
Basic contribution	
Budget heading	
Executing body	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Project code of executing body	
Executing body: other	
Subcontractor	none
Local partners	Universities, research institutes, ministries and their agencies, development actors in developing countries
Implementation period (months)	2024-2029
Country of implementation	Priority in Benin, Burundi, and DR Congo. 25 other countries eligible for certain interventions, in Africa, and Vietnam
Region of implementation	Africa, Vietnam, Palestine
Province/Department	Benin: coast and North/ Burundi: entire country/ DR Congo: entire country with focus on Kisangani, Goma, Bukavu and Lubumbashi
Local situation	fragile
Type of funding	
Bilateral/Multilateral/NSA	
Info (ODA, PBA, etc.)	
Group/Programme	

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List of acronyms: at the end of the document

INTRODUCTION

This is the first annual report of the new 5-year phase of the CEBioS programme (2024-2029), financed by the Belgian International Cooperation (DGD) and based at the Institute of Natural Sciences.

It is based on a logical framework containing 54 indicators to be found in the five-year programme 2024-2029, approved by the steering and strategic committees in 2023-2024. It reports CEBioS' interventions between July 2024 and June 2025. The CEBioS programme is based on 4 Strategic Objectives (SO) targeting the strengthening and empowerment of scientists and their institutions (SO1), National Agencies responsible for national parks (SO2), Ministries of Environment (SO3) and cooperation and synergies with development actors (SO4).

For pragmatic reasons, the programme is now sub-divided into 6 sub-programmes, often implementing more than one SO, depending on the target publics. These are 1-GTI (Global Taxonomy Initiative, including AbcTaxa), 2- MEP (Monitoring of Ecosystem services and Protected areas), 3-IP (Indicators for Policy), 4- CHM-POL (Clearing House Mechanism and Policy support), 5-CEPA (Communication, Education and Public Awareness), and 6-SYN (Synergies). The annual report is structured accordingly.

The [five-year programme](#) and budget lead us through the individual years in a multi-year approach (no annual plans). This means that when some calls are launched in a particular year, selected projects will be finalised 1 or 2 years later. The corresponding indicators and expenses will be updated in the year of finalisation.

Following the recommendations of the Alesopi Evaluation of previous programme, as well as the audit, CEBioS developed a new Monitoring and Evaluation Learning system, an online dashboard, called 'MEAL'. Thanks to this new MEAL-system, the staff of CEBioS is now able to centralize all activities and interventions into one common system, which provides ready-to-use tables summarizing CEBioS' interventions and automatically calculates a number of quantitative indicators. We are now in the testing phase, and it already proves to be a huge improvement in terms of time spent on reporting and preciseness of the information, and indicators in particular. Upscaling to other departments or AfricaMuseum is being explored.

Since last year, CEBioS is also working on a comprehensive update of its Vademecum in dialogue with RBINS central accounting, AfricaMuseum, DGD and BELSPO. It is an annex to any contract and contains our guidelines for procedures on mobility and procurement for RBINS staff and partners.

Once again, our team of 9 experts, together with our colleagues from RBINS and our partners, were able to facilitate and deliver an interesting mix of trainings, workshops, publications, synergies with external partners and calls for projects, as well as progress in our institutional cooperation in Benin (UAC, UP, IRHOB), Burundi (OBPE) and DR Congo (CSB).

CEBioS remains ambitious, at the forefront of the science-policy-development interface. In the face of the triple environmental crisis (biodiversity loss, climate change, pollution), more than ever, the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) needs to be strongly supported by Belgium and partner countries, and CEBioS contributes to that.



Brussels, 25 October 2025

Luc Janssens de Bisthoven
Coordinator

1. INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

Burundi

In **Burundi** we have an institutional cooperation with the 'Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement' (OBPE, Burundese Office for the protection of the environment). The whole report is available on demand. Here is a table summarizing the activities (in French).

Table 1: activities of OBPE in Year 1 (in French).

Résultats intermédiaires	Verifiable Objective Indicator	Résultats mesurables atteints	Source de Vérification	Observations
La dynamique des habitats et de la biodiversité des aires protégées et des autres écosystèmes du Burundi est mieux comprise	Nombre des visites de terrain pour la collecte des données	6 visites de terrain	Rapports de sorties de terrain	Résultat atteint
	Nombre des personnes impliqués dans les visites de terrain	29 personnes impliquées	Rapports de sortie de terrain	Nous avons considéré toutes les personnes impliquées dans la collecte des données pour le suivi de la dynamique des habitats notamment les étudiants de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS): activité encouragée pour la production des mémoires de master
	Nombre de documents produits	3 documents dont 1 document des protocoles de suivi des espèces et 2 mémoires de master	Rapports d'activités	Résultat atteint
	Nombre de GTI étudiant Stage en Belgique	Un stage fait	Rapport du collaborateur scientifique	Résultat atteint mais l'étudiant n'est malheureusement pas retourné au Burundi. Fait malheureux mais assez rare. Avec BUZA nous cherchons à savoir ce qui s'est passé.
	Nombre de base de données	2 bases de données	Rapports d'activités	Résultat atteint
	Nombre d'échantillons étiquetés et intégrés dans la collection de	Plus de 2000 échantillons étiquetés et intégrés dans la collection	Rapports d'activités	Résultat atteint

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	l'herbarium de l'OBPE	de l'herbarium de l'OBPE		
Les services écosystémiques (SE) dans les aires protégées et des autres écosystèmes du Burundi sont mieux compris et valorisés	Nombre de pépinière pour la domestication et restauration des espèces menacées	1 pépinière	-Rapports d'activité	Résultat atteint
	Nombre d'espèces à valeur économique	1 espèce : <i>Raphia ruwenzorica</i>	Rapport d'activité	Résultat atteint
Les publics cibles sont conscient de l'importance de l'utilisation durable et la conservation de la biodiversité	Nombre de séances	1 séance	Rapports d'activités	-
	Nombre de participants	29 participants dont 5 femmes	Rapports d'activités	Il n'y a pas encore de mécanisme de suivi pour savoir les participants qui ont changes d'habitudes
	Le Burundi membre votant du GBIF		Communication du GBIF	Nous n'avons pas encore commencé des ateliers sur les données standardisées pour utilisation dans des bases internationales comme GBIF
La mise en œuvre de la Convention de la diversité biologique au Burundi est suivi à travers le CHM et le MRV pour orienter la prise des décisions adéquats pour la conservation et utilisation durable de la biodiversité du Burundi et le rapportage	Nombre de pages web interinstitutionnelles,	13 pages web	Pv des réunions des PFIs, -Indicateurs développés, -Policy brief produit, -documents produits,	Le Site web du CHM-OBPE et le système MRV sont fonctionnels au Burundi et le Burundi a été le premier pays africain à migrer vers le nouvel outil Bioland 2. Le Burundi a gagné 2 ^{ième} prix lors de CHM-Award au COP 16
	Nombre et type d'informations	Plus de 300 informations: - 154 documents ajoutés (1175 documents en 2023, 1329 en 2024	https://bi.chm-cbd.net/fr/documents	Le Site web du CHM-OBPE est bien fonctionnel au Burundi avec le nouvel outils Bioland 2
Participation dans le processus CBD	Nombre de participants dans les réunions	1 participant au COP 16	Rapport	Le Burundi a intervenue plusieurs fois dans les délibérations en plénière pour le premier fois.

CEBioS also assisted OBPE in the development of the National Biodiversity Strategy by giving advice on:

- how to organise the process
- Advice on the how to improve the national targets and their indicators

Benin

In **Benin**, we continued our institutional cooperation with the Université de Parakou (UP), the Université d'Abomey-Calavi (UAC), and the Institut de Recherches Halieutiques et Océanologiques du Bénin (IRHOB). Workshops were held with each institution in 2024 to formulate (formulation in the sense of Project Cycle Management) a new logframe, and new or renewed MoUs and annual contracts were signed, including a new five-year logframe with the corresponding budget, timeline, and indicators. The summary below presents the activities implemented during Year 1.

- The Université de Parakou (UP)

During 2024–2025, progress was made toward several intermediate results (IRs).

For IR.1 (*Biodiversity in target areas is inventoried, mapped, and monitored*) and IR.2 (*The causes, consequences, and actors of ecosystem changes are better understood and updated*), field activities were initiated and are ongoing. These include the deployment of Master's and Bachelor's students to collect, process, and analyze data on various aspects of biodiversity and ecosystem services. In total, five Master's and two Bachelor's theses are being supported, covering topics such as ecosystem mapping, biodiversity conservation measures, fish population dynamics, ecological modelling, and the socio-economic valuation of edible mushrooms. Data collection and processing are currently underway for all students. Supervision missions were also organized to assist them in the field.

Summary of supported research topics :

- Forest Science and Techniques unit
 - Mapping and assessment of hill ecosystems for biodiversity and ecosystem service conservation in the Sudanian-Guinean zone of Benin
 - Mapping of biodiversity conservation measures in non-classified natural resource areas of the Sudanian-Guinean zone
 - Multifactorial modeling of the ecological niche of *Isoberlinia* spp. for sustainable conservation
- Aquaculture and Aquatic Ecotoxicology (Laraeq unit)
 - Demography and fishery exploitation of cichlid fish species in the upper Ouémé River basin
- Mycology (MyTips unit)
 - Sustainable valorization of edible mushrooms: value chain analysis and eco-entrepreneurial perspectives in the Parakou hinterland
 - Temporal dynamics of ectomycorrhizal mushroom biomass and diversity in the Ouémé Supérieur forest reserve and implications for social well-being

Under IR.7 (*Academic research contributes more effectively to the National Biodiversity Strategy and its indicators*), UP participated in the CEBioS workshop on defining priority biodiversity indicators and responded to CEBioS MEP and IP calls for projects. One IP and one MEP project from UP were selected.

For IR.8 (*Scientists contribute actively to the Clearing-House Mechanism – CHM*), planned activities, including the training of CHM contributors at UP in collaboration with the national CHM focal point, are scheduled but have not yet been implemented.

Under IR.9 (*Laboratories, botanical garden, and biodiversity museum are supported and strengthened*), no activities have yet been conducted. Future plans include the acquisition of equipment and materials to enhance the management of taxonomic collections.

Regarding IR.10 (*Student capacities are strengthened through targeted training*), a training session on biodiversity photography and image processing was held in 2025 for thesis students. Additional capacity-building workshops are planned for the coming period.

Finally, IR.11 (*Collaboration between UP and CEBioS is efficient*) continues to be reinforced through regular coordination meetings to review activity implementation and ensure effective follow-up.

- **the ‘Université d’Abomey-Calavi’ (UAC)**

The institutional collaboration with the Laboratoire d’Ecologie Appliquée (LEA) of UAC continues. During 2024–2025, progress was made toward several intermediate results (IRs).

For IR.1 (*Biodiversity in target areas is inventoried, mapped, and monitored*) and IR.2 (*The causes, consequences, and actors of ecosystem changes are better understood and updated*), field activities were initiated and are ongoing. These include the deployment of PhD’s students to collect, process, and analyze data on various aspects of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Current activities focuses on two topics : The mangroves ecosystem in the Biosphere Reserve Mono (BRM) (Grace Dadele) and Termites (Adèle Adatin). The activities include:

- Inventorying the fauna and flora species in the BRM, with the involvement of ACCB stakeholders
- Creating a database on biodiversity and natural resources in the BRM, co-managed and co-developed with the ACCBs.
- Assessing anthropogenic pressures on mangrove biodiversity (field data collection and analysis).
- Collecting complementary data on Termites.

Data collection and processing are currently underway for all students. Supervision missions were also organized to assist them in the field.

PhD student Adatin Adèle, supervised by a tutor at ULB, completed her GTI internship in Belgium on “*Adaptation of termite mounds to climate change in Northern Benin: integrating local knowledge and scientific data for sustainability.*”

Under IR.6 (*Academic research contributes more effectively to the National Biodiversity Strategy and its indicators*), UAC participated in the CEBioS workshop on defining priority biodiversity

indicators and responded to CEBioS MEP and IP calls for projects. LEA is a partner in one of the selected IP projects, focused on Invasive Alien Species (IAS), in collaboration with UP.

Dr. Elodiade Houindote recently defended her PhD thesis entitled “*Assessment of the impact of early fire frequency on the conservation of floristic diversity in the Pendjari Biosphere Reserve (West Africa)*.” She also benefited from the CEBioS grant to present her research at the 60th Annual Congress of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa in July 25.

- the ‘Institut de Recherches Halieutiques et Océanologiques du Bénin’ (IRHOB).

Activities Implemented

These activities are implemented with the scientific supervision of ECOMOD (Dr. Geneviève Lacroix & Dr. Arthur Capet) of RBINS, OD Nature.

During the reporting period, the project advanced several key activities in collaboration with local stakeholders. Eight out of twelve planned shrimp sampling campaigns were completed, while oyster sampling on Lake Nokoué and marine phytoplankton surveys have been carried out, with microscopic analyses ongoing at the IRHOB laboratory.

A **policy brief** on sustainable shrimp management in Lake Nokoué was published with support of CEBioS, covering regulations, conservation, and awareness-raising. Capacity-building activities were conducted for Beninese researchers on biological sampling, sample conservation, DNA sequencing, and molecular data analysis. Equipment support included the purchase of three computers for students working on shrimp, oysters, and modeling, as well as a pH meter. An additional research protocol was implemented for a Master’s student. Two scientific articles were published, and two others were submitted, while project results were presented at the Fishbase SeaLifeBase Symposium held at RBINS in September 2025.



Fig. 1: Policy Brief about sustainable fisheries of shrimps in Lake Nokoué, Benin.

Activities In Preparation / Ongoing

Remaining activities include the completion of shrimp sampling campaigns, implementation and validation of a shrimp life-cycle numerical model, DNA sequencing and taxonomic studies, and continued microscopic observation of phytoplankton and oyster larvae. The final PhD student is preparing to defend a thesis on 3D numerical modeling of waves and tidal effects along the West African coast, and preparations are underway for laboratory work in Belgium.

Overall, activities are proceeding according to the planned timeline. The recruitment of a Master's student, not initially foreseen, was introduced to enhance project outcomes.

DR Congo

In the **DR Congo** our cooperation continued to support the Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité (CSB) at the university of Kisangani (UNIKIS) and the ICCN for biomonitoring in Protected Areas.

- **CSB (UNIKIS)**

During this first year of implementation of this new phase, the collaboration between the Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité (CSB) of the University of Kisangani (UNIKIS) and the CEBioS programme of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) continued actively, despite the security situation in eastern DRC which limited some activities in Kisangani. The year was marked by institutional strengthening, the revitalisation of the CSB's network of provincial antennae, progress in the management of biological collections, and the consolidation of biodiversity databases.

A key milestone was the **national workshop on the restructuring of the CSB's provincial antennae**, held in June 2025 in Kinshasa, together with CEBioS (staff and retired volunteers). Led by the CSB with support from CEBioS and financial assistance from UNESCO, the workshop defined a shared vision and mission for the network, clarified coordination mechanisms, and produced a three-year roadmap aligned with national biodiversity priorities.

At the institutional level, the CSB has entered a **new phase of reorganisation** following a recent period of leadership transition. Discussions are underway to relaunch two key processes: the validation of a new organisational structure and the reactivation of the CSB's Board of Directors, both requiring the endorsement of the University of Kisangani's Rectorate. These steps aim to strengthen governance and consolidate the Centre's stability and efficiency.

At the scientific level, CEBioS supported two **GTI internships** that enabled CSB researchers to strengthen their taxonomic and collection-management skills at the University of Antwerp and RBINS. Meanwhile, the CSB's biological collections room was reorganised and equipped to meet international standards, improving conservation conditions. This momentum was further highlighted during a recent visit (Sept. 2025) by the Belgian Ambassador to the DRC, who met with CSB staff and toured the collections.

The CSB and CEBioS also reviewed previous biomonitoring activities (2019–2023) to prepare a synthesis report due in late 2025, while developing an **internal policy for data management and secure storage**. In parallel, a **socio-economic database** was established to analyse community interactions with biodiversity and support socio-ecological monitoring.

At the regional level, the CSB strengthened its **role within the Congo Basin Forest Partnership**, joining discussions at the Conference on Environmental Crime in Libreville as well as at the “30x30: *Catalyst for Inclusive Conservation in the DRC*” workshop in Kinshasa, organised by IUCN with GIZ support. These engagements enhanced the CSB’s visibility and influence in regional conservation efforts. The CSB also successfully applied to the latest CEBioS call for projects under the “**Indicators for Policy**” (IP) subprogramme, with two proposals selected for funding, focusing on invasive species and bushmeat trade.

Looking ahead, priorities include finalising the biomonitoring report, delivering training in statistics and socio-ecological surveys, maintaining collections, implementing IP projects, supporting regional antennae, and adopting a new communication strategy and graphic charter to reinforce the CSB’s institutional profile.

CSB was invited at the Green Heart of Africa pilot visit to Lomami NP and Kindu in November 2024 to explore the biodiversity of Lomami NP (1 researcher) and to link with academic partners in Kindu. RBINS representatives also met with partners in Kinshasa.

- ICCN

In June 2025, CEBioS carried out a **mission to the Mangroves Marine Park (PMM)** with the organisational support of **ULB Cooperation and the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN)**. The visit aimed to take part in the Scientific Committee for the Sustainable Management of the Muanda Coastal Zone and Community Involvement. It also provided an opportunity to meet the park’s director and staff to lay the groundwork for a new collaboration on biomonitoring, with the support of CEBioS and the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS).

The mission also included a meeting with the Director General of ICCN, Dr. Milan Ngangay, Dr. Chantal Shalukoma (Director Research) and the whole Management team in Kinshasa, who expressed his support for a closer and long-term partnership between the two institutions. One key avenue for future collaboration could be to assist national parks in developing research plans, in collaboration with the ICCN’s Research Directorate. This approach will help strengthen synergies between research, monitoring, and conservation across DRC’s network of protected areas.

- MEDD (Ministry of Environment)

On the request of MEDD and a consultant, CEBioS assisted in the elaboration of the National Biodiversity Strategy with advise on how to develop the NBSAP.

2. SUB-PROGRAMMES

Alle indicators presented under the respective sub-programmes are added up into the 54 indicators of the logical framework, presented under chapter 6.

SUB-PROGRAMME 1: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE (GTI)

The GTI targets scientists and academic institutions and is essentially contributing to SO1. CEBioS performs capacity building by implementing several types of competitive calls linked to individuals and their institutions.

Funding for:

- Individual short-term scholarships in Belgium for researchers/students from Belgian partner countries, with an emphasis on CEBioS partner institutions (UAC, OBPE,...) and main partner countries (Benin, DR Congo and Burundi). These trainings enable access to the rich collections based in Belgian institutions (RBINS, RMCA, BGM) and to Belgian expertise.
- Capacity building projects in the South¹, by GTI Tutors from RBINS and Botanic Garden Meise (North-South projects)

During Year 1, 16 GTI trainees were supported for a short-stay in Belgium for taxonomic training: 7 came back for their 3rd stay, 5 new trainees (3 F; 2 M) were selected as part of a competitive call (with more than 200 candidates), and 4 came as part of institutional cooperation.

A series of complementary training sessions were organized by CEBioS and other experts from RBINS and RMCA for the trainees, in addition to their regular supervision with tutors, covering collection management and online database platforms, DNA sequence data analysis, GBIF publication, and scientific publication.

Table 2: list of GTI trainees supported during Year 1.

Country	Institute	M/F	Candidate	Project title	Promoter
Benin	UAC	M	Agblonon Houelome Thierry Matinkpon	Taxonomie et catalogue des mollusques des milieux estuariens et lagunaires du Bénin	Thierry Backeljau (RBINS)
Benin	Université de Parakou	M	Kassim Tchan Issifou	Identification moléculaire des souches de champignons mycorrhiziens arbusculaires qui colonisent les racines du Maïs au Bénin	Stéphane Declerck (UCL)

¹ We use "South" or "Global South" as a term designating our partner countries or "developing countries". See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_North_and_Global_South

DRC	UNIKIS	F	Francine Botelanyele Kirongozi	Etude taxonomique, Patrons de Distribution et Vulnérabilité Géographique des Aspleniaceae d'Afrique	Wesley Tack (Meise BG)
DRC	Université de Kinshasa	M	Hyacinthe Lukoki	Diversité, Ecologie et Conservation des Abeilles et Syrphes (pollinisateurs entomophiles) dans la Réserve de Biosphère de Luki (République Démocratique du Congo)	Frédéric Francis (ULG Gembloux) ABT
DRC	UNIKIS	M	Juvenal Bogoga Kopa	Caractérisation et taxonomie des lianes à fruits comestibles (Apocynaceae) dans le corridor forestier Uélé – Ituri en RD. Congo	Pierre Meerts (Meise BG)
DRC	Université de Lubumbashi	M	Yves Sikyala	Taxonomie, phylogénie, écologie et ethnomycologie de Termitomyces de la forêt claire de Miombo du Haut-Katanga (RD Congo)	André de Kesel (Meise BG)
Ivory Coast	LAMTO Station de Recherche	M	Dolourou Silué	Suite et fin de l'identification et numérisation des fourmis indigènes et exotiques de la réserve du Haut-Bandama de Côte d'Ivoire	Wouter Dekoninck (RBINS)
Ivory Coast	Université Nangui Abrogoua	F	Ama Lethicia Manizan	Caractérisation de la biodiversité des souches d'Aspergillus isolées des fruits à coque pistache et akpi vendus sur les marchés d'Abidjan : approche MALDI TOF	Pierre Becker (Sciensano)
Niger	Université Abdou Moumouni	M	Noura Mamane Salé	Utilisation des outils et techniques moléculaires (qPCR, RT-PCR et barcoding) pour l'identification taxonomique des rongeurs commensaux et de certains agents pathogènes qu'ils portent dans la ville de Niamey	Sophie Gryseels (RBINS)
Rwanda	CoEB	F	Brigitte Nyirarukundo	Distribution of Ant Species in Coffee and Banana Plantations of Southern Rwanda	Wouter Dekoninck (RBINS)
Togo	Lomé University	M	Jean Norbert Gbenyedji	Diversité et distribution des termites dans les aires protégées au Togo : cas de la Réserve de Faune de Fazao Malfakassa	Yves Roisin (ULB)
Tanzania	NM-AIST	F	Grite Nelson Mwaijengo	Biodiversity and Taxonomy of Keystone Large Branchiopods in Northeastern Tanzanian Temporary Wetlands Using Morphological	Luc Brendonck (KULeuven)

				Analyses: Implications for Ecosystem Management	
As part of institutional cooperation:					
Country	Institute	M/F	Candidate	Project title	Promoter
Benin	UAC	F	Adèle Noëlie Gbènakpon Adatin	Adaptation des termitières aux changements climatiques au Nord Bénin: Intégration des savoirs locaux et données scientifiques pour assurer une durabilité	Yves Roisin (ULB)
Benin	Université de Parakou	M	Abdoul-Azize Boukary	Identification taxonomique et essais de culture des champignons comestibles du genre Agaricus d'Afrique tropical	André de Kesel (Meise BG)
Burundi	OBPE	M	Dieudonné Ntashavu	Etude systématique et écologique des diplopodes des écosystèmes forestiers et agricoles du Burundi	Didier Van Spiegel (MRAC)
DRC	UNIKIS	M	Franck Masudi Muenye Mali	Effets de la déforestation sur le régime alimentaire des amphibiens (Anura) du Bassin du Congo : étude comparative dans les réserves de Sankuru et Masako en RDC	Raoul Van Damme (Universiteit Antwerpen)

INDICATORS

Indicator number	Indicator	Value
8a	Number of M scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened	11
8b	Number of F scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened	5

Table 3: GTI North – South projects selected under Year 1.

Country	Promoter	South Partner Institute	ProjectTitle
Benin	Patrick Martin (RBINS)	UAC	Taxonomie des invertébrés des eaux souterraines du Bénin : vers une vue globale de la biodiversité stygobionte au niveau national
Benin	Gontran SONET (RBINS)	IRHOB	Vers une meilleure connaissance spécifique des crevettes des eaux douces, saumâtres et salées du complexe Lac Nokoué - Océan dans le Sud Bénin (GTI-DNA_Shrimp)
Benin	Maarten Van Steenberge (RBINS)	LaRAEAq	Awareness raising of fisheries officers/managers in threats to Beninese fishes and capacity building of fish and

			fisheries scientists in sampling techniques and in the identification of fish species. Exploring new aquatic ecosystems to enrich the fish collection installed at the LaRAEAq
DRC	André De Kesel (Botanic Garden Meise)	UNILU	Taxonomy of symbiotic fungi from the Zambezian region (Lubumbashi, DR Congo)
Niger	Sophie Gryseels (RBINS)	Université Abdou Moumouni	Taxonomie des rongeurs du genre <i>Mastomys</i> et identification moléculaire des virus de la Fièvre Hémorragique de Lassa y associés, au Niger
Rwanda	Wouter Dekoninck (RBINS)	CoEB	Fourth Ant course in Rwanda in Volcanoes National Park: can we assess the predicted number of ant species for Rwanda?

INDICATORS

Indicator number	Indicator	Value
8a	Number of M scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened	29
8b	Number of F scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened	11
21	Number of formations	6
7	Number of group trainings of scientists	6
38	Number of trainings of policy makers (eg, on GBF, Nagoya, governance, Ramsar etc)	1
11	Number of postings of scientific outputs activity on CHM	2

Explanations/narratives

Three GTI Capacity Development projects were already (partly) implemented in Benin and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), while the planned project in Rwanda was cancelled due to the political situation.

- **Taxonomie des invertébrés des eaux souterraines du Bénin**

This project explored groundwater biodiversity along the Djougou–Parakou axis. A field mission in July 2025 covered seven sampling stations, collecting taxa of Oligochaeta and Crustacea along with key environmental parameters. Samples were preserved for further laboratory analysis.

Capacity-building formed a major component, including a seminar on DNA-based species delimitation that gathered 31 participants from various Beninese institutions. The event mixed theory and practice and was reported in local media. Additional lectures were given to Master's and Bachelor's students, and steps were taken to ensure compliance with the Nagoya Protocol.

- **Vers une meilleure connaissance spécifique des crevettes du complexe Lac Nokoué – Océan (GTI-DNA_Shrimp)**

A workshop in Benin launched the activities and shrimp sampling activities in the fresh, brackish, and salt waters of southern Benin. The launch of activities provided an opportunity to lift the veil on the project's objectives for student interns, fishermen, and the institution's staff. The project aims to improve specific knowledge of shrimp in the freshwater, brackish, and saltwater environments of southern Benin and to strengthen the capacity of IRHOB researchers in the taxonomic identification of decapod crustaceans in Benin. It will promote the establishment of a specific shrimp database for sustainable management in Beninese waters. The DNA sequencing of these shrimps will then be carried out in Belgium, specifically at the Taxonomy and Phylogeny Operational Department, JEMU Unit, by Dr. SINTONDI Wilfried.

- **Taxonomy of Symbiotic Fungi from the Zambezian Region (Lubumbashi, DR Congo)
In Lubumbashi**

Five participants took part in a practical workshop on specimen sampling, identification, and herbarium techniques. Over six field days at Mikembo, 160 specimens were collected, photographed, and subsampled for DNA work. Participants learned core fungarium procedures and received literature and equipment support.

Although the mission was shortened due to the political situation in the region, most training components were completed successfully, and participants received certificates of participation. Molecular phylogeny could not be treated due to the unforeseen absence of a tutor. In general, all the needs concerning the fungarium have been met, both taxonomical and curatorial.

Press publications related to the two first projects in Benin:

- Extraction d'ADN et son utilisation pour délimiter les espèces et les identifier: Les capacités des chercheurs béninois renforcées sur la thématique ([Matin Libre, Jul 25](#))
- Taxonomie moléculaire: Des chercheurs béninois formés à l'extraction d'ADN et à la délimitation génétique des espèces ([Le chasseur d'infos, Jul 25](#))
- Lancement des activités du Projet GTI-DNA_Shrimp: Vers la mise en place d'une base spécifique des crevettes pour une gestion durable ([Matin Libre, Dec 24](#))

SUB-PROGRAMME 2: MONITORING OF ECOSYSTEMS, THEIR SERVICES AND PROTECTED AREAS (MEP)

The Monitoring of Ecosystems, their Services and Protected Areas (MEP) sub-programme is one of the key components of this new phase. It succeeds the former “Habitats” sub-programme and offers and promotes skills and tools or generates data, stronger links between science and management, and a competitive project call system. Its overall objective is to strengthen the capacities of scientists, NGOs, national agencies and local communities to better manage protected areas (PAs) as critical habitats for biodiversity, providers of ecosystem services essential to human well-being, and contributors to climate regulation.

The first MEP call for projects, launched in 2025, resulted in the selection of seven initiatives across 5 partner countries, which are Benin, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Morocco, Niger, and Senegal, to be implemented until 2027. These projects cover a wide range of ecosystems, from tropical forests and coastal wetlands to drylands and marine protected areas. They address topics such as biodiversity and habitat monitoring, ecosystem service assessment, and community-based management. The call also explicitly encouraged women’s participation and leadership in conservation science.

Through these projects, the MEP sub-programme aims to enhance the management of Protected Areas, and improve their monitoring capacity; promote research leading to efficient, long-term conservation and restoration of ecosystems and habitats; Collect, mobilise and valorise biodiversity data to contribute to conservation and management objectives; Build capacities and strengthen the link between scientists and management team and contributes to the implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, particularly its targets on conservation, restoration, and the sustainable use of ecosystems.

Table 4: projects selected for implementation until end 2027.

Country	Project Title	Promoter Partner Institute	Partner(s)
Benin	Synthèse et actualisation de données et renforcement des capacités pour une gestion durable de la biodiversité et des services écosystémiques des plantes prioritaires pour la conservation dans la Forêt Classée de l’Ouémé-Boukou au Bénin : implications pour la mise en oeuvre et le suivi du plan d’aménagement participatif de l’aire protégée	Laboratoire de Cartographie (LaCarto), UAC	Herbier National du Bénin, GBIF Bénin
Benin	Monitoring des habitats et renforcement des capacités pour la gestion durable de la biodiversité et des services écosystémiques des forêts classées de Wari-Marou et Mont Kouffè au Bénin	Université de Parakou	Centre National de Gestion des réserves de faune (CENAGREF)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Enhancing Forest elephant conservation in Kahuzi-Biega National Park: Data mobilization, ecological monitoring, and community-based conservation strategies	Université Evangélique d’Afrique (UEA)	Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN)

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Democratic Republic of the Congo	Renforcement institutionnel et développement des capacités locales de suivi intégré de la biodiversité et des services écosystémiques au Parc Marin des Mangroves	AGIR ENSEMBLE POUR UNE SEULE SANTE (AESS)	Institut one Health pour l'Afrique (INOHA), Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN)
Morocco	Surveillance participative et gestion durable des plantes aromatiques et médicinales (PAM) dans le Parc National d'Ifrane	Faculté Polydisciplinaire de Béni Mellal-Equipe Polyvalente en Recherche et Développement (EPVRD)	Coopérative Forestière Ennajah, Agence National des Eaux et Forêts-Maroc
Niger	BioData-Gadabedji : Surveillance participative de la biodiversité et des services écosystémiques dans la Réserve de Biosphère de Gadabedji	Afrique pour la Conservation de la Vie Sauvage (ACVS)	Université Djibo Hamani de Tahoua, Niger (UDH)
Senegal	Suivi spatio-temporel de la bioécologie des Mugilidae et Cichlidae pour une gestion écosystémique durable de l'Aire Marine Protégée du Gandoule (Fatick, Sénégal)	Université Iba Der Thiam de Thiès	Direction des Aires Marine Communautaires Protégées

INDICATORS

No indicators yet as implementation is ongoing

SUB-PROGRAMME 3: INDICATORS FOR POLICIES (IP)

The Indicators for Policy (IP) call for French-speaking partners was launched to strengthen the science-policy interface by supporting projects that develop and monitor biodiversity indicators aligned with countries' National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and reporting obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Monitoring Framework. These indicators help assess ecosystem status, pressures on biodiversity, and the effectiveness of conservation measures, thereby supporting evidence-based decision-making. The call also placed renewed emphasis on gender inclusiveness, encouraging the active involvement of women scientists and policymakers.

To formulate the call for projects, a regional workshop was held in Burundi in February 2025 with 33 scientists, decision-makers and civil society from the three main partner countries (Benin, Burundi, and the DRC). The workshop introduced the new IP concept (former MRV), explained the role of biodiversity indicators in national and international reporting, and enabled the prioritization of national indicators for each country, which were subsequently incorporated into the call text.

In total, eight projects were selected out of 28 proposals, leading to six projects after merging similar ones. These projects will be implemented until the end of 2027. Training workshops are planned in Benin at the start of implementation (January 2026) and upon project completion. Several online exchanges were held with project holders to better understand their capacity-building needs and to prepare the first training workshop, to be held in Benin in early 2026.

The IP project submitted by ISP Bukavu in collaboration with ANAPAC (National Alliance for the Support and Promotion of Indigenous and Community Heritage Areas and Territories in the DRC) was not selected under the IP call but has since been financed by the German Development Cooperation, GIZ. Entitled *“Information on monitoring indicators relating to Other Effective Conservation Measures by Area (OECM) and the participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) in the updated NBSAP 2025–2030 in the DRC”*, the project will be integrated into our capacity-building activities. It contributes to recommendations 1 and 5 of the OECM (Other Efficient Conservation Measures) framework, on inclusive national dialogue and resource mobilisation for monitoring and evaluation, and the team will join the Cotonou training workshop in January 2026, supported by GIZ.

Table 5: selected IP projects under Year 1.

Country	Project Title	Promoter Partner Institute	Associated Partner Institute	Indicators
Burundi	Projet développement d'indicateurs des zones dégradées des écosystèmes (PDIDE) du Paysage Aquatique Protégé du Nord	OBPE	Université du Burundi	Tendances des superficies des zones dégradées
Burundi	Projet de Développement des indicateurs sur l'évolution des marais au Burundi	OBPE	Université du Burundi	A1. Liste rouge des écosystèmes (marais)

Benin	Mobilisation de données sur les espèces exotiques envahissantes, établissement et suivi de l'indicateur A6.1 du cadre mondial de la biodiversité, et renforcement des capacités des parties prenantes pour la conservation et la gestion durable des écosystèmes naturels au Bénin	Université de Parakou	UAC	A6.1 Taux d'établissement des EEE
Benin	Élaboration d'indicateurs de la biodiversité pour renforcer le suivi de la gestion durable des écosystèmes forestiers : cas des forêts classées et des forêts sacrées du Bénin	Direction Générale des Eaux-Forêts et chasse (DGEFC)	CPDRN ONG; UAC; Université de Parakou	A1 Liste rouge des écosystèmes, A2 Etendue des écosystèmes naturels et 3.1 Couverture des aires protégées et d'autres mesures efficace de conservation par zone- forêts classes et sacrées
DRC	Suivi de la dynamique d'exploitation de la faune sauvage pour la viande de brousse dans la région de Kisangani, Province de la Tshopo	CSB	Coordination Provinciale de l'Environnement et Développement Durable (CPEDD) – Tshopo; MEDD DRC	A3. Liste rouge des espèces espèces utilisées pour l'alimentation), biomasse des stocks d'espèces fauniques exploitées commercialement, tendances d'utilisation durable ou non durable des ressources biologiques
DRC	Diversité, Caractéristique écologique et Distribution des Espèces des Plantes Invasives en République Démocratique du Congo	CSB	Coordination Provinciale de l'Environnement et Développement Durable (CPEDD) – Tshopo; MEDD DRC	6.1 Taux d'établissement des EEE; Degré d'occurrence de chaque espèce, étendue d'occupation et niveaux de risque

The IP English language call (Palestine, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and Zanzibar) was launched on 27 March 2025 and remained open until 11 May 2025. Unlike for French-speaking partners, no in-person formulation workshop could be organized, due to a lack of dedicated budget; instead, several online consultations were held with previous partners and national focal points. Despite initial interest expressed by all contacted institutions, only two proposals were received, including one from Zanzibar. Rwanda had to be excluded from the call due to the political situation.

Following an analysis of the submissions and feedback from partners, it appeared that the proposed projects did not fully meet the objectives of the IP call, focusing mainly on specific species or local contexts rather than on national biodiversity indicators. Partners also cited limited availability and competing project commitments as reasons for not applying. It was therefore decided to cancel the

English language call, and to reallocate the corresponding budget to strengthen South- South collaboration and capacity building within the French-speaking IP projects.

INDICATORS: No indicators yet as implementation is ongoing

SUB-PROGRAMME 4: CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM AND POLICY SUPPORT (CHM-POL)

The present sub-programme represents all interventions by CEBioS to support the Clearing House Mechanism of the CBD in partner countries, as well as all other policy-supporting efforts in the science-policy interface, especially towards national agencies (SO2) and environment Ministries (SO3).

A call for proposals was launched for the national Clearing-House Mechanisms (CHMs). The focus areas include South-South cooperation, updating or developing national CHM strategies aligned with the updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), digitisation of key documents, creation of thematic sections, and translation into local languages. Seven projects were selected, among 9 submitted proposals.

Table 6: CHM projects selected under Year 1.

Project title	Country	Promoter	Partner Institute
Conception et élaboration de stratégie de collecte et de diffusion des données sur la biodiversité	Guinea	Saidou Doumbouya	MEDD
Projet d'appui à la revitalisation du Centre d'Echanges d'Informations sur la Diversité Biologique (CHM) en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC)	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Daniel Mukubi	MEDD
Développement du CHM Bioland Bénin et diffusion à travers une collaboration entre institutions nationales et une coopération Sud-Sud	Benin	Augustin Matilo Orou	DGEFC
Elaboration d'une stratégie et plan d'action CHM, et renforcement des capacités du Bioland par l'engagement des acteurs nationaux pour une meilleure mise en oeuvre de la convention sur la diversité biologique du Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	Robert Louari	SP/CNDD
Development of a National CHM Strategy for Ghana	Ghana	Prince Quarcoo	Ministry of Environment, Science
Development of a National Strategy for the Biodiversity Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) 2025-2030	Kenya	Joseph Masinde	Nature Kenya - EANHS
Définition des cibles et mise à jour des objectifs nationaux de la stratégie en matière d'échange d'informations (SPA-CHM) ainsi que son plan d'actions en prélude à la révision de la SPANB	Niger	Maman Sani Issaka	SE/CNEDD

INDICATORS: no indicators yet as implementation is ongoing

Explanations/narratives**Foreseen products:**

- CHM Strategy for Guinea, Ghana, RD Congo, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Niger and Benin.

Policy support**Call for Applications: opportunity to attend COP16 in Cali, Colombia**

CEBioS announced an opportunity for One or Two civil servants from partner countries of the Belgian cooperation to attend COP16 of the Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD) in Cali, Colombia, taking place from 21 October 2024 until 1 November 2024. CEBioS invited applications from individuals who are actively involved in their National CHM (Clearing-House Mechanism) and the development and implementation of their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP).

Other requirements and criteria were:

- *Interest in COP16:*
- *Any planned negotiation for specific items as pilot or co-pilot*
- *Any planned activities at COP16 to organize or actively participate to a side event, with some links to present CEBioS capacity building*
- *Involvement in National CHM and NBSAP: Candidates must be engaged with their country's National CHM and / or the formulation or implementation of their NBSAP.*
- *Encouragement of Women Candidates: CEBioS strongly encourages women candidates to apply.*
- *Commitment in disseminating and communicating the concepts specific to COP16 and status of negotiations when the candidate returns home.*
- *Having actively contributed to CEBioS projects and initiatives in the past.*
- *Member of the official delegation of their country.*

Table 7: selected candidate for participation at COP16

Name	Country	Partner Organisation
Joseph Masinde	Kenya	National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)

Support to NFPs, EU Dialogue, and Capacity-Building Activities

Throughout Year 1, CEBioS science officer Han de Koeijer provided extensive support to Belgium's National Focal Point (NFP) for biodiversity and engaged in multiple regional and international initiatives to implement the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and strengthen technical and scientific cooperation. Key activities included assisting the NFP in preparing the 7th National Report, delivering training on the Online Reporting Tool (ORT/DART), attend the Biodiversity

Steering Groups, and integrating information on CEBioS and DGD-supported NBSAP implementation. He also actively contributed to CBD- and EU-level discussions and coordination:

- Participation in the EU Dialogue on NBSAP implementation in Brussels (August 2024) and in WPIEI Biodiversity meetings to prepare EU positions for CBD meetings, on capacity-building and development, monitoring and reporting, and scientific and technical cooperation.
- Various coordination meetings for SBI5 and COP16, and exchanges with CHM focal points (e.g., the Netherlands). Lead author for Belgium and negotiator for the EU and during COP and SBI for 5 agenda items related to capacity building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, the CHM and Knowledge management for the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol
- Preparation of Belgium's position and the EU orientation lines for SBSTTA 27 on agenda item 6a (scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the GBF) and 6C potential areas of future work, including support to the Belgian delegation on the agenda item 3 on the global report.
- TSC centers (in close cooperation with colleagues Hendrik Segers and Jorge Ventocilla (RBINS):
 - Since RBINS has been accepted as TSC center for the EU during COP16, we are preparing the implementation of the TSC Centers in the EU with the other Centers (JRC/EEA and IUCN-Med), with monthly and ad-hoc meetings. The TSC centers will mainly work in the EU but also collaborate with TSC centers in developing countries when the expertise is asked for.
 - Organisation and representation of Belgium at the Regional Dialogue for the 7th National Report and launch of the TSC Centers for Europe (September 2025).
 - Presentation on TSC and capacity building and development in the CBD
- Participation in 6th Meeting of the EUBP Sub-group on Monitoring and Assessment
- Online meeting with the Consortium of Scientific Partners (CSP) to support GBF implementation through capacity building and development, technical and scientific cooperation. RBINS has been one of the founding members.
- Participation to an event organized by the Collège Scientifique et Académique du PFBC for the preparation of a scientific event in July 2025.
- Interview by a consultant to understand the history of DART and how to improve it in July 25. We have trained several partner countries to use the TCT tool which was later taken over by DART. Depending on future developments we can again revamp the use Online.
- Implementation of the EU-project [COOP4CBD](#) together with Hendrik Segers (RBINS) and his team.
- Participation in the Informal advisory Group on technical and scientific cooperation online meetings and one in person meeting (September 2025)
- Member in the Informal Advisory Committees on the Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House, as well as the Nagoya Protocol capacity building and development

SUB-PROGRAMME 5: COMMUNICATION-EDUCATION & PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA)

Formerly called 'Awareness', this sub-programme has now the CEPA-label as used in UN organisations. It targets scientists (SO1), authorities (SO2 & 3) and civil society (SO4).

Narrative:

The [annual call for Year 1 for Communication, Education and Public Awareness projects](#) supported projects aligned with one of the following three priority themes:

1. Public Awareness on Targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

Projects had to contribute to awareness-raising and education related to one or more of the following GBF targets:

- a. TARGET 4: Halt Species Extinction, Protect Genetic Diversity, and Manage Human-Wildlife Conflicts
- b. TARGET 5: Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species
- c. TARGET 6: Reduce the Introduction of Invasive Alien Species by 50% and Minimize Their Impact
- d. TARGET 7: Reduce Pollution to Levels That Are Not Harmful to Biodiversity
- e. TARGET 8: Minimize the Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Build Resilience

Projects had to demonstrate alignment with relevant objectives in their national biodiversity strategies and Action Plans and how they contribute to the selected GBF target(s).

2. Citizen participation for Ecosystem and Habitat Restoration

Projects under this theme promoted citizen initiatives that engaged local communities in the restoration of degraded habitats or ecosystems. Activities included training, participatory monitoring, ecological restoration, or community-based management.

3. Citizen science

Projects that involve citizens in the monitoring of species by organizing specific activities for them to record the presence of species in their natural environment.

Table 8: projects selected under Year 1.

Country	Project Title	Promoter partner institute
Benin	Youth for Bees Conservation (Y4BC)	ONG ADESAN
Benin;Togo	Les petits gardiens de l'eau : Eduquer et agir pour la biodiversité et les Écosystèmes	ONG Association des Jeunes pour le Développement de la Culture (AJEDEC), ECO-BENIN

Burundi	Sensibilisation du public sur l'éradication des espèces envahissantes dans la zone tampon et le milieu halieutique du lac COHOHA	Association pour la Restauration et l'Enrichissement de l'Environnement au Burundi (ASREEBU)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Sensibilisation du public et décideurs riverains de la rivière Ruzizi en faveur de la restauration de la végétation au bord la rivière Ruzizi, Chefferie de la Plaine de la Ruzizi, RD Congo	Université Officielle de Bukavu (UOB)
Ivory Coast	Assurer la survie des chimpanzés (Pan troglodytes verus) de la Reserve du Haut-Bandama de Côte d'Ivoire à partir d'un engagement communautaire visant la restauration et l'interconnexion des habitats	Université Nangui Abrogoua
United Republic of Tanzania	Enhancing Biodiversity Knowledge in Coastal Tanzania through CHM-linked Community Monitoring	Saving Africa's Nature (SANA)
United Republic of Tanzania	Enhancing community awareness of Kongwa weed spread, impacts and management strategies in semi-arid areas, Dodoma Tanzania	University of Dodoma

INDICATORS

The projects are ongoing, so no indicator of implementation yet, but here are the indicators **foreseen** in the project proposals:

Indicator number	Indicator	Value
19a	Number of scientists reached by awareness raising M	34
19b	Number of scientists reached by awareness raising F	27
	Number or persons (final beneficiaries, local communities) reached by awareness raising M	2400
	Number or persons (final beneficiaries, local communities) reached by awareness raising F	2030
17	Number of awareness raising meetings with different target groups including scientists	49
24a	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA) M?	41
24b	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA) F?	41
31	Number of awareness raising meetings with different target groups, organised by NIAs	63
32	Is it a project on awareness raising carried / targeted to, by NIAs? (yes/no)	5
38	Number of trainings of policy makers (eg, on GBF, Nagoya, governance, Ramsar etc)	5
39a	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened M	40

39b	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened F	20
47	Number of awareness raising meetings involving policy makers	6
48	Did the project involve policy makers? (Yes/no)	3
49a	Number of staff members of authorities, decision makers and policymakers reached through awareness raising activities	102
49b	Number of staff members of authorities, decision makers and policymakers reached through awareness raising activities	59
11	Number of postings of scientific outputs activity on CHM	35
51	Number of synergies and complementarities (collaborations, joint activities) with another country or international/national NGO to implement the project	4

Remarks

Cross-cutting Priority

All projects are strongly encouraged to involve marginalized or vulnerable groups (e.g. women, indigenous peoples, or local minorities) and/or young people. Inclusivity is considered a major asset in project evaluation.

Selected projects of the Public awareness calls from 2005 – 2022 can be visited [here](#).

GTI Awareness

The purpose of the GTI Awareness Grants is to enable (former) GTI Scholarship holders to carry out an awareness-raising project in their home country to disseminate the scientific results they obtained during their internship(s) in Belgium. The target audience of the awareness-raising campaign may include the local population, students, decision-makers, managers of protected areas, and/or other stakeholders.

Table 9: awareness projects for GTI alumni having completed all their GTI internships.

Country	Project Title	Promoter
Benin	Agir pour l'eau et les bivalves du lac Nokoué par l'éducation et la sensibilisation	ONG Aquagenius
Benin	Eveil de conscience du grand public sur l'importance des champignons mycorrhiziens arbusculaires dans le maintien de la biodiversité en milieu forestiers au Bénin	ONG Avenir Alafia
Ivory Coast	Santé et Mycotoxines, des moisissures pour protéger nos cultures et notre santé dans la région du Poro en Côte d'Ivoire	UDECA-CI COOP.CA (Union pour le développement des sociétés coopératives agricoles de Côte d'Ivoire)
Togo	La diversité des termites au service de la biodiversité et du développement durable	Bureau d'Etude et de Recherche pour le Développement Durable (BER2D)

SUB-PROGRAMME 6: SYNERGIES AND COMPLEMENTARITIES (SYN)

CEBioS is open to external collaboration, provided that the activities fit into its mandate and roles. Some calls are highly competitive, while others have a complex nature, generating some time delays to start implementation.

Table 10 : rejected/pending external projects.

ProjectTitle	Main Partner Institute	CEBioS Role	Country	TeamMember	Budget
KIMAZA Kimvuka ya maza, meaning The Water Council in Kikongo (rejected)	ULB Cooperation	Leading/supervising academic research in Muanda area, knowledge dissemination (Policy Brief for exam	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Thomas Wouters, Tania D'hajjère	3454849
Strengthening capacities and biodiversity data mobilisation in the DRC for reporting on the NBSAP and the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (pending)	GIZ	Strengthen the collection, valorisation, and integration of biodiversity data in the DRC in order to	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Thomas Wouters	60000

Table 11: selected/confirmed external projects.

ProjectTitle	Main Partner Institute	CEBioS Role	Country	Team Member	Budget	StartDate	EndDate
Support the organisation in the development of their Strategic Development Plan (SDP)	Saving Africa's NAture (SANA)	Technical support to the NGO in developing their SDP	United Republic of Tanzania	Thomas Wouters, Tania D'hajjère	0	15/11/2024	
« Projet d'Appui à la Conservation des ECOsystèmes du bassin hydrographique de la Rusizi (PACECOR) au	PNUD	Writing of two State of the Art and two Research Plan for the National Parks of Rusizi and Kibira	Burundi	Tania D'hajjère, Han de Koeijer	20000	18/03/2024	31/12/2024

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Burundi – « TUBUNGABUNGE ISI »							
Biodiversity and adaptation to climate change in the Rusizi plain - RUBICOM(RUsizi-Biodiversity-Community)	Universiteit Antwerpen	that a participative conservation aspect is integrated, as well as the awareness-raising aspect and t	Burundi	Tania D'haijère, Luc Janssens de Bisthoven	2000	01/07/2023	01/07/2025
Making the Yangambi Reserve a Centre of Excellence for Climate and Biodiversity (Phase 2)	RBINS	CEBioS supports the CSB in this project by contributing its EVAMAB expertise on Ecosystem Services,	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Thomas Wouters	125424	21/12/2024	31/12/2025
C-Urge	KU Leuven	Becca Campbell and Amber Caine are two PhD students in social anthropology doing their non-academic secondment at CEBioS, as part of their EU sponsored training.	Kenya (Amber) and Tanzania (Becca)	Thomas Wouters/ Luc Janssens de Bisthoven	0	Year 1	Year 1
NaturAfrica	Enabel	Conservation of Nyungwe Forest and Kibira National Parks. CEBioS has an advisory role.	Rwanda and Burundi	Tania D'haijère, Han de Koeijer	tbc	Start in 2026	2027
Coop4CBD	EU, Hendrik Segers, Jorge Ventocilla	COOP4CBD is an EU project that assist EU countries in the science policy framework to prepare for SBSTTA meetings and other CBD events. RBINS is leading a work package on the CHM. One month of salary for Han de Koeijer is foreseen in the project for 2025.		Han de Koeijer		2025	
ZACORES	Artelia	The project on coral restoration implemented by volunteer Dr. Anne	UR Tanzania?	Luc Janssens de Bisthoven	15000	2022	2023

		Laudisoit has been financially closed. Tania visited the project during her round trip in Tanzania in July 2024.					
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INDICATORS

Indicators related to the workshops organized in the framework of SYN projects:

Ind #	Indicator	Value
3	Level of satisfaction with the quality of capacity building (/10)	9
4	Level of self-reported motivation and ability to apply new knowledge and skills (/10)	9
7	Number of workshops including training of scientists	5
8a	Number of scientists M	35
8b	Number of scientists F	18
24a	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA) M	13
24b	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA) F	5
38	Number of workshops training of policy makers	3
39a	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened M (NbCBPolicyMakerM)	45
39b	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened F (NbCBPolicyMakerF)	8
53a	Number of persons of which the capacities have been strengthened in synergy projects (M)	131
53b	Number of persons of which the capacities have been strengthened in synergy projects (F)	50

Explanations/narratives

- **The Kimaza project** was submitted under the OCEAN call for proposals (UK Aids) with the aim of strengthening sustainable fisheries and biodiversity conservation in the Parc Marin des Mangroves (PMM) in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Although the proposal was not selected in the previous round, the consortium is integrating the external international anonymous reviewers' comments and plans to resubmit an improved version in 2026.

Within this project, the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) – CEBioS programme would play a central scientific and technical role. RBINS-CEBioS would be responsible for:

- Leading research efforts: providing scientific expertise on fisheries and ecosystem dynamics to better understand the functioning and resilience of the mangrove ecosystem.

- Stock assessments: conducting detailed evaluations of fish stocks to inform and support the development of a sustainable fisheries management plan.
- Knowledge dissemination: producing policy briefs, technical reports, and other knowledge-sharing materials to ensure that research findings are accessible to decision-makers and local stakeholders.
- Capacity building in data management: strengthening PMM's capacity to collect, manage, and analyse ecological and fisheries data through the use of the SMART monitoring software.
- Ecological studies: carrying out research on shrimp and oyster ecology to provide scientific guidance for the development of sustainable aquaculture practices.
- Supervising academic research: mentoring Congolese students in conducting field studies and thesis research related to fisheries ecology, conservation, and sustainable resource management in the PMM.

By combining scientific research, local capacity strengthening, and policy support, the Kimaza Project will aim to reinforce the ecological and socio-economic sustainability of the Mangrove Marine Park and its surrounding communities.

- Strengthening capacities and **biodiversity data mobilisation in the DRC** for reporting on the NBSAP and the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Anne-Julie, Thomas and Han are heavily involved in discussions/meeting and writing the proposal. Discussions with GIZ DRC started in mid-2024 with Martijn Heegde. GIZ participated in the IP workshop in Bujumbura in January 2025. These discussions led to a financing proposal (still being finalised) to support the development of the CHM in DRC, as well as the collection of biodiversity data (through CSB antennae, among others) to feed the Headline Indicators of the DRC's NBSAP and National Report.
- The UNESCO project “**Making the Yangambi Biosphere Reserve a Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity and Climate**” (Phase 2) aims to strengthen scientific research, biodiversity monitoring, and sustainable management within the Yangambi Biosphere Reserve in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Implemented under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, the project brings together several national and international partners, including the Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité (CSB) and the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS / CEBioS programme). It focuses on enhancing research capacities, supporting long-term ecological monitoring, improving biodiversity data management, and contributing to the participatory development of the reserve's management plan, positioning Yangambi as a reference site for science-based conservation and sustainable development.
- The collaboration with the **NGO SANA** (Saving Africa's Nature) in Tanzania focuses on supporting the development of its strategic plan. Active around Saadani National Park, SANA works to promote community-based conservation and sustainable development. The support provided by CEBioS aims to help the organization clarify its long-term

vision, define strategic priorities, and strengthen its operational and institutional planning to guide its future activities more effectively. A visit of the NGO by Tania D'hajjère reinforced their capacities on the Project Cycle, Problem Tree and Biodiversity Ecosystem Services Importance.

- **RUBICOM:** this South Initiative, financed by VLIR-UOS was implemented in 2024-2025. The coordination was Universiteit Antwerpen (prof. J. Schoelinck) and Université du Burundi (Prof. J. Ndaysimiye). The thematic was about the central ecological role of the flagship species hippopotamus in the Rusizi and the conflicts with humans. Tania participated in 3 workshops (last one with Pierre and Luc), produced one policy brief and one scientific paper (in preparation). The project also produced a plant lexicon, edited by the UA.
- **C-Urge:** an EU project to finance 10 international PhDs in Europe in social anthropology, coordinated by Prof. K. Pye of the LU Leuven. Two student, Amber Caine and Becca Campbell performed a non-academic secondment at CEBioS. They participated in daily activities and team meetings and presented an interesting seminar about their respective PhD subjects (tree planting in Kenya and eco-tourism in Mafia Island, TZ). CEBioS was instrumental in providing scientific advice on biodiversity aspects and providing useful addresses in Kenya and Tanzania. It was a truly inspiring experience, enriching CEBioS with new perspectives on international cooperation and the local perceptions about climate change and biodiversity loss.
- **PACECOR:** this UNDP-EU-Enabel project in Burundi aims at strengthening the capacities of OBPE in the management of Rusizi and Kibira National Parks. After a first phase (20K Euro), resulting in 3 documents made by Tania D'hajjère (2 State of the Arts of the scientific knowledge of two National Parks, 2 Research Plans and 2 Habitats Information Sheets), CEBioS is in negotiation of a second phase terms of references. The first phase focused on some acquisition of monitoring materials and training in avifauna as well as the preparation of a state of the art of the research and recommendations for conservation management. The second phase will focus on the human-hippo conflict in Rusizi plain.

CEBioS wishes to acknowledge the substantial support by DGD, Enabel and the Belgian Embassy in providing guidelines in the implementation and formulation of this project.

3. TRANSVERSAL THEMES

Environmental Footprint

As a capacity building programme for partners in Africa and elsewhere, a certain amount of mobility through flights remains essential. People need to meet, to interact and exchange in real and not just virtually. Nevertheless, as recommended by the Audit and the evaluation, we increased our attendances in online meetings and webinars, as well as online meetings with our partners, joining the general post-covid trend and hence diminishing our carbon print. We also pay attention to sending less staff to events, conferences or workshops, as we always abide to the principle to be as efficient as possible for staff allocations to missions. Within the MEAL-system, we included the option 'Online' or 'Live' to tag the meetings. This will help us to track our online activities and include an accurate estimate in the final 5-yr-report. Moreover, CEBioS has committed to calculate and monitor the carbon footprint of its international missions in order to assess trends over time as well as to develop an internal Travel Policy aimed at evaluating the necessity and relevance of each mission.

Monitoring & Evaluation

As already explained in the introduction, CEBioS implemented the recommendations of the 'end-of-term' evaluation and the audit to develop an online dashboard to monitor all our activities and calculate the associated indicators as in the logical framework. This MEAL was presented to the steering committee (July 2025) and to the Institute and got a lot of positive feedbacks. Meanwhile we are in the testing phase and the staff is already well-versed into coding the events in the system. Via a Teams platform, we have a lively discussion on things to improve, which we do regularly with the IT developer. While feeding the present report with the MEAL-data, we made a quality check of the numbers calculated per indicator, and after some small adjustments, found that they were correct.

Weekly staff meetings during which all staff members (irrespective of status or rank) report on their activities of the past week and their projections for the coming week(s) are contributing to the monitoring of the programme implementation. During those meetings the planification and coordination of missions, workshops, meetings, the contacts with the JSF's and other partners are discussed as well as administrative or logistical bottlenecks. This exercise contributes greatly to the programme monitoring (so far that staff is in demand when cancelled or sends bullet points when on mission), but also on the cohesion between colleagues and the team spirit (not so easy with telework). Further, the coordinator is keeping monthly monitoring sheets for OD Nature updated, on which he can report in bi-annual business reviews of OD nature. CEBioS also gives a bi-monthly input in a document of the OD Nature called 'Highlights', to feed the annual reports of RBINS.

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Technical Management						
Indicator Configuration						
Internal GTI External GTI Product Mission Workshop Event CHMPOL COOPINSTIT ExtSynProject IP MEP Sensibilisation/Awareness Expert Contribution						
New Product Remove Product Edit Product Reload						
IdProd	ProductTitle	DateProd	CebiosSubProgram	ProductType	TargetAudience	Link
36	Evaluation de l'impact de la fréquence	14/10/2025	2-MEP;7_COOPINST	PhD Thesis	Scientists	
35	Etat de l'art des connaissances scienti	30/11/2024	2-MEP;6-SYN	Strategic document	Decision makers (national level);Local	
34	Plan de recherche pour le plan d'amér	30/11/2024	2-MEP;6-SYN	Strategic document	Decision makers (national level);Local	
33	Building capacities on taxonomy, ecos	02/09/2025	1-GTI;2-MEP;3-IP;5-CEPA;6-SYN;7_C	Abstract	Scientists	
32	. The World Archives of Species Perce			Abstract	Scientists	
31	Study on Relationship between Gende	24/09/2025	6-SYN	Abstract	Scientists	
30	Plant lexicon Ruzusi	24/09/2025	6-SYN	Lexica	Scientists	
29	Coexister avec les hippopotames Iden	11/09/2025	6-SYN	Policy Brief	Decision makers (national level);Gene	
28	Abc Taxa. A series of manuals dedicat	02/09/2025	1-GTI	Awareness Poster	Schools (Youth and students);Scientis	https://www.abcd
27	Keosarima gen. nov., a new genus in l	06/08/2025	1-GTI	Scientific Article	Scientists	https://www.researchg
26	Extraction d'ADN et son utilisation poi	07/07/2025	1-GTI	Online press	General public	https://matinlibre.com/
25	Taxonomie moléculaire: Des chercheu	03/07/2025	1-GTI	Online press	General public	https://lechasseurinfos
24	PAGE MAG MOANDA	28/06/2025	2-MEP;6-SYN	Video	General public	https://youtu.be/4eC
23	Importance et défis de la cohabitation	30/04/2025	2-MEP;6-SYN	Video	Decision makers (national level);Gene	https://www.youtube.c
22	Réflexion sur le rôle de la population r	19/08/2024	2-MEP;5-CEPA;6-SYN	Video	General public;Schools (Youth and stu	https://www.youtube.c
21	Videos on the Monitoring framework a	15/12/2024	3-IP	Video	Decision makers (national level);Local	
20	CHM Strategy Guinea	30/01/2026	4-CHM-POL	CHM Strategy	Decision makers (national level);Local	

Fig. 2: print-shot of a tab of the MEAL-system developed and used by CEBioS.

Gender & Inclusion

During this first year, CEBioS continued to strengthen its commitment to gender equality and inclusion as a cross-cutting priority in all its programmes and activities.

The last [five-year report](#) (2019-2025) provided comprehensive statistics on women participation in our various calls and interventions. We saw a slow increase in the trends. This increase is now accelerated through more stringent eligibility criteria in our calls, a CEBioS gender strategy to be implemented and various other activities to promote women in academia (cfr. below).

The gender criteria received renewed emphasis in all calls for projects, with a specific paragraph on gender inclusiveness, encouraging the active involvement of women in the projects, or applications by women. The weight of the gender criteria was also increased in the evaluation tables.

As an active member of the SECORES Gender Working Group, CEBioS contributed to collective reflections and exchanges on integrating gender perspectives into research and cooperation. As part of this engagement, the team reviewed and synthesised the Humanya study (commissioned by SECORES) exploring the relationship between gender inclusion and socio-ecological resilience, reinforcing the understanding that equitable participation enhances both social and environmental outcomes.

Throughout the year, CEBioS also took part in several events dedicated to gender issues to further reflect on language (with a focus on French), representation, and inclusiveness within scientific communication.

Building on these insights, CEBioS further developed its Gender Strategy, aligning internal practices and cooperation mechanisms with the principles of equality, empowerment, and fair participation. This included proactive measures to promote women's visibility and leadership within the scientific community. Among these initiatives was a dedicated call for women alumni – ["International conference attendance opportunity for Women CEBioS alumni"](#) – designed to support women researchers in sharing their work during international conferences. In this framework, two scientists from Tanzania and Benin benefited from CEBioS support to attend conferences in South Africa and Kenya. In addition, more than half (3/5) of the selected GTI Short-term Scholarship grantees were women, demonstrating tangible progress towards gender balance in capacity-building opportunities. CEBioS also ensured women's representation within its selection committees and juries, reinforcing inclusiveness and fairness at every stage of decision-making.

Through these combined efforts, CEBioS continues to promote a more equitable and inclusive 'Leave-no-one-behind' approach to biodiversity conservation and scientific cooperation.

4. CEBIOS' ACTIVITIES, PROCESSES & OUTPUTS

Table 12: calls for projects

Calls	Submitted projects	Selected projects
CBD-CoP-2024	7	1
CEPA-2025	19	7
CHM-2025	9	7
GTI-ext-2024	210	6
GTI-int-2024	8	6
Int_Conf_W-2025	5	2
IP-EN-2025	2	0
IP-FR-2025	28	6
MEP-2025	57	7

PUBLICATIONS

Table 13: scientific abstracts

Title	Authors	Context
Building capacities on taxonomy, ecosystem monitoring and science-based decision-making for sustainable fisheries in Africa and Asia	Rochette Anne-Julie, Thomas Wouters, Pierre Huybrechts, Geneviève Lacroix, Alice Vandommele, Tania D'hajjère, Han de Koeijer, Luc Janssens de Bisthoven	For Fishbase SeaLifeBase symposium
Study on Relationship between Gender/Inclusion and Social-Ecological Resilience.	Jaspers Nancy, Bouwen Griet, Slimbrouck Johan, Van de Sype Pieter, Janssens De Bisthoven Luc5, Vercruysse Kim, Hénin Vincent, De Coster Thierry, Janssens Amélie, Verbeeck Wannes	ICRS 2026, Delft. International Conference on Resilience Systems
The World Archives of Species Perception (WASP) project: What do we know about the public perception of fish?	Tuan Nguyen, Maarten P. M. Vanhove, Diogo Veríssimo, Luc Janssens de Bisthoven, Robert Malina,	For Fishbase SeaLifeBase Symposium
Open letter to commissioner, Urgent Call for the EU to Strengthen the Environmental Pillar in the One Health	Luc Janssens de Bisthoven contributed	World Conservation Society

Approach, 2025- see Letter to EU Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare.pdf Open Letter > WCS EU / (6) Post Feed LinkedIn		
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Table 14: online press & other mentions.

Title + link	CEBioS sub programme	Partner	Press
Extraction d'ADN et son utilisation pour délimiter les espèces et les identifier: Les capacités des chercheurs béninois renforcées sur la thématique	1-GTI	Centre de Recherche pour la lutte contre les Maladies Infectieuses tropicales (CReMIT);IRHOB; RBINS	Matin Libre, Bénin
Taxonomie moléculaire: Des chercheurs béninois formés à l'extraction d'ADN et à la délimitation génétique des espèces	1-GTI	Centre de Recherche pour la lutte contre les Maladies Infectieuses tropicales (CReMIT);IRHOB; RBINS	Le chasseur d'infos, Bénin
Lancement des activités du Projet GTI-DNA Shrimp: Vers la mise en place d'une base spécifique des crevettes pour une gestion durable	1-GTI	IRHOB	Matin Libre, Bénin
Ghana and Malawi strengthen biodiversity data management	4-CHM-POL	RBINS	PapaLin c
Ghana and Malawi Strengthen Biodiversity Data Management	4-CHM-POL	RBINS	Tunisia news gazette
500 Belgische wetenschappers: investeren we nog in de toekomst? De Wereld Morgen	All SO	RBINS	De Morgen
Previous also mentioned in : Newsletter – April 2025	All SO	RBINS	CEBioS Newsletter
https://tb.plazi.org/GgServer/html/FA1F073A451DFF8EFF411AB0FEE8284C/1 CEBioS is now a species name for an Ostracoda, thanks to the PhD of Joseph Hotekpo (Bénin). The species is called <i>Benincandona cebios</i>	1-GTI	Bénin, UAC	See link

Table 15: policy briefs.

Title	Authors	CEBioS Sub programme	Partners	Target audience
Les enjeux de la gestion durable des crevettes de la lagune Nokoué au Bénin. Réglementations, conservation et sensibilisation	SINTONDI Sèlomè Wilfried , SOHOU Zacharie, GOZINGAN Amoussou Sylvain, LACROIX Geneviève, HUYBRECHTS Pierre	2-MEP	IRHOB	Decision makers (national level); Local authorities; Scientists
Coexister avec les hippopotames Identifier des solutions durables dans le Parc National de la Rusizi (PNR, Burundi) grâce au projet RUBICOM	COOLS Jan, D'HAIJÈRE Tania, HUYBRECHTS Pierre, JACOBS Steven, JANSSENS de BISTHOVEN Luc, NDAYISHIMIYE Joel, NKENGURUTSE Jacques, SCHOELYNCK Jonas	6-SYN	OBPE; RBINS; Université du Burundi; Universiteit Antwerpen	Decision makers (national level); General public; Local authorities; Local communities; Scientists

Table 16: scientific papers by GTI beneficiaries

Product Title	Authors List	Sub Program	Partner Institutes
<i>Keosarima</i> gen. nov., a new genus in the planthopper tribe Sarimini from Indochina (Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha: Issidae)	Jérôme CONSTANT, Hong Thai PHAM	1-GTI	RBINS; Vietnam National Museum of Nature
Spatial analysis vis a vis local perception of anthropogenic pressures on natural habitats of ectomycorrhizal fungi in Wari–Maro Forest Reserve in Benin	Teteli SC, Badou AS, Dramani R, De Kesel A, Sambieni KR, Diansambu MI, Kouton BN and Yorou SN	1-GTI	ERAIFT; Jardin Botanique de Meise; UKV/Boma; Université de Lubumbashi; Université de Parakou
Issid planthoppers from Bach Ma and Phong Dien in Central Vietnam. I. Tribe Parahiraciini (Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha: Issidae)	Jérôme CONSTANT & Hong Thai PHAM	1-GTI	RBINS;VNMN
The new oriental stick insect genus	Joachim Bresseel, Jérôme Constant, Royce T.	1-GTI	RBINS;VNMN

<i>Dendrochroma</i> gen. nov. with the description of four new species from Vietnam and one new subspecies from Cambodia (Phasmida: Lonchodidae: Necroschiinae)	Cumming & Thai-Hong Pham		
Economic Potential and Value Chain of Wild Edible Mushrooms and Cultivated Mushrooms from the Virunga National Park and Surrounding Area in the Democratic Republic of Congo	Jean Pierre Habineza Mpunga, Edson Niyonsaba Sebigunda, Chantal Shalukoma, Philippe Lebailly, Fabio Berti, Constantin Dushimimana, François Muhashy Habiaremye, Philippe Burny, Baudouin Michel	2-MEP	ERAIFT; RBINS; ULiège; UNIGOM; University of Nairobi

Scientific papers by CEBioS (2024-2025)

Published

- Elodiade HOUINDOTE, D. Paolo LESSE, Thierry D. HOUEHANOU, François Muhashy HABIYAREMYE, Luc Janssens De BISTHOVEN, Marcel R.B HOUINATO, 2024 : Etat de la connaissance sur les feux de végétation en Afrique : Analyse bibliographique et perceptives de recherche. Territoires, Environnement et Développement (TED), Vol 3 NO 1 (2024) ISSN: 2820-7173, 1 citation

Submitted/ in revision

- Janssens de Bisthoven, L., Hugé, J., Rochette A.J., Akpona J.D., 2025. Stakeholder elicitation about threats on the ecosystem services of Pendjari National Park (Benin). **Submitted to Environmental Management - Major Revision**
- HOUINDOTE, Elodiade; LESSE, D. Paolo; ADJAHOSSOU, Sessi; GANDAHO, Stanislas M.; HABIYAREMYE, Muhashy; JANSSENS de BISTHOVEN, Luc ; HOUEHANOU, Thierry; Houinato, Marcel, 2025 : Impacts of Fires on the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI): Case of the Pendjari Biosphere Reserve (PBR) in Benin (West Africa)". **Submitted to African Journal of Ecology-Major Revision**
- Rodrigue Castro Gbedomon, Tèwogbadé Jean Didier Akpona, Anne-Julie Rochette, Luc Janssens de Bisthoven, Jean Hugé, Maarten P.M. Vanhove, Martin A. Schlaepfer, Romain Glèlè Kakaï, 2025. Ecosystem services research in the Pendjari Biosphere Reserve (Benin) needs capacity building to ensure conservation relevance. **Submitted to ORYX under review**
- Janssens de Bisthoven, L., I. Pijpen, Rochette, A., Slimbrouck, J., Vandommele, A., Nkengurutse, J., Bassa, O., Ndayikeza, L., Hugé, J., 2025. What does resilience of social-ecological systems mean in Burundi?. **Submitted to LAND, major revision.**

Table 17: videos.

Title	Authors	Sub programme	Partners	Target audience
Réflexion sur le rôle de la population riveraine du Parc National Rusizi par le projet RUBICOM (in the context of the mission to the Parc Marin des Mangroves)	Marie Chantal Nyandwi, Constantin Nsabimana, Joel Ndashimye, Tania D'hajjère, Cephass Masumboko, Astérie Nduhirubusa	2-MEP;5-CEPA; 6-SYN	OBPE; Université du Burundi; Universiteit Antwerpen	General public; Schools (Youth and students);Scientists
Local Press in Moanda, RDC (in the context of the mission to the Parc Marin des Mangroves)	De Dieu Bya'ombe, Jancy Diyazola, Trésor Baku, Joyce Mbiya, Fils Makanzu, Tania D'hajjère, Virginie Musenga Tshiey	2-MEP; 6-SYN		General public
Importance et défis de la cohabitation faune-humains autour du Parc de la RUSIZI. Projet RUBICOM	Emmanuel Nizigiyimana, Constantin Nsabimana, Joel Ndashimiyie, Luc Janssens de Bisthoven, Jacques Nkengurutse	2-MEP; 6-SYN	OBPE; Université du Burundi	Decision makers (national level);General public; Schools (Youth and students);Scientists
Videos on the Monitoring framework and Biodiversity indicators	Anne-Julie Rochette (CEBioS)	3-IP		Decision makers (national level);Local authorities; Scientists

Table 18: other publications & outputs.

ProductTitle	Authors	Cebios Sub Program	Type	TargetAudience
Abc Taxa. A series of manuals dedicated to capacity building in taxonomy and collection management.	Yves Samyn (RBINS)	1-GTI	Poster	Schools (Youth and students) ;Scientists
Plant lexicon Rusizi, produced by UA in the framework of RUBICOM	Jonas Schoelinck et al.	6-SYN	Lexica	Scientists
Etat de l'art des connaissances scientifiques pour le Plan D'aménagement et de gestion 2024-2034 : Parc National de la Rusizi	Tania D'hajjère	2-MEP;6-SYN	Strategic document	Decision makers (national level);Local authorities; scientists
Plan de recherche pour le plan d'aménagement et de gestion	Tania D'hajjère	2-MEP;6-SYN	Strategic document	Decision makers (national level);Local authorities

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Expert contributions

More than 30 contributions were registered in the MEAL.

Here is a short summary:

- **Juries**
 - Tania participated to a jury to select Girls Leading in Science Competition | Institute of Natural Sciences) (March 2025) at the Institute. The different pre-selected schools, asked to come up with solutions in 2 hours to an imposed theme. Linked to human impact on climate and biodiversity (March 25)
 - Anne-Julie participated to a jury to select SECORES projects (March 25)
 - Anne-Julie participated to a jury to recruit a consultant for the JDSF Bénin (April 25)
 - Han participated to a jury for GBIF BID call for Pacific and Latin America (June 25)
- **Mentoring/ advice/consulting**
 - Participation to the steering group Biodiversity on subjects related to capacity building and development, TSC, AW, CHM
 - Participation in several online and other meetings of the collège Scientifique et Académique du PFBC by several staff members. Presentations have been given as well as expert input.
 - Forum des jeunes- animation (RBINS)
 - Supervision of several PhDs from Bénin and Burundi, e.g., Luc for Houindote (Benin), Tania as supervisor of the PhD of Lorraine Josiane Manishatse
 - Given several contacts to Veterinaries sans Frontières for their debate. Finally Claude Mande, residing at that time in Belgium was contacted and participated.
 - Role played in advocacy in favour of professor in RDC put in prison, to respect human rights and rule of law.
- **Internships**
 - Observation internship by high school student (Joshua Wald) thinking about bioengineer studies – meeting each team member, participatins to team meetings, and meeting many other department of RBINS (February 25)
 - Internship of Rebecca Campbell & Amber Caine at RBINS (CEBioS) for a period of three months, from March 10 to June 10 2025, under the European project funded by the European Commission “C-Urge – Anthropology of Global Climate Urgency”. During the secondment period, the Doctoral Candidates were invited to follow some of the CEBioS programme activities and give a seminar. The intern was also of great help in supporting the team in some internal programme reflection (SER, decolonisation, etc.). Final reports can be found on the datastore.
- **Scientific reviews by CEBoS staff**
 - 7 peer reviews in A1 journals done by the staff

- Review of the document on work programmes of the CBD, expert advice

Events

Over 90 events in the form of conferences, seminars, meetings or webinars were registered. For details about dates, location etc, we refer to our MEAL data base. Here is a short summary:

Table 19: conferences.

Team member	Title	Date	Implication	Format
Tania D'hajjère	Rubicom: Participative Workshop on conservation in the Rusizi NP	July 24	Organisation and Facilitation and Lead of the Workshop in Burundi with Antwerp University.	Live
Tania D'hajjère	60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation	July 24	Organisation and Lead of the Symposium SECORES, oral presentation and moderation	Hybrid
Tania D'hajjère	NM-AIST International Conference, "Tropical Horizons: Advancing Sustainability in Agriculture, Environment, and Technology"	July 24	Presentation of CEBioS work in Tanzania	Live
Luc Janssens de Bisthoven; Pierre Huybrechts; Tania D'hajjère	International Conference on the Rusizi at Université du Burundi	April 25	Presentations by Luc and Tania. Facilitation by Pierre, discussions, translations	Live
Tania D'hajjère	From plants to people: Botanical expertise for a sustainable future in Central Africa	May 25	participation to the conference	Live
Anne-Julie Rochette; Luc Janssens de	Converging social and ecological objectives in	May 25	Event organisation brainstorming,	Live

Bisthoven;Pierre Huybrechts;Tania D'haijère;Thomas Wouters	international cooperation (SECORES)		concluding remarks by Luc, notes by AJ	
Luc Janssens de Bisthoven;Tania D'haijère;Thomas Wouters	Atelier du comité scientifique sur la gestion durable de la zone côtière de Muanda et l'implication	June 25	Participants and CEBioS presentation during the scientific committee	Live
Anne-Julie Rochette;Geneviève Lacroix	23rd FishBase and SeaLifeBase Symposium	Sept 25	Oral presentation	Hybrid
Han de Koeijer	Regional dialogue for the 7th national report and launch of the TSCC for Europe	Sept 25	Organisation and representing Belgium	Live

- **Participation to FRDO-FORUM** Wat schaft de toekomst? Voedsel in een veranderende wereld/ IPBES-day (BBPf) / defense de thèse Archimède, UHasselt /What role can scholarship programmes and alumni play in Belgian diplomatic relations? (VLIR-UOS) /Ecosystem in a changing world (KAOWARSOM)/

- **Meetings**

More than 50 meetings were listed in the MEAL. They ranged from scientific presentations and partner coordination meetings to international exchanges and project development sessions.

Key Highlights:

- Afrowetmab Presentation (July 24): Presentation by Prof. Nikol Kmentova (FEDtWIN RBINS & UHasselt) and Prof. Maarten Vanhove (UHasselt, ULiège).
- Parc Marin des Mangroves: Several meetings with ULB Cooperation. Meeting PMM (ICCN), ULB Coop & CEBioS (02/10/2024): Presentation of CEBioS to PMM; discussions on collaboration.
- International Partner Meetings: Several online sessions with GIZ, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Palestine, and Zanzibar on IP calls.
- CBFP Engagement: Participation in multiple CBFP coordination meetings.
- Joint Strategic Frameworks: online/live meetings for RDC, Benin, Burundi, and Tanzania.
- PACECOR Burundi: Regular coordination meetings.
- APEFE (Nov 2024): Meeting to explore synergies.
- Green Heart of Africa Initiative (Jan 2025): Meetings with Maarten Van Steenberge, Filip Vandelook (Meise), and UNESCO Brussels.

- Support to DRC NBSAP (Jan 2025): Technical and coordination support for biodiversity strategy.
- Educaid Seminars: Participation in educational collaboration events.
- Synergy Discussions (Feb & July 2025): With Smart Alliance and WeForest.
- FOBAC Meetings: For RDC and Burundi (online).
- CERAC Visit (Mar 2025): Visit to the Institute.
- Support to NGO SANA (Tanzania): Live and online meetings during Tania's mission.
- Sri Lanka Delegation Visit (May 2025).
- Morocco Delegation GTI visit at RBINS (June 2025).
- Presentation and exploring synergies with Post-doc Dr. Senne Heeren (KU Leuven) (Sept. 2025).
- MEAL Presentation to Direction of RBINS ad other Teams (Sep 2025).

• Webinars

More than 15 webinars were followed by staff members to keep up to date with the world of conservation. They were organised by e.g., UNESCO-MAB, PSP (DGD programme), IDDRI, Reversing the Red, CBD ABS, CBFP, Stockholm Resilience Center, UA (science communication), AFD (French ODA).

• Workshops

Workshops attended by staff ranged from EU NBSAP, to SANA, GBIF, indicateurs nationaux du Benin, Biodiversity finance, P4S call.

CEBioS also organised an internal workshop on how to mainstream resilience within CEBioS interventions with the presence of DGD and C-Urge (May 25).

Table 20: training

Sub Program	Country	Format	Date	Title	Objectives
1-GTI	Belgium	Live	Mar-25	Formation Gestion des Collections et Plateformes de BDD en lignes	Training to GTI stagiaires
5-CEPA	Belgium	Online	May-25	GTI - Bourse de sensibilisation 2025	Present the GTI awareness call and examples of projects, communication tools
2-MEP	Burundi	Live	Dec-24	Training Birds	Train the gardes, scientifiques and others in recognising the birds in the NPs Kibira and Rusizi, with

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					support of RBINS researcher Kelle Moraux
2-MEP	Burundi	Live	Dec-24	Formation oiseaux pour les PN de la Rusuzi et Kibira	Train staff members of OBPE and the Parks in recognizing birds in their park, with support of RBINS researcher Kelle Moraux
2-MEP; 6-SYN	United Republic of Tanzania	Live	Jul-24	Workshop « Gestion de Projet », « Arbre à Problèmes » et « Biodiversité »	Apprendre la Gestion de Projet (Toc, Gar) à l'équipe de MISENI, élaborer un arbre à problème sur leurs projets et présenter la biodiversité pour un large public
3-IP	Burundi	Live	Jan-25	Atelier de formulation sur les indicateurs de biodiversité nationaux	To familiarize participants with the CBD monitoring framework and review the progress of the three countries in updating their NBSAPs and national indicators, while discussing the country priorities for the upcoming IP call
4-CHM-POL	Belgium	Live	Feb-25	ORT Training Belgium	Make participants aware on how the reporting for the 7th national report will be done in the ORT
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4-CHM-POL	Ghana	Live	Jun-25	Bioland Training and Online Reporting Tool (ORT) for National Reporting	Present and learn about Bioland 2.0 and the Online Reporting Tool of the CBD
6-SYN	Belgium	Hybrid	Jul-25	C-Urge seminar	Presentations of work by Amber Cairns and Becca Campbell (C-Urge, KU Leuven)
6-SYN	Belgium	Live	May-25	Seminar on resilience in the CEBioS programme	How does CEBioS promote resilience in its interventions?

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6-SYN	Belgium	Online	May-25	Taller resiliencia socio-ecológica	Introduce SER to project holders and learn about their projects
6-SYN	Belgium	Online	May-25	Atelier résilience socio-écologique	Introduce project holders to socio-ecological resilience, and introduce the projects
6-SYN	Belgium	Live	Nov-24	Forum des jeunes	Discussion avec Tania D'haijère sur : Les services écosystémiques Les liens entre crise climatique et effondrement de la biodiversité L'aide au développement et la biodiversité
6-SYN	Burundi	Live	Apr-25	RUBICOM closing workshop: Hippo-Human Conflict in Rusizi NP	closing RUBICOM
6-SYN	Burundi	Live	Jul-24	Atelier Rubicom	Make participants aware about the benefits of hippos
6-SYN	Rwanda	Hybrid	Jul-24	60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation	Presenting achievement of SECORES to an international conference
7_COOPINST	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Live	Jun-25	Atelier national pour la structuration du réseau des antennes du Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité	Renforcer la structuration et la coordination du réseau des antennes CSB en cohérence avec les SPANB de la RDC, à travers une vision commune, des mécanismes de communication clairs et fonctionnels entre le CSB, les antennes et les partenaires.

Indicators related to the workshops

<i>Indicator number</i>	Indicator	Value
3	Level of satisfaction with the quality of capacity building (/10)	8,6
4	Level of self-reported motivation and ability to apply new knowledge and skills (/10)	8,6
7	Number of group trainings of scientists	11
8a	Number of M scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened (NbMSciCB)	83
8b	Number of F scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened (NbFSciCB)	24
24a	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA) M	42
24b	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA) F	14
30a	Number of NIAs & decision makers M (related to SO3) reached in MRV workshops	16
30b	Number of NIAs & decision makers F (related to SO3) reached in MRV workshops	3
38	Number of trainings of policy makers	10
39a	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened M (NbCBPolicyMakerM)	60
39b	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened F (NbCBPolicyMakerF)	14
44a	Number of people enabled to train contributors to the CHM in partner countries M	7
44b	Number of people enabled to train contributors to the CHM in partner countries F	4
45a	Total number of M participants	270
45b	Total number of F participants	52

Table 21: missions by CEBioS staff

Team Member	Sub Program	Month year	Mission Name	Mission Objectives
BURUNDI				
Han de Koeijer;Tania D'haijère	4-CHM-POL; 6-SYN	July 2024	Burundi July 2024	Participation in Rubicom workshop; preparing OBPE-CEBioS 2024-2025 workprogramme; training CHM;

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Han de Koeijer;Tania D'haijère	6-SYN	Dec 2024	Training Birds	Train OBPE staff members in recognising the birds in NPs Kibira and Rusizi
Anne-Julie Rochette;Tania D'haijère;Thomas Wouters	3-IP	Jan 2025	Atelier de formulation sur les indicateurs de biodiversité nationaux	Atelier de formulation sur les indicateurs biodiversité de nos 3 pays partenaires (Bénin, Burundi, RDC) en vue du lancement du call IP FR en février 2025.
Luc Janssens de Bisthoven;Pierre Huybrechts;Tania D'haijère	6-SYN	April 2025	RUBICOM	closing of Rubicom
COLOMBIA				
Han de Koeijer	4-CHM-POL	Oct 2024	Participation in SBI-5 and COP16	Participation in the meeting as Belgian and EU negotiator for agenda items related to implementation and the Science policy interface.
DRC				
Luc Janssens de Bisthoven;Tania D'haijère;Thomas Wouters	2-MEP	June 2025	Muanda Scientific Committee + ICCN (PMM) support + CSB antenna workshop (CSB Institutional Collaborat	Muanda Scientific Committee + ICCN (PMM) support + CSB antenna workshop (CSB Institutional Collaboration)
FRANCE				
Han de Koeijer	4-CHM-POL	Jan 2025	CO-OP4CBD annual meeting	Participating in CO-OP4CBD annual meeting
GERMANY				
Han de Koeijer	4-CHM-POL	Sept 2025	SBSTTA 27 preparatory meeting	Prepare the EU Orientation lines for SBSTTA
GHANA				
Han de Koeijer;Pierre Huybrechts	4-CHM-POL	June 2025	CHM National Workshop	Increase knowledge on Bioland 2.0 and the Online Reporting Tool of the CBD
RWANDA				
Tania D'haijère	6-SYN	July 2024	60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation	Moderate and presenting the symposium SECORES at the international conference
UK				
Han de Koeijer	4-CHM-POL	Sept 2024	Participation in the CHM award COP16 jury	
TANZANIA				
Tania D'haijère	2-MEP; 6-SYN	July 2025	Arusha NM-AIST Conference and Saadani SANA Training	Conférence NM-AIST, présentation CEBioS et les activités en Tanzanie,

				Workshop « Gestion de Projet », « Arbre à Problèmes », "Biodiversité" pour SANA, rencontre Anne Laudisoit et Projet Linda Bahari
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Social media & websites

CEBioS is visible on its website <https://cebios.naturalsciences.be/> and active on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Youtube.

Social media statistics are displayed in Annex 1.

5. COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

The coordinator made the latest update of function matrices for all science officers and their back-ups. They are available on demand (currently in the course of validation, October 2025). For the administrative and technical staff, the Crescendo system is applied with annual meetings for evaluation and planning.

Staff

The structure of the staff supported by the CEBioS programme in 2024-2025.

The staff is composed of 9 FTE (varies according to 80-100% of individual co-workers). The salaries are ventilated according to the following key:

Coordinator (1): COO

Scientific Officer (5): SOF

Financial administrator (1): ACO

Secretariat (1): SEC

Graphism (1): GRAC

COO (Luc JDB): 1 FTE for general representation, synergies & cooperation with external projects and actors, strategy, management, coaching of staff, streamlining of administrative processes, coordination, policy support to DGD and international, communication to DGD and BELSPO, visibility, COP, formulation and part of monitoring & evaluation; also involved in the different SO1-2-3-4 for specific activities related to the above.

SOF 1 (Tania D'hajjère): 1 FTE divided equally on SO1 and SO2 for training in habitat monitoring, coaching of students and production of lexica; coordinates cooperation with UAC in Benin, and is support for cooperation with UAC in Benin, OBPE in Burundi and ICCN and universities in DR Congo; This FTE was done by **Dr. François Muhashy** who retired in December 2023. He was replaced by **Dr. Tania D'hajjère** from September 2023 onwards. FM continues as a **RBINS volunteer** to finalise the lexica on Pendjari & W. Tania is responsible together with Han de Koeijer for PACECOR Burundi. She is also responsible for the UAC collaboration, back-up for CEBioS in Bénin, Burundi, DRC and responsible for the CEBioS part of the implementation of the South Initiative RUBICOM on Rusizi in Burundi and NaturAfrica with ENABEL. Just as FM previously, she also support researcher in Burundi by being a co-supervisor for a PhD student.

SOF 2 (Pierre Huybrecht) : 1 FTE for all SOs for communication, visibility, web sites and Newsflashes, training on policy briefs, SO2 and SO3, policy support for CEPA in COP for POL-CHM and Public Awareness (CEPA) as well as in SO3 and SO4 for involvement of CEBioS in alumni work. Facilitation for production and dissemination of AbcTaxa; **Pierre Huybrechts** is responsible for this FTE. He is also **National Focal Point GTI** within the CBD. He is responsible for gender and decolonisation within CEBioS.

SOF 3 (Anne-Julie Rochette): 1 FTE divided amongst SO1, SO2, SO3 and SO4 for the IP-work, scientific publications, GTI work, some CBD support. She is responsible for CEBioS in Bénin, where she coordinates UP cooperation, and is back-up for UAC cooperation. For IRHOB in Bénin, she is

back-up for Geneviève Lacroix and Arthur Capet (OD Nature, ECOMOD) for their work on capacity building in marine modelling. Also responsible for JSF-Bénin.

SOF 4 (Han de Koeijer): 1 FTE divided amongst all SO for CHM and awareness work, for policy support (EU and CBD), DGD attests, COP, Nagoya Protocol, part of M&E and cooperation in strategic dialogues; support to OBPE, JSF and PACECOR in Burundi;

SOF 5 (Thomas Wouters): 1 FTE in SO1, SO2, SO3 and SO4 for IP-work, policy briefs, Institutional cooperation with CSB in DR Congo, part of M&E and cooperation in strategic dialogues and JSF for RDC; **Hilde Keunen** was doing this FTE until her retirement in December 2023. She has been gradually supported by **Thomas Wouters** in support of the preparation of the Kisangani Conference in March 2023, and finally as her replacement from 2024 onwards. Hilde Keunen continues as a RBINS volunteer on the UNESCO project in Yangambi.

ACO: 1 FTE (**Vincent Pinton**) for general financial accounting of the programme in cooperation with central accountancy of RBINS under management costs for year 1-3. Divided among SO1, SO2, SO3; SO4 and management costs. He updated the accountancy system from Excel to Access to start the new phase and accompanied the audit by BELPO together with LJDB.

SEC: 1 FTE (**Alice Vandommele**) responsible for general logistics of the CEBioS programme, including administration of mobility of grantees, preparation of letters, DGD attests, buying of small equipment, shipment of equipment, books, AbcTaxa, presence at events with booth and folders. Divided under SO1, SO2 and SO3. She worked under a minus 26 years statute until October 2025. From November 2025, she was recruited and continues with more scientific content related tasks as a science officer of general support, gender and decolonisation.

GRAC: 1 FTE (**Kristien Vrancken**) for the graphical design of reports, plans, folders, posters, policy briefs, etc. Divided under SO1, SO2, SO3 and SO4.

Volunteers

- **Hilde Keunen** continues as a RBINS volunteer on the UNESCO project in Yangambi.
- **Prof. François Muhashy** continues as a **RBINS volunteer** to finalise the lexica on Pendjari & W.
- **Dr. Anne Laudisoit** implemented ZACORES in Zanzibar, Tanzania (last phase).
- **Dr. Erik Verheyen**, senior scientist of RBINS and long time collaborator of CEBioS, now retired, is RBINS volunteer and active in One Health and Bush Meat issues.

For an overview of staff, please consult <https://cebios.naturalsciences.be/about-us/> .

Administrative streamlining and CEBioS strategies

- Alignment of short period grants regulations with AfricaMuseum and in dialogue with internal RBINS accountancy controls
- Updating and implementing the communication strategy of CEBioS
- Updating and implementing the internal gender strategy of CEBioS
- Annual meeting about visa procedures with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Updating and validating the VADEMECUM in dialogue with RBINS administration, DGD, audit, Belspo and AfricaMuseum. The final validation is due for the end of 2025 and will be then put online. It is an integral annex of any contract.
- Updating and validating the **Protocol of Cooperation** between DGD and BELSPO, together with AfricaMuseum. After having been validated by the IF, an official event will be organised in AfricaMuseum in January 2026, where the Ministers will symbolically sign the Protocol (signed in October 2025 by both Ministers Prévot and Matz).

Rehabilitation of a Former Building for Hosting Researchers and Trainees

CEBioS initiated the idea, with the support of the Direction and several colleagues from the Institute (Dr. Maarten Van Steenberge in particular, Director OD Taxonomy and Phylogeny), to rehabilitate an old building on the premises of the institute, that could serve as accommodation for scientific staff from other federal research institutes, as well as for external scientific partners, including our GTI trainees (as it did in the past). Based on a first draft business plan, an initial visit has been carried out by the Empreva focal point for the RBINS, and we plan to continue the necessary administrative steps, notably by consulting with the fire department (SIAMU). These efforts aim to prepare the launch of a public tender for rehabilitation of the building or to redirect statutory staff members of the RBINS to maintain the reservation and the housekeeping.

6. TABLE OF INDICATORS

Table 22: indicators for the activities of Year 1.

IMPACT (all SO 1-4)

Intervention Logic	Nr. Ind.	IMPACT Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/ Risks	Baseline/year	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
General objective: The protection of ecosystems and their biodiversity in partner countries of the Belgian Development Cooperation, is implemented in order to strengthen their capacity to generate benefits essential for sustainable development of rural populations	1	Benefits that citizens/people derive from ecosystem services, often linked to the biodiversity-climate-water-health-food nexus are better known, understood, disseminated or accessed and have increased, in the partner countries (eg, success stories, testimonies)	success stories, testimonies, press articles	No natural catastrophes, stable politics	Relative stability, but political instability or natural disasters not excluded	qualitative	
	2	Trend of partner countries in the implementation of their biodiversity and development policies (e.g. NBSAP, inclusiveness on LNB and gender) with tangible results and good indicators	National Biodiversity Report for CBD	Functioning CBD National Focal Points	Previous CBD National Report per country		
	3	Level of satisfaction of scientists, National implementing agency staff, policy makers and civil society with the quality of capacity building	Surveys	Reflex to do the surveys after the events	7.5	8	8,6
	4	Level of self-assessment of scientists National implementing agency staff, policy makers and civil society to apply new knowledge and skills	Surveys	Reflex to do the surveys after the events	7.5	8	8,6

OUTCOME – OUTPUT SO1

Intervention Logic		OUTCOME Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/ Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
SO 1 : The scientists of the partner countries acquire knowledge, understand, apply and disseminate results useful for sustainable management, use and conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services	5	Share of alumni scientists that remains active in biodiversity and BD-climate-water-health-food nexus after their individual support of the programme	Alumni database	Creating database and keeping updated, alumni reachable	Database being developed	1	To be checked with GDPR
					150 alumni		
	6	Number of science-based indicators developed by the MRV projects that are used to feed into NBSAP or other strategies and plans	NBSAP and other strategies and plans	Functioning National Focal Point CBD	Average 3 per call		0

		OUTPUT Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
SO1-Result 1.1 (CB-1): The knowledge and understanding of biodiversity and ecosystem services by the scientists of partner countries of the Belgian Development Cooperation is enhanced and disseminated	7	Number of group trainings of scientists (through GTI, MEP, inst. Coop. etc), using several modules, curricula, tools (eg. GIS, IUCN tools)	Training reports	Creation of training modules, mobilisation of expertise, functioning GTI calls and logistics	7	6	17

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through capacity building							
	8	Number of scientists of which the capacities have been strengthened (through GTI, MEP etc)	Lists of participants in the trainings	Creation of training modules, mobilisation of expertise, functioning GTI calls and logistics	40 men	40	124
					10 women	10	40
	9	Scientific output with CEBioS support :	Communication by the authors announcing their outputs	Keeping lists updated, skills and capacities existing			
		1. Scientific papers			8	6	6
		2. Posters & abstracts			5	4	4
		3. Databases/models			3	3	0
		4. Ms theses			4	3	0
		5. PhD-theses			2	0	1
		6. AbcTaxa			0,8	0	0
	10	Number of scientific contributions (papers, abstracts, posters, conferences) by CEBioS staff about capacity building, MRV, stakeholder engagement, conservation, etc...	papers, abstracts, posters, conferences	Time management adequate to be able to produce scientific papers	2	2	10
SO1-Result 1.2 (CHM-IT-1): CHM and other IT tools fed and in service of national research is functional and useful to scientists , their	11	Number of postings of scientific outputs activity on CHM	CHM statistics (Bioland CMS)	Scientists post their outputs on CHM	15	12	2

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partners and decision makers								
	12	Number of scientists reached in national CHM trainings	Training reports	Mobilisation of scientists for the trainings	na men	2	0	
					na women	1	0	
SO1-Result 1.3 (MRV-1): Scientist are able to valorize research data for feeding national and local indicators and formulating trends supporting improved biodiversity related strategies	13	Number of MRV workshops facilitating exchanges between scientists, NIAs and policy makers	Workshop reports	Mobilisation of scientists, NIAs and policy makers for the workshops	na		1	
	14	Number of projects on MRV	Project call reports	Functioning call	na	2	6	
	15	Number of scientists reached in MRV workshops	Lists of participation	Mobilisation of scientists	10 men		12	
					2 women		1	
	16	Number of documents or tools (e.g Policy Briefs, manuals, official documents, etc) published that facilitate the application of scientific knowledge to ensure the decision-making and monitoring of habitats and of ecosystem health	Policy Briefs, manuals, official documents, etc, CHM	Enough staff ressources to produce these outputs/ enough input from interventions to feed these outputs	3		9	
SO1-Result 1.4 (AW-1) : Awareness about biodiversity	17	Number of awareness raising meetings with different target groups including scientists , organised by CEBioS partners	Meeting and workshop reports, CHM	Mobilisation of NGOs and scientists	10	6	0	

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governance and on dissemination methodologies are raised among scientists								
	18	Number of projects on awareness raising carried out	Project call reports, CHM	Functioning call for projects	8	5	0	
	19	Number of scientists reached by awareness raising	Lists of participation	Appropriate terms of references of the awareness raising interventions	15 men	15	0	
					5 women	5	0	
	20	Number of vulgarizing documents/media effectively published (videos; posters ; flyers ; or articles in popular media) by partners, with support of CEBioS	videos, posters, flyers or articles in popular media	Keeping list updated and proactive search for outputs	12	12	12 (2 Policy Brief, 1 Awareness Poster, 4 Videos, 45 Social Media Post, 5 Online press)	

OUTCOME – OUTPUT SO2

Intervention Logic		OUTCOME Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
SO 2 : National implementing authorities (NIA) in the south and their partners improve sustainable management and use of ecosystem services to conserve biodiversity and support the livelihood of rural populations through the development of best practices and value chains	21	Number of strategic or management plans or other official documents of regional and local authorities, agencies (NIAs through our institutional cooperation), their local civil society partners taking into account results of CEBioS interventions (eg, in policy or monitoring, BD-climate-water-health-food nexus)	strategic or management plans or other official documents	Uptake capacity of partners, proactivity, usefulness of CEBioS interventions	2 (irregular parutions)	2	3 (outside MEAL, but NBSAP RDC, PAG Rusizi & Kibira)
		OUTPUT Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
SO2-R2.1. (CB-2) Monitoring, management and conservation of ecosystems and services, including development of related value chains by the national implementing authorities (NIA) is improved through capacity building	22	Number of trainings by/of/at NIA	Training reports, CHM	Active NIAs, active CHM	3	3	5
	23	Number of projects by NIA (environmental agencies) or associated partners to promote value chains of ecosystem services for rural livelihoods or to monitor biodiversity	Project reports, CHM	Active NIAs, active CHM	3	3	8
	24	Number of trained persons of national implementing authorities (NIA)	Lists of participation	Active NIAs	10 men	12	42
					3 women	4	14

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	25	Number of databanks, tools or publications with these data to point out the dynamics trend and to feed national reporting through MEP & inst. Coop.	Reports, articles	Proactive attitude to do the habitat/ecosystem monitoring and to interpret the data in time series	1	3	1
	26	Number of Lexica and derived products as tool for management of protected areas	Lexica and derived products	Good cooperation amongst co-authors, clear timelines, enough CEBioS resources	0,8 per year		4
SO2-R2.2. (CHM-IT-2) CHM and other IT tools in service of monitoring and management are functional and are fed and used by the implementing authorities and target publics	27	Number of NIA contributors to the national CHMs in partner countries and Belgium, showing the correct functioning of the national focal point and the contributors network, including possible awards	CHM posts and pages	Proactive feeding of CHM, CHM Bioland migrated and functioning	10	12	20
	28	Number of partner country NIA staff supported by CEBioS activities, attending international policy conferences	Reports, articles	Ad hoc demand follow-up and availability of funding	na	no budget available, possibility if funds left	2
SO2-Result 2.3 (MRV-3)	29	Number of projects on MRV awareness raising involving NIA and policy makers (related to SO3) completed	Project reports, CHM	functioning calls	5/call		0
	30	Number of NIA & decision makers (related to SO3) reached in MRV workshops	List of attendance	Logistics appropriate for the workshops	3		16 M/ 3 F
SO2-R 2.4 (AW-2)	31	Number of awareness raising meetings with different target groups, organised by NIAs	Reports, CHM	Institutional cooperation designed to include awareness	2	2	0
	32	Number of projects on awareness raising carried / targeted to, by NIAs	Reports, CHM	Functioning calls	2	2	5
	33	Number of awareness products by the NIAs	Reports, outputs	available resources	4	4	2

OUTCOME – OUTPUT SO3

Intervention Logic		OUTCOME Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achiev ed
SO 3 : The authorities, decision makers and policymakers develop and implement pertinent policies, strategies and action plans for a sustainable management of the national biodiversity in service of the livelihoods of the local populations in the South	34	Number of CEBioS alumni/trainees, policy makers participating in international bodies under the CBD (COP, SBSTTA, SBI, IACs, etc...) and related MEAs	Reports	proactivity of partners and national focal points to be pilot, co-pilot of items or to organise/participate in side events	na	No budget available, but alumni might participate on other funding	15
	35	Number of CEBioS mandates in international advisory bodies and technical committees and COPs	Reports, Biopols	proactivity of CEBioS staff and national focal points to be pilot, co-pilot of items or to organise/participate in side events	2/year	2	10
	36	Number of contributors to CHM of partner countries	CHM statistics	Skills present and proactivity of contributors	6	10	23
	37	Number of official documents of authorities, decision makers and policy makers effectively using MRV results for reporting to MEAs	official documents	Uptake capacity of partners	0,5/year		0
		OUTPUT Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achiev ed
SO3-Result 3.1 (CB-3)	38	Number of trainings of policy makers (eg, on GBF, Nagoya, governance, Ramsar etc)	Reports of training, CHM	Proactivity of NIAs, availability of good training materials,	1	1	11

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				modules, power points			
	39	Number of policy makers of which the capacities have been strengthened	List of attendance	Surveys, feedbacks, updates of lists available	4	5	60M/14F
SO3-Result 3.2 (CHM-IT-3)	40	Number of CHM technical and IAC meetings participation attended by CEBioS staff, +EU	Mission reports	Nominations by CBD	na	3	8
	41	Number of regional trainings organised by CEBioS or CHM trainees	Regional training reports	N-S and S-S cooperation functional	1	1	0
	42	Number of national trainings organised by CEBioS or CHM trainees	National training reports	N-S and S-S cooperation functional	1	2	3
	43	Number of CHM projects	Project reports	Functioning call	5	5	7
	44	Number of people enabled to train contributors to the CHM in partner countries	Project reports and lists of participation	quality of training and reports	2	2	7M/4F
	45	Number of persons reached in national trainings organised by CEBioS or trainees	Project reports and lists of participation	quality of training and reports	12 men	24	35
					3 women	6	
	46	Number of visitors to CHM web sites	CHM statistics (Bioland CMS)	regular updates of the stats	no control, estimation & extrapolation	250000	842.987
SO3- R 3.3 (AW-3)	47	Number of awareness raising meetings involving policy makers	Reports of the meetings within calls and institutional cooperation	implementation of planned activities and project calls	7	5	4
	48	Number of projects on awareness raising with policy makers carried out	Reports of the projects within calls and	implementation of planned activities and project calls	8	5	2

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			institutional cooperation				
	49	Number of staff members of authorities, decision makers and policymakers reached through awareness raising activities	Attendance lists	Appropriate terms of references of the awareness raising interventions	15 men	25	0
					3 women	4	0
	50	Number of vulgarizing documents effectively published (videos ; posters ; flyers ; or articles in popular media) by policy makers	videos ; posters ; flyers ; or articles in popular media	proactivity to produce output with appropriate skills and resources	5	5	8

OUTCOME – OUTPUT SO4

Intervention Logic		OUTCOME Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
SO 4 : Enhanced synergy between the partners, civil society and the private sector to achieve sustainable development by mainstreaming biodiversity issues	51	Number of effective synergies and complementarities (collaborations, joint activities) on North-South, South-South, triangular regional and international cooperation or external projects to enhance access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing, including SECORES	Reports, CHM, documents of JSF	Proactivity of CEBioS to start new external projects (ARES, VLIR-UOS, EU, BELSPO etc), synergies and complementarities within JSF and SECORES	3	6	2
		OUTPUT Indicator	Sources of Verification	Assumptions/Risks	Baseline	year-1/ planned	Year 1/achieved
SO4-R 4.1 (CB-4)	52	Number of group trainings in synergy projects	Reports, mission reports, CHM	JSF, SECORES or external projects implemented according to agreements, MoUs, contracts, terms of references, back to back with strategic	3	3	9

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				dialogues, FOBAC etc			
	53	Number of persons of which the capacities have been strengthened in synergy projects	Details in reports, lists	Lists updated	12 men	12	131
					3 women	3	50
SO4-R 4.2 (AW-4)	54	Number of participants in awareness raising meetings IN SYNERGY PROJECTS (in South and BE)	Details in reports, lists	Lists updated	30 men	30	0
The awareness about sustainable use and management of biodiversity is raised within the partners of the Belgian development cooperation, civil society and private sector (=in synergy projects)					5 women	5	0

END of Table 22.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT OF YEAR 1

As in the previous phase, we present expenditure tables according to a format agreed with DGD. We follow the **4 SO-structure** and within that the categories of **investments, operations, missions and personnel** (Table 23).

However, the last audit recommended to also represent our expenses in a more **micro-analytical** way, showing budget posts. (Table 24).

Thanks to the new accountancy system based on ACCESS, developed towards the end of the last phase, we are now able to make such requests in a relatively easy way.

Therefore, we first present the DGD-format financial report (Table 23, also as excel in Annex 2), followed by the detailed expenses for 15 different budget posts.

Table 23: Expenditure table for Year 1, per SO (1-4): investments, operations, missions and personnel

Bilan financier année 1 (01/07/2024-30/06/2025)														
SO 1 (scientists, universities, research institutions)														
N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous-programme	Catégorie	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO1	2477LJB2	1	MEP	Investment	01-R1.2-19-investments-CB-Marine Modeling in Benin: computers	1	3.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%

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SO1	2477LJB2	2	MEP	Investment	02-R1.2-19-investments-CB-OBPE institutional cooperation for research: computers	2	6.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	3	MEP	Investment	03-R1.2-19-investments-CB-CSB/UNIKIS: institutional cooperation for research: computers	3	6.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	4	GTI	Operations	04-R1.1-1-operation-CB-GTI for grantees from South	4	234.000,00 €	48.000,00 €	97.132,42 €	82.437,07 €	14.695,35 €	202,36 %	171,74 %	41,51%
SO1	2477LJB2	5	GTI	Operations	05-R1.1-2-operation-CB-GTI for RBINS researchers doing capacity building in the South	5	150.000,00 €	60.000,00 €	66.023,80 €	59.096,07 €	6.927,73 €	110,04 %	98,49 %	44,02%
N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous-programme	Catégorie	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO1	2477LJB2	6	MEP	Operations	06-R1.1-3-operation-CB-RD Congo universities, ICCN: institutional cooperation for research	6	64.000,00 €	12.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	7	MEP	Operations	07-R1.1-4-operation-CB-Marine modeling	7	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	8	MEP	Operations	08-R1.1-4-operation-CB-Marine modeling in Benin: data collection	8	25.000,00 €	10.000,00 €	25.000,00 €	22.500,00 €	2.500,00 €	250,00 %	225,00 %	100,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	9	MEP	Operations	09-R1.1-4-operation-CB-Marine modeling in Benin: study grants S-N	9	24.000,00 €	6.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%

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SO1	2477LJB2	10	MEP	Operati ons	10-R1.1-4-operation-CB- Marine modeling in Benin: meetings	10	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	11	MEP	Operati ons	11-R1.1-5-operation-CB- Thematic trainings	11	37.500,00 €	10.500,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	12	MEP	Operati ons	12-R1.1-6-operation-CB- OBPE institutional cooperation for research	12	185.000,00 €	37.000,00 €	68.088,23 €	36.863,23 €	31.225,00 €	184,02 %	99,63 %	36,80%
SO1	2477LJB2	13	MEP	Operati ons	13-R1.1-7-operation-CB- Benin-institutional cooperation for research	13	139.500,00 €	24.000,00 €	47.481,49 €	42.300,20 €	5.181,29 €	197,84 %	176,2 5%	34,04%
SO1	2477LJB2	14	MEP	Operati ons	14-R1.1-8-operation-CB- CSB/UNIKIS institutional cooperation for research	14	205.000,00 €	41.000,00 €	72.700,15 €	33.100,15 €	39.600,00 €	177,32 %	80,73 %	35,46%

N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous- progra mme	Categor y	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisat ion engagé (année 1)	% utilisat ion payé (année 1)	% utilisati on engagé (5 ans)
SO1	2477LJB2	15	CHM- POL	Operati ons	15-R1.2-9-operation-CHM- Digitalisation	15	5.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	16	IP	Operati ons	16-R1.3-10-operation-MRV- MRV-projects	16	91.500,00 €	39.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	17	IP	Operati ons	17-R1.3-11-operation-MRV- MRV training and formation workshops	17	69.000,00 €	0,00 €	38.079,61 €	35.846,98 €	2.232,63 €	0,00%	0,00%	55,19%
SO1	2477LJB2	18	IP	Operati ons	18-R1.3-11-operation-MRV- MRV closing workshops (in combination with training workshop ao, awareness raising for CEBioS alumni)	18	10.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	19	CEPA	Operati ons	19-R1.1-4-operation-AW- Marine modeling in Benin: dissemination	19	11.500,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%

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SO1	2477LJB2	20	CEPA	Operations	20-R1.1-2-operation-AW-production of AbcTaxa	20	43.000,00 €	9.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	21	CEPA	Operations	21-R1.4-12-operation-AW-Summerschool for CEBioS alumni	21	50.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	22	GTI	Missions	22-R1.1-2-missions-CB-GTI for RBINS researchers doing capacity building in the South	22	90.000,00 €	36.000,00 €	4.111,35 €	3.375,81 €	735,54 €	11,42%	9,38%	4,57%
SO1	2477LJB2	23	MEP	Missions	23-R1.1-3-missions-CB-RD Congo universities, ICCN: institutional cooperation for research	23	16.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	3.665,21 €	2.643,02 €	1.022,19 €	91,63%	66,08 %	22,91%
SO1	2477LJB2	24	MEP	Missions	24-R1.1-4-missions-CB-Marine modeling in Benin	24	20.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous-programme	Catégorie	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO1	2477LJB2	25	MEP	Missions	25-R1.1-7-missions-CB-OBPE institutional cooperation for research	25	20.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	7.462,67 €	7.462,67 €	0,00 €	186,57 %	186,57 %	37,31%
SO1	2477LJB2	26	MEP	Missions	26-R1.1-8-missions-CB-UAC institutional cooperation for research	26	16.000,00 €	6.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	27	MEP	Missions	27-R1.1-9-missions-CB-CSB/UNIKIS institutional cooperation for research	27	40.000,00 €	8.000,00 €	16.256,57 €	8.414,42 €	7.842,15 €	203,21 %	105,18 %	40,64%
SO1	2477LJB2	28	CEPA	Missions	28-R1.4-12-missions-AW-Summerschool for CEBioS alumni	28	12.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO1	2477LJB2	29	Personnel	Personnel	29-R1-personnel	29	1.453.095,00 €	260.549,24 €	269.388,03 €	269.387,43 €	0,60 €	103,39 %	103,39 %	18,54%

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TOTAL SO1	3.030.095,00 €	625.049,24 €	715.389,53 €	603.427,05 €	111.962,48 €	114,45 %	96,54 %	23,61%
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SO 2 (Agencies, implementing institutions)

N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous-programme	Category	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO2	2478LJB2	31	MEP	Investment	31-R2.2-19b-Investments-CB-training on habitat monitoring in Burundi: computers	31	3.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous-programme	Category	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO2	2478LJB2	32	MEP	Investment	32-R2.2-19b-Investments-CB-training on habitat monitoring in Benin: computers	32	3.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	33	MEP	Operations	33-R2.1-13-Operation-CB-training on habitat monitoring in Benin	33	52.000,00 €	12.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	34	MEP	Operations	34-R2.1-14-Operation-CB-training on habitat	34	85.000,00 €	19.000,00 €	16.995,00 €	12.555,00 €	4.440,00 €	89,45%	66,08%	19,99%

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					monitoring in Burundi									
SO2	2478LJB2	35	MEP	Operations	35-R2.1-15- Operation-CB-training on habitat monitoring in RDC	35	43.000,00 €	2.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%

N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous- programme	Category	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO2	2478LJB2	36	MEP	Operations	36-R2.1-16- Operation-CB- production of lexica, technical manuals	36	17.000,00 €	8.000,00 €	4.720,18 €	4.720,18 €	0,00 €	59,00%	59,00%	27,77%
SO2	2478LJB2	37	MEP	Operations	37-R2.1-14- Operation-CB- regional workshop ecosystem monitoring in Burundi	37	20.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	38	MEP	Operations	38-R2.1-13- Operation-CB- regional workshop ecosystem monitoring in Benin	38	20.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	39	CHM-POL	Operations	39-R2.2-17- Operation- CHM-national	39	32.000,00 €	8.000,00 €	14.331,31 €	13.287,75 €	1.043,56 €	179,14%	166,10%	44,79%

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					workshop on CHM									
SO2	2478LJB2	40	CHM-POL	Operations	40-R2.2-18-Operation-CHM-Regional networking CHM	40	150.000,00 €	60.000,00 €	27,72 €	27,72 €	0,00 €	0,05%	0,05%	0,02%
SO2	2478LJB2	41	CHM-POL	Operations	41-R2.3-20-Operation-MRV-awareness projects for alumni based on the MRV projects	41	40.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	42	CEPA	Operations	42-R2.4-21-Operation-AW-production and dissimulation of other material like brochures, policy briefs, posters, etc...	42	12.500,00 €	2.500,00 €	54,40 €	54,40 €	0,00 €	2,18%	2,18%	0,44%
SO2	2478LJB2	43	CEPA	Operations	43-R2.2-22-Operation-AW-punctual workshops, summer schools	43	10.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	44	MEP	Missions	44-R2.1-13-Mission-CB-training on habitat monitoring in Benin	44	20.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%

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SO2	2478LJB2	45	MEP	Missions	45-R2.1-14-Mission-CB-training on habitat monitoring in Burundi	45	20.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	46	MEP	Missions	46-R2.1-15-Mission-CB-training on habitat monitoring in RDC	46	8.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	47	CHM-POL	Missions	47-R2.2-17-Mission-CHM-National workshop on CHM	47	16.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	2.602,54 €	2.266,52 €	336,02 €	65,06%	56,66%	16,27%
SO2	2478LJB2	48	CHM-POL	Missions	48-R2.2-18-Mission-CHM-Regional networking CHM	48	30.000,00 €	12.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO2	2478LJB2	49	IP	Missions	49-R2.3-21-Mission-MRV-Coaching by CEBioS staff in dedicated MRV-workshops and other MRV-related activities	49	24.000,00 €	0,00 €	6.349,92 €	5.930,70 €	419,22 €	0,00%	0,00%	26,46%
SO2	2478LJB2	50	CEPA	Missions	50-R2.2-22-Mission-AW-punctual workshops, summerschools	50	12.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%

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SO2	2478LJB2	51	Personnel	Personnel	51-R2-Personnel	51	1.059.535,00 €	191.049,19 €	199.892,95 €	199.892,35 €	0,60 €	104,63%	104,63%	18,87%
TOTAL SO2							1.677.035,00 €	333.549,19 €	244.974,02 €	238.734,62 €	6.239,40 €	73,44%	71,57%	14,61%

SO 3 (Ministries, focal points)

N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgétaire	Sous-programme	Category	Title	ID unique	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
SO3	2479LJB2	52	CHM-POL	Operations	52-R3.2-23-operations-CHM-CHM call	52	183.000,00 €	47.000,00 €	53.252,50 €	48.200,00 €	5.052,50 €	113,30%	102,55%	29,10%
SO3	2479LJB2	53	CEPA	Operations	53-R3.4-24-operations-AW-Awareness calls, including training on awareness, including baseline studies	53	206.000,00 €	37.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO3	2479LJB2	54	CEPA	Operations	54-R3.4-25-operations-AW-Dissimination activities of south partners ad hoc events, in Belgium or abroad	54	20.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	2.663,25 €	2.663,25 €	0,00 €	66,58%	66,58%	13,32%
SO3	2479LJB2	55	CHM-POL	Missions	55-R3.2-26-missions-CHM-missions CEBioS for policy (COP, SBSTTA, SBI)	55	54.000,00 €	16.000,00 €	19.119,59 €	18.193,88 €	925,71 €	119,50%	113,71%	35,41%
SO3	2479LJB2	56	CHM-POL	Missions	56-R3.2-27-missions-CHM-participation in IAC-IAG etc... on demand (5 x 1p)	56	16.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO3	2479LJB2	57	Personnel	Personnel	57-R3-Personnel	57	598.976,00 €	106.561,91 €	109.884,24 €	109.883,64 €	0,60 €	103,12%	103,12%	18,35%
TOTAL SO3							1.077.976,00 €	214.561,91 €	184.919,58 €	178.940,77 €	5.978,81 €	86,18%	83,40%	17,15%

SO 4 (Actors of development cooperation, synergies & complementarities, JSF)

SO4	2480LJB2	58	SYN	Operations	58-R4.1-28-operation-CB-Synergy fund to promote specific synergy projects with civil society and private sector in agriculture and conservation (+ 15000 SECORES)	58	125.000,00 €	35.000,00 €	10.385,95 €	10.385,95 €	0,00 €	29,67%	29,67%	8,31%
SO4	2480LJB2	59	CEPA	Operations	59-R4.4-29-operation-AW-increases awareness in North (CEBioS) and South for the partners of the Belgian development cooperation, civil society, often back to back with attending SD-activities	59	10.000,00 €	0,00 €	1.200,00 €	1.050,00 €	150,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	12,00%
SO4	2480LJB2	60	SYN	Missions	60-R4.1-28-missions-CB-budget to attend SD in South	60	24.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
SO4	2480LJB2	61	SYN	Missions	61-R4.1-29-missions-CB-Synergy fund to promote specific synergy projects with civil society and private sector in agriculture and conservation	61	20.000,00 €	4.000,00 €	5.140,30 €	5.113,12 €	27,18 €	128,51%	127,83%	25,70%
SO4	2480LJB2	62	Personnel	Personnel	62-R4-personnel	62	665.588,00 €	109.691,19 €	96.566,62 €	96.565,42 €	1,20 €	88,03%	88,03%	14,51%
TOTAL SO4							844.588,00 €	152.691,19 €	113.292,87 €	113.114,49 €	178,38 €	74,20%	74,08%	13,41%

Other costs

N°SO	Centre Frais	N° Poste budgét		Category	Title	ID	Budget 5 ans	Budget année 1	Montant engagé	Montant payé	Engagement ouvert	% utilisation engagé (année 1)	% utilisation payé (année 1)	% utilisation engagé (5 ans)
Management costs	2481LJB1	63		Operations	63-MC 30-operation--End of term evaluation, also in the South	63	80.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
Management costs	2481LJB1	64		Missions	64-MC 31-mission--follow-up missions	64	44.000,00 €	8.000,00 €	21.321,31 €	15.005,72 €	6.315,59 €	266,52%	187,57%	48,46%
Management costs	2481LJB1	65		Personnel	65-MC-personnel	65	722.941,00 €	161.475,13 €	164.471,45 €	164.468,45 €	3,00 €	101,86%	101,85%	22,75%
TOTAL MANAGEMENT COSTS (MC)							846.941,00 €	169.475,13 €	185.792,76 €	179.474,17 €	6.318,59 €	109,63%	105,90%	21,94%
Structural costs	1GODN	66			66-SC 37-structural costs--identification, Formulation, Monitoring and evaluation	66	523.364,00 €	104.672,87 €	104.672,87 €	104.672,87 €	0,00 €	100,00%	100,00%	20,00%
TOTAL STRUCTURAL COSTS (SC)							523.364,00 €	104.672,87 €	104.672,87 €	104.672,87 €	0,00 €	100,00%	100,00%	20,00%
TOTAL GENERAL ANNEE 1							7.999.999,00 €	1.599.999,53 €	1.549.041,63 €	1.418.363,97 €	130.677,66 €	96,82%	88,65%	19,36%

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Table 24: Expenditure table for Year 1 for 15 specific budget posts (in French)

Bilan financier par nature de dépenses - Année 1 (01/07/2024-30/06/2025)			
Types de frais	Engagé	Réalisé	% dépenses réalisé budget année 1
1. Frais de personnel (CEBioS)			
Salaires, primes, allocations, indemnités, chèques-repas, abonnements sociaux...	840.203,29 €	840.197,29 €	59,24%
Formation	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
Total Frais de personnel	840.203,29 €	840.197,29 €	59,24%
2. Prestations de services	31.496,48 €	24.393,70 €	1,72%
3. Subventions partenaires étrangers	318.363,53 €	227.910,27 €	16,07%
4. Frais stagiaires (per diem, hôtel, assurances, transports, visas...)	113.806,66 €	96.456,52 €	6,80%
5. Missions à l'étranger personnel CEBioS et IRSNB (transports, per diem, assurances...)	57.564,59 €	47.043,77 €	3,32%
6. Organisation de séminaires	49.915,71 €	46.639,52 €	3,29%
7. Invitation de chercheurs étrangers	27,72 €	27,72 €	0,00%
8. Facturation interne (formation stagiaires, labo, nuitées, envois docs...)	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
9. Frais d'impressions (publications scientifiques, posters, folders...)	7.562,13 €	7.437,83 €	0,52%

10. Frais de représentation	29,95 €	29,95 €	0,00%
11. Achat matériel			
Matériel ICT	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
Dépenses d'exploitation diverses	6.439,23 €	5.949,48 €	0,42%
Equipements et produits scientifiques	2.304,74 €	950,32 €	0,07%
Total achat matériel	8.743,97 €	6.899,80 €	0,49%
12. Frais généraux (poste, papeterie, toner, frais bancaires, indemnités km, parking, divers) et overheads	106.165,01 €	106.165,01 €	7,49%
13. Frais d'inscription séminaires/congrès	15.172,70 €	15.172,70 €	1,07%
14. Frais d'exploration et de séjour en Belgique (frais déplacements mission en Belgique)	124,49 €	124,49 €	0,01%
15. Recettes diverses (remboursements)	-134,60 €	-134,60 €	-0,01%
TOTAL DEPENSES	1.549.041,63 €	1.418.363,97 €	100,00%

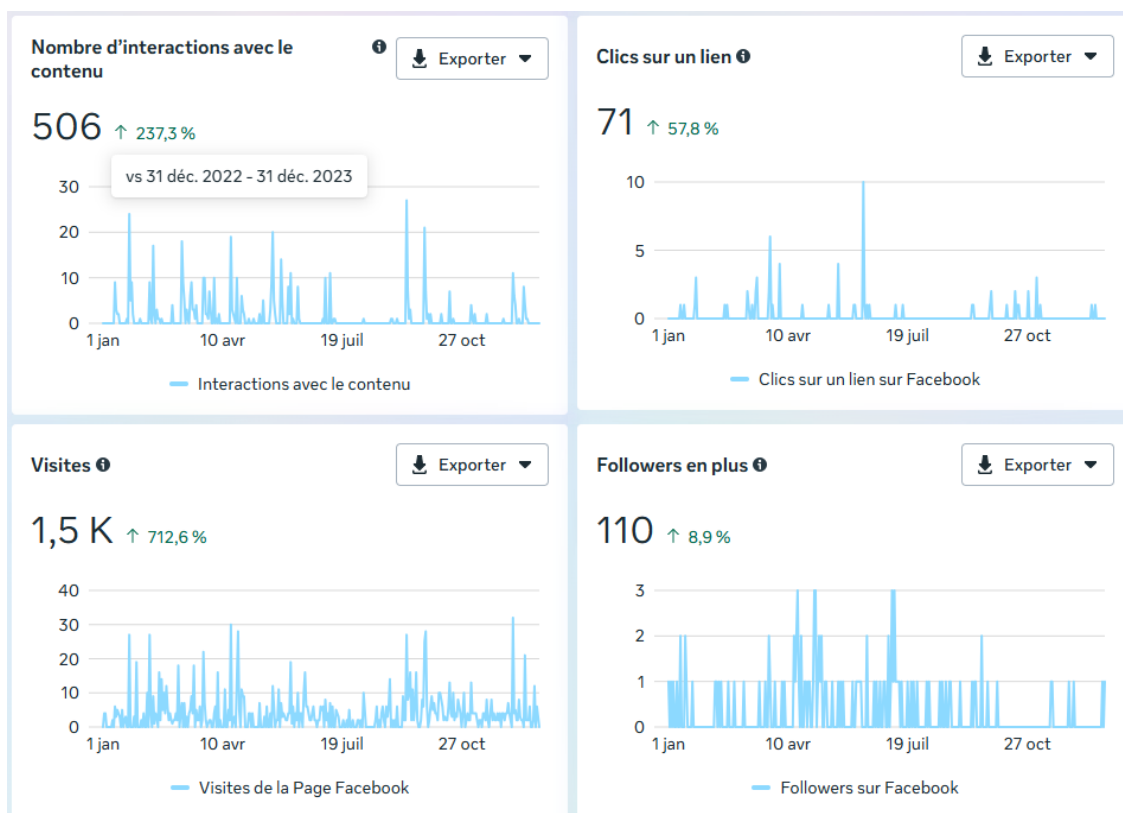
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Additional note

Due to the multi-year framework, as advised by the Alesopi evaluation, CEBioS works now with the objective to reach all objectives after 5 years. This means that annual % of expenditure are now related to the five years as well. A detailed explanation of % deviations per year is now less useful. That will be accomplished in the final 5-year report. Nevertheless, we follow the principle to spend at least 80%, near to 100% of the planned annual budget per year. We also respect the budget allocations per SO.

Annex 1: Online Communication: social media, website statistics & newsletters in Year 1

- Facebook



Between 2023 and 2024, CEBioS Facebook page experienced significant growth across all key engagement indicators, suggesting improved visibility, content performance, and audience interaction.

The number of interactions with content reached **506**, an **increase of 237.3%** compared to 2023. This suggests that the posts published in 2024 resonated much more with followers. Such engagement helps boost organic visibility, meaning that posts are being seen and shared by a broader audience.

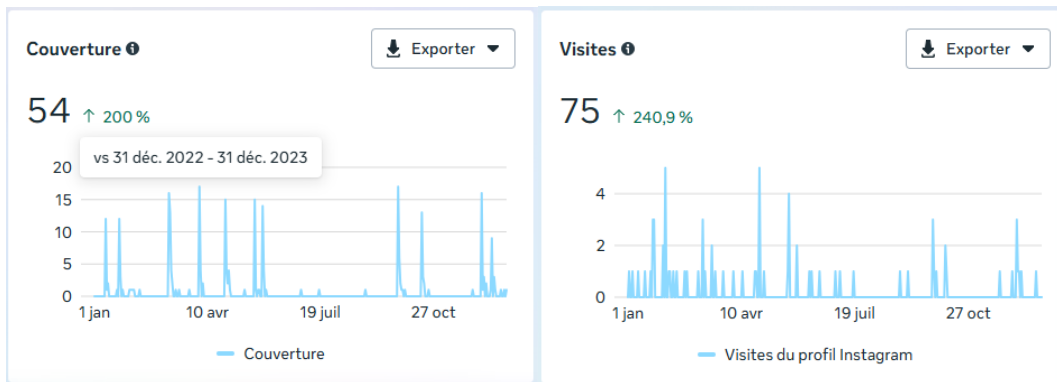
Link clicks also rose to 71, an increase of 57.8%, indicating that more people were motivated to explore additional content beyond Facebook — such as project pages, GTI grants information, or research news. This shows a growing curiosity about CEBioS activities and a deeper interest in the content being shared.

The most striking growth came from page visits, which reached 1.5K, a 712.6% increase. This surge likely reflects a combination of improved communication efforts and cross-promotion with partner institutions. It also points to a wider recognition of CEBioS' work, particularly among new audiences discovering the page through shared posts or collaborative initiatives.

Finally, the number of new followers grew to 110, an 8.9% increase from the previous year. While more modest than the other indicators, this upward trend confirms that CEBioS continues to attract new, interested audiences and to strengthen its online community.

Altogether, these results show that 2024 has been a year of strong digital growth for CEBioS, with content that increasingly connects and informs a global audience.

- **Instagram**



The Instagram page also shows encouraging progress between 2023 and 2024. The reach increased by 200%, meaning that posts are now being seen by a larger audience and are gaining more visibility overall. Similarly, profile visits rose by 240.9%, suggesting that more users are taking the extra step to learn about CEBioS and explore its content directly.

Although these numbers remain relatively modest compared to Facebook, they clearly indicate a positive trend and growing interest in CEBioS' presence on Instagram. With continued consistency, creative visuals, and more interactive content, this upward movement could strengthen even further in 2025.

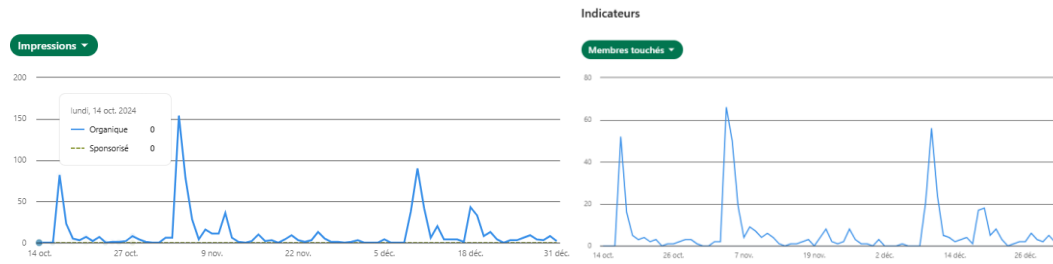
- **Facebook – Instagram posts in 2024:**

In 2024, a total of 29 posts were published on Facebook and 12 on Instagram.

- **LinkedIn**

CEBioS' LinkedIn activity showed clear engagement peaks, with noticeable spikes in both impressions and reached members throughout the year. These peaks likely reflect key communication moments — such as project updates, highlights, or calls — that resonated strongly with CEBioS professional audience.

All results come from organic performance only, as no sponsored content was ever used. The similar trends in impressions and reached members indicate that posts not only appeared frequently in users' feeds but also effectively reached and engaged a growing network.



There have been 4 LinkedIn posts from October 2024 (start of the account) until 31st of December 2024.

- **Websites** (<https://cebios.naturalsciences.be/>, <https://taxonomy.naturalsciences.be/>, <https://abctaxa.naturalsciences.be/>)

The CEBioS website recorded strong activity between April 2024 and April 2025, with a clear and consistent rise in visits starting in September 2024 and major peaks between September and December 2025. During these months, traffic reached nearly 400 unique visitors per day, compared to an average of 88, reflecting significant engagement around our calls, particularly the GTI short-term scholarships.

Overall, the site attracted 21,000 page views, generated more than 65,000 interactions, and counted 6,700 active users, confirming growing visibility and interest in CEBioS activities and opportunities.



The top 10 most visited pages (see below) clearly reflect visitors' main interests and confirm the strong appeal of CEBioS' calls, which consistently attract high levels of attention. Alongside these, the AbcTaxa website also stands out as a key reference point, showing the continued relevance of scientific publications and resources shared through this platform. Finally, the CEBioS homepage remains one of the most frequently accessed pages, serving as a central hub where visitors can easily find information and internal links to the programme's various thematics.

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Titre de la page...sse de l'écran ▾ +		↓ Vues *****	Utilisateurs ***** actifs *****
Total		20 930 100 % du total	6 694 100 % du total
1	Bourses courte durée - Taxonomy	2 171 (10,37 %)	839 (12,53 %)
2	Short-term Scholarships - Taxonomy	1 923 (9,19 %)	941 (14,06 %)
3	Home - CEBioS	1 895 (9,05 %)	1 137 (16,99 %)
4	Appel à projets pour l'établissement et le suivi d'indicateurs de biodiversité - CEBioS	1 425 (6,81 %)	546 (8,16 %)
5	Home - AbcTaxa	1 364 (6,52 %)	1 037 (15,49 %)
6	Home FR - CEBIOS	652 (3,12 %)	339 (5,06 %)
7	Call for project proposals: Monitoring biodiversity and Ecosystem services in Protected areas (MEP): Research supporting Protected Area management – MEP01 - CEBioS	624 (2,98 %)	356 (5,32 %)
8	Scholarship Directory - Taxonomy	528 (2,52 %)	96 (1,43 %)
9	Home - Taxonomy	465 (2,22 %)	339 (5,06 %)
10	About us - CEBioS	442 (2,11 %)	264 (3,94 %)

- **Newsletters**

CEBioS has sent 6 newsletters during this first year.

1. [CEBioS Newsletter – March 2024](#)
2. [CEBioS Newsletter – July 2024](#)
3. [CEBioS Newsletter – October 2024](#)
4. [CEBioS Newsletter – December 2024](#)
5. [CEBioS Newsletter – March 2025](#)
6. [CEBioS Newsletter – April 2025](#)

Annex 2: annual financial report of Year 1

See Excel file in annex 2 for financial report according to DGD-format, **final status 1 July 2025**

ACRONYMS

ABS	Access and Benefit Sharing
ABSCH IAC	Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House Informal Advisory Committee
ACARE	African Center for aquatic research and education
AI	Agenda Item
ACC	Accord-Cadre de Coopération
ACNG	Acteurs de coopération non gouvernementale
ACO	Accountant
APN	African Parks
APNCB	Archives des Parcs Nationaux Congo Belge
ARES	Académie de recherche et d'enseignement supérieur
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AVEDEC	Association villageoise d'entraide et de développement communautaire
AVIGREF	Union des Associations Villageoises de Gestion des Réserves de Faune
ASREEBU	Association pour la Restauration et l'Enrichissement de l'Environnement au Burundi
AW	Awareness
BELSPO	Belgian Federal Science Policy
BE	Belgium
BES	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
BioSE-RDC	National Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Platform in D.R.Congo
BRAIN	Belgian Research Action through Interdisciplinary Networks
BRM	Biosphere Reserve Mono
CANATHIST	Project 'The Natural History collections collected in central Africa by Belgian institutions'
CB	Capacity building
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD NFP	National Focal Point to the Convention on Biological Diversity
CBFP	Congo Basin Forest Partnership
CDPRN	Center for the Promotion of Local Development and the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Benin
CEBioS	Capacities for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development
CEIBA	ONG au Bénin
CENAGREF	Centre National de Gestion des Réserves de Faune (Benin)
CEPA	Communication, Education and Public Awareness
CERUKI	Le Centre de recherches universitaires du Kivu
CHM	Clearing House Mechanism
CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora
CLIMARCO	Development of a physical-ecological model system for the study of climate change and management of marine resources in Vietnamese coastal waters
CLIMDIS	Management of the water quality in Vietnamese coastal waters impacted by CLIMate change and human induced DISasters using a marine modelling tool

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CMS	Content Manager System
CNEDD	Conseil National de l'Environnement pour un Développement Durable, Niger
CoEB	Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management is part of the University of Rwanda
COHERENS	Coupled Hydrodynamic Ecological Model for Regional Shelf Seas
COLA	Commission of Lands
COO	Coordinator
CO-OP4CBD	Cooperation for the Convention on Biological Diversity
COP	Conference of the Parties
COPBH	Belgian Community of Practice on Biodiversity & Health
CRH	Centre de Recherche en Hydrobiologie, D.R. Congo
CSB	Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité, D.R. Congo
C-URGE	An Anthropology of Global Climate Urgency
DDD	Direction de Développement Durable, D.R. Congo
DGD	Belgian Development Cooperation
DGEFC	Direction Générale des Eaux, Forêts et Chasse
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EBR	Empowering Biodiversity Research
ECOMOD	Group in OD Nature (RBINS) on modelling
EQA	Environment Quality Authority
ES	Ecosystem services
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FED-tWIN	Federal programme on research in FSI and universities
FORTTRAN	Formula Translating System
FTE	Full time equivalent
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GEOBON	Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network
GIS	Geographic Information System
GRAC	Graphic Designer
GTI	Global Taxonomy Initiative
IAC	Independent Advisory Committee
IAG-TSC	Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation
IBAP	Instituto da Biodiversidade e das Areas Protegidas, Guinea Bissau
ICCB	International Congress for Conservation Biology
ICCN	Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature, D.R. Congo
IP	Indicator for Policy
IT	Information Technology
IEBR	Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources, Vietnam
IFS	International Foundation for Science, Sweden
IOB	Instituut voor Ontwikkelingsbeleid
IPBES	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

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IRD	Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, France
IRHOB	Institut de Recherches Halieutiques et Océanologiques du Bénin
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
JSF	Joint Strategic Framework
KM4CBD	Knowledge Management for Biodiversity
KULeuven	Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
LEM	Method for habitat monitoring
KAOW	Koninklijke Academie Overzeese Wetenschappen
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MAB UNESCO	Man and Biosphere programme
MEA	Multilateral Environment Agreement
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning system
MEDD	Ministère de l'Environnement de Développement Durable, R.D. Congo
MEP	Monitoring of Ecosystem, their services in Protected Areas
MESTI	Ministère de l'Environnement et des Sciences, Ghana
MBG	Botanic Garden Meise, Belgium
MRV	Measuring, Reporting and Verification
NAFIRRI	National Fisheries Resource Research Institute
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority Uganda
NFP	National Focal Point
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NP	National Park
NP	Nagoya Protocol
NR	National Report
NM-AIST	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Tanzania
OBPE	Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement (avant : INECN), Burundi
OD	Operational Directorate
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECM	Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measure
PACECOR	Projet d'Appui à la Conservation des Ecosystèmes du bassin hydrographique de la Ruzizi
PhD	Doctor Philosophiae
PIC	Prior Informed Consent
PNKB	Parc National de Kahuzi-Biega, D.R. Congo
PN	Parc National
PNP	Pendjari National Park
PNVi	Parc National de Virunga
PTK	Portal Toolkit
PCR	quantitative polymerase chain reaction (=qPCR)
RAOS	Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences
RBINS	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium
RCA	République centrafricaine

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REMSEM	The Remote Sensing and Ecosystem Modelling
RMCA	Royal Museum for Central Africa (now AfricaMuseum)
RT-PCR	Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
RUBICOM	Community-based biodiversity conservation in the Rusizi plain, Burundi
SANA	Saving Africa's Nature, Tanzania
SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa
SBI	Subsidiary Body on Implementation
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SE	South-East
SEC	Secretary
SECORES	Network for resilient ecosystems (joint thematic framework)
SIG	Système d'information géographique
SO	Specific Objective
SOF	Scientific Officer
SP/CONEDD	Burkinabe Permanent Secretariat of the National Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development
SSC	South-South Cooperation
TSC	Technical and Scientific Centre of the CBD
UAC	Université d'Abomey- Calavi, Benin
UA	Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium
UB	Université du Burundi, Burundi
UCL	Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
UHasselt	University of Hasselt, Belgium
ULB	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
ULg-Gblx	Université de Liège - Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, Belgium
UNDP	United Nation Development Programme
UNEP	UN Environment Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNIBU	Université de Bukavu
UNIGOM	Université de Goma, D.R. Congo
UNIKIN	Université de Kinshasa, D.R. Congo
UNIKIS	Université de Kisangani, D.R. Congo
UNILU	Université de Lubumbashi, D.R. Congo
UOB	Université Officielle de Bukavu, D.R. Congo
VLIR-IUC	VLIR Inter-university Cooperation
VLIR-SI	VLIR South Initiative
VLIR-UOS	Flemish Interuniversity Council, Development Cooperation, Belgium
VLIZ	Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee
VUB	Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
VVOB	Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking en technische Bijstand, Belgium
WCMC	UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre

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WEOG	Western European and Others Group
WNP	W National Park Niger, Bénin
WPIEI	Working Party on International Environment Issues
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
ZACORES	ZAnzibar COral REStoration

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