



SMILO
SUSTAINABLE ISLANDS

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A year riddled with danger? Or a year brimming with opportunities?

When commenting on day-to-day life for SMILO in 2020, it would be misleading to use the same tone as in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Although we can, indeed, say that the association continued to grow, welcomed new islands, found new backers, expanded its panel of experts and engaged in more international projects, the network's growth - in terms of quality and quantity - occurred amidst an atmosphere and constraints that nobody could possibly have imagined.

For SMILO, as for millions of individuals around the globe, 2020 was unlike any other year. SMILO's share of hurdles included frozen projects and uncertainty about events we had planned: projects in several countries were put on hold, the Assessment Committee could not visit islands applying for the label, Island Committees were not able to meet, and everybody was working from home.

Yet faced with the pandemic, SMILO decided to make the best of a bad situation. We might even go so far as to say that some long-term gains may have evolved out of the need to take emergency action, reschedule initiatives and rethink how we cooperate internationally. With lock-downs, the fabric of meetings in the flesh was stretched - but not torn. Who knows whether here or there we didn't even manage to save a few days or even months thanks to video-conferences, shared platforms, and virtual meetings organised in a flash?

For the members and partners of our association, the crisis brought to the fore a quality that was at the very heart of the original project and could be described as SMILO's "plasticity": its ability to adapt to different contexts - even the totally unexpected.

As soon as the first lock-down started, SMILO launched a wide-scale survey. What did we learn? Firstly, and overwhelmingly, that island ecosystems were experiencing a new peacefulness due to reduced anthropic pressure. This is something to be more aware of for future environment management plans.

Secondly, that the feeling of being protected by being an isolated island goes hand in hand with the fear of the sudden appearance of a cluster. Consequently, the healthcare capacities of small islands must be reinforced.

Thirdly, that solidarity comes into play possibly even more than elsewhere (homecare services, stronger role of local civil society). Fourthly, and as a conclusion to the three previous points: irrespective of administrative regimes, all small islands would be well advised to increase their resilience through more direct forms of management (the cases of Marie-Galante and Corvo come to mind).

The WIN (World Island Networks) conference constituted a bright spot on the horizon. It was due to be held during the IUCN days and the World Conservation Congress in Marseille, but both were cancelled. So WIN was rescheduled by SMILO - in partnership with the Global Islands Partnership - as a 2-part webinar (Part 1: Europe, Africa, Caribbean, America, and Part 2: Asia, Pacific). The webinars mapped out the networks that are devoted to islands, identifying their modes of operation, and heard from the network heads, site operators, researchers, NGO chiefs and government representatives responsible for archipelagos. Everything pointed towards a more horizontal approach in the future, one that better integrates the many initiatives to the benefit of islands launched by different structures. The discussions provided opportunities to compare practices, rights that have been won, and, of course, shortcomings in funding and governance, both territorial and transnational. It was clear that the fate of our islands also resides in the “local-global” dimension; this is one of the founding principles of SMILO and one that will be reinforced in 2021 when we fine-tune the governance of the association.

Let us remain unswervingly optimistic about our islands and choose to see 2021 as a year brimming with opportunities.



Maxime PRODROMIDÈS
President of SMILO

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and lines, representing the name Maxime PRODROMIDÈS.



CULATRA
PORTUGAL

MISSION STATEMENT

The Small Islands Organisation (SMILO) assists small islands of less than 150 km² that wish to work towards managing their territory more sustainably.

SMILO aims to curb impacts linked to human activities and development, whilst fostering innovations on islands that benefit the local population and their environment.

SMILO focuses on sustainable solutions in the fields of water & sanitation, waste, energy, biodiversity, landscape and heritage.

The Sustainable Island label developed by SMILO offers tangible proof of an island's commitment; it is synonymous with international recognition of efforts made by small islands. As well as showcasing the "experimental" regions that play a role in the ecological transition, the label aims to highlight the challenges inherent in conserving small islands. To support islands as they work toward the label, SMILO has established the Islands Fund, which helps finance concrete, innovative operations on islands that contribute to protecting terrestrial and marine biodiversity.

During the development phase (2017-2021), 18 small islands joined SMILO with the intention of earning the Sustainable Island label. They are located in Europe, around the Mediterranean, in Africa, the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia.

Today, over thirty islands are members of the SMILO network, driven by a mind-set of cooperation and solidarity between islands. The members share their knowledge and best practices at regular meetings. They also attend training courses and workshops hosted by experts – who mostly donate their time free of charge. The islands can call upon these experts for advice and technical back-up out in the field.

SMILO is a French NGO. Its governance bodies are a General Assembly and a Board of Directors. The NGO is supported by, and based in the offices of, the European and International Delegation of France's Conservatoire du Littoral. It is supported by the FFEM (French Facility for Global Environment), the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the European "Interreg Italy-France Maritime 2014-2020" programme, the French Ministry for the Ecological Transition, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, France's Région Sud, the BeMed initiative, Erasmus+, the Anna Lindh Foundation and the French Embassy in Croatia.

SMILO ISLANDS

LESS THAN 150 KM²

IN ANY SEA. NO BRIDGES.
DETACHED FROM THE
MAINLAND AT LOW TIDE

INHABITED OR NOT
PROTECTED OR NOT

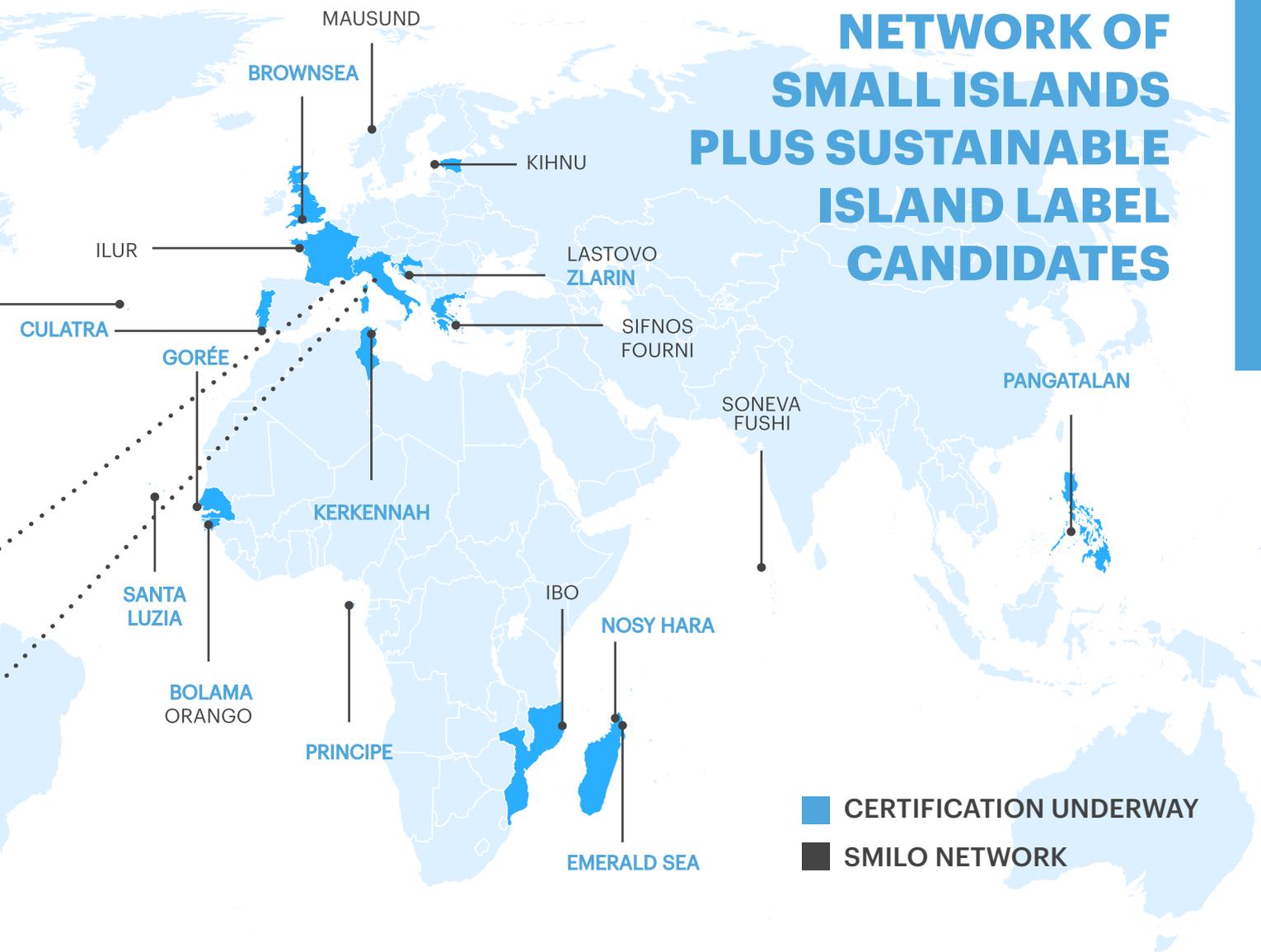


FIELDS OF ACTION

WATER, ENERGY, WASTE,
TERRESTRIAL AND MARINE
ECOSYSTEMS, LANDSCAPES
AND HERITAGE, GOVERNANCE,
INNOVATIVE FUNDING,
STRATEGIC PLANNING



NETWORK OF SMALL ISLANDS PLUS SUSTAINABLE ISLAND LABEL CANDIDATES



TO STRUCTURE AND REINFORCE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ; TO SUPPORT INTEGRATED LOCAL PROJECTS AND A VISION SHARED BY LOCAL PLAYERS.

TO ENHANCE THE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF RESOURCES BY DEVELOPING CONCRETE, INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN THE FIELD.

TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL TECHNICAL CAPACITIES IN TERMS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT.

TO HELP ISLANDS TO POOL BEST PRACTICES AND KNOWLEDGE THROUGH SMILO'S INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF SMALL ISLANDS.

STRATEGY



KERKENNAH
TUNISIA

GOVERNANCE

REPRESENTATIVE BODY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMPOSED OF 5 COLLEGES

FOUNDERS
ISLAND COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
ISLAND LIFE PARTICIPANTS
EXPERTS
NETWORKS AND INSTITUTIONS



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Annie JOUGA
Vice-president



Roger ESTÈVE
Treasurer



Antonio DE ABREU
Secretary

MANAGEMENT BODY

BUREAU

Composed of
representatives
of the 5 colleges

DECISION-MAKING BODY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOUNDERS



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Island of Gorée

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PIM Initiative
Small Mediterranean
Islands



GLISPA
Global Island
Partnership

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Executive secretary



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Project manager



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Project manager



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Project manager



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Project Assistant



Cyrielle LÂM MUZERELLE
EU Volunteer

SECRETARIAT

OPERATIONAL BODY

MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK

NEW MEMBERS IN 2021



Domaine de l'Île
PORQUEROLLES



Associação de Moradores da Ilha da Culatra / Association de Wens Wendaye Ehidj Élèves & Étudiants / Association Kratten du Développement Durable de la Culture et du Loisir / Association Monde Au Développement Adapté / Association Mer Terre / Association People and the Sea / Association UT'iles / Centre d'activités régionales pour la Consommation et la Production Durables (SCP/RAC) / Communauté de Communes de Marie-Galante / Domaine de l'île / Environmental Childhood Organization Moçambique / Fédération nationale des groupements d'intérêts économiques de pêche du Sénégal / Fotoessa IKE / Green Cross France et Territoires / International National Trust Organisation / Madagascar National Parks / Municipalité de Kerkennah / Organização para a Defesa e Desenvolvimento das Zonas Húmidas / Parc Naturel de l'archipel de Lastovo / Parc Naturel et Réserve de Biosphère de l'île de Corvo

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Regional Activity Centre for Priority Actions Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan within the United Nations Environment Programme

Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production /Mediterranean Action Plan within the United Nations Environment Programme

Islands Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

Consortium of partners in the Hydrousa project

Global Island Partnership

International National Trust Organisation

Mediterranean Water Institute

CAPE VERDE

Amigos do Calhau
Biosfera Association
Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment

CROATIA

Lastovo Nature Park
City of Šibenik
Zlarin Local Committee
Zlarin Tourism Board

ESTONIA

Kihnumare OÜ

FRANCE

Lérins Abbey
Amis de Port-Cros
Les Amis du Petit Langoustier
Amis des îles d'Hyères
Les Amoureux de Porquerolles
Mer Terre
Petites Îles de Méditerranée
Association pour la Pêche et les Activités Maritimes UT'îles
Communauté de Commune de Marie-Galante
Domaine de l'île
Green Cross France et Territoires Métropole
Toulon-Provence-Méditerranée
Corsican Environment Agency
Port-Cros Nature Park
Syndicat d'Administration d'Héliopolis Villa
Carmignac
Town of Hyères les Palmiers
City of Cannes
City of Marseille

GREECE

Fotoessa

GUINEA-BISSAU

Pró-Bolama Association
Bolama Regional Government
Organização para a Defesa e Desenvolvimento das Zonas Húmidas
Orango National Park

ITALY

Tavolara Punta Coda Cavallo MPA

MADAGASCAR

Madagascar National Parks Monde Au Développement Adapté
Nosy Hara National Marine Park
Diana Region

MALDIVES

Soneva

MOZAMBIQUE

OIKOS Association
Environment Childhood Organization Mozambique
Government of the District of Ibo

PHILIPPINES

Sulubaa'i Foundation

PORTUGAL

Associação de Moradores da Ilha da Culatra
Corvo Regional Nature Park

UNITED KINGDOM

Brownsea island National Trust

SAO TOMÉ AND PRINCIPE

Regional Government of Príncipe
UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

SENEGAL

Wens Wendaye Ehidj Association
Nébédjay Association
Commune of Gorée Island
National Fisheries Federation of Senegal
Gorée Tourism Board

TUNISIA

National Waste Management Agency
Association Kratten du Développement Durable de la Culture et du Loisir
Commune of Kerkennah

MAJOR PROJECTS AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS



FONDS FRANÇAIS POUR
L'ENVIRONNEMENT MONDIAL

PROJECT SMALL SUSTAINABLE ISLANDS

FRENCH FACILITY FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

This project supports the deployment of SMILO projects, focusing on the resources required by small islands to move forward in the certification process. It will run until December 2022. Support is used to reinforce technical and financial capacities in the areas of water, energy, waste, biodiversity, landscapes and governance. The project also reinforces the Islands Fund, which funds concrete priority operations pinpointed during diagnoses on small partner islands.

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FONDATION
PRINCE ALBERT II
DE MONACO

PROJECT SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO FOUNDATION

5 Mediterranean islands are involved in this 3-year project (2018-2021): Lavezzi (Corsica, France), Levant (France), Tavolara (Italy), Kerkennah (Tunisia) and Zlarin (Croatia). It is structured in two phases: the first is devoted to territorial diagnoses; the second sees the implementation of concrete actions to improve waste management. This project supports long-term solutions that actively involve local players. It ranges from managing waste generated by pleasure-boaters, to recycling green waste and fishing waste, via a zero plastic waste initiative.

WWW.FPA2.ORG

KERKENNAH, TUNISIA

PROJECT INTERREG MARITIME FRANCE ITALY 2014-2020 ISOS ISOLE SOSTENIBILI

EUROPEAN UNION

The goal of the ISOS project (Isole Sostenibili: network of islands for sustainable development and heritage conservation 2017-2020) is to federate a network of small French and Italian islands that are committed to conserving their natural and cultural heritage. Thanks to this initiative, neighbouring islands share their experience and expertise and set up innovative solutions for managing natural resources and protecting and promoting their heritage.

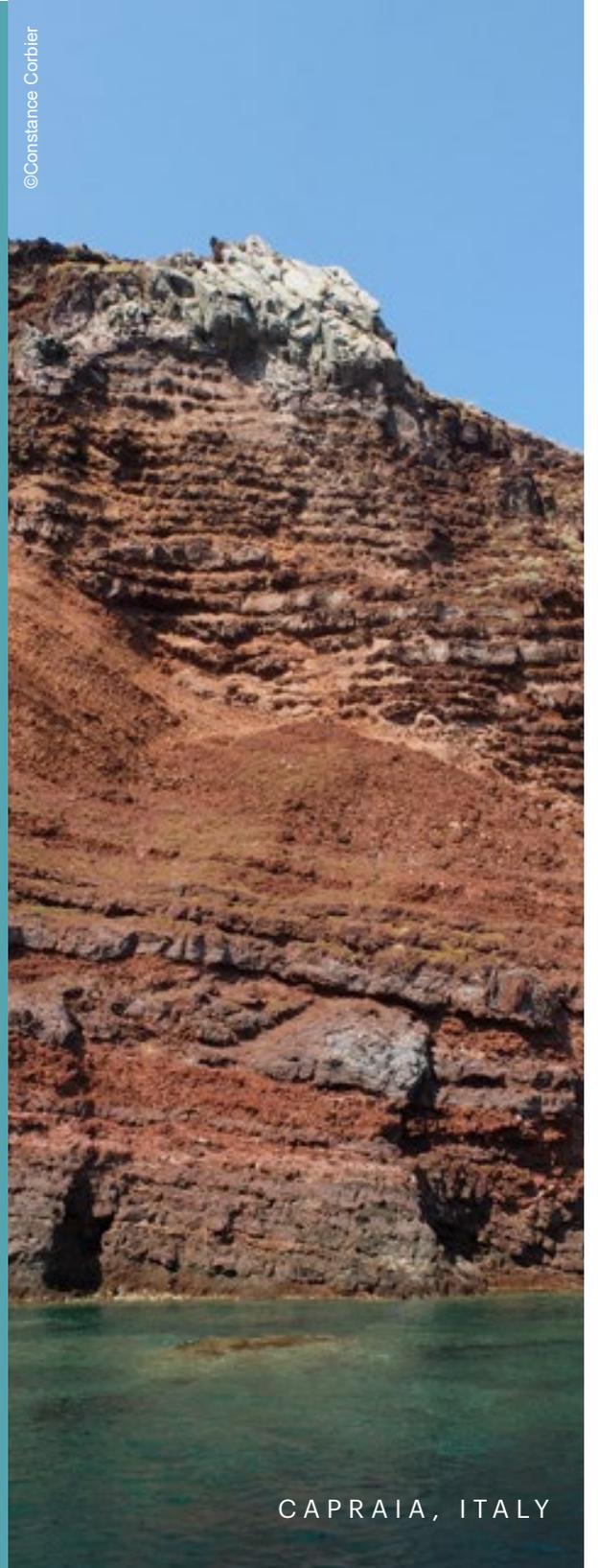
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ISOS PROJECT WHITE PAPERS

They aim to draw up an inventory of the specific needs of small islands that want to give more weight to environmental and heritage issues in their management decisions, and put forward specific recommendations to decision-makers, financial backers, businesses, researchers and local players that will lead to changes in practices and foster the sustainability of their territories.

The white papers reflect discussions and work carried out since 2015 within the framework of SMILO initiatives and the ISOS project. They are available on our website in French, Italian and English.

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CAPRAIA, ITALY



**READ THE ISOS
WHITE PAPERS
> HERE**

FRENCH MINISTRY FOR THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

France's Ministry for the Ecological Transition has been supporting SMILO since 2017. A subsidy granted in 2020 was used to help the islands of Porquerolles and Levant to collect and recycle plastic waste from fishing, in a zero-plastic approach, in partnership with the local association for fishing and maritime activities. It also helped launch the SMILO certification process on the island of Frioul.

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**MINISTÈRE
DE LA TRANSITION
ÉCOLOGIQUE**

*Liberté
Égalité
Fraternité*

PROJECT ZERO PLASTIC ON THE HYERES ISLANDS ARCHIPELAGO WITH REPLICATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

BEYOND PLASTIC MED (BEMED) INITIATIVE

The goal of this project (2020-2022) is to replace single-use plastics on the Hyères islands (France). Experiments are being carried out with items made from a local cane plant (*Arundo donax*) instead. A limited series of items will be produced for the brand Esprit Parc in partnership with Port-Cros National Park. The project will also help the island of Kerkennah (Tunisia) to replace single-use plastics with alternatives made from one of their local plants – date palm trees. Finally, the island of Tavolara (Sardinia, Italy) will see a feasibility study and prototype in cork.

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PROJECT ZERO PLASTIC ON ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

RÉGION SUD

This project (2020-2022) aims to help traders on the islands of Porquerolles and Levant (France) to replace single-use plastic containers with more sustainable alternatives. Levant and Porquerolles will be experimental laboratories for the design of local, sustainable tableware made from locally-grown cane. Traders on the islands will put the food and drink containers to the test in the summer of 2021.

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**PROJECT
CAPITALISING ON BEMED
INITIATIVES TO REDUCE PLASTIC
ON MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS
(CAPIMED – ISLANDS)**

**BEYOND PLASTIC MED
(BEMED) INITIATIVE**

This project supports the beneficiaries of individual BeMed projects such as the project in which SMILO is involved. Aid includes (i) fostering collaboration between BeMed projects and beyond, particularly by fostering the deployment of harmonised approaches and guidelines; (ii) transferring expertise generated by BeMed projects to other islands, encouraging cross-border cooperation, increasing replication, and pooling efforts to enhance awareness, education and training; (iii) integrating the BeMed community and project results into regional processes in order to maximise their long-term impact.

This particular project will be headed by SCP/RAC (Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production in partnership with SMILO (2021/2022)).

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**PROJECT
IMPROVING MARINE
HABITATS ON THE LÉRINS
ISLANDS (FRANCE) AND
DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE
ISLAND STRATEGY**

**EUROPEAN MARITIME AND
FISHERIES FUND (EMFF) WITH
RÉGION SUD**

The goal of this project, coordinated by SMILO, is to help protect the marine environment of the Lérins Islands, France (2020-2023). It involves: an awareness campaign for all users of the sea; a guide to sanitation on small islands based on experience gained on Saint-Honorat; a study on reducing the impact of wastewater emissions from Saint-Honorat Island; and a technical workshop on the sustainable development strategies of small islands in the SMILO network.

[Further information about the EMFF](#)

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SAINT HONORAT, FRANCE

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PROJECTS
**NETWORK OF TERRITORIAL
EXCELLENCE FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
OF SMALL ISLANDS**
&
**NETWORK OF EUROPEAN
ISLANDS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**



Co-funded by the
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of the European Union

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EUROPEAN UNION & ERASMUS+

The first project enables the SMILO team to intensify its support of the European islands of Culatra and Corvo (Portugal), Brownsea (United Kingdom), Kinhu (Estonia) and Fourni (Greece) and to ease them into the certification process (2020-2022).

The second project is aimed at the managers of small European island territories who have expressed the need to discuss and to learn more about sustainable tourism (2020-2022). Whilst tourism is a source of pressure on ecosystems, it also constitutes a lever for economic growth on many islands. The vulnerability of the tourism sector has been highlighted by the pandemic, as has the risk that islands run if they depend upon tourism for their livelihood. The partners in this project are the islands of Brownsea (United Kingdom), Zlarin (Croatia), Saint-Honorat (France) and Mausund (Norway).

PROJECT ISLAND WOMEN, DRIVERS OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION

The goal of this project (2020-2021) is to help diversify the range of tourism products on islands in order to reduce dependency on seasonal mass tourism, as the latter constitutes a threat to an island's local cultural heritage, biodiversity and economic resilience. The project also aims to sustain initiatives launched by local organisations and headed by women, thus promoting the role women play as drivers of a development that is more sustainable on the scale of an island.

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CORVO, PORTUGAL

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



ISLANDS COMMISSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS (CPMR)

Over a decade has gone by since the European Union officialised the need to pay “particular attention” to regions that “suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps” – such as islands (article 174 of the 2009 Lisbon Treaty).

The CPMR Islands Committee is a key protagonist in Brussels, engaging in negotiations to ensure that greater consideration is given to islands, their inclusion and territorial cohesion, when the objectives of the European Union are determined. SMILO and the Islands Commission of the CPMR signed a cooperation agreement at the end of 2019 and join forces to defend the common interests of island regions and their inhabitants at European level.

WWW.CPMR-ISLANDS.ORG



THE MEDITERRANEAN WATER INSTITUTE (IME)

The IME is an international NGO that functions as a network. Its activities include think tanks, studies, and debates on fundamental questions related to water. Its main goal is to develop trans-Mediterranean cooperation between local authorities and professionals (institutions, experts, etc.) linked to water, sanitation, irrigation, energy and the environment, notably in European countries on the northern shore of the Mediterranean.



GLOBAL ISLAND PARTNERSHIP

GLISPA is supported by the presidents of Palau, the Seychelles and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the prime ministers of Grenada and the British Virgin Islands. Its role is to promote initiatives that foster resilient and sustainable island communities - by inspiring communities to take action, by catalysing commitments, and by facilitating collaboration between all islands.

In 2020, SMILO and GLISPA started work to map out the networks and organisations that help protect the environment or heritage on islands. The goal was to find out “who does what and where”, so that gaps – in terms of geography and topics – not covered by said organisations could be identified. Consequently, new partnerships could be encouraged to work towards better satisfying islands’ needs.

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The IME has been awarded special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It is also a member of international organisations such as the Global Water Partnership and the World Water Council.

In 2020, the IME and SMILO signed a framework cooperation agreement with a view to working together to develop concerted actions in the fields where they share skills, collaborating closely with relevant partners in the Mediterranean region.

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OUR SUPPORTERS

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*DIRECTOR OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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(ASSOCIAÇÃO DE MORADORES DA ILHA DA
CULATRA - AMIC*

In 2019, Culatra's residents' association launched an environmental transition process entitled "Culatra 2030 - Energy Transition Agenda", in compliance with EU directives. Sustainability for the island community, in terms of the environment and energy, was their motivation. The association's partners include such important bodies as the municipality of Faro, the University of the Algarve, and the Commission for Regional Development and Coordination, to name but three.

For such an innovative project on such a scale, our association needs international credibility. And SMILO, with its certification process, provides the credibility we need to help us succeed with our project and make it viable. This is why we joined SMILO and embraced its process and methodology in order to obtain the Sustainable Island label. Thank you, SMILO!

ELISSA BALIARDA

*PROJECT MANAGER FOR COASTAL
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SMILO's actions are a real boon for the island of Frioul. SMILO as a partner brings the advantage of a fresh and objective view of the island. Everyone involved appreciates, first and foremost, how the islands share their experience with each other, as well as the opportunity to construct innovative projects as we work towards the Sustainable Island label.

The project is broached transversally, which improves how players out in the field are managed and also fosters a new way of communicating – both among ourselves, and towards the outside world. Island Committee meetings should be a way of helping Marseille City Council to embark on a process of consultation – or even joint decisions – between locals/ islanders and council decision-makers. They will probably help change certain management policies and investment choices.





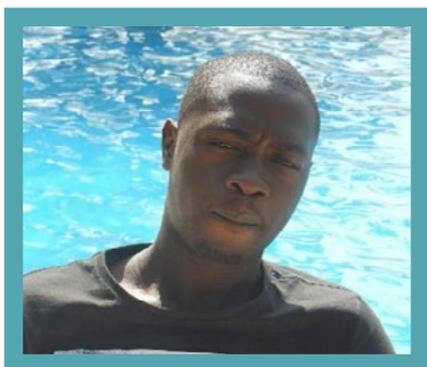
ANGELA COTT

GENERAL MANAGER BROWNSEA ISLAND, NATIONAL TRUST, UNITED KINGDOM

I really want to get involved with SMILO because living or working on an island can make you feel very isolated. It is therefore very important to feel you are part of a community of people who care about small islands. I am conscious now, more than ever, that personal well-being is a very important part of managing an island. The transition to a more sustainable way of managing islands is, of course, a good thing in itself. But I also believe that islanders feeling positive about their lives and future perspectives will benefit all of the various aspects of that process.

That is very important to me because, although I fully agree with everything that the National Trust stands for, and although I have excellent colleagues, I am one of those rare people who work on an island and who have no colleagues who understand the challenges of my work or why it is so fascinating.

The other main reason I joined SMILO is because I want to adopt best practices and improve our performance in terms of sustainable development. The framework and the support provided by SMILO to help me achieve this are wonderful. SMILO constitutes a bank of knowledge and experience that I also hope we can enrich with our best practices and resources.



CÉLINE DAMERY

MANAGER, EUROPE & INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION, CONSERVATOIRE DU LITTORAL, FRANCE

As a result of my personal background and also my professional experience, the issue of protecting island ecosystems has always been close to my heart. I have been involved in shaping and structuring SMILO right from the beginning, and continue to set great store by the dynamics of discussions among players from the small islands in our network as they share their experience.

The technical workshops, training sessions, CELEBRATE ISLANDS, assignments out in the field... All of these events constitute opportunities to pool individual knowledge and skills and learn from each other in order to protect our outstanding islands!

JEAN-FELIX DIATTA

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS, AWEE ASSOCIATION (WENS WENDAYE EHIDJ - ÉLÈVES ET ÉTUDIANTS), SENEGAL

When SMILO introduced grants for solutions for small islands (SSPI subsidies), we took stock of the call for projects and immediately realised that the requirements were in line with the goals that our association had set itself: namely improving education on our islands.

This project has enabled us to bring the schools on the three islands of Diogué, Ehidj and Wendaye closer, getting them to work together. At the same time, the people in charge of our islands discovered SMILO! Thanks to assistance from “educators without borders” (GREF - Groupement des Educateurs sans Frontières), we managed to build environmental issues into the school curricula in Diogué, Ehidj and Wendaye. And thanks to the “Educational Islands” project, the pupils and inhabitants of our islands, and those on neighbouring islands, now have a clearer picture of the environmental challenges in Casamance.



SUSTAINABLE LABEL AWARDS 2019

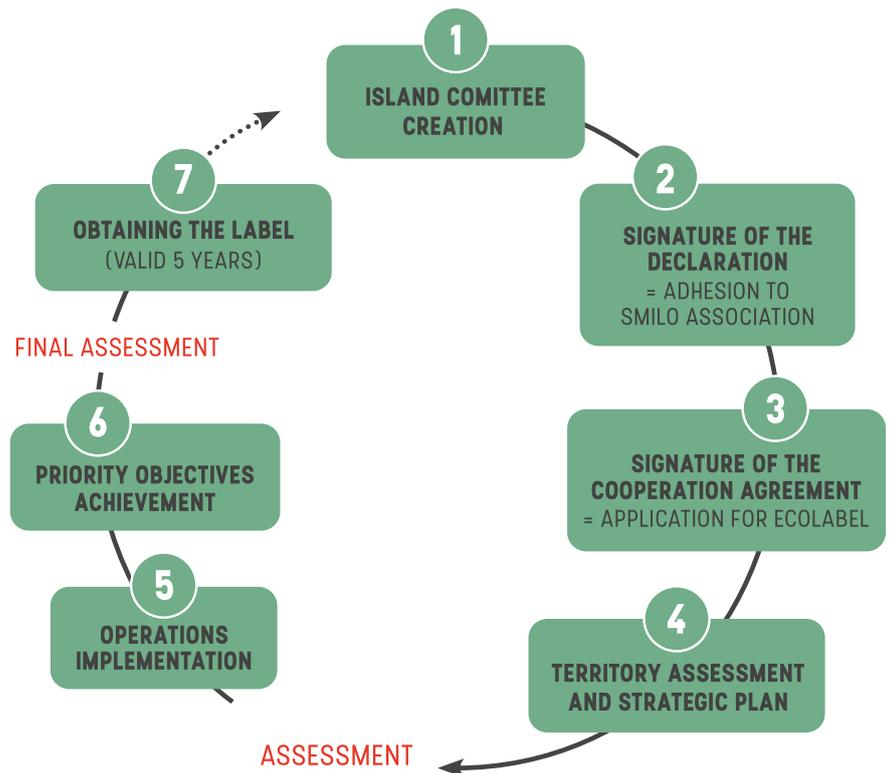


SUSTAINABLE ISLAND LABEL

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The Sustainable Island label symbolises international recognition for an island's improved management and conservation of natural resources.

The certification process, developed by SMILO, comprises several stages that must be completed in order to earn the Label.



STEP BY STEP

- 1 AN ISLAND COMMITTEE IS FORMED**
representing all stakeholders on the island.
- 2 THE SUSTAINABLE ISLANDS DECLARATION IS SIGNED**
to confirm that the island is joining the NGO SMILO and embraces its values.
- 3 A COOPERATION AGREEMENT IS SIGNED**
it officially seals the island's commitment to the certification process.
- 4 THE ISLAND COMMITTEE CARRIES OUT A DIAGNOSIS OF THE TERRITORY AND DRAWS UP A STRATEGIC PLAN**
The Diagnosis is an inventory. It addresses all of the topics covered by SMILO and is used to measure the island's progress. The Strategic Plan lays out the main challenges and objectives. The objectives have to be ambitious but realistic and in line with the strategic principles developed by SMILO. The Island Committee may call upon a SMILO facilitator to help draw up these two documents.

THE ISLAND COMMITTEE APPLIES FOR THE INTERMEDIARY ASSESSMENT

The Secretariat forwards the application to the Assessment Committee composed of Rapporteurs (independent experts who are not members of the NGO and who have no Board of Director powers). A rapporteur visits the applicant territory in order to check that declarations are coherent and that all of the necessary forms have been filled out. The Assessment Committee then meets to formulate an opinion, which is passed on to the Board of Directors. The latter is then responsible for awarding - or withholding - mid-term certification, the Label in Progress.

Label in Progress status recognises initial efforts by the candidate as well as the completion of all of the first stages in the process. It also recognises the coherency and representative nature of the Island Committee. If the island has fulfilled certain minimum requirements, it is rewarded with Sectorial Awards. If it has already fulfilled the minimum requirements in all fields, it may be awarded the Sustainable Island label directly.
- 5 CONCRETE OPERATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT**
to help the island reach its priority objectives; they may qualify for financial support (via the Islands Fund) and expert help.
- 6 THE FINAL ASSESSMENT**
occurs once priority goals have been reached. The label is awarded for a period of 5 years during which continuous improvement remains on-going.
- 7 AT THE END OF THE 5-YEAR PERIOD, THE ISLAND CAN RENEW ITS LABEL**
by proving that it has updated all of the phases in the certification process.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

It is the Assessment Committee's responsibility to assess islands as they work towards the Sustainable Island label.

The committee is independent from SMILO. It is made up of ten rapporteurs, each qualified in fields pertinent to SMILO.

For an intermediary or final assessment, a rapporteur visits the candidate island to check whether all of the certification criteria and stages have been met. Based on that analysis, and after studying the island's application, the Assessment Committee comes to a collegial decision, which is forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Board is then in a position to award a Label in Progress, a Sectorial Award or the Sustainable Island label.

The Assessment Committee may also be called upon to add strength to SMILO's strategy.

Rapporteurs are qualified experts who come from different walks of life. They have acquired recognised skills and experience in aspects of sustainable development on islands.

FACILITATORS

A facilitator volunteers expert advice on a given subject and/or in-depth knowledge about a specific island region. S/he assists the island throughout the different stages of the certification process.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Muminatu JALO

Consultant and PhD student in Sustainability Sciences, Guinea-Bissau.

Habib BEN MOUSSA

Former Advisor to the Minister for Local Affairs & Tunisia's Environment, Tunisia.

Pierre CARRET

Grant Director (Mediterranean), Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, France.

Nenad STARC

Economist and Nissologist, Croatia.

Awatef ABIADH

Biologist, LPO and Birdlife France, Tunisia.

Eduardo BUENO GUIMARAES

Energy Engineer, Brazil.

Pauline MALTERRE

Marine and Insular Biodiversity Expert, France.

Thomas PAVY

Expert in the Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems, France.

Ravaka RANAIVOSON

Director of Marine Conservation, Wildlife Conservation Society, Madagascar.

Stewart SARKOZY-BANOCZY

Founder of Precovery Labs / Senior Advisor North America, Strategic Partnerships and Development Director, Global Resilient Cities Network, USA.



POR-TRAITS



RAVAKA RANAIVOSON
RAPPORTEURE

On the strength of 20 years' experience assessing, developing and managing projects, Ravaka joined SMILO's Assessment Committee in 2018.

Her specialist fields are renewable energies, marine and terrestrial biodiversity conservation, the sustainable management of natural resources, climate change, and sustainable funding for conservation initiatives. She has worked in these fields with the Tany Meva Foundation and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). Her experience as a Team Leader with the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund for the Madagascar region and the Indian Ocean brought her face to face with conservation and sustainable development challenges on the islands in the region, and the solutions adopted to address them.

Islands preparing for intermediary and final assessments in the SMILO certification process have taken advantage of Ravaka's wealth of experience, not to mention her training in environmental auditing.



ANTONIO DE ABREU
EXPERT / FACILITATOR

António Abreu is a biologist. He holds a Doctorate in Marine Biology and the title of Environment Specialist awarded by the Order of Biologists. He is currently a Research Associate and manages the UNESCO Chair in Biodiversity Safeguard for Sustainable Development at Coimbra University, Portugal.

He has extensive experience in the field of the environment, notably in matters of management, event assessment, marine biology and ecology, the integrated management of coastal zones, climate change, biodiversity conservation, and protected areas with specific focus on islands.

He occupied the position of Regional Director of the Environment for the government of Madeira and, more recently, the post of Programme Specialist for Ecological Sciences with UNESCO in Paris, in the area of Biosphere Reserves, Geoparks and biodiversity conservation.

Born in Madeira, this true islander has his own definition of the world 'island': "a piece of land linked to other pieces of land by sea". Based on his personal and professional experience with islands all over the world, he embraces the oneness of islands: their heritage (be it natural, historical, cultural or geographical, material or immaterial) and the constant challenges they face when developing socio-economic activities that are positive for the environment and for the quality of life of islanders.

THE NETWORK'S TECHNICAL EXPERTS

SMILO can call upon a network of experts who donate their time and expertise to the NGO, covering every aspect of its work.

A SMILO expert may be contacted to provide technical support in any of SMILO's specialist fields, solving one of the issues facing an island working towards certification.

TECHNICAL EXPERT **THIERRY LAVERNE**

I teach at the National School of Landscape Architecture in Versailles, and am a landscaping consultant to the French government, currently working in Finistère (Brittany) for the Department of Territories and the Sea. I also founded Laverne Paysagistes, my landscaping agency, in 1984.

As a committed landscape architect and town planner and an engaged citizen, I fulfilled three mandates as a local councillor in Marcoussis, south of Paris (2000-2015), founding and chairing the Triangle Vert (green triangle) agri-urban inter-communal project in the Essonne region.

If plans for society are good, the landscape will be beautiful... To programme, develop and manage our towns and regions efficiently, and design our landscapes accordingly, you first of all have to get involved in redefining the questions and choices facing society.

This was the approach I adopted when helping the Diana Region with its plans to sustainably develop the Emerald Sea and promote its landscapes.

TECHNICAL EXPERT **ANTON XAVIER**

I've been working with the SMILO Secretariat since 2020, providing support and acting as a facilitator for specific beneficiaries - in particular the island of Brownsea in the United Kingdom. I am also currently helping SMILO to reflect on lessons learned after its first few years of work and to identify where improvements can be made for the future.

I'm an experienced entrepreneur, with two decades' experience in setting up new markets and managing teams tasked with executing innovative strategies. I was co-founder and CEO of Label Insight USA and ran the company until it employed 200 people. I then stepped aside and moved to France.

I have been based in France since 2009 when my son was born. And although I was born in New Zealand, I'm a huge fan of French rugby!





TECHNICAL EXPERT BRUNO COSTA MARINI

After graduating from the Polytechnique and Telecom engineering schools in France, I embarked on a career as a serial IT entrepreneur, working internationally (USA, Japan, Europe, Middle East, etc.). But behind the scenes, I was constantly involved with associations and environmental concerns. For example, I worked for Action Contre la Faim for 2 years and the Conservatoire du Littoral for 4 years.

During my time with Action Contre la Faim I worked with François Danel (ACF Financial Director at the time). François had launched an NGO called Earthwake to develop a low-tech/low-cost “plastic to oil” technology. When SMILO decided to carry out experiments that feature this new technology on the archipelago of Kerkennah (Tunisia), to deal with the problem of plastic fishing traps, I was able to step in and assist.

Because of my Corsican roots, islands are particularly dear to my heart, which is why I wanted to get involved with SMILO. It targets small islands facing specific problems. The approach is very pragmatic and hands-on, yet within an international and ambitious remit.



TECHNICAL EXPERT NICOLAS WESPIERRE

I’m an engineer at the Agence Régionale pour la Biodiversité et l’Environnement, where I’m currently studying how to adapt alternative rainwater management techniques to a Mediterranean context.

But let’s go back to the beginning... My Master’s degree in Oceanography set me on a career path that eventually led to sanitation optimization projects, and to studying the impacts of wastewater on aquatic environments. I also carried out a regional inventory of innovative techniques in the field of sanitation.

I met the SMILO team when I was providing technical assistance to Lérins Abbey on the island of Saint-Honorat. The challenge on that island is to set up sustainable sanitation suited to an island context. Limited access to water and energy, the available surface area, and protecting outstanding ecological and heritage sites, are all specific factors to be taken on board when designing sustainable sanitation for the island.



PROGRESS REPORTS FROM SMALL ISLANDS

OVERVIEW

CREATION OF THE ISLAND COMMITTEE
SIGNATURE OF THE DECLARATION / MEMBERSHIP
SIGNING OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
TERRITORIAL DIAGNOSIS AND STRATEGIC PLAN
INTERMEDIARY ASSESSMENT
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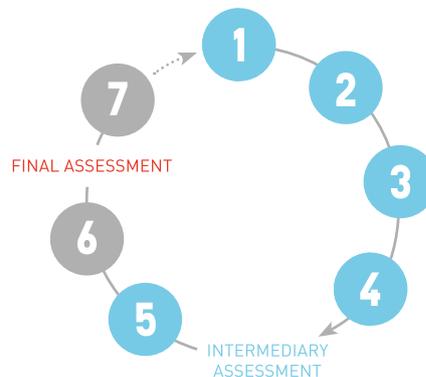
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| BROWNSEA | Partial | | | | | | | | |
| BOLAMA | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | | | | |
| CULATRA | Partial | | | | | | | | |
| GORÉE | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | | | | |
| IBO | Partial | Partial | Partial | Partial | | Partial | | | |
| KERKENNAH | Full | Full | Full | Full | | | | | |
| LAVEZZI | Partial | Partial | | Partial | | Partial | | | |
| LEVANT | Partial | Partial | | Partial | | Partial | | | |
| MER D'ÉMERAUDE | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | | | | |
| NOSY HARA | Partial | | | | | | | | |
| PANGATALAN | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full |
| PORQUEROLLES | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | | | | |
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| SANTA LUZIA | Full | Full | Full | Full | Full | | | | |
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BOLAMA

GUINEA-BISSAU, BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO, ATLANTIC
65 KM² - 10,014 INHABITANTS
UNESCO MAB BIOSPHERE RESERVE



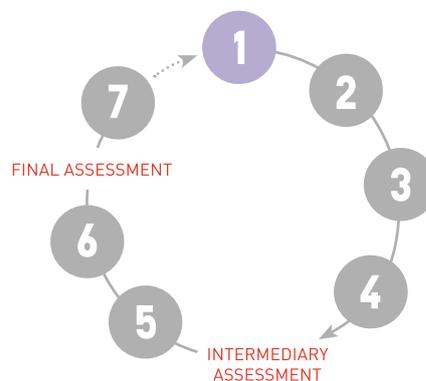
The island of Bolama was awarded the Label in Progress in 2019. The island has reached the first stages of the certification label and its Island Committee has successfully nurtured a dialogue between all players on the island to really get the ball rolling. The island receives backing from the Islands Fund for a project to set up a local system for processing the island's green waste. This project is a replica of the project rolled out on the island of Príncipe.



BROWNSEA

UNITED KINGDOM, DORSET, CITY OF POOLE, ATLANTIC
3 KM² - 30 PERMANENT INHABITANTS
140,000 VISITORS/YR
ISLAND NATURE RESERVE, SPECIAL AREA OF
CONSERVATION FOR HEATHLAND, SPECIAL
PROTECTION AREA FOR BIRDS, RAMSAR SITE

The island of Brownsea is the biggest of the eight islands in Poole Harbour in the south of England. All 300 hectares are the property of the National Trust. Brownsea is known for its outstanding biodiversity and for being the birthplace of the scouting movement. Every year, the island attracts some 140,000 tourists. The island joined SMILO in 2019.

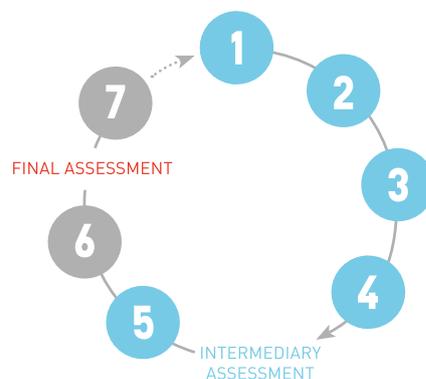


GORÉE

SENEGAL, OFF THE COAST FROM DAKAR, ATLANTIC
0.28 KM² - 1,335 INHABITANTS - 500,000 VISITORS/YR
UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE



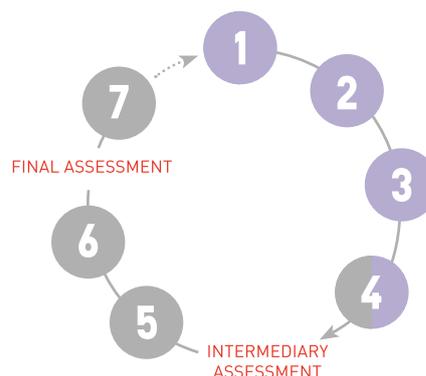
The island of Gorée in Senegal was one of the first small islands to commit to the SMILO certification process. The Island Committee, represented by the Commune of the Island of Gorée, was awarded the Label in Progress and the Sectorial Award for Waste in December 2018. Since then, the island has deployed the actions in its strategic plan and a project funded by the Islands Fund is currently underway on the themes of Waste and Water.



IBO

NORTH-WEST MOZAMBIQUE, INDIAN OCEAN
10KM² - 3,963 INHABITANTS
NATIONAL PARK

Ibo started the certification process in 2019. Since then, the island has been devastated by cyclone Kenneth, which caused huge instability in the region as well as the displacement of populations. The Islands Fund backs a project to support the development of sustainable agriculture, installing systems to irrigate the crops, as well as initiatives to ward off health risks and combat the devastation of a food and health crisis.

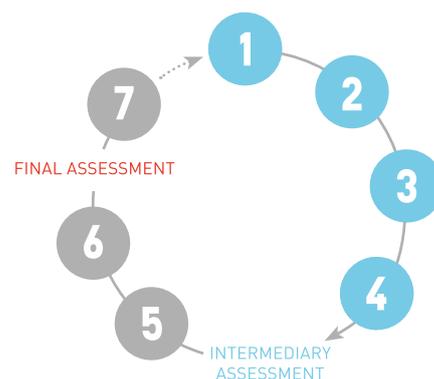


KERKENNAH

EAST COAST OF TUNISIA, MEDITERRANEAN - 157 KM² - 40,000 INHABITANTS - 100,000 RESIDENTS IN SUMMER
NATIONAL MARINE AREA AND COMMUNITY MARINE AREA / NATIONAL PARK



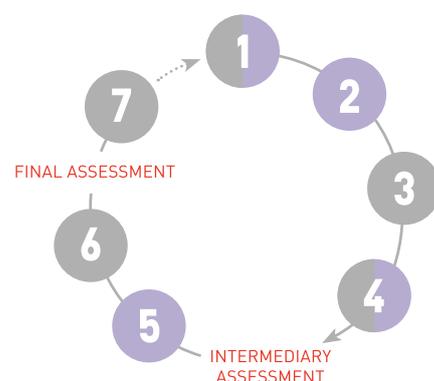
The Kerkennah islands completed their diagnosis and strategic plan then moved on to undergo their Intermediary Assessment in 2020, receiving the Label in Progress. Their project to recycle plastic fishing traps continues: a facility for collecting and processing waste was set up at the end of 2020 with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Kerkennah is also one of the Mediterranean sites on which the Zero Plastic project from the Hyères islands archipelago is being replicated, supported by BeMed.



LAVEZZI

CORSICA, FRANCE, MEDITERRANEAN
0.69 KM² - 0 INHABITANTS - 250,000 VISITORS/YR
NATURE RESERVE

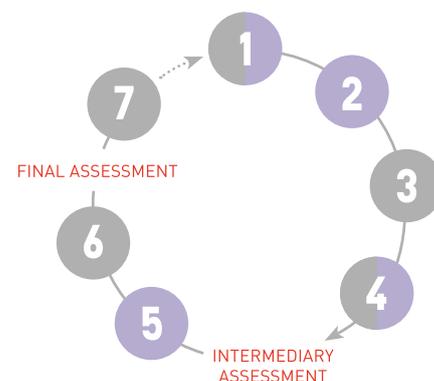
The Lavezzi Islands continue their efforts to improve how they manage the influx of visitors and their impacts, in particular as part of a project with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. A study was carried out by SMILO/PA2MF to identify possible ways of dealing with ecological impacts caused by visitors. Investment choices are currently being analysed.



LEVANT

VAR, SOUTH-EAST FRANCE, MEDITERRANEAN - 9 KM² - 92 CIVILIAN INHABITANTS / 250 MILITARY INHABITANTS
1,200-1,500 VISITORS PER DAY IN SUMMER
AFFILIATED TO PORT-CROS NATURE PARK (LAND) / MARITIME AREA ADJACENT TO PORT-CROS NATURE PARK (MARINE)

The island of Levant successfully completed its green waste management project funded by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. In September, a short video was filmed on the island presenting the results of the project. A Zero Plastic policy has been initiated as one of the projects supported by the Région Sud and BeMed: island traders will be experimenting the use of plant-based items made from local cane.

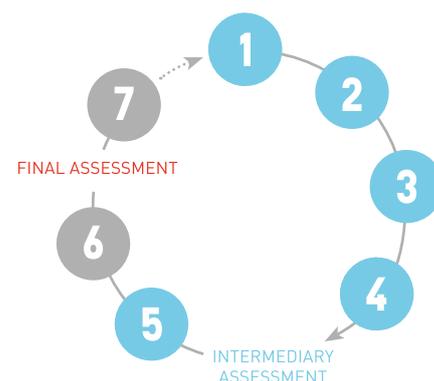


EMERALD SEA

NORTH-EAST MADAGASCAR, INDIAN OCEAN
36 KM² - 0 INHABITANTS - 4,500 VISITORS/YR



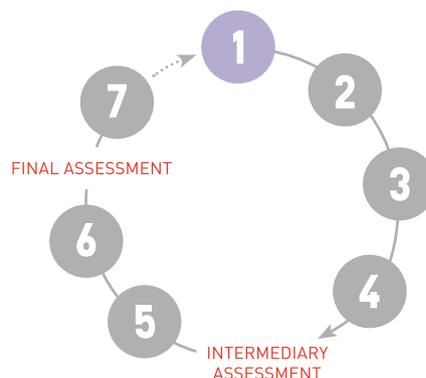
The Island Committee, represented by the Diana Region, was awarded the Label in Progress and the Sectorial Award for Landscapes in December 2018. The island has since continued to deploy the operations in its strategic plan, mainly thanks to two projects, one funded by the Islands Fund and the other by SMILO's "Grants for solutions for small islands", that aim to make it easier for stakeholders to participate - for example, in setting up a Protected Marine Area in the Emerald Sea.



NOSY HARA

NORTH-EAST MADAGASCAR, INDIAN OCEAN
3.12 KM² - 1,800 INHABITANTS
IUCN CATEGORY II MARINE NATIONAL PARK

The island of Nosy Hara is a hotspot of global biodiversity close to the Emerald Sea. Its natural milieux are intact and it has high endemism. At the end of 2019, the island of Nosy Hara began the SMILo certification process. Represented by Nosy Hara Marine Park, which is part of Madagascar National Parks, it has now created an Island Committee. Developing sustainable tourism is the main challenge facing this attractive, untamed territory.

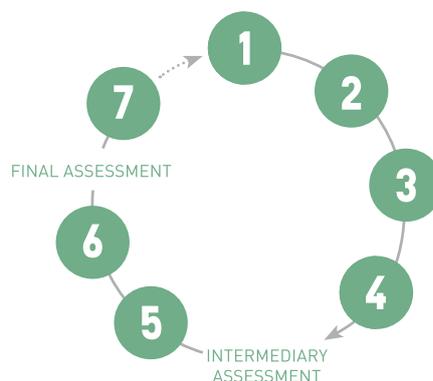


PANGATALAN

NORTH-EAST OF PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES
0.45KM² - 25 INHABITANTS
PRIVATE ISLAND - MARINE PROTECTED AREA



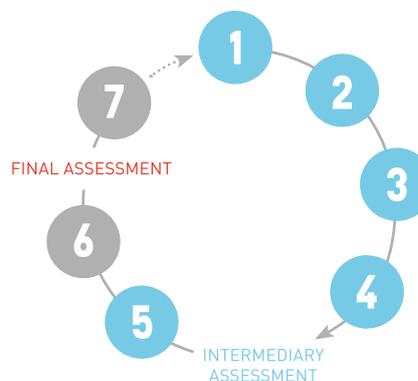
The island of Pangatalan was the first island to receive the Sustainable Island label in December 2018 for its exemplary management. The Island Committee, represented by the Sulubaaï Foundation, continues to coordinate substantial ecological restoration work in the Marine Protected Area and recently received the backing of the FFEM (French Facility for Global Environment) to create three further subsidiary Marine Protected Areas, working closely with local communities.



PORQUEROLLES

SOUTH OF FRANCE, MEDITERRANEAN
12 KM² - 300 INHABITANTS - 1,000,000 VISITORS/YR
NATIONAL PARK

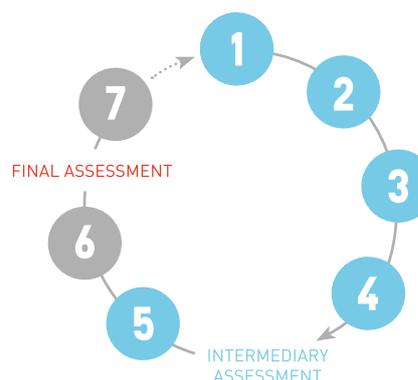
The island of Porquerolles has received the Label in Progress and Sectorial Awards for Biodiversity and Landscapes. More recently, the Island Committee, represented by the Town of Hyères, has been implementing the actions in its strategic plan. For example, the island has launched a Zero Plastic policy, one of the projects supported by the Région Sud and BeMed, whereby island traders will trial items made from locally-grown cane instead of plastic.



PRINCIPE

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE, ATLANTIC
136 KM² - 8,000 INHABITANTS - 2,600 VISITORS/YR
UNESCO MAB BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Príncipe in São Tomé and Príncipe was one of the first islands to embark on the certification process. In 2018, its Island Committee, represented by the Regional Government of Príncipe, received the Label in Progress and the Biodiversity Sectorial Award for operations carried out within the framework of the UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve. The island is carrying out two projects supported by the Islands Fund: one to protect mangroves and one to process green waste locally.

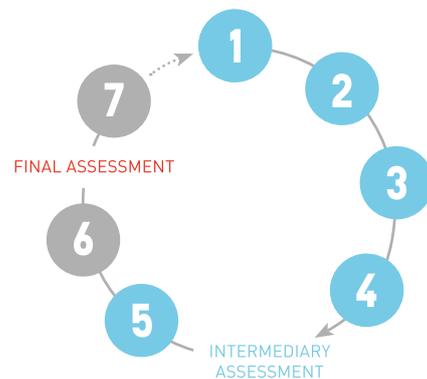


SANTA LUZIA

NORTH-WEST OF CAPE VERDE, ATLANTIC
35 KM² - 0 INHABITANTS
MARINE PROTECTED AREA



Santa Luzia is represented by the Cape Verde National Environment Board. It was awarded the Label in Progress and Sectorial Awards for Biodiversity and Landscapes in December 2018 for exemplary operations carried out by local players to conserve ecosystems. The island is currently deploying a waste and water management project supported by the Islands Fund.

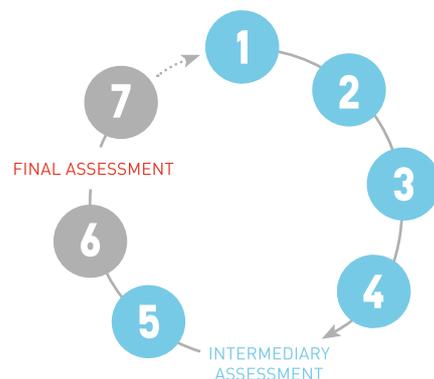


SAINT-HONORAT

LÉRINS ARCHIPELAGO, FRANCE, MEDITERRANEAN
0.3 KM² - 20 INHABITANTS - 80,000 VISITORS/YR
PRIVATE ISLAND - MONASTIC COMMUNITY



In 2019, the island of Saint-Honorat was awarded the Label in Progress plus Sectorial Awards for Landscapes and Waste, commending the commitment of Lérins Abbey to conserving its cultural heritage as well as its participative approach to waste management. Since then, the island has been deploying the actions in its strategic plan. It benefits from a project supported by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and Région Sud, coordinated by SMILO: "Improving Marine Habitats on the Lérins Islands and Developing a Sustainable Island Strategy".

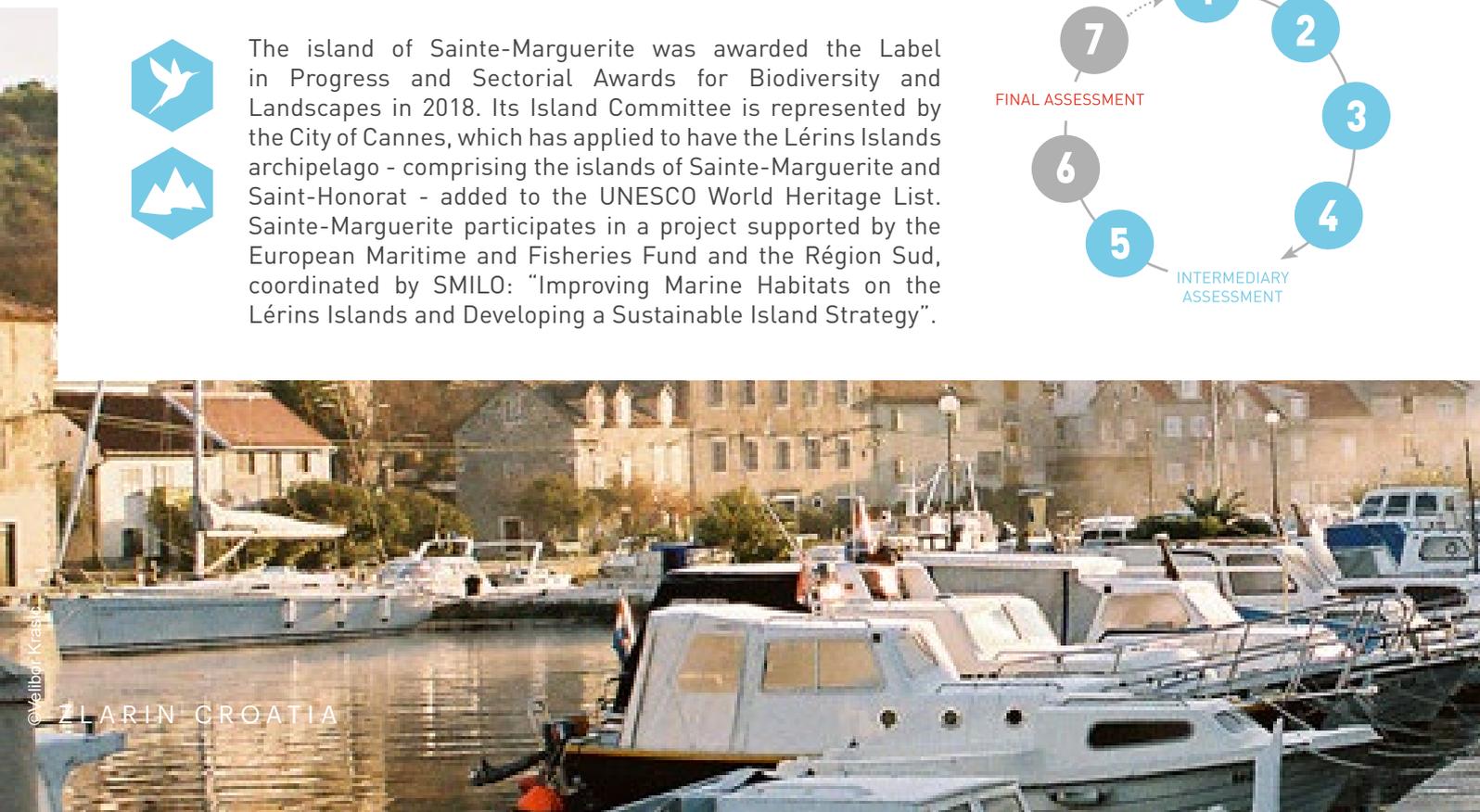
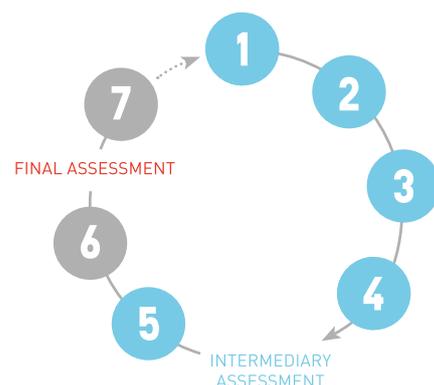


SAINTE-MARGUERITE

LÉRINS ARCHIPELAGO, FRANCE, MEDITERRANEAN
2.1 KM² - 20 INHABITANTS - 600,000 VISITORS/YR
NATURE RESERVE / NATURA 2000



The island of Sainte-Marguerite was awarded the Label in Progress and Sectorial Awards for Biodiversity and Landscapes in 2018. Its Island Committee is represented by the City of Cannes, which has applied to have the Lérins Islands archipelago - comprising the islands of Sainte-Marguerite and Saint-Honorat - added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Sainte-Marguerite participates in a project supported by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the Région Sud, coordinated by SMILO: "Improving Marine Habitats on the Lérins Islands and Developing a Sustainable Island Strategy".



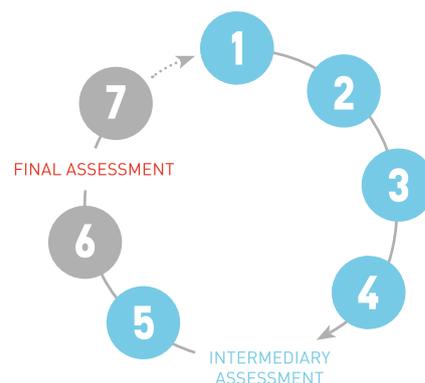
TAVOLARA



NORTH-EAST SARDINIA, ITALY, MEDITERRANEAN
5.9 KM² - 2 INHABITANTS (WINTER)
60,000 VISITORS/YR
MARINE PROTECTED AREA



Tavolara is covered by a host of protective protocols, reflecting the dedication of the managers of the Tavolara Punta Coda Cavallo Marine Protected Area, who represent the Island Committee. In 2019, it received the Label in Progress plus Sectorial Awards for Biodiversity, Energy, Waste and Landscapes. Since then, it has continued to be active, notably in conserving terrestrial and marine biodiversity, and is getting closer to being awarded the full label. Tavolara is also one of the sites in the Mediterranean replicating the Zero Plastic project from the archipelago of Hyères islands, supported by BeMed.

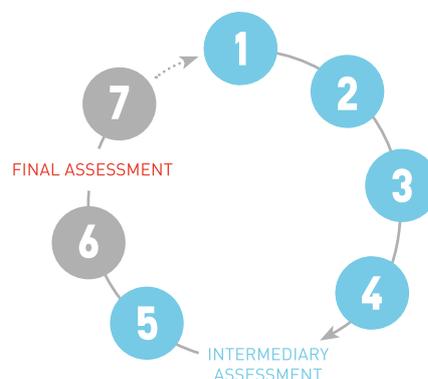


ZLARIN

DALMATIA, CROATIA, MEDITERRANEAN
9KM² - 270 INHABITANTS - 3,000 VISITORS/YR
1 NATURA 2000 ZONE



The island of Zlarin was awarded the Label in Progress and the Sectorial Award for Waste in 2019. The town of Šibenik and SMILO signed a Funding Agreement for the purchase of equipment to set up a system for managing green and organic waste on the island, as part of the project entitled "Managing Waste on Mediterranean Islands", supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. In 2021, local actors will finalise and deploy the waste management plan.



KERKENNAH TUNISIA

Congratulations to the archipelago of Kerkennah for earning the Label in Progress in 2020!

ISLANDS FUND

HOW IT WORKS

1. Once an island has been Label in Progress-approved, it can submit a form to the Islands Fund requesting funding for a specific project.

2. The Board of Directors assesses the funding request and validates (or rejects) it.

3. The agreement is signed.

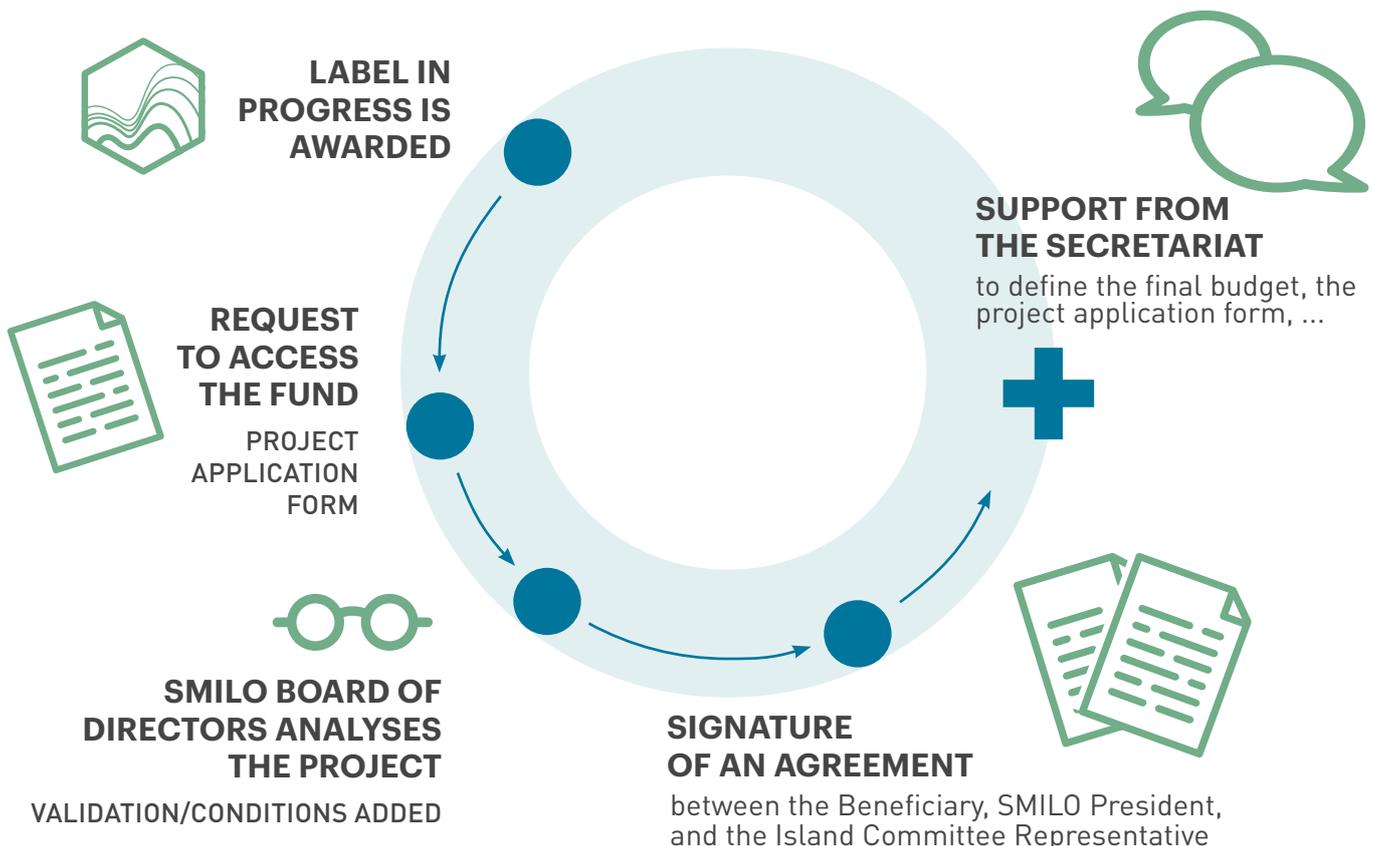
The beneficiary and Island Committee is supported by SMILO Secretariat.

SMILO created the Islands Fund to support islands engaged in the certification process. The Fund contributes to concrete operations featured in the Strategic Plan drawn up by the Island Committee, reflecting SMILO's specific themes (water and sanitation, energy, waste, biodiversity and ecosystems, landscapes and heritage).

The Fund can inject between €5,000 and €50,000 into a project.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

ISLANDS FUND USER MANUAL
PROJECT FORM
PRECISE BUDGET
DECLARATION OF INTEGRITY



2020 ON THE ISLANDS

SMILO ISLANDS FUND

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

BOLAMA, GUINEA-BISSAU

Green and organic waste management

TOTAL BUDGET: €52,000

ISLANDS FUND: €47,000

DURATION: December 2020 - January 2022

PARTNERS: Pro Bolama Association, Municipality of Pontevedra (Spain), Ministry of Agriculture

WASTE

This project is a replica of the organic waste management project implemented on the island of Príncipe. The Islands Fund is supporting a pilot system to collect, process and reuse organic waste. Local technicians will be trained to become Master Composters. Collective composting centres will be set up and a shredder will be purchased to process green waste. A training and awareness campaign needs to be organised for the people who will use the collective and individual composters.

PRÍNCIPE, SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

Community-based mangrove conservation

TOTAL BUDGET: €74,000

ISLANDS FUND: €46,000

DURATION: August 2020 – August 2021

PARTNERS: Regional Government, Príncipe Department of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

ECOSYSTEMS

The island of Príncipe boasts 3 mangrove sites. They are located at Praia Salgada, Praia Caixão and Praia Grande. The Islands Fund supports the development on an action plan to protect all 3 sites, and will set up a pilot project on the Salgada site where the community will manage the mangroves thanks to the development of eco-tourism and educational activities. The project will be implemented by the Regional Government and the island's Department of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

SANTA LUZIA, CAPE VERDE

Water and waste management

ISLANDS FUND: €41,101

(€14,455 plus €26,246)

DURATION: August 2020 – August 2021

PARTNERS: Biosfera NGO, Amigos de Calhau

WATER, BIODIVERSITY, WASTE

Two projects benefit from the Island Fund on the island of Santa Luzia. They are run by two local associations: the NGO Biosfera (an association for the conservation of biodiversity) and the NGO Amigos do Calhau (an association of fishermen).

WATER AND BIODIVERSITY

The project run by the NGO Amigos do Calhau will lead to the purchase of a desalinator and the setting up of removable shelters to facilitate campaigns to protect turtles.

WASTE

The project run by the NGO Biosfera will test a local sanitation system for the toilets on the island and will also help improve the processing of macro-plastics that come from the sea and that impact the island's biodiversity.



PRÍNCIPE, SAO TOME-AND-PRÍNCIPE



IBO, MOZAMBIQUE

Sustainable irrigation and agriculture

TOTAL BUDGET: €36,740

ISLANDS FUND: €25,000

DURATION: August 2020 – May 2021

PARTNERS: Oikos Association, Ibo Local Government

AGRICULTURE, WATER AND SANITATION

After part of the island had been destroyed by cyclone Kenneth in April 2019, the situation on the island worsened still. A series of attacks by armed groups in the Pemba region triggered the displacement of people towards Ibo. The increase in population on the island and the impacts of the cyclone exerted further pressure on the island's natural resources and food insecurity.

The Islands Fund is financing an irrigation system for the crops to increase the resilience of farming activities on the island. Farmers have access to farming equipment to scale up their activities and are trained in farming techniques that are suited to the island context. The project is run by the association Oikos in partnership with local government.



EMERALD SEA, MADAGASCAR

Heritage conservation - nature and landscapes

ISLANDS FUND: €45,000

DURATION: April 2020 – April 2021

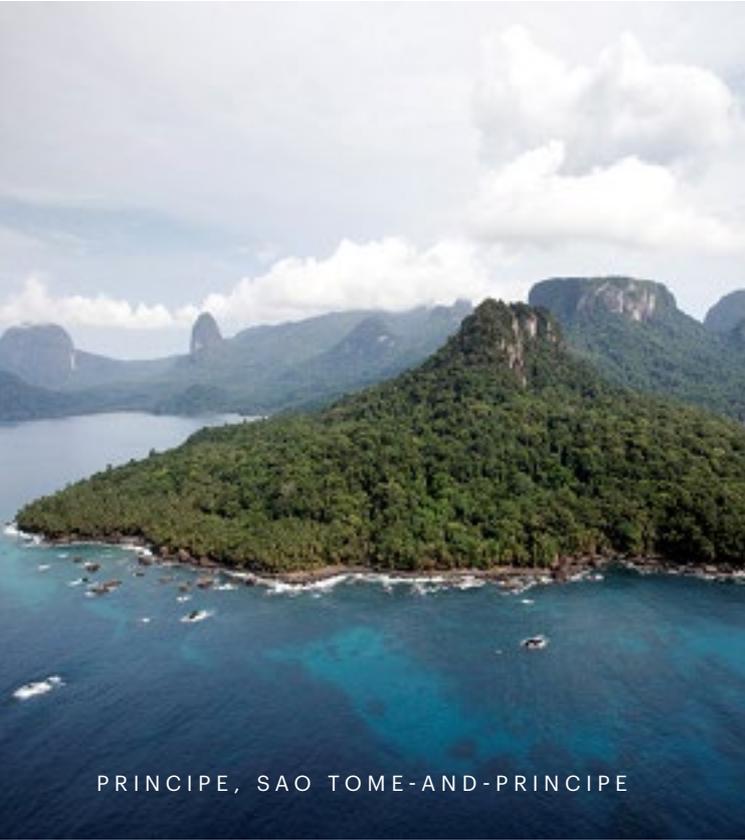
PARTNERS: Diego University

PROTECTING ECOSYSTEMS

Diego University is mapping out coastal-marine ecosystems. Their objective? To take stock of the initial environment and identify on-site pressures and challenges in order to formulate management and planning recommendations, notably with a view to establishing a Marine Protected Area.

The project will enable the Emerald Sea Island Committee to improve the autonomy and surveillance capacities of the site's staff. It involves purchasing a speedboat and safety accessories, and providing training.





PRÍNCIPE, SAO TOME-AND-PRÍNCIPE

PRÍNCIPE, SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

Local management of organic waste

TOTAL BUDGET: €100,000

ISLANDS FUND: €49,700

DURATION: January 2020 - July 2021

PARTNERS: Príncipe Autonomous Regional Government, Príncipe Biosphere Reserve, Municipality of Pontevedra in Spain.

WASTE

At the end of 2019, the Islands Fund received one of its first requests for a grant. It was to set up a pilot system for collecting, processing and reusing organic waste throughout Santo Antonio, the main town on Príncipe Island. Since then, three local technicians have been on a one-month training course in Galicia (Spain) to become Master Composters. Five collective composting centres will be set up in urban zones throughout Santo Antonio and 150 individual composters will be dotted around the outskirts of the town.

A tractor and a green waste shredder have been purchased and delivered to the island so that green waste can be processed on the spot. A training and awareness campaign will be organised soon for the beneficiaries of collective and individual composters. The intention is for this pilot project to be extended all over the island. It is being replicated on the island of Bolama (Guinea-Bissau). It is co-funded by CEIDA (University Centre for Environmental Education) in Galicia and the Municipality of Pontevedra, both in Spain.

GORÉE, SENEGAL

Improving water and waste management

ISLANDS FUND: €64,000

DURATION: January 2020 - November 2021

PARTNERS: SITG (Gorée Tourism Board), Gorée Town Council

WASTE AND WATER

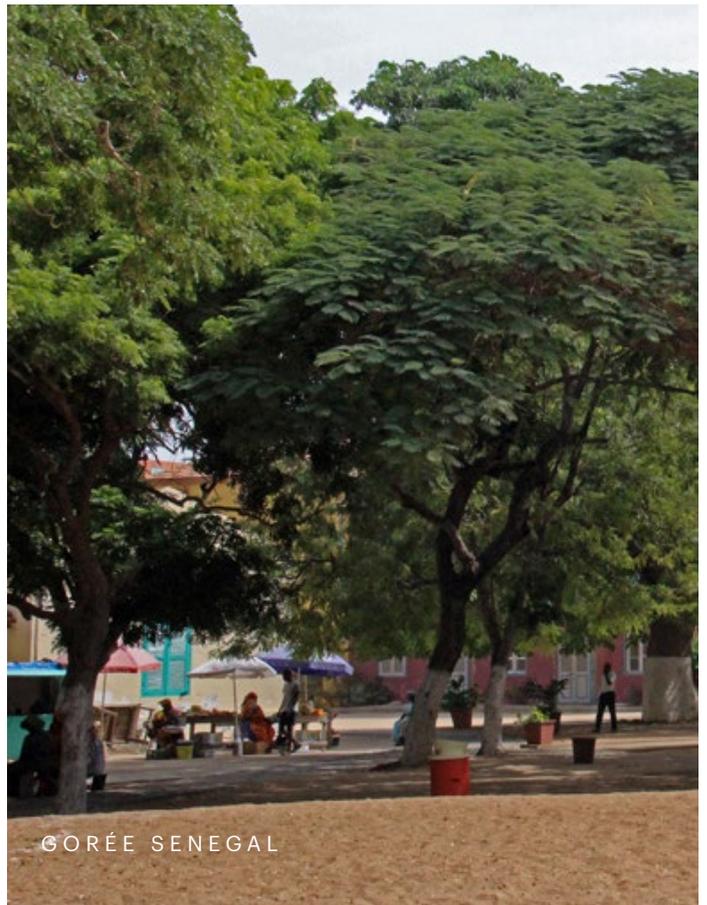
The island of Gorée is striving to improve its waste management. The pipes in its sanitation system are old; and all wastewater is emitted into the sea without being processed. These emissions cause major problems both on land and at sea, and increase the risk of infectious diseases being transmitted. Finally, water is not readily available on the island. This demands that the resource be used rationally.

WASTE

The SITG plans to buy a shredder to improve the management of green waste and also to assess and improve the composting platform and process. A strategy for managing special and dangerous waste will also be implemented. Finally, environmental education initiatives will be deployed for youngsters and children on the island.

WATER

This project aims to: bring a facility for capturing rain water back into use; carry out a feasibility study on repairing rainwater storage facilities; and revamp a block of five public toilets in Mbambara to enhance sanitary facilities on the island.



GORÉE SENEGAL

ISLANDS FUND

CALL FOR PROJECTS

GRANTS FOR SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL ISLANDS

At the beginning of summer 2020, SMILO launched a call for projects under the banner “Grants for Solutions for Small Islands”. Supported by the FFEM (French Facility for Global Environment) as an extension of the Islands Fund, this micro-funding programme has enabled SMILO to support the development of small projects that really can make a difference.

The goal was to encourage the implementation of innovative ideas and to help them last over time. The eligible countries were Senegal, Cape Verde, Tunisia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Madagascar. The call for projects also provided SMILO with an opportunity to discover and support actors on island territories that had not yet joined the network.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE EMERALD SEA

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE NGO Monde Au Développement Adapté / Emerald Sea, Madagascar.

OBJECTIVE To foster the sustainable and integrated development of economic activities (fishing, aquaculture, tourism) with the aim of protecting biodiversity and ecosystems.

SUPPORT FOR 7 PROJECTS



SPONGE AS A DEVELOPMENT TOOL FOR THE VILLAGE OF KRATTEN

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE Association Kratten du Développement Durable de la Culture et du Loisir / Kerkennah, Tunisia.

OBJECTIVE To develop sustainable fishing by heightening the islanders’ awareness of the value of their sea sponge heritage and the role of the sponge in ecosystems.



EDUCATIONAL ISLANDS

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE Association de Wens Wendaye Ehidj - Élèves et Étudiants / 3 islands in Casamance, Senegal.

OBJECTIVE Participative monitoring and repair of ecosystems, notably thanks to actions carried out by primary school children.



IBO RICE & RISE

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE Environment Childhood Organization Mozambique / Ibo, Mozambique.

OBJECTIVE To reinforce knowledge about, and the management and promotion of, the outstanding ecosystems that are the island's saltwater rice fields – to the benefit of the islanders.



« DJUNTAMON »

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE Organização para a Defesa e Desenvolvimento das Zonas Húmidas / Jeta, Guiné-Bissau.

OBJECTIVE To reinforce the conservation and protection of colonies of sea birds by installing a drinking water well. And to strengthen the local community's commitment.

PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE Nébédáy Association / Islands in the Saloum Delta, Senegal.

OBJECTIVE To improve energy efficiency and protect mangrove ecosystems by manufacturing and distributing stoves that consume less wood.

PARTICIPATIVE RESTORATION OF ECOSYSTEMS IN BAMBOUNG MPA

PROJECT LEADER/PLACE Fédération Nationale des Groupements d'Intérêts Économiques de Pêche du Senegal, MPA Manager, Islanders / Bamboung MPA, Senegal.

OBJECTIVE To create artificial reefs using shells, and to place them underwater in the Marine Protected Area to reinforce the territory's resilience.



PROJECTS IN 2020

IMPROVING MARINE HABITATS ON THE LÉRINS ISLANDS AND DEVELOPING A “SUSTAINABLE ISLAND” STRATEGY

Funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and France’s Région Sud (2020-2023)

In the summer of 2020, we made an inventory of the sanitation infrastructures on the island of Saint-Honorat, and waste outlets into the sea, in partnership with sanitation expert Satexe.

Samples of emitted wastewater will be collected and analysed in 2021 in order to calculate the scale of the future water treatment plant - featuring filters planted with reeds - to be set up on the island. In September, a first film shoot was completed on Saint-Honorat; the short video highlights the challenges inherent in protecting the marine environment of the Lérins Islands and showcases the efforts of local protagonists.



NETWORK OF TERRITORIAL EXCELLENCE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLANDS

Funded by ERASMUS+ (2020-2022)

This project supports the effective admission of new European islands to the SMILO network with a view to assisting them with their sustainable development policies.

An initial meeting on the island of Culatra (Portugal) enabled the island’s resource bodies to be trained in the SMILO methodology and to plan the first steps towards certification. Local partners and the SMILO team seized this opportunity to enhance their knowledge in the fields of water, energy, waste, biodiversity, landscapes and governance. After 3 days packed with rich debate, Culatra formed its Island Committee.





ZERO PLASTIC ON HYÈRES ISLANDS ARCHIPELAGO AND REPLICATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

funded by Beyond Plastic Med
(BeMed) (2020-2022)

AND

ZERO PLASTIC ON ISLANDS IN THE RÉGION SUD

funded by Région Sud (2020-2022)



These two projects triggered a roots-level survey among the traders of Porquerolles, Levant and Port-Cros. Our objective was to analyse how they use single-use plastics and other non-sustainable items, before going on to consult with designer Antoine Boudin, who would come up with items that could be made using locally grown *Arundo donax* cane.

Based on the needs expressed by the traders, we created a benchmark for sustainable alternatives that are “Made in France”. These are items that could replace the plastics currently used by the traders (water bottles, beakers for take-away drinks, etc.). Working with the traders, Antoine Boudin identified which items will be manufactured in local cane in 2021. Using local cane is a way of recycling waste from the industrial production of reeds for musical instruments. It is a natural and extremely local raw material.

The items will be trialled by the traders and visitors to the islands in the summer of 2021.



EVENTS & COMMUNICATION

WORLD ISLAND NETWORKS

MAPPING NETWORKS AND ORGANISATIONS

Since the beginning of 2020, SMILO has been identifying island networks and organisations around the globe that help protect the environment or cultural heritage of islands. This mapping work enables us to analyse their roles, actions, scope and difficulties, and also to pinpoint opportunities for the different players to cooperate.

This initiative aims to identify the networks and organisations that work at least on more than one island within a country. By the end of 2020, 71 networks and organisations had been identified. The list is a work-in-progress; you can peruse it (in English only) by clicking on the link below.

That document is a first draft. The goal is to present a complete report at the end of 2021, and to plan future updates of the list of organisations and networks.

We plan to publish an initial document during the course of 2021 and a complete report at the end of that same year. We would then continue to update the list, adding new organisations and networks as time goes on.

YOU'LL FIND THE FIRST VERSION OF THE MAPPING LIST > [HERE](#)

TO ADD YOUR ORGANISATION TO THE MAPPING LIST, COMPLETE THIS FORM > [HERE](#)



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE MAPPING LIST

- Your organisation works on more than one island in the country (this includes organisations that work on several islands within one region of a country.)
- Your organisation is currently active. It can be public or private; it may or may not have an official status (public institution, non-governmental organisation, university or research institution, etc.)
- Your organisation is designed to last over time (this excludes programmes with a given, limited lifespan.)
- Your organisation helps protect island environments or heritage.

VIRTUAL EVENT

**19 NOVEMBER /
1 DECEMBER 2020**



Two virtual events were organised to help further our mapping work. Focus sessions on different regions of the world attracted 335 participants of 68 different nationalities who enjoyed presentations by 18 panellists.

Representatives of public authorities, financial backers and universities, plus representatives of civil society organisations, all testified to the importance of island networks and organisations in protecting the natural and cultural heritage of islands.

The events were organised within the framework of ICO Solutions in partnership with the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA). They were funded by the FFEM (French Facility for Global Environment) and supported by the Conservatoire du Littoral, Green Cross France et Territoires, Island Conservation, Initiative PIM pour les Petites Îles de Méditerranée, and Precovery Labs.



335 participants



71 island networks and organisations identified



18 speakers



68 countries



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SESSION 1**

➤ **WATCH ALL OF
SESSION 2**

CELEBRATE ISLANDS

FROM 1 TO 7 JUNE 2020

Despite the pandemic we continued to organise network events - but in remote mode. We started with the now traditional Celebrate Islands, co-organised with the Conservatoire du Littoral and the Initiative PIM pour les Petites Îles de Méditerranée.

Every year, islanders from archipelagos all over the world rally to act in favour of their territories, to protect their heritage and to get residents and visitors more deeply involved in conservation.

Climate change and the destruction of our ecosystems paved the way, to some extent, to today's health crisis, underlining the importance of taking action to guarantee the long-term survival of our biodiversity and our resources.

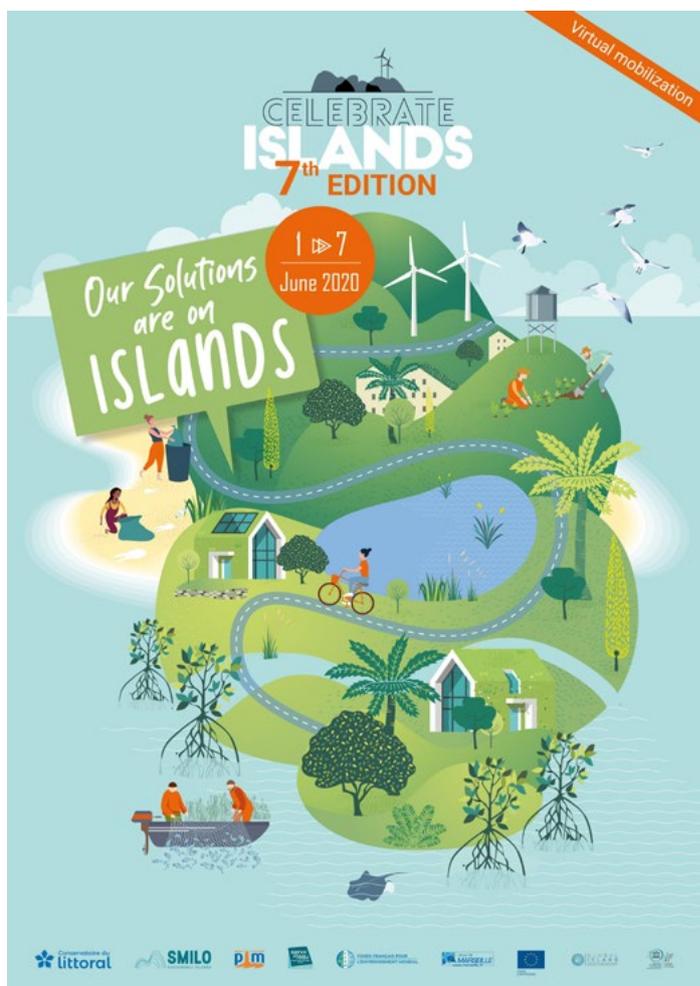
Celebrate Islands provides islands with a platform. This year, we wanted to spotlight what they were going through at the hands of Covid-19, and showcase their present and future solutions to environmental challenges. Six webinars were organised in six different languages, and over thirty short films were produced by island partners to present their territories and challenges (available on the Celebrate Islands and SMILO Facebook pages). From 1 to 7 June 2020, hundreds of people logged in to participate in the 100%-virtual 7th Celebrate Islands festivities.

Listen on YouTube...

...the recordings of the Celebrate Islands webinars in partnership with the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO), Pokret Otoka / Island Movement, and Associazione Nesos - trekking & natura.



CELEBRATE ISLANDS



VIRTUAL ISLAND SUMMIT 2020

On 10 September, a huge crowd joined us for a session on the integrated management of natural resources and the sustainable development of small islands. We co-organised the session (in French) with Island Innovation during the international on-line Virtual Island Summit.

The purpose of the session was to address the need for, and the challenges of, an integrated management approach to natural resources on small islands. What are the specificities of island territories? What positive examples do we have of sustainable practices, based on joint decision-making?

A recording of the session is available on the Island Innovation YouTube channel.

[+ FURTHER INFOS](#)



Panel Session:

Gestion Intégrée Des Ressources Naturelles Et Développement Durable Des Petites Iles (Integrated Management Of Natural Resources And Sustainable Development Of Small Islands)

Sign up for free: www.virtualislandsummit.com

NOT FORGETTING...

WEBINAR ON ISLANDS WITH THE RURAL POLICY CENTRE OF SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE

Organised by the Rural Policy Centre of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), 24 March 2020
[+ FURTHER INFOS](#)

"ENERGY, WATER, CIRCULAR ECONOMY, SUSTAINABLE TOURISM. CHALLENGES FOR SMALL ISLANDS, AND BEST PRACTICES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD"

Organised by Legambiente and Italy's National Research Centre (CNR), July 2020
[+FURTHER INFOS](#)

DEBATE ABOUT SMALL ISLANDS AT THE FRENCH SENATE

Round table > [Summery here.](#) July 2020
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CLOSING CONFERENCE OF INTERREG MARITIME PROJECT FRANCE-ITALY 2014-2020 ISOS – ISOLE SOSTENIBILI

27 october 2020



SMILO SIGNED THE BLUE MANIFESTO, A 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN TO PROTECT THE SEAS
[+ FURTHER INFOS](#)

TRANSNATIONAL VIRTUAL SEMINAR FOR GALPAS (LOCAL ACTION GROUPS FOR FISHING AND AQUACULTURE) IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BLACK SEA

Organised by FARNET at the initiative of DG MARE, 25-27 November 2020.



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CULATRA, PORTUGAL

LATEST ISLANDS TO JOIN THE NETWORK

FOURNI, GREECE

Surface Area: 31 km²
Location: Aegean Sea, Greece
Inhabitants: 1,320
Protection Status: Natura 2000
Partner: Municipality of Fourni

Located in the north-east of the Aegean Sea, the island is known for its tradition of small-scale fishing on the archipelago of Fourni Korseon. Fish resources are dwindling and demand better management, notably in the Natura 2000 site. The main sustainable development challenges for the island are linked to the management of waste and access to fresh water.

CULATRA, PORTUGAL

Location: Algarve, Portugal, North Atlantic
Inhabitants: 1,000
Number of Visitors : 150 500/yr
Protection Status: Nature Park
Partners: Residents' association (Associação de Moradores da Ilha da Culatra), Make It Better, Algarve Regional Committee for Coordination and Development, Algarve University

The island of Culatra is located in the Algarve, the southernmost region of mainland Portugal. It is one of five barrier islands that make up Ria Formosa Nature Park to the south of Portugal. This nature reserve is Portugal's most productive aquaculture zone, accounting for approximately 41% of Portuguese production. The island's inhabitants live mainly from fishing and tourism. Culatra is actively working to become an exemplary island in matters of sustainable development, with, notably, the European project "Culatra 2030 - Clean Energy Transition Agenda" and its undertakings with SMILO.



FOURNI, GRÈCE

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MAUSUND, NORWAY

Surface Area: 7km²

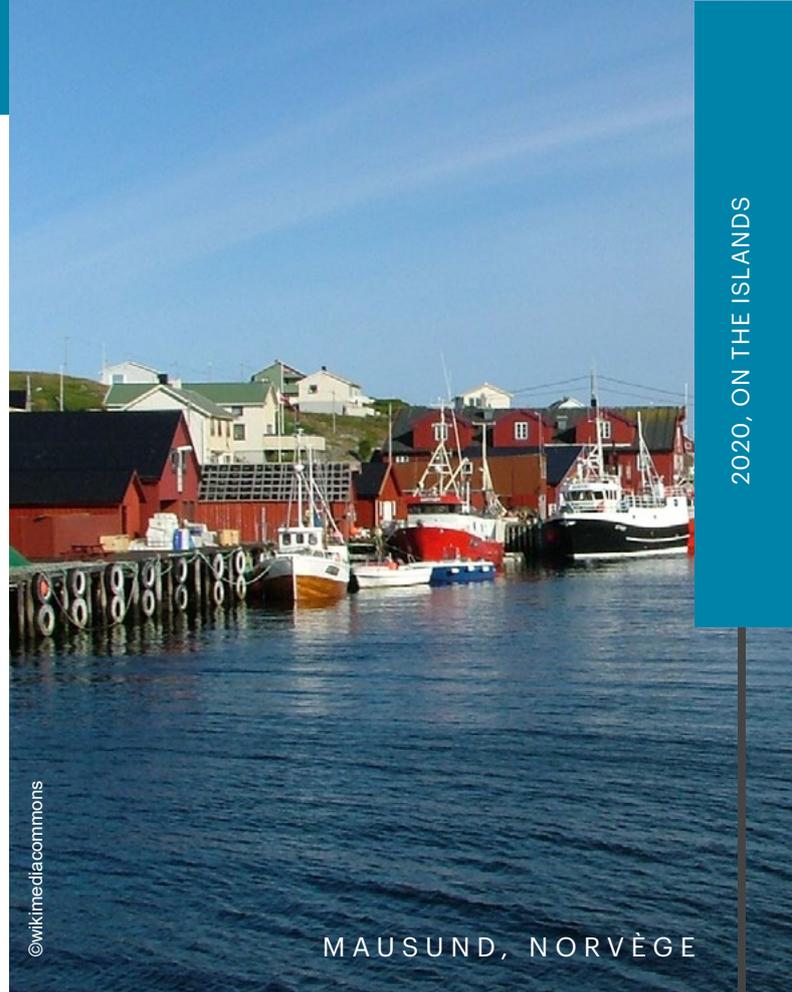
Location: County of Trøndelag, Norway Inhabitants: 200

Number of Visitors: 54,000/yr

Partner: Eider As Mausund Feltstasjon

The island of Mausund in Norway is a small fishing village. It stands in the municipality of Frøya, within the county of Trøndelag, south of the Froan Nature Reserve, which comprises over a thousand islands with very rich biodiversity. Its outstanding ecosystems are mainly threatened by marine waste and by Mausund's aquaculture production. The island is located in the middle of ocean currents that deliver substantial amounts of marine waste from all over the planet.

Visitors to Mausund are made aware of the impact of waste through local initiatives and clean-up campaigns. Eider As Mausund Feltstasjon aims to lead the field in the battle against marine waste (in terms of knowledge and innovative solutions), and more generally, protecting the environment.



NOSY HARA, MADAGASCAR

Surface Area: 3.12 km²

Location: North-west Madagascar, Indian Ocean

Inhabitants: 1,800

Number of Visitors: 1,000/yr

Protection Status: IUCN category II +

Marine National Park

Partners: Madagascar National Parks, Nosy Hara National Marine Park

The island of Nosy Hara is located 12 km by boat from Antsiranana. It has a surface area of 3.12 km² and is administered by the Diana Region. Nosy Hara National Marine Park covers 125,471 hectares and is managed by Madagascar National Parks. It was created in 2011 and has IUCN category II status. The island is one of the world's biodiversity hot spots, with natural milieux that are practically intact with strong endemism.

There are no permanent residents on the island, just one keeper. Fishermen camp out occasionally for one night or two on Nosy Hara and other islets. As with all Nature Parks in Madagascar, a fee is charged for entering the site. The Park is actively striving to protect its resources whilst endeavouring to generate positive economic spin-offs, notably by developing sustainable tourism on the island, to improve the quality of life of the local population.





OUT- LOOK FOR 2021

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Packed with projects already underway, certified islands, inter-island technical workshops and international meetings, 2021 promises to be exciting!

September 2021 will see the **ICO Solutions** – Islands, Coasts, Oceans Solutions event, driven by the Conservatoire du Littoral, the Marseille Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Rhône-Mediterranean-Corsica Water Agency, of which SMILO is a partner.

The session on World Island Networks will be the perfect occasion to present **the results of our mapping exercise to pinpoint island networks and organisations**. Meanwhile, **workshops and round tables** for those who manage natural spaces, businesses, associations and public authorities will be organised throughout the year, running up to the event in September.

SMILO, the Conservatoire du Littoral and the PIM Initiative are already working on the 8th **Celebrate Islands** in the series, to be held in the week of 18 May under the banner: “**Let’s take care of our Islands**”. This year, there will be a short film competition.

Several inter-island events will bring SMILO partners together, notably the **technical workshops** entitled “Small Islands Driving Sustainable Tourism” and “Zero-Plastic Islands”. Our partners will also be invited to follow **series of on-line workshops on the challenges of designing and steering a project** (in French, English and Portuguese), as well as “Nature Parks – the Keys to Successful Communication”, hosted by the Conservatoire du Littoral.

New projects **supported by the Islands Fund** will be launched, and new islands will apply for **the intermediary label**, the Label in Progress.

We hope to be able to get back to our field trips again in 2021, and to meet up for our traditional **Small Islands Annual Meeting** at the end of the year in Kerkennah (Tunisia), joining the members of our network and our partners for technical workshops, to award new labels, and to enjoy discussing and sharing.



NOSY HARA
MADAGASCAR



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