

BEST

VOLUNTARY SCHEME
FOR BIODIVERSITY AND
ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
IN TERRITORIES OF
EUROPEAN OVERSEAS



LIFE4BEST

*Supporting Biodiversity Action in the
EU's Outermost Regions (BEST)*

2020 Call for proposals

- Legend**
- EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)
 - EU Outermost Regions (OR)
 - African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of states and island states of the same regions
 - Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the EU
 - BEST projects funded in 7 EU Overseas regions & project focus



For more information
September 2020

British Antarctic Territory (BAT)

Adélie Land

	Max. Funding	Max. Duration
LIFE4BEST	40 000€ (+€ 10 000 for PPG)	14 months

➤ **2-step process:**

- **Step 1:** submission of a concept note (open to all eligible applicants).
- **Step 2:** submission of a full proposal (only open to applicants whose concept note is pre-selected)

➤ **Max. 2 concept notes** per call

➤ **100% funded by LIFE4BEST (NO Co-funding)**

+ PPG: *Project Preparatory Grant*

- **Objective:** The PPG is aimed to financially support applicants whose concept notes have been pre-selected in the preparation of their full proposal
- **Amount:** Lump sum of 10 000€
- **Eligible organisations:**
 - Local NGOs, CSOs, CBOs, non-profit organisations
 - Small socio-professional organisations, SMEs, small for-profit organisations

⚠ The PPG is meant to support organisation in the preparation of a full project proposal only. So if no full proposal is submitted or if the proposal is incomplete, the beneficiary will have to reimburse the full amount of the PPG.

➤ Eligibility of applicants & co-applicants

Lead applicant and co-applicants **must be:**

- I. **A private or public legal entity** (e.g. a registered/incorporated in one of the EU Outermost Regions (ORs). Individuals, sole traders are not eligible to receive a grant from LIFE4BEST.
- II. **Directly responsible** for the preparation and implementation of the grant project. Applications submitted by a body acting as an intermediary for a third party are not eligible.
- III. **Have a bank account in the name of the organisation;** grants cannot be paid into an account in the name of an individual.

➤ Eligibility of applicants & co-applicants

Type of organisation	Eligible?	Conditions for eligibility
<u>Local</u> non-government organisations (NGOs), civil society organisations (CSOs), community-based organisations (CBOs), non-profit organisations	✓	N.a.
Small socio-professional organisations, SMEs, small for-profit organisations of economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism (<10 permanent staff, annual balance or turnover < €2 million) *	✓ *	* Individual consultants, consulting companies , sole traders are not eligible to be the lead applicant or the co-applicant of a project ; they can only be involved in a project as sub-contractors.
<u>Local</u> sub-governmental bodies of an OR i.e. municipalities, cities etc.)	✓	N.a.
OR territorial government departments and services	✓ *	* Provided that the project puts a strong emphasis on local collaboration and partnership with the local civil society, and/or local sub-government bodies, socio-professional organisations.
Organisations based in an European Union Member State	✓ *	* Provided the applicant can demonstrate that the project: - has the support of the ORs authorities (e.g. letter of support) - puts a strong emphasis on local collaboration and partnership with the local civil society, and/or local sub-government bodies, socio-professional organisations - includes capacity building activities.
Local/National Research organisations	✓ *	* Research organisations can apply for funding as co-applicant , provided that the research undertaken for the ongoing action is operational and supports action on the ground during the lifetime of the project (not fundamental research).
Regional Organisations	✗	N.a.
International Organisations	✗	N.a.

Criteria	Maximum Score	Awarded Score	Assessor Comments
1. Relevance (max. 15 points)			
Does the project make a clear demonstration that it is concretely addressing the LIFE4BEST objectives?	5		
Are the foreseen activities relevant and tangible enough for achieving the overall objective?	5		
How relevant is the proposal to the local, national and regional strategies, the BEST Regional Ecosystem Profile and Investment Strategy (when available)?	5		
2. Effectiveness (max. 20 points)			
Does the project present tangible positive impacts during its lifetime?	15		
Are the workforce and timeline realistic?	5		
3. Partnerships and sustainability (max 15 points)			
Does the project identify all relevant partners and their roles for maximizing capacities and synergies?	10		
Is there already a clear approach for the sustainability and replicability of the project?	5		
TOTAL (Threshold 30)	50		

Each Concept Note will be evaluated by 2 independent experts

**Concept Note grid:
Threshold **30** out of **50****

Eligible activities

Eligible activities **must**:

- ▶ **Be located in one or more of the ORs;**
- ▶ Contribute to the LIFE4BEST objectives* with **tangible activities** on the ground;
- ▶ Comply with the LIFE4BEST and **IUCN environmental and social safeguard aspects;**
- ▶ Contribute to **tangible and measurable impacts** to LIFE4BEST objectives*
- ▶ Encourage **partnership-based approach** with local stakeholders;
- ▶ Guarantee **open access** to data, results and all information generated by the project;
- ▶ **Not** be fundamental research projects. Proposals that include research activities must support **tangible follow-up actions using the research during the time-life of the project**, i.e. proposal of a practical management plan or new policy, or new protected area design, new natural resources management plan, in vivo pilot site activities implementing the results of the research with new management or conservation actions.

*LIFE4BEST objectives:







- Conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Sustainable use of biodiversity, natural resources and ecosystem services
- Ecosystem-based climate change mitigation and adaptation

Non-exhaustive list of eligible activities

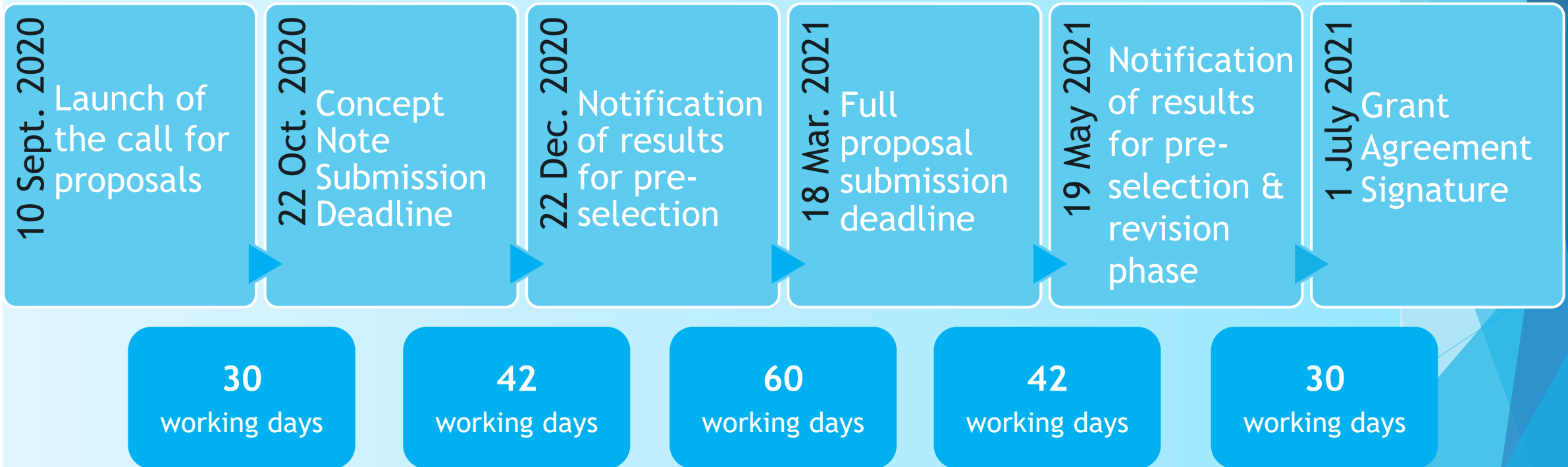
- **Improving the status of threatened species and their habitats;**
- Vegetation/habitat **mapping for supporting tangible activities on the ground** of protection and/or restoration of critical habitat;
- Strengthening **Protected Area management and/or governance** effectiveness (training, new/updated PA management plan, participatory activities);
- **Support to local stakeholders' initiatives** (e.g., local communities and authorities) to help protect/manage biodiversity, ecosystems (e.g. ecosystem management, participatory monitoring);
- Analyses to **better understand/quantify the threats on biodiversity** for supporting during the time-life of the project tangible activities on the ground;
- **Socioeconomic studies** for supporting the development of new sustainable economic valorisation of biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystems services (e.g. ecotourism);
- **Mitigation of specific threats** such as climate change impacts, invasive alien species;
- **Traditional solutions promotion and deployment** in terms of sustainable management; biodiversity conservation, resilience;
- Local and participatory **circular economy** solutions for preserving ecosystems and reducing pressures on biodiversity;
- **Sustainable agricultural and fisheries good practices** promoting species and habitat conservation; agro-ecological and agro-forestry activities;
- **Public awareness, education campaigns, socio-cultural activities, training and capacity building;**
- **Support to local stakeholders'** enhanced participation to biodiversity and sustainable development (e.g. participatory monitoring, eco-sentinels)

For being eligible **costs must:**

- necessary for the implementation of the project activities;
- reasonable and justified and consistent with the principles of sound financial management, in particular in terms of value for money and cost-effectiveness;
- generated during the lifetime of the project (costs incurred before the official starting date of the project or after the official end date of the project are not eligible); expenditure eligible for financing may not have been incurred before the signature of the grant agreement;
- either actually incurred by the beneficiary and be recorded in his accounts in accordance with the applicable accounting principles, or based on the simplified costs option or on the combination thereof;
- identifiable and verifiable;
- compliant with the requirements of the applicable tax and social legislation.

-  debts and debt service charges (interest);
-  provisions for losses or potential future liabilities;
-  costs declared by the beneficiary(ies) and financed by another action or work programme receiving a European Union (including through EDF) grant;
-  purchases of land or buildings;
-  currency exchange losses;
-  credit to third parties.

Project proposal cycle



Activities	DATES (Brussels date & time)
Launch of the call for proposals	10/09/2020
Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the Secretariat and Regional Focal Points	08/10/2020
Deadline to submit a Concept Note	22/10/2020
Notification of Pre-selection to the applicant	22/12/2020*
Deadline to submit a Full Proposal	18/03/2021*
Final Selection by the Board	11/05/2021*
Notification of final selection to the applicant	19/05/2021*
Signature of Grant Agreements	01/07/2021*
Latest ending date of Grant Agreements (14 months maximum)	01/09/2022*

* Indicatives dates



Important information

www.life4best.org

> Calls for proposals



2nd call for proposals



Deadline : 22 Oct. 23:59 CET

LIFE4BEST : 2nd call for proposals
Deadline: October 22, 2020

The **guidelines for applicants** as well as all forms and documents are available below under Documents. For any questions, please consult the FAQ document or contact your Regional Focal Point (section Contact us). Good luck!

[Apply Now](#) [Documents](#)

Application Form and Useful Documents

In order to apply you must first register and upload the completed forms in our platform

Guidelines & Info session

Information Guidelines for Applicants Download Word Document	Information Concept note: General presentation Download Document
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Stage 1: Concept Note

Form Concept Note Download Document	Form Lead Applicant's Declaration Download Word Document
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Form (optional) Co-applicant's mandate Download Word Document	Form Lead Applicant's Due Diligence and Financial Capacity Questionnaire Download Word Document
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Carefully read the guidelines!

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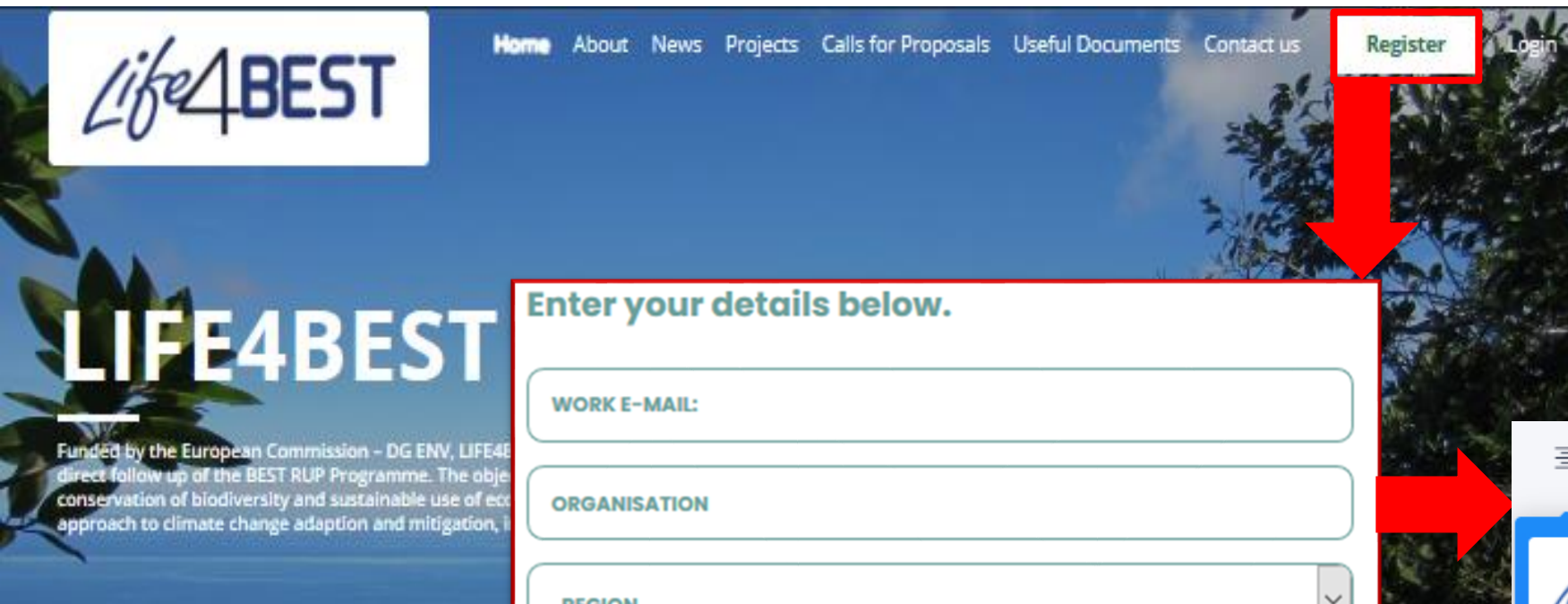
Deadline for submission of concept notes:
22 October 2020 at 23:59 (Brussels date and time)
 (In order to convert to local time click [here](#))

Applicants are strongly recommended to read this guidance document in full before completing and submitting a proposal for LIFE4BEST.



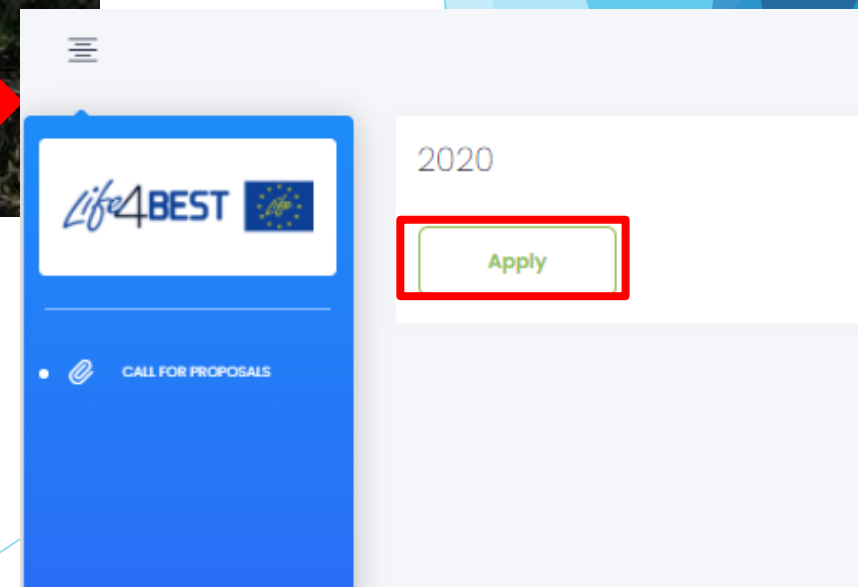
How to apply?

Register on www.life4best.org

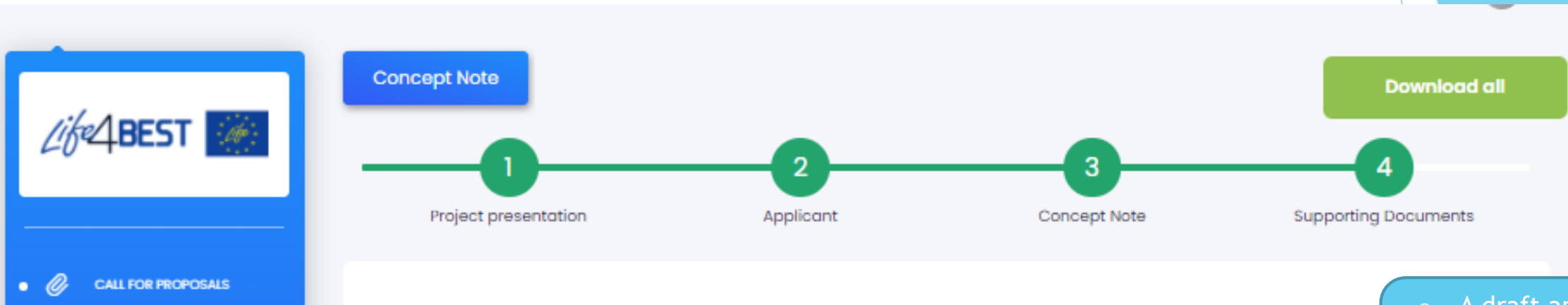


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Funded by the European Commission - DG ENV, LIFE4BEST is a direct follow up of the BEST RUP Programme. The objective is the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of ecosystems as an approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation, in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.



2. Complete online the 4 steps



- 1 Project presentation:** complete general information about the project on-line (title, dates, short summary, area & type of intervention, etc.)
- 2 Applicant:** complete information and contact details about lead applicant and co-applicant (if any), information on other projects (BEST or EU)
- 3 Concept Note:** Upload here the completed template filled-in
- 4 Supporting Documents:** Upload here the listed documents, and any other useful document (letter of support, etc.)

- A draft application can be saved
- Templates can be filled offline first

Make sure that all required information and documents have been entered and uploaded successfully

Some fields or documents are mandatory; if not completed, you will not be able to submit the proposal

Once you submit the proposal, you will receive an automatic email - acknowledgement of receipt.



Thank you!



Les bébés requins sont de retour !

Nous avons besoin de vos yeux attentifs en mer mais aussi sur la plage...
... sur toutes les Antilles françaises !



C'est la saison des naissances, que vous soyez en bateau, en paddle, en kayak (...) ou même à pieds le long de la plage, vous aurez peut être la chance de les rencontrer.

**Soyez nos « yeux de la mer » :
contactez nous en cas d'observation !**

Qui sait, vous allez peut être découvrir une nouvelle nurserie de requins dans les Antilles françaises...

Sharkement,
L'équipe de Kap Natirel

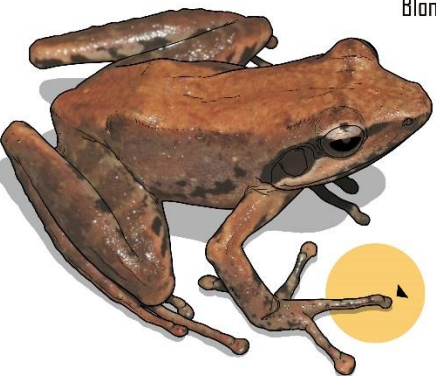


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Grenouille de Mayotte

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