

# RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS & BIODIVERSITY IN PDA4



17 4 years

Agricultural Development Cluster 4 (PDA4), **Benin**

**Estimated budget:** 14,5 M €

**Sectors:** Forestry, Agriculture



## Context

PDA4 is one of Benin's most strategically important regions for biodiversity. It is home to protected forests, wetlands, and agroecosystems of great ecological value, while also being a hub for significant agricultural (rice, soybeans, cotton) and forestry production.

However, population growth, the intensification of crop-livestock-forestry systems, and the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources are undermining ecosystems and the livelihoods of local communities.



## Objectives

- Restoring the ecological integrity of critical ecosystems of PDA4 (protected and community forests)
- Accelerating the agroecological transition through widespread adoption of nature-based practices
- Developing sustainable value chains that leverage local biological resources
- Disseminating local knowledge through participatory action-research platforms
- Institutionalizing inclusive, polycentric governance with innovative financing mechanisms



**Institutions & local authorities:** MCVT, MAEP, ABE, DGEFC, PDA4 town halls

**Local stakeholders:** producers, cooperatives, women, young people, riparian communities

**Technical support:** NGOs/CSOs, research, private sector

**Partners:** AFD, WWF, IUCN, EF, FFEM, GRET, CIRAD, IRD, ENABEL

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COORDINATION

IMPLEMENTATION