

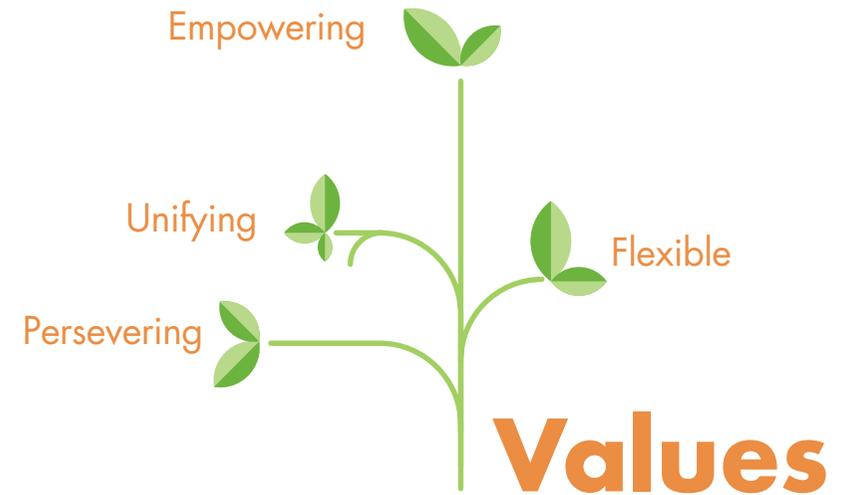


Investing in people and nature annual report

2018

Mission

We conserve biodiversity for the benefit of people and nature by funding, mobilising and strengthening our partners and the conservation community.



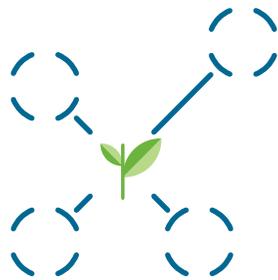
How we work

As an engaged donor, securing lasting impact and financial sustainability for our partners is a priority that shapes everything we do. In 2018 we did this by:



Grant-making

Providing financial support



Catalysing

Initiating joint action on important issues or gaps



Building capacity

Strengthening and accompanying partners



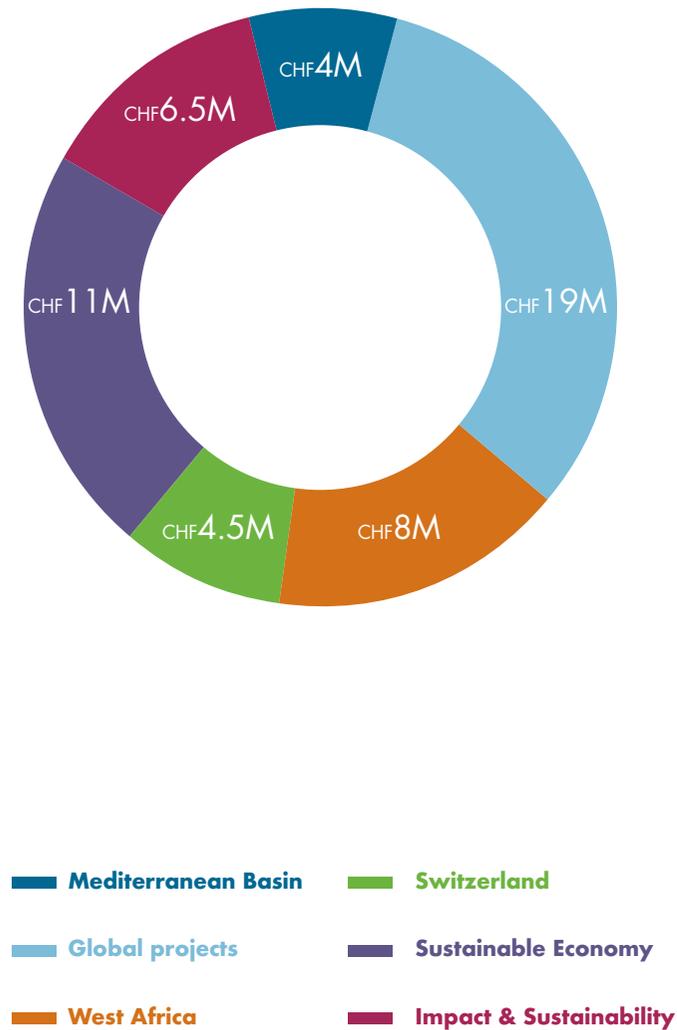
Exploring

Investigating sustainable finance mechanisms for partners

Grant-making

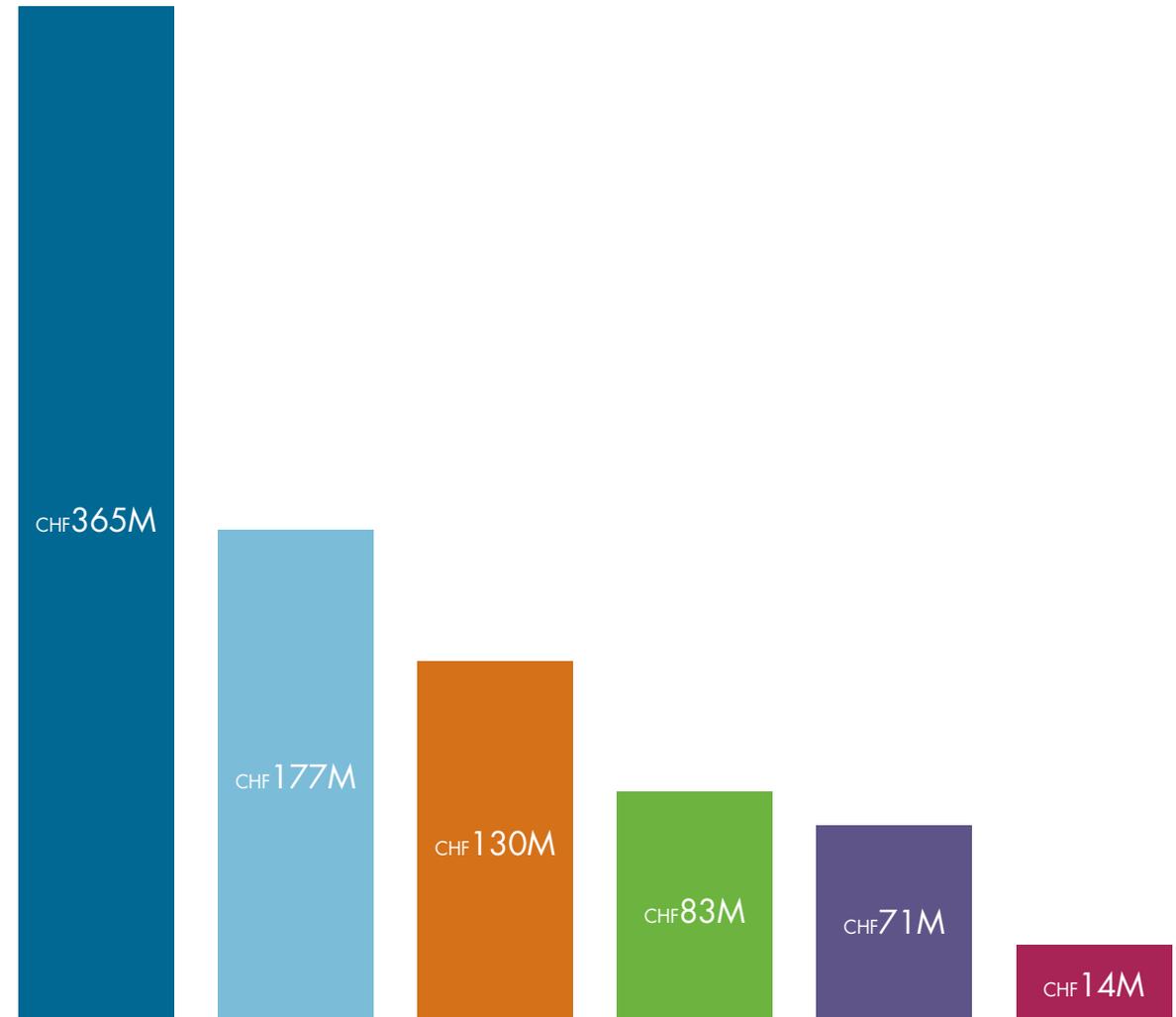
Total amount granted in 2018
CHF 54M (73 projects)

Allocation by programme 2018:



Total amount granted over 1994-2018
CHF 840M (1046 projects)

Allocation by programme 1994-2018*:



*Sustainable Economy: 2014-2018 | Impact & Sustainability: 2016-2018

Focus on our programme objectives for 2018 & some heroes

Mediterranean Basin

Protecting

- freshwater basins and aquifers
- coastal and island wetlands
- seagrass and coralligenous habitat
- key fish species targeted by artisanal fisheries
- critical landscapes maintained by cultural practice
- priority species



Eva Hernández

Coordinator, Living European Rivers Initiative, WWF-Netherlands



Our biggest challenge is changing mindsets. Healthy, living rivers are our beating heart but water isn't an infinite resource, and technology and engineering can't fix a broken heart."

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West Africa

Protecting

- sea turtles and birds
- coastal wetlands
- mangroves
- seagrass beds
- small pelagic fish



Marie Suzanna Traore

Executive Secretary, RAMPAO



Leading an organisation as a woman in Africa can be difficult but what's more important than my gender is first and foremost, my steadfast perseverance and commitment to my convictions, as a person."

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Switzerland

Protecting

- rivers

and promoting

- sustainable agriculture
- ecological infrastructure
- circular economy



Amanda Byrde & Felix Stähli

Co-founders, Impact Hubs Geneva/Lausanne



It's a pivotal moment for our generation and for humanity. In Switzerland, we're 'winners' of globalisation – with our wealth, our education and our democracy, we need to be courageous and tackle circularity head on."

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Sustainable Economy

Promoting

- green finance
- circular economy
- natural capital



Nicky Davies

Programme Director, Plastic Solutions Fund



I believe in people power. We can create a world without plastic pollution, but we're taking on some of the most powerful interests on the planet, so we need to force change – it won't happen on its own."

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Impact & Sustainability

Supporting

- young talent and leaders
- partners' development
- civil society

and developing

- innovative conservation finance mechanisms



Rocio Moreno & Leno Passos

Fundação Maio Biodiversidade



Leadership is about relationships, having respect and listening deeply. And being open with each other has made us much stronger."

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A message from our President



As I reflect back on 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to honour and celebrate all the extraordinary successes our partners have achieved until today.

MAVA's vision is ambitious - a world in which we all prosper and biodiversity flourishes, upheld by a sustainable global economic system and a strong, autonomous conservation community. This vision will remain our guide until the foundation's grant-making comes to an end in 2022.

At the heart of all our work are passionate partners dedicated to delivering effective and lasting conservation. Their unfailing engagement, knowledge and collaboration inspire us at MAVA every day.

Looking ahead, we are now entering a transition year where we will be assessing collective progress, focussing on sustainability and partnerships, and making final adaptations to our 2016-2022 strategy to ensure maximum impact. Working with our partners, we will be operating in line with our values – unifying, empowering, flexible and persevering.

More than ever before, we believe that biodiversity is priceless and continued prosperity depends upon its survival. Thank you to all those of you who are engaging with us for a better planet.

André Hoffmann



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(1994-2016)

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Led by Lynda Mansson, 11 staff work at our head office in Switzerland and nine in our regional office in Senegal. Four part-time consultants round out the team. After nearly 20 years with MAVA/FIBA, Antonio Araujo retired in 2018. We express deep gratitude to him for his long-lasting dedication to the conservation of biodiversity.

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