

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Our mission is clear.

A healthy planet is vital for our survival and future prosperity. We must protect nature, tackle species loss and rewire the global economy for sustainability.

For the next five years, we will put all our effort into supporting conservation that benefits people and nature, and we will invest in impact and sustainability.

To ensure long-term continuity of our actions, MAVA is also open to new opportunities of collaboration and partnerships. Please contact us to find out about these opportunities.

André Hoffmann

GOVERNANCE

Our Board's main role is to set our mission and strategy, oversee its effective implementation and ensure the foundation conducts its operations and manages its finances in accordance with best practice and legal requirements. André Hoffmann has been Board President since June 2010.

The secretariat is led by Lynda Mansson, Director General. Twelve staff work in the head office in Switzerland and nine in our regional office in Senegal.

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INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND NATURE



2017



WHO WE ARE



MISSION

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

VALUES

unifying
empowering
flexible
persevering



Established in 1994 by the late Dr Luc Hoffmann, MAVA is a family-led, Swiss-based philanthropic foundation.

In our last strategic cycle, all grant-making will end by 2022.

GRANTS 2017:
CHF 90 MILLION
→ **124 PROJECTS**

GRANTS 1994-2017:
CHF 786 MILLION
→ **973 PROJECTS**

HOW WE WORK



CATALYST AND CONVENOR

As an engaged donor, we are working towards more sustainable human societies and a healthy planet by:

✓
providing financial support

✓
catalysing joint action on important issues or gaps

✓
strengthening and accompanying partners



PROACTIVE

We are working with a portfolio of projects under each of our four programmes via a range of funding methods:



Co-creation



Calls for proposals



Regranting mechanisms



Donor collaborations

Securing a lasting impact and financial sustainability for our partners is a priority that shapes everything we do.

WHAT WE DID IN 2017

AN ADDITIONAL CHF 4.4 MILLION WAS GRANTED IN 2017 FOR 16 GLOBAL PROJECTS

Projects: 47

Amount granted: CHF 37 million

Amount granted: CHF 6 million

Projects: 11

CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND CONSERVATION, HAND IN HAND

In the Mediterranean, our aim is to improve the conservation status of freshwater basins and aquifers, important coastal and island wetlands, seagrass and coralligenous habitat, key fish species targeted by artisanal fisheries, critical landscapes maintained by cultural practice, and priority species.



“We call it practical conservation. People said it was dangerous to involve local businesses but we’ve shown everyone that nature is a good investment.”

Nizar HANI,
Shouf Biosphere Reserve



MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS, FORESTS AND MEADOWS, IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

In Switzerland, our aim is to improve the conservation status of rivers and to promote sustainable agriculture, ecological infrastructure and green economy.



“As a small organisation, at first we didn’t really believe we could make a difference – but we’ve realised, yes, we can!”

Andreas Bosshard,
Vision Landwirtschaft



IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY

CREATING A LASTING HERITAGE

Our aim is to sustain MAVA’s vision after our funding ends in 2022. Adopting an integrated cross-programme approach, we operate on four nested levels: nurturing young talent and leaders, strengthening our partners, boosting civil society, and developing innovative finance.

Projects: 7

Amount granted: CHF 4.8 million

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

SWITZERLAND

WEST AFRICA

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

“We used an English tradition to win over fishermen: afternoon tea! This is how we work, just sit down and talk.”

Tommy Melo,
Biosfera



WHERE THE DESERT MEETS THE OCEAN’S EMBRACE, AN ABUNDANCE OF LIFE

In West Africa, our aim is to improve the conservation status of sea turtles, coastal wetlands, seabirds, mangroves, seagrass beds and small pelagic fish.

Projects: 24

Amount granted: CHF 27.5 million

Amount granted: CHF 10.5 million

Projects: 19



SHAPING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING WITHIN PLANETARY BOUNDARIES

Our aim is to contribute to the creation of a more sustainable global economic system by focusing on green finance, resource efficiency and valuing natural capital, and integrating this work throughout our regional programmes.

