



# Joint Meeting of Bern Convention SFPs and CMS MIKT on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds

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Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot

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Critical Ecosystem  
Partnership Fund –  
Protecting Biodiversity  
by Supporting People

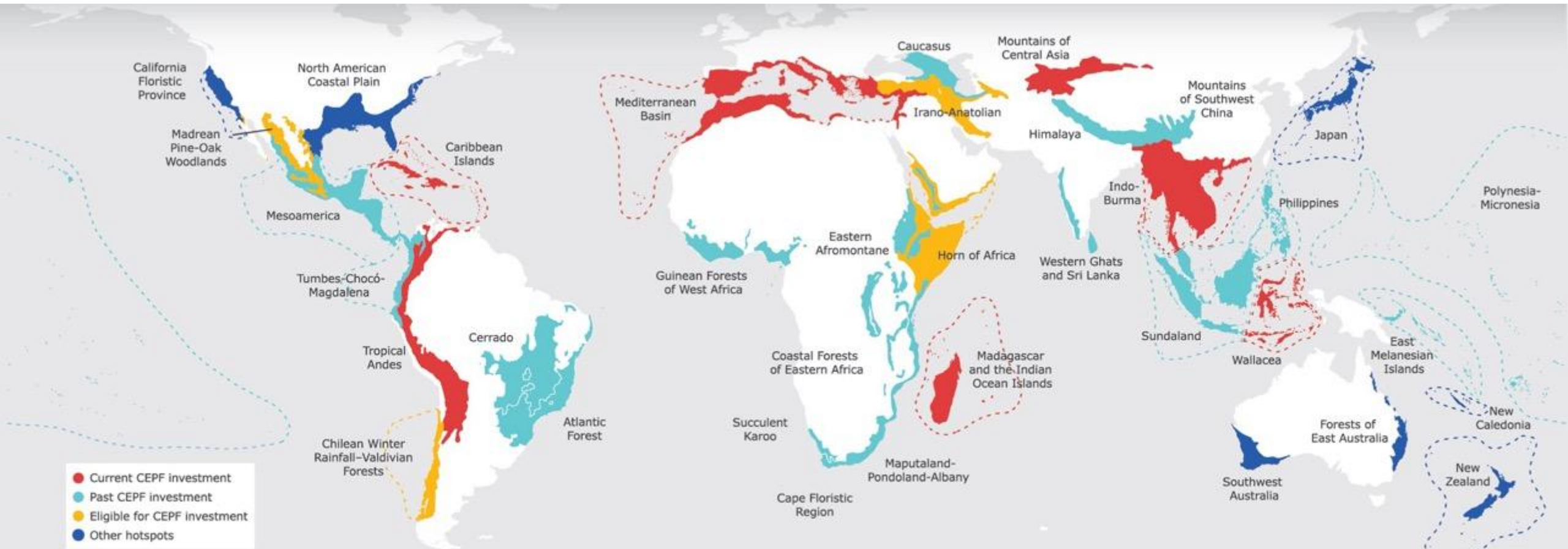
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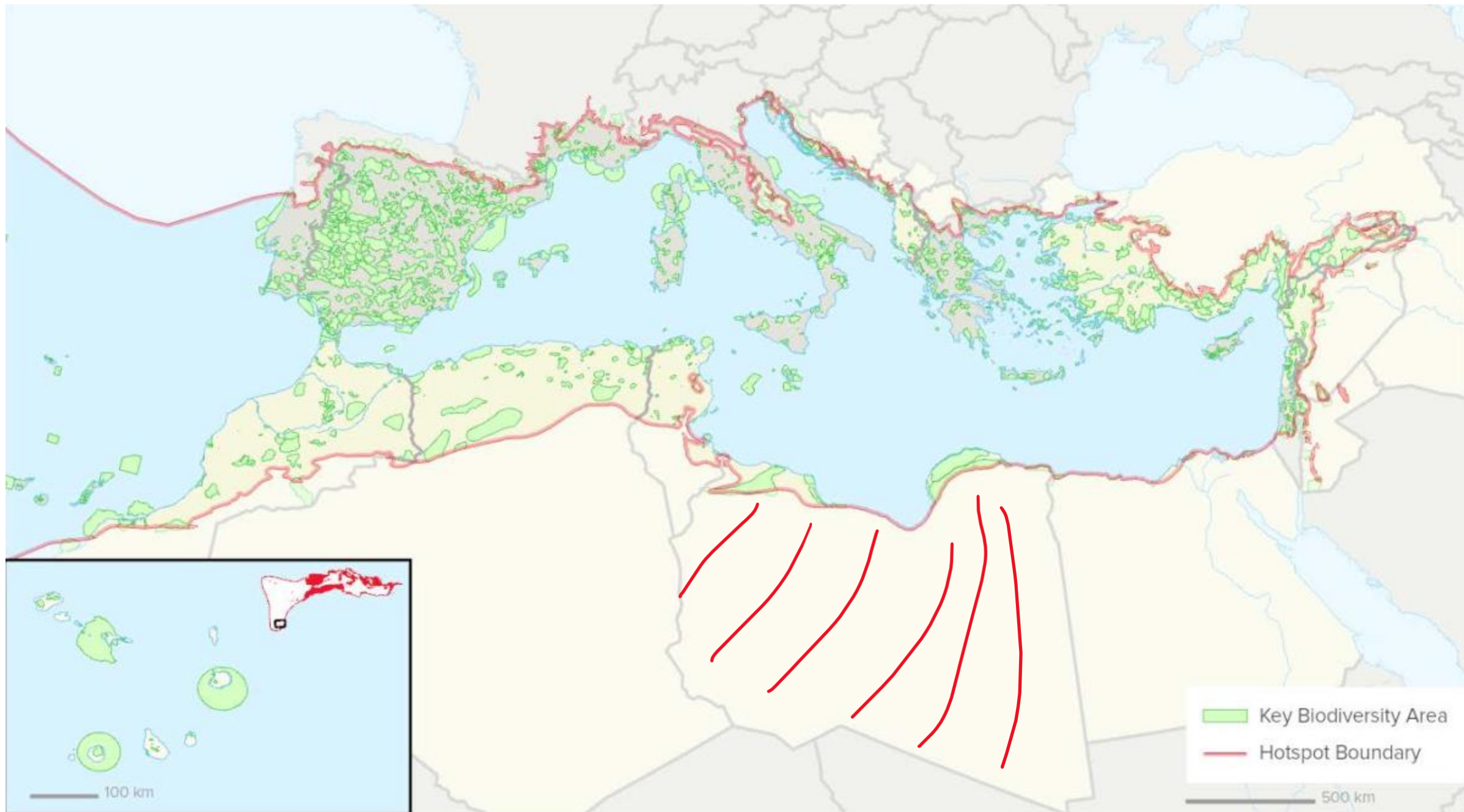
- l'Agence Française de Développement
- Conservation International
- The European Union
- Fondation Hans Wilsdorf
- The Global Environment Facility
- The Government of Japan
- The World Bank

CEPF operates with help of RITs (Regional Implementation Team) – in Mediterranean it is BirdLife International and DOPPS



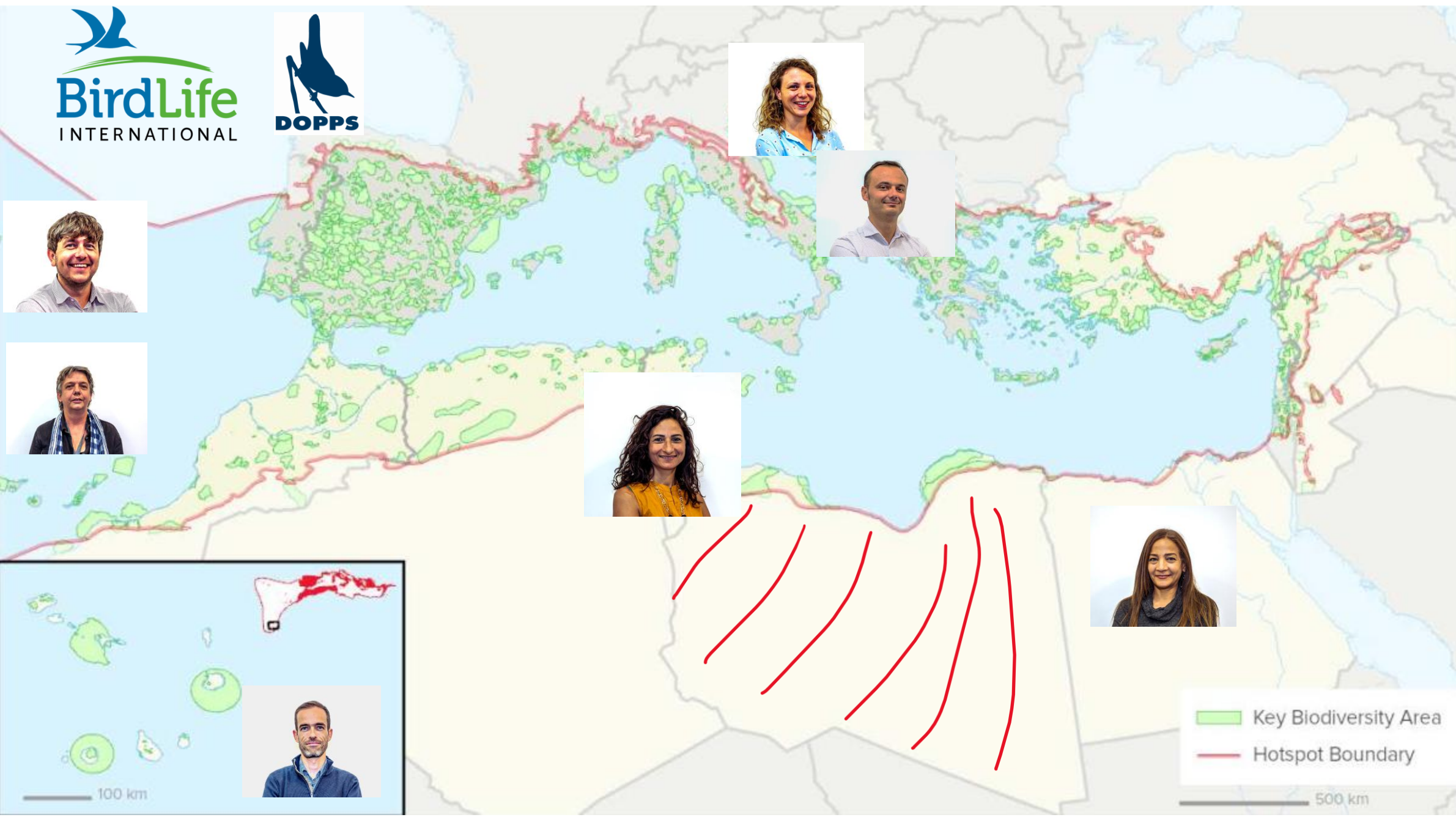
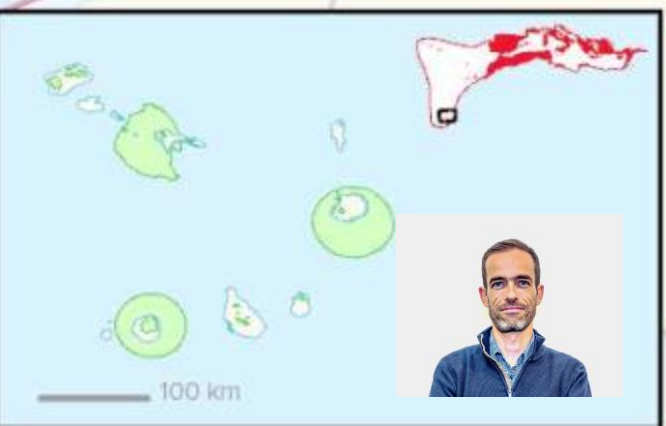
# WHERE WE WORK





# How we work?





Key Biodiversity Area  
Hotspot Boundary



Impacts?

# BIODIVERSITY

## IMPROVED STATUS

1,358 Red Listed species

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55.9 million hectares of improved KBAs

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17.2 million hectares of new protected area

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12.3 million hectares of production landscapes

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# STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY

- More than 2,700 grantees globally, 230+ in the Mediterranean
- More than US\$300 million in grants globally, approx. US\$25 million in the Mediterranean until now



Striking a 'W' pose for International Women's Day © Association Sidi Bouzitoun, Tunisia

# Working with communities, and enabling conditions for conservation



Supporting civil society to lead conservation, in cooperation with governments and communities.

AFMI worked with local people to map out land use in Ifrane National Park  
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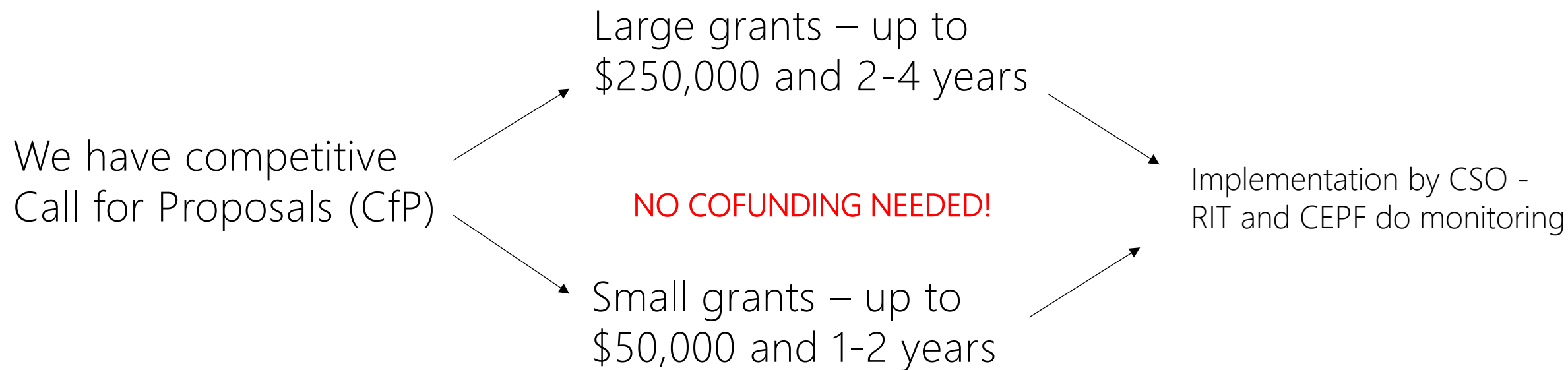
Biodiversity Hotspot  
ECOSYSTEM PROFILE

CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM  
PARTNERSHIP FUND

## What do we fund, 2025-2030

- 1. MPAs and coastal wetlands, \$4.5 mil
- 2. Freshwater ecosystems, \$3.2 mil
- 3. Traditional land-use practices in mountains, \$3.7 mil
- 4. Plants conservation, \$2.2 mil
- 5. Organizational development, \$1 mil
- Arabic and French summaries at [cepf.net](https://cepf.net)

# How it goes exactly?



We also have

- Rapid Rescue for Conservation Crises (R2C2)

Government-owned enterprises or institutions are eligible only if they can establish:

- that the enterprise or institution has a legal personality independent of any government agency or actor,
- that the enterprise or institution has the authority to apply for and receive private funds to own bank account and
- that the enterprise or institution may not assert a claim immunity.

# GEF Small Grants Program in Libya





CEPF Executive Director Olivier Langrand, with a member of the municipality of Anjar, Lebanon, discussing Sustainable Hunting Area.  
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