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The Maroni and the Oyapock river basins at a glance



French Overseas
Territory in South
America - French
Department since 1945
National and European
regulations in force





Cultural and ethnic diversity of populations Strong demographic dynamic that creates significant challenges in terms of access to essential services Exceptional biodiversity (high taxonomic diversity) - High mineral wealth (specific pressures such as illegal gold washing) **Articulation of economic** development with the management and enhancement of the natural heritage









transboundary context

Shared issues for shared basins: need for cooperation



















Resilience to a changing climate

Anticipate against uncertainty, adaptation to water-related risks (floods/low waters), and mitigate in an Amazonian context



Accompany economic development and reduce anthropogenic pressures



The territories are facing pressures (illegal gold mining for instance). We must find a coherent and long term path to development for populations and ecosystems

Short term needs

Reinforce jointly human essential services (drinking water supply, sanitation, waste management, health) in isolated context











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BIO-PLATEAUX PROJECT

TOWARDS A TRANSBOUNDARY MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND BIODIVERSITY

The privileged model to strengthen transboundary cooperation in the river basins of the Oyapock and Maroni on water resources and aquatic biodiversity, follows a progressive step-by-step logic. The fundamental objective of this work is the joint implementation of a balanced development model, also taking into account the expectations of citizens and stakeholders.

PHASE I DATA SHARING AND MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE

2019/2022

PHASE II CREATION OF THE TRANSBOUNDARY OBSERVATORY

2022/2025

PHASE III
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES AND AQUATIC
BIODIVERSITY

2025/...



- Identification of cooperation needs
- High level contacts (Cayenne Conference Statement)
- Creation and animation of a technical network
- Fundamental tools: web platform for sharing data, information and documents
 - Planning for knowledge
- Awareness raising: pilot water classes
- Progressive technical link with ACTO

- Legal, economic and organizational studies: towards the creation of the Observatory
 - Animation and development of the technical network
 - Citizen participation
- Initiation of the planning process: shared diagnosis on the two river basins
- Strengthening of knowledge: studies, instrumentation, data production and sharing
- Joint pilot cooperation activities on water resources and aquatic biodiversity
- Interoperability work between BIO-PLATEAUX and the ACTO Amazon Regional Observatory

- Support to the technical secretariat of the Observatory
- Implementation of shared governance
- Integrated planning by river basins
 Joint financing of pilot measures for the
- implementation of the action program
- Decision making support for a development model that respects ecosystems
 - Scaling up to the Guiana Shield level
 - Joint projects with ACTO









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