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**'Community-based biodiversity management'**

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To participate in the 2nd 2009 Commission, submit your proposals by September 10 2009 at the latest.

Dear Readers,

Remember: forty years ago, man walked on the moon! An exceptional achievement, celebrated by declaring 2009 the "Year of Astronomy". An achievement that continues of course to inspire us, as it has pushed the limits of human imagination and creativity.

Yet, at the same time the state of our planet, of its natural resources and of humankind's responsibility - in 50 years, 50% of the planet area has been changed by human use - beg more and more questions. Isn't the future of humankind, that seems designed so remotely, being played in front of our very eyes? Out of 44,838 species on IUCN's Red List, 38% are threatened by extinction and 3,246 are at critical risk of extinction. One out of four mammals is at risk of disappearing!

Does humankind still have the means to reverse the trend? The testimony by Amerina Gublin-Diquélou, vice-president of Awely, invites us to believe so (pp3). Numerous initiatives speak against fatalistic positions. This issue opens the door of the Small Grants Fund, launched by the Foundation one year ago. A fund that has taught us a lot, and brought us many new perspectives. A wealth of energy, of gatherings and sharing...Yes, really, the surprises are not over!

Enjoy your reading,

Jacqueline Délia Brémont  
Vice-president.

**Interview:** 'Each of our actions is a step towards a better World'. Amerina Gublin-Diquélou, vice-president of Awely.

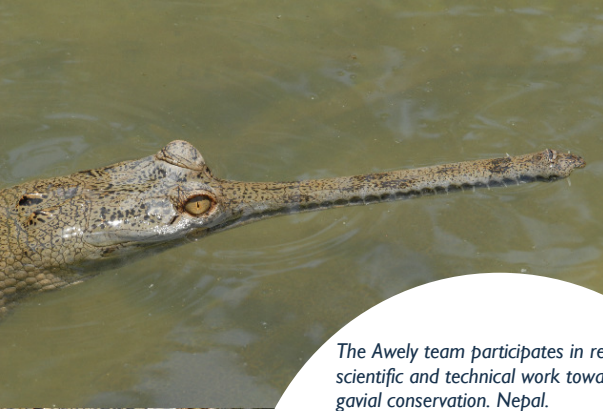


**Life of the Foundation:** Zooming in on the Animal Biodiversity Fund.



**Micro-report:** They are delivering their first results. Journey in the heart of the seven first completed small grants.





The Awely team participates in relevant scientific and technical work towards Ganges gaviyal conservation, Nepal.



INTERVIEW

'Each of our actions is a step towards a better world.'

Amerina Gublin-Diquélou

Vice-president of Awely
Member of the College of Experts of the Fondation Ensemble.

Over 6 billion people and natural resources under pressure: our planet is in danger. Species and spaces are directly threatened, and man-animal conflicts are increasingly occurring. Awely shows us how conservation efforts can succeed in reversing this trend...

Awely places man at the centre of its conservation approach. Why?

Because in regards to the constantly growing human population, the sustainable conservation of ecosystems can only be achieved with the consent of human communities. To be efficient and ethically acceptable, it must offer alternatives that improve the daily livelihoods of humans, thus giving them incentives to walk away for good from those activities that are detrimental to biodiversity.

You are active in nine countries of the South. How do you chose your areas of activities?

Awely's 'Green Hats' focus on areas where biodiversity is threatened by human activities and that represent habitat for at least one emblematic species; this

is for example the case of the Democratic Republic of Congo where the bonobo is hunted for bushmeat. The 'Red Hats' act in areas of conflicts between man and wildlife, for example In Zambia where crop destruction by elephants is an issue.

Fondation Ensemble supports your actions for the Ganges gaviyal, in Nepal. Why are you interested in this particular species?

The gaviyal programme has been a project led by Antoine Cadi for ten years, and supported by Awely since 2008. The Ganges gaviyal is the rarest crocodile in the world and is facing a critical risk of extinction. The species was saved already once about 30 years ago, but is now vulnerable again due to the combined effects of pollution and water uptake.

What specific results do you expect for this species? And in what time-frame?

To contribute to the long-term conservation of this crocodile species, it is urgent to re-launch a dynamic partnership between different Nepalese actors. In parallel, existing wild populations have been strengthened by the introduction of individuals born in captivity. Fifteen have been reintroduced already, and will be followed for one year using a transmitting device.

What mainly drives you in this effort?

It would be inconceivable to do nothing in the face of this worldwide environmental crisis. Protecting biodiversity is a crucial battle that we must fight for future generations. For Awely, it is a unifying fight, because it integrates biodiversity protection and development. There are no small victories for us. Each of our actions is a step towards a better World.

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MEMENTO



You work in Africa for the protection of biodiversity and the battle against climate change?

Submit your proposal to FFEM's Small Initiatives Programme.

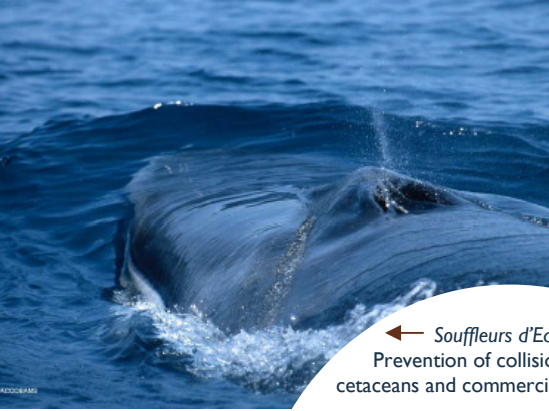
To participate in this first award, send your proposal at the latest July 15 2009 at 12-noon. Project selection will take place at the end of September.

More information : www.ffem.fr



The Ganges Gaviyal: the rarest crocodile species in the world faces extinction.





← Souffleurs d'Ecume  
Prevention of collision between cetaceans and commercial ships. France.



Aventures Sans Frontières  
Luth turtles. Gabon.

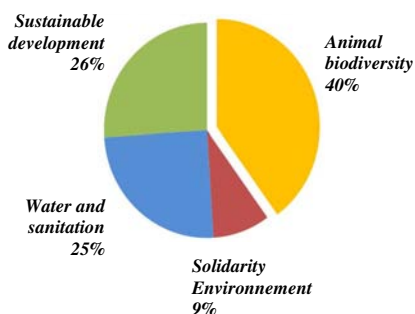


Poh Kao  
Protecting large felines by improving the livelihoods of local communities. Cambodia.

LIFE OF THE FOUNDATION

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OF THE SMALL GRANTS FUNDS

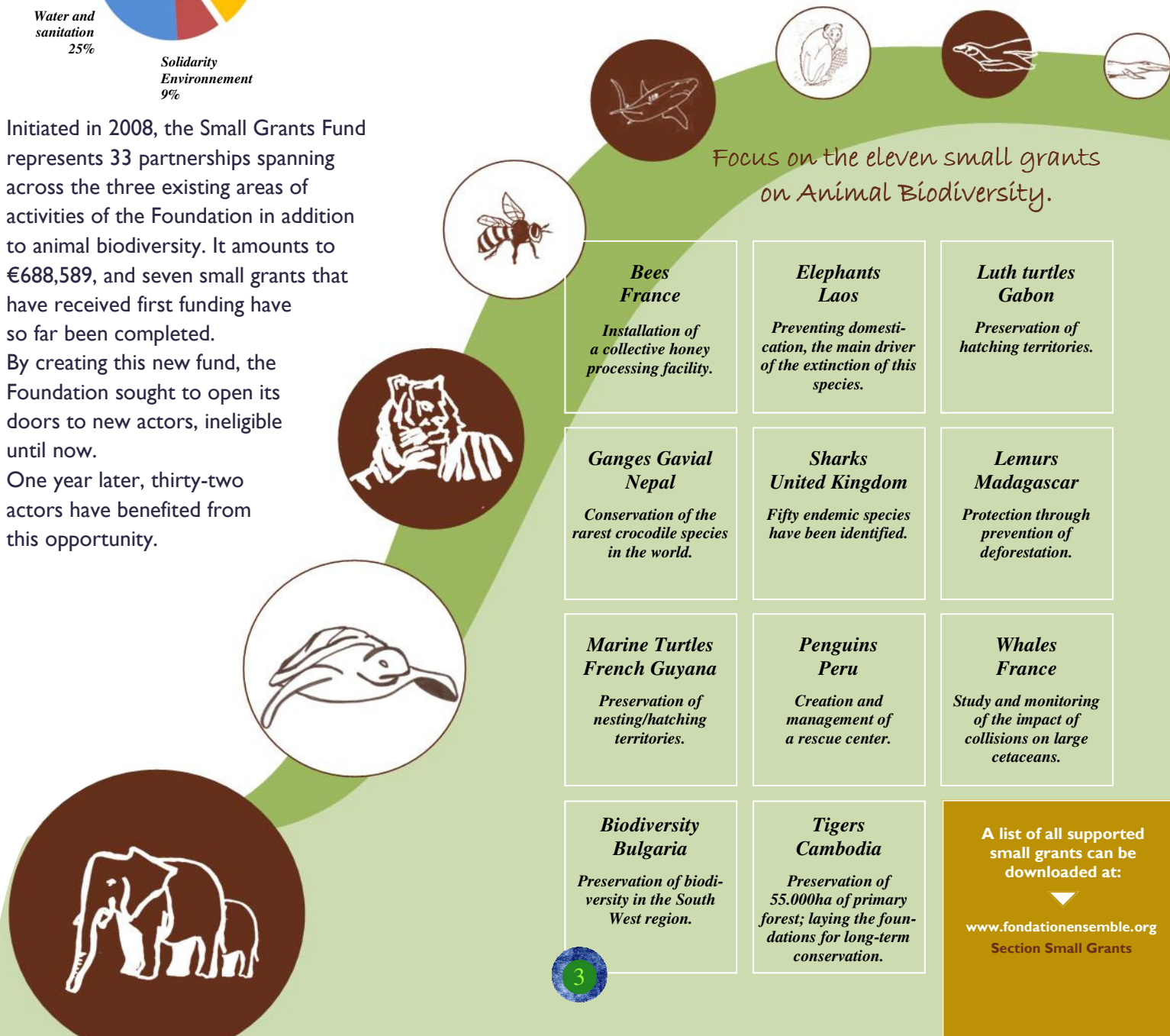


Initiated in 2008, the Small Grants Fund represents 33 partnerships spanning across the three existing areas of activities of the Foundation in addition to animal biodiversity. It amounts to €688,589, and seven small grants that have received first funding have so far been completed. By creating this new fund, the Foundation sought to open its doors to new actors, ineligible until now. One year later, thirty-two actors have benefited from this opportunity.

*Zooming in on Animal Biodiversity:  
First investment area  
for the Small Grants Fund.*

**Animal Biodiversity is an area of activity created at the occasion of the launch of the Small Grants Fund. It represents close to half of the ongoing investments for this fund, i.e. €280 427.**

*Focus on the eleven small grants on Animal Biodiversity.*





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Training. Mali.

Shechen Clinic. →  
Water autonomy and  
quality. Nepal.

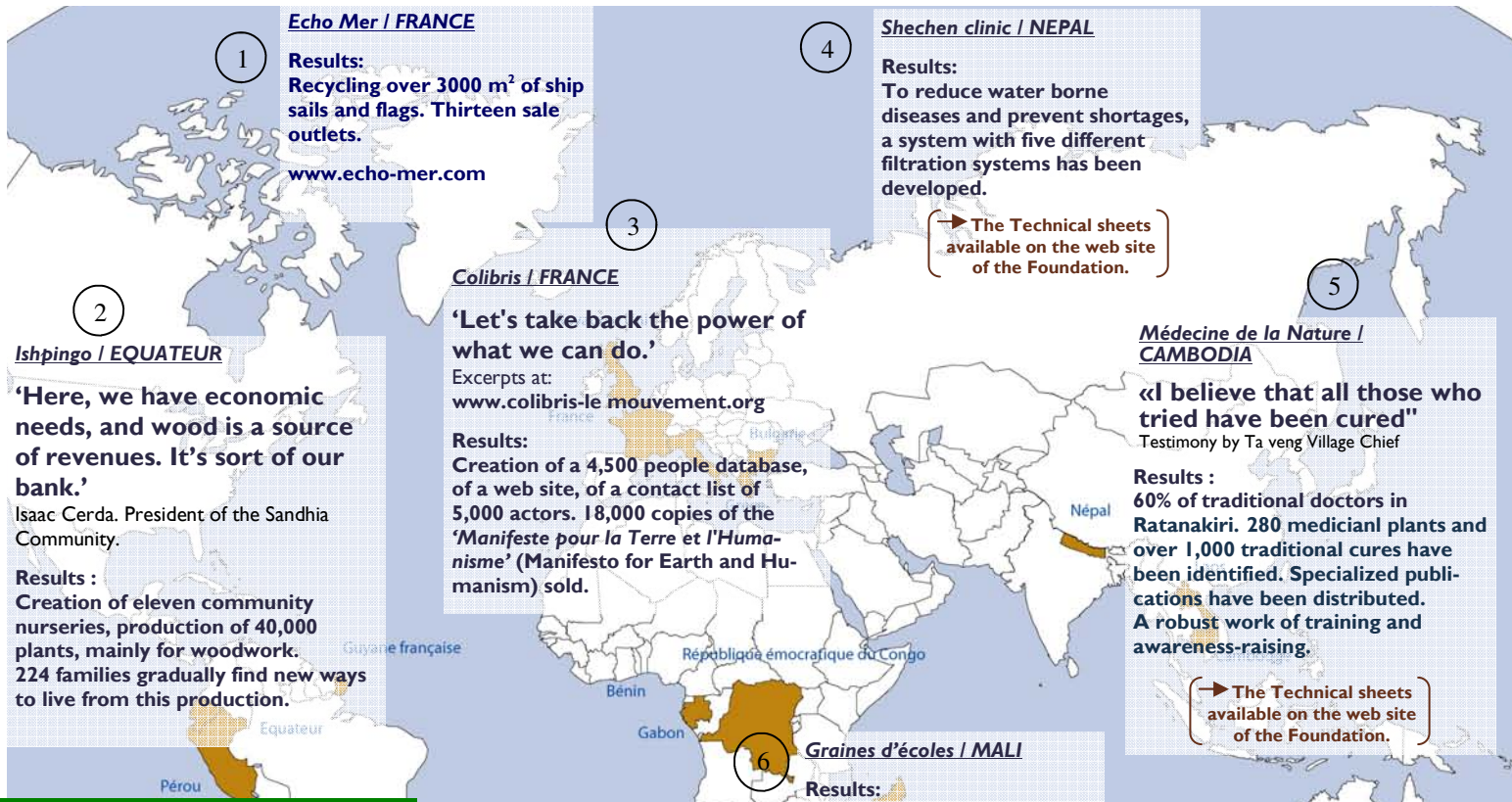


← Geres  
Building efficient ovens for  
sugar cane production .Cambodia.  
L'Homme et l'Environnement →  
Reforestation. Madagascar.



MICRO-REPORTS...

They deliver their first results!  
A journey at the heart of the first seven completed small grants.



WELCOME TO...

They have joined us during the  
April 21st Committee:

**On animal biodiversity:**

- Elephantasia,
- Wild Flora and Fauna Fund,
- Souffleurs d'Ecume,
- Ambassades Animales,
- Poh Kao.

**For other areas of activity**

- Binkad,
- Tchendukua,
- Tropical Forest Trust,
- Amis de Bada.

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