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LIFE PAME -EUROPE

What is the PAME -Europe Framework?

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**The project runs from
2024 to 2028**

Piloting – 2026 to 2027



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LIFE PAME-Europe - PURPOSE

- Develop & test **the PAME-Europe Framework**
an approach to complement existing national and international PAME systems
- Not a new methodology, but an **enabling framework**
to support self-assessment about ME across Protected Areas & Member States
- In collaboration with the European Environment Agency (EEA), develop and test the
PAME-Europe IT tool to enable consistent reporting



Based on the results, the project will produce & refine the PAME-Europe Framework, ensure usefulness in practice for PAs & enhance ME reporting.

Management effectiveness



Effective protected area management should achieve positive and sustained conservation outcomes

Protected area management effectiveness (PAME) assessment: is defined by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) as the assessment of how well the protected area is being managed – primarily the extent to which it is protecting values and achieving goals and objectives. The term management effectiveness reflects three main themes:

- design issues relating to both individual sites and protected area systems;
- adequacy and appropriateness of management systems and processes; and
- delivery of protected area objectives including conservation of values

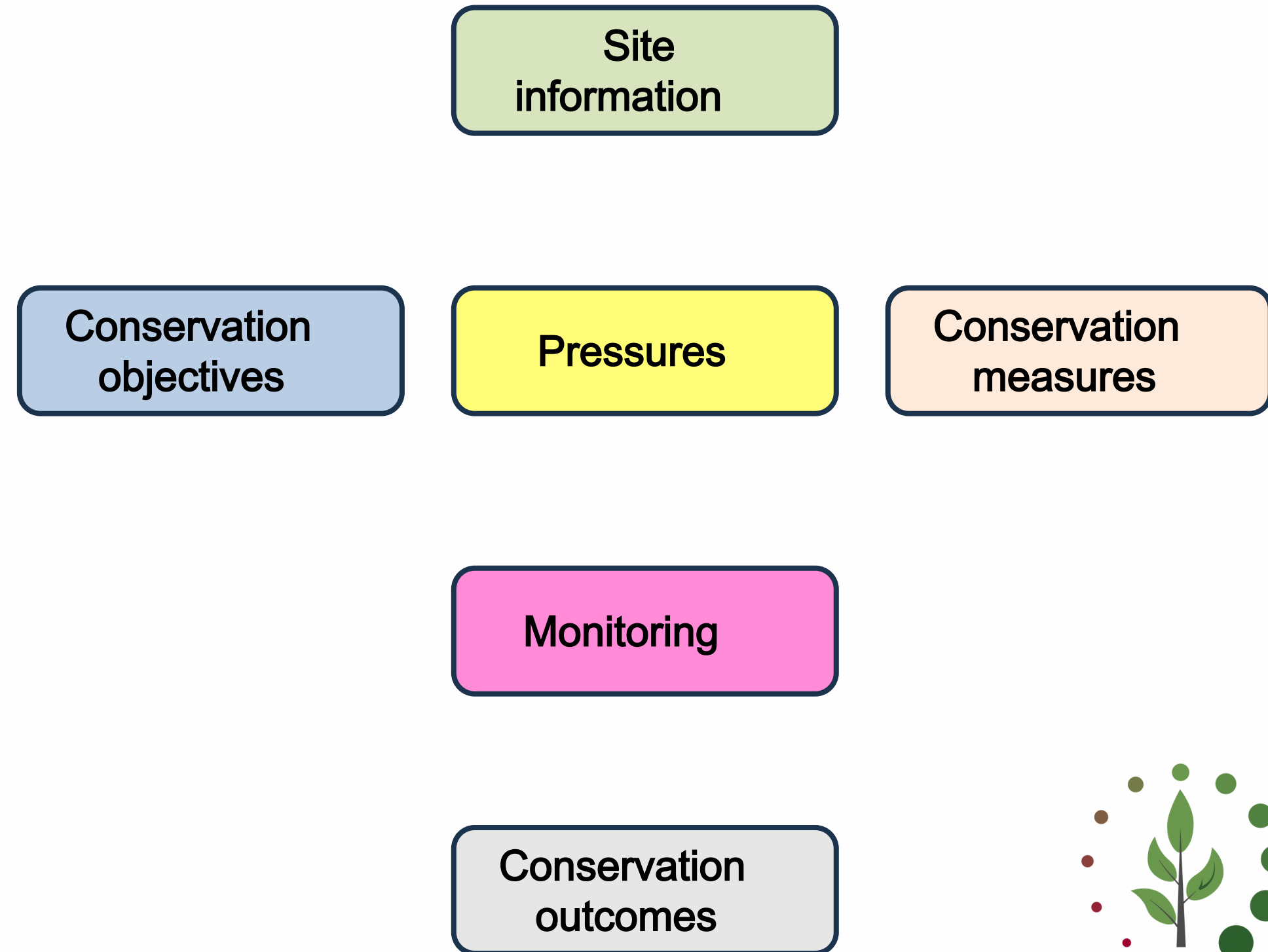
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), Target 3: *Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30% of terrestrial and inland water areas, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, **are effectively conserved and managed** through ecologically representative, well connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories. (Convention on Biological Diversity 2022)*

- EU Biodiversity Strategy
- National Biodiversity Strategies

Starting points

- ✓ Marine methodology (2022)
- ✓ IUCN WCPA Framework (2006)
- ✓ METT4 (2002 & 2017)
- ✓ RAPPAM (2003)
- ✓ European Diploma of PAs (1965)
- ✓ IUCN Green List (2007 & 2027?)
- ✓ GD-PAME

PAME -Europe Framework site level elements



The PAME-Europe Framework



Bridging the gap – Site level & System level

- ✓ Germany
- ✓ Finland
- ✓ Estonia
- ✓ Spain



Benefits for users

EC, EEA, MSs & National Authorities

Make maximum use of available data (pre-filled)

Generate coherent & comparable data

Support reporting on global & EU targets

Support national-level reporting

Support planning & resource allocation



Protected Area Managers

- ✓ Understand the role & contribution of PAs to ME targets
- ✓ Increase transparency
- ✓ Enable self-assessment
- ✓ Help to improve management
- ✓ Improve impacts of conservation actions for biodiversity & society
- ✓ Guidance & support
- ✓ User-friendly & simple to apply

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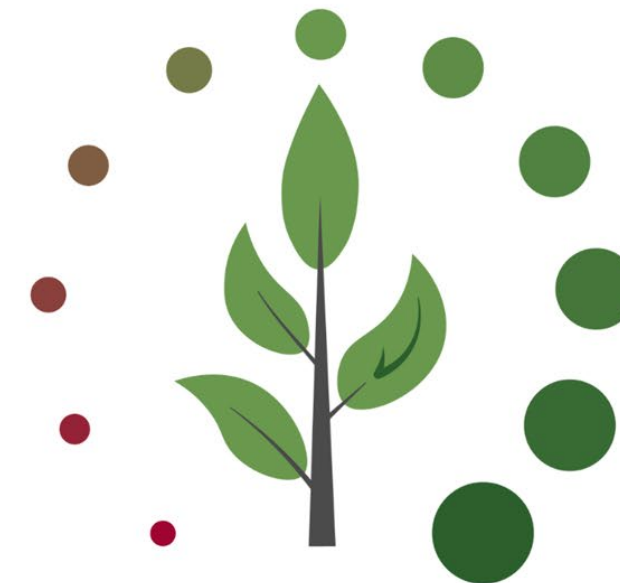


Management Effectiveness Community (MEC)

- A coalition of ME stakeholders
- Involving the main beneficiaries & users of the PAME-Europe Framework
- A channel for broad consultation, targeted communication & information sharing
- Parallel exchanges with EU MSs & expert groups



Join the LIFE PAME-Europe
MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS COMMUNITY!



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Questions?

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Thank you!



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