

Contributing to sustainable development in developing countries and the French overseas regions

The Agricultural Research Centre for International Development, CIRAD, is a French agricultural research centre working for development in developing countries and the French overseas regions. It works throughout the tropics and subtropics, and most of its research is conducted in partnership.

It has a remit to contribute to sustainable development in these regions, through research, trials, training in France and abroad and production of scientific and technical information. Its operations cover the agricultural, veterinary, forest and agrifood sciences.



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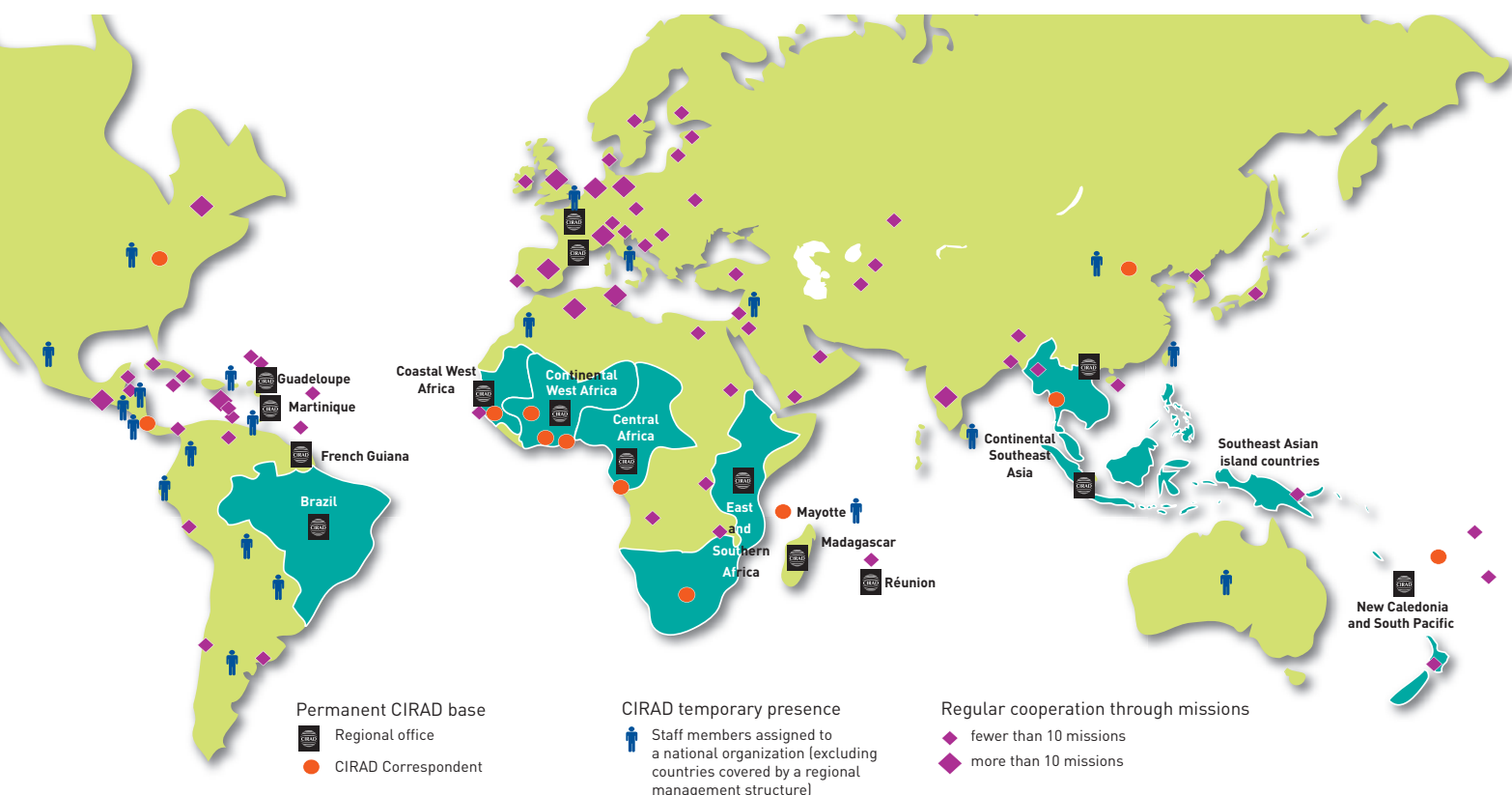
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A research system tailored to current specific issues

To fit its research structure to the latest scientific issues, CIRAD has regrouped its sixty or so research and service units—a third of which were built in partnership with other organizations—in three departments: Biological Systems (BIOS), Performance of Tropical Production and Processing Systems (PERSYST) and Environments and Societies (ES).

Its 1 820 staff members, including 750 researchers, work with national and regional research and higher education establishments. Its membership of numerous scientific communities places it at the heart of a global network of more than 10 000 researchers.

It has an annual operating budget of 200 million euros. Its main research platform in metropolitan France is in Montpellier.



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