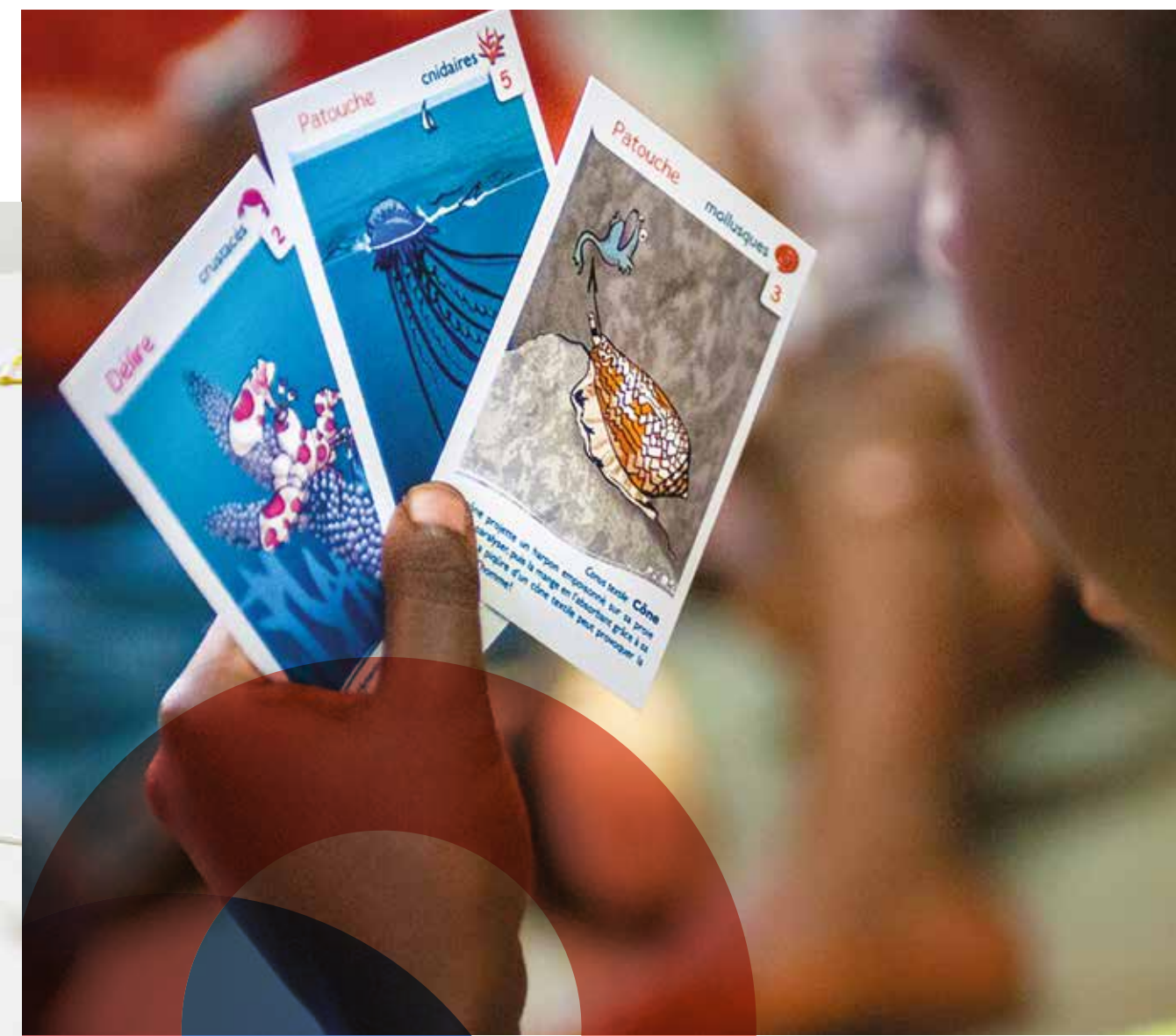


*“Most of the messages we get are that the planet is doing badly, that there is not much more to do. Through entertaining games, I now know that there are solutions to protect the coral reefs, and that I can even implement them at my level.”*

A little girl from Mauritius



## DESCRIPTION

Reunion, Mauritius and Seychelles share an exceptional coral reef ecosystem, but it is being damaged. The PAREO project aims to enhance the protection of the reef, which is the source of many opportunities for local fisheries and the development of leisure and tourism. This innovative environmental and educational project combines knowledge sharing in a fun way using a teaching toolbox on coral reefs developed by scientists. New technologies to view reefs and conservation actions are also part of the project. Younger generations have been empowered to help take control of the future, with awareness campaigns reaching 100 classes from Reunion, Mauritius and Seychelles. They learned about the protection of coral reefs through artistic performance and virtual dives, emphasising that the future of the Indian Ocean's reef heritage is in their hands.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Réunion (France), Mauritius and Seychelles.

## PROGRAMME

Interreg Indian Ocean

## TOTAL BUDGET

€ 552,429.00

## EU FUNDING

€ 469,564.65

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