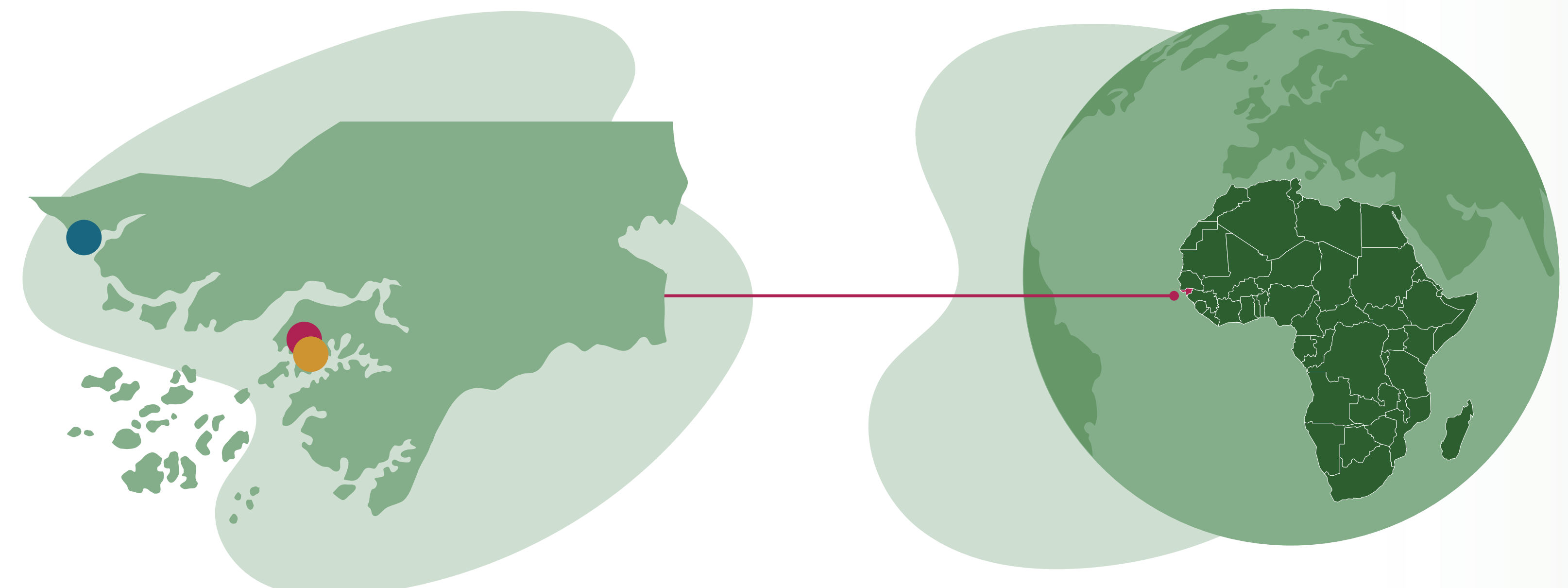


A Guinea-Bissau Journey

10 villages across the Cacheu, Quinara and Tombali regions

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- Cacheu
- Quinara
- Tombali



1 Project Landscapes

32% Total area covered by mangroves has declined by 32% since 1940.

Rice fields are abandoned due to irregular rainfall and rising seawater levels.

Rice is the staple food, dominating all food production systems.

9% Mangroves cover 9% of the country - highest proportion in the world

Main threats: conversion for agriculture and coastal development.

Mangroves provide carbon storage, livelihoods and protection against storms.

2 TRI Project Overview

- Support the restoration and rehabilitation of degraded mangroves ecosystems through a participatory FLR approach.
- Restore mangroves in place of abandoned rice fields and rehabilitate degraded rice fields.
- Sustainably increase productivity of existing agricultural fields and address food security needs.
- Sustainably improve livelihood resources.

3 The TRI Strategy

Identify rice fields for either climate-smart agriculture or mangrove restoration strategies.

Rehabilitate rice fields by reinforcing dikes and improving hydraulic management.

Support women-led income-generating activities: horticulture, solar salt farms, oyster farming, and vegetable gardens.

Promote natural mangrove restoration through flattening of dikes in abandoned rice fields

4 Achievements (as of June 2024)

2,533 ha of land under restoration

1,600 ha of land under improved management

11,657 direct beneficiaries

5 knowledge products to support forest and landscape restoration

2 policies adopted to support forest and landscape restoration

*National Mangrove Law
*National Strategy of Mangrove Restoration

“The project proposes a negotiated solution with the communities of the identified sites, to first make a participatory diagnosis of the rice fields that are being cultivated and those that have been abandoned. With these abandoned rice fields, the project proposes assisted natural regeneration, or the planting of mangroves, to be able to effectively create a belt of protection for these fields.”

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