**S1 Table: Examples of project outlines.**

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| **Year** | **Project type a** | **Theme** | **Budget size** |
| 2016 | A | Identification of drought- and heat-tolerant genotypes of yam through molecular markers, for enhanced resilience to climate change. | 50 k€ |
| 2016 | B | Assessment of mangrove biodiversity for improved resource management and preservation. | 500 k€ |
| 2017 | B | Impact of gold panning on biodiversity and identification of restorative measures. | 500 k€ |
| 2018 | A | Charaterization of the genetic and biochemical diversity of plant species used as food wrapping. | 50 k€ |
| 2018 | B | Influence of anthropic pressure on hippopotamus populations. | 500 k€ |

a Available project types in this fictional call are:

A = Initial biodiversity characterization and inventory. Duration: 2 years.

B = Assessment of the impact of human activities on biodiversity (maximum range: last century). Duration: 3-4 years.

C = Analysis of long-term biodiversity evolution. Duration: 3-4 years.