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Subject: Development potential of pharmaceutical research in the ORs

The biological richness of the outermost regions (ORs) can help these areas to become laboratories of ideas for future solutions in the spheres of pharmaceutical research or predicting the effects of reducing biodiversity.

On islands, ecological disruptions become greater in scope than on continents: the area of terrestrial habitats is smaller and the population sparser. Accordingly, islands constitute valuable laboratories for conducting experiments the results of which can be used to analyse the effects of reducing biodiversity on continents.

What actions are being carried out by the Commission to promote the potential of the outermost regions as a field of pharmaceutical research?