



Biodiversity for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean through Ecosystem Based Management



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Executing agency	UNEP- CEP
Beneficiaries	Countries of the Wider Caribbean Region
Additional partners	Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DGCS); La Sapienza University of Rome; the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW-RAC); The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Gulf and Fisheries Caribbean Institute (GCFI).
Project dates	April 2015 – April 2018
Duration	36 Months (3 years)
Project goal	Continue to support governments in meeting the objectives of the Cartagena Convention and its SPAW Protocol , as well as international commitments such as the Caribbean Challenge under CBD's Aichi Targets, namely, to conserve by 2020, at least 20% of their nearshore marine and coastal environments in national marine protected areas (MPA) systems. The project will develop capacities and information systems (and pilot test their application) that can be used by government and non-government agencies to make decisions on planning and managing coastal resources with an ecosystem based management (EBM) approach.
Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Decision Support System (DSS) at target site(s), promote other EBM tools such as marine spatial planning (MSP), and dissemination of this knowledge through the Wider Caribbean Region. Enhancing capacity building activities of UNEP-CEP's Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Management Network and Forum (CaMPAM), including the Regional Database of Marine Protected Areas.
Components and proposed activities	<p>In cooperation with the SPAW-RAC as part of CaMPAM programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with local partners to develop a "site specific" DSS for integrated coastal-marine ecosystem management at site level Assist relevant government agencies to guide decision making and permitting on the uses of the coastal and associated upland areas Promote the use of the DSS for intersectoral activities and provide the business sector (developers, hoteliers, tour operators, farmers, miners etc.) with a tool to improve management practices Enhance capacities on EBM principles and tools, including the development of site specific DSS and its application in coastal and marine resources management Enhance the CaMPAM Regional MPA Database by improving its format, increasing and updating MPA profiles, coordinating the exchange of data with the WDPA managed by UNEP-WCMC, establishing mechanisms for regular updating, disseminating data and analysis reports on the status of MPAs in the region, and promoting its use by professionals and institutions to assist with management, promotion and education. Enhance information dissemination through CaMPAM and other networks and regional fora Provide technical assistance and advice to CaMPAM network members Build partnerships on EBM and DSS with relevant organizations and initiatives (TNC, IUCN-BIOPAMA, UNEP WCMC, GCFI, government MPA systems management agencies and marine conservation NGOs)
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