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REPORT OF THE MEETING

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean (SPAW), held in Kingston, 15-18 January 1990, adopted the SPAW Protocol to the Cartagena Convention, which came into force on 18 June 2000. Article 23 of the SPAW Protocol provides for the convening and functioning of the Meetings of the Parties. In light of the above, and in keeping with Decisions 14 and 17 taken by the Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan of the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) and Sixth Contracting Parties Meeting to the Cartagena Convention (Kingston, 14-18 February 2000), this Meeting is being convened in Havana, Cuba, 24-25 September 2001.
2. The Meeting had the following objectives:
 - a) To review the work of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) since its inception: primarily its major achievements and shortcomings;
 - b) To define the structure and scope of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC);
 - c) To review the scope of the SPAW Protocol and relationship with the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA);
 - d) To identify major priorities for implementation by the Parties and the Organisation since the entry into force of the Protocol, including priorities for the STAC; and
 - e) To review the proposed 2002-2003 Workplan and Budget for the SPAW Regional Programme.
3. The experts invited to the Meeting were nominated by the national focal points of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol. Other member Governments of the Caribbean Environment Programme, United Nations agencies and non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations were invited to participate as observers.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The Meeting was opened on Monday at 9:45 on the 24 September 2001, by Mr. Fabio Fajardo Moros, Vice-Minister of Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente (CITMA), in Havana, Cuba. In his presentation, Mr. Fajardo Moros welcomed the participants in the name of the Government of Cuba. He noted that the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol was an important event that should give the Protocol the political recognition it deserves. He indicated to the participants that their main task should be to turn the objectives and actions of the SPAW Protocol into reality.

5. He discussed the various related global environmental treaties that were now starting to show results and concrete accomplishments. The SPAW Protocol should be an instrument to facilitate the integration and harmonisation of efforts in the region, which is one reason why Cuba signed and ratified the Protocol. In its national planning Cuba has an important place for protected areas and species.
6. Mr. Fajardo Moros expressed condolences to the United States of America from the Government and people of Cuba for the tragic events of New York and Washington. He hoped that the new global situation would not reduce the priority of the environmental issues, such as those being addressed by the SPAW.
7. In his welcoming remarks, the Co-ordinator of the secretariat, Mr. Nelson Andrade Colmenares, highlighted that the SPAW Protocol was the only regional legal instrument on biodiversity conservation in the Wider Caribbean Region, and is recognised by many international experts as the most comprehensive of its kind. He said that the quality of the Protocol relied on the fact that its development until now has been supported not only through a technical and scientific perspective, but also within the socio-economic reality of the region. For this, the Protocol is being used as a model by other Regional Seas Programmes. He pointed out some innovative elements of the Protocol such as its approach for ecosystem protection, community involvement, information distribution, education, research and rehabilitation of species. He indicated that the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties should focus on the issue of developing an instrument that is adapted to the needs of the region. He noted that Governments were showing an increased interest in the Protocol, indicating that more countries were preparing for its ratification. He reiterated the interest of the secretariat to support the Governments in this endeavour and therefore requested more attention from the Governments when organising Meetings or other activities. The Co-ordinator closed his opening remarks wishing the delegates well in their deliberations.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

8. The Meeting was invited to install Cuba as the Chair and to accept the nomination of Colombia for Rapporteur, Trinidad and Tobago as First Vice-Chair, Panama as Second Vice-Chair and St. Lucia as Third Vice-Chair. After discussion and by agreement, the nomination for Second and Third Vice-Chair were withdrawn on the base that the size of the Meeting did not require three Vice-Chairs.
9. The Meeting elected from among the delegates the following officers of the Meeting:

Chairman:	Mr. Orlando Rey	(Cuba)
First Vice-chairman:	Mr. Kenny Singh	(Trinidad and Tobago)
Rapporteur:	Ms. Ana María Hernández	(Colombia)

AGENDA ITEM 3: ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING**a) Rules of Procedure**

10. The Meeting agreed to apply mutatis mutandis the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UNEP, as contained in document UNEP/GC/3/Rev.3.

b) Organisation of work

11. English, French and Spanish were the working languages of the Meeting. The working documents of the Meeting were available in all the working languages.
12. The Chairman convened the Meeting in plenary sessions and as agreed by the Meeting without the establishment of working groups. Simultaneous interpretation in the working languages was available for the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

13. The Meeting was invited to adopt the agenda of the Meeting as contained in document UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/1. There was a recommendation for the certification of members to be carried out by the Chairman, rather than establishing a Credential Committee for such a small number of Contracting Parties. There being no other comments on the proposed agenda, it was adopted as reflected in Annex I to the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE INTERIM SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ISTAC) SINCE ITS INCEPTION (1992-2000)

14. The Chairman asked the secretariat to present its findings regarding the work of the ISTAC. The secretariat then introduced the document: Draft Evaluation of the Work of the ISTAC of the SPAW Protocol since its inception (1992 – 2000) (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/3).
15. In her presentation, the representative of the secretariat gave an overview of the work of the ISTAC. The evaluation, conducted by an independent consultant in collaboration with the secretariat, reviewed reports from four SPAW/ISTAC Meetings, major activities and outputs, and interviewed ISTAC participants. The secretariat reported on various accomplishments of the ISTAC, including the preliminary criteria for listing of species and the initial species lists. Other items included guidance on co-operative agreements with other conventions such as CBD and Ramsar and terms of reference for the Regional Activity Centre of SPAW.

16. The secretariat noted the shortcomings and limitations of the ISTAC. Such limitations included small number of meetings of the STAC, very little intersessional work and poor government participation in preparation and follow-up to meetings.
17. As a result of the lessons learnt from the ISTAC the document contained several recommendations to the STAC to capitalise on its accomplishments and address the shortcomings. These recommendations included the need to clearly define the structure and scope of the STAC, finalise rules of procedure, improve linkages and communications and ensure that it clearly addresses the scientific and technical needs of the Protocol as directed by the Parties to SPAW.
18. Several delegations congratulated the secretariat on the document noting that it thoroughly, accurately and frankly analysed the work of the ISTAC. One delegation added to the accomplishments noting that the work of ISTAC had also had a positive influence on its national legislation and that the evaluation should include a review in this regard.
19. Some delegations agreed with the secretariat that the lack of continuity of ISTAC representatives had made the work of the ISTAC more difficult. Regarding the accomplishments of the ISTAC, a delegation made two observations: 1) that the accomplishments of the ISTAC should be more visible than they currently are in the annex to the document and 2) that some of the listed accomplishments are in fact not really “accomplishments” per se, but work in progress.
20. Finally, one delegation noted that section 4 of the document on follow-up included issues that should be addressed by the STAC and that they did not belong in the document. It was suggested therefore that section 4 be addressed under agenda item 6.
21. The secretariat responded to points raised noting that although some of the accomplishments may not be labelled as such, they do make note of progress made and should at least be addressed in that way in the document. The secretariat additionally noted that, it was useful to learn of changes in national legislation as a result of work carried out by ISTAC. It would also be useful to hear details from other delegations as well but that this would require an additional survey of countries that was not envisaged at this time.
22. The Chairman closed the agenda item noting that the document would be modified and approved with these observations.

AGENDA ITEM 6: STRUCTURE AND SCOPE OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC) OF THE SPAW PROTOCOL

23. The Chairman asked the secretariat to present agenda item 6. The secretariat referred the delegates to the Draft document on the scope and structure of the Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) of the SPAW Protocol (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG. 20/4).
24. In her presentation of the document, the representative of the secretariat noted there were four sections dealing with an introduction, scope, structure and additional inputs. In drafting the document, several sources of information were used as guidance including the SPAW Protocol and Final Acts to the Protocol, terms of reference for the SBSTTA of CBD and comments by the Parties, among others.
25. The main points raised by the secretariat regarding the scope of the STAC, included: the identification of priorities related to the Protocol; assistance with co-ordination of work at both the regional and national levels; advice to the secretariat and the Parties on the technical and scientific needs of the Protocol and to make the necessary linkages with other relevant conventions.
26. Regarding structure, the secretariat presented options for the structure of STAC, including the possibility of using *ad hoc* working groups and thematic sub-committees to assist it in its work in specific areas. Additionally, the presentation noted that consideration be given to having the STAC as a standing group to allow for more continuous activity. In terms of the composition of the STAC the secretariat reiterated the recommendations that appear in documents presented under previous agenda items, which include the participation of NGOs, the scientific community and other stakeholders such as the private sector in the STAC as observers.
27. The Chairman opened the Conference for comments noting the importance of giving a mandate to the STAC from a political level/position.
28. The delegation from Cuba noted that their two bulleted paragraphs, which currently appear in section 4, should be moved to the introduction. Other delegations agreed with this comment and noted the importance of using language from the Protocol verbatim for the introduction rather than to paraphrase Protocol text.
29. Following on Cuba's intervention several delegations stressed that the STAC was an advisory body that is subsidiary to the Parties to the Protocol. As such, only Parties to the Protocol could be members, but participation of observers should be as wide as possible taking into account expertise in the private sector and non-governmental organisations. One delegation noted that STAC is not only a technical but also a scientific advisory body.

30. One delegation clarified the participation of the private sector saying that perhaps it should take place only through official delegations. Another questioned how the private sector would really participate. In response, another noted the importance of the participation of private sector organisations and not individual corporations.
31. One observer noted the important role that NGOs and the scientific community can play at STAC discussions, and how they could participate according to the rules of procedure of the Protocol.
32. A number of delegations commented on the need for sub-committees and *Ad Hoc* working groups stating that the STAC should undertake all the work and these other groups and committees were not necessary. However, other delegations recommended that sub-committees and *ad hoc* working groups be established by the STAC as feasible and when necessary for specific issues.
33. The observer from the CITES secretariat congratulated the Parties and the secretariat on the entry into force of the SPAW Protocol and noted its critical importance for the region. He further noted that the issue of environmental governance was being given high priority for the upcoming meeting in Johannesburg and recognised the need for enhanced co-operation and collaboration of the various conventions to synergise activities and meetings.
34. Delegations noted that synergy with other conventions was very important and welcomed the words from the CITES secretariat. However, they also urged caution in the convening of joint meetings as this may cause the loss of a regional focus. Additionally, often government representatives for global conventions are different than those of regional conventions and therefore the STAC could lose continuity of participation.
35. One delegation expressed the need to elect members of STAC taking into account their scientific and technological qualifications.
36. Delegations and observers also raised the need to find linkages between the STAC and the Regional Activity Centre (RAC) of SPAW. Currently the RAC does not have a Steering Committee or other oversight body. Though not making any specific recommendation, delegates asked that this issue be addressed.
37. One delegation noted that the language of the document has to be consistent with the Protocol.
38. The Chairman closed the agenda item noting that several changes to the draft document should be incorporated into a revised document, and that a decision would be drafted recording its adoption.
39. The observer from the Animal Welfare Institute raised the issue of meeting all the general obligations in Article 3 of the Protocol. Specifically, he referred to paragraph 3, Article 3 and the need to prevent species from becoming threatened or endangered. As such, the observer made a specific recommendation to add a subparagraph to paragraph 6 of the document.

AGENDA ITEM 7: REVIEW OF THE SCOPE AND RELATIONSHIP OF THE SPAW PROTOCOL WITH THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD) AND THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA)

40. The Chairman opened the item and requested the secretariat to introduce the document. The secretariat reviewed the main elements of UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG/5. This report was prepared as requested by the Government of Cuba, to identify synergies and opportunities and foster collaboration where Memoranda of Understanding are already signed and established.
41. It was noted that six meetings of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) have been held since 1995 to look at issues such as: guidelines for assessment, reporting, access technology use; indicators of biodiversity; technical reviews; mechanisms for information exchange and use of experts; and criteria to measure programme effectiveness. The secretariat noted that the CBD collaborated in the preparation of the report not only by providing relevant information but by reviewing and commenting on the draft document. The secretariat also informed the Meeting that the CBD secretariat was invited to participate at the Meeting but due to other commitments this was not possible.
42. From this series of meetings, potential areas of collaboration were identified: participation of SPAW-STAC in SBSTTA and vice-versa; information exchange; harmonisation of national agendas and reporting and research and training.
43. After the presentation by the secretariat, the Chairman opened the floor for comments on the document.
44. The report, as detailed in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/5, was well received by the Meeting. The members expressed support for the broad outlines of the proposed collaborative activities, noting the extensive overlap between the CBD and SPAW and the objectives of SBSTTA and STAC.
45. Of the recommendations contained in the report, one delegation considered that the recommendation that UNEP-CAR/RCU act as the Caribbean Regional Focal Point for the Clearing-house Mechanism should not be supported at present, because such an arrangement would impose obligations on UNEP-CAR/RCU substantially in excess of the programme focus of SPAW.
46. With regard to the Clearing-house Mechanism, and future collaborative arrangements with other multilateral environmental agreements, several delegations expressed that the review by STAC would focus on scientific and technical issues only, and that the Clearinghouse Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity could be a very important tool to support the SPAW scientific and technical issues.

47. One delegation noted that the experts of SBSTTA are not the same experts of STAC, but there should be strong linkages between them.
48. Some delegations expressed that the work on SBSTTA and STAC on related matters should avoid duplication of effort and work in a complementary manner.
49. One delegation remarked on the need to take into account the ecosystem approach principles of the Convention Biological Diversity, and other initiatives such as the Jakarta Mandate, the global taxonomy initiative, and work programmes as biological diversity of forests and inland waters. Another delegation noted the importance of having the same experts on common items between CBD and SPAW.
50. One delegation expressed its concern with the implementation of commitments of both agreements at national level, if there are overlaps.
51. The Chairman, taking into account the interventions made by delegations, proposed to present a draft decision, according to point 4 of document UNEP(DEC)/CAR 16.20/5.
52. The Meeting decided that the collaboration between SPAW and CBD would have to be guided by the existing co-operative agreement between the two secretariats.

AGENDA ITEM 8: IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITIES FOR THE PARTIES AND THE SECRETARIAT TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOLLOWING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PROTOCOL

53. The secretariat presented for discussion the report “Priorities for implementation following the entry into force of the SPAW Protocol: Responsibilities for the Contracting Parties, for the STAC and for the secretariat” (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/6). The report introduces priority actions to be undertaken by the Parties and STAC based on recommendations of the four ISTAC Meetings and of decisions of previous Intergovernmental Meeting of CEP and Contracting Parties Meetings of the Cartagena Convention. The first area is concerned with protected areas – specifically the development of guidelines and criteria for the implementation and management of the protected areas. The existing guidelines and criteria may need to be re-evaluated. Lists of protected areas are needed at the national and regional levels as well as a revised ecological classification of protected areas. Information is needed to increase access to financing opportunities and to increase collective management at the regional level.
54. Endangered species and species threatened with extinction make the second group of priorities for implementation. The criteria for listing of species included in the annexes of the SPAW Protocol might need to be updated and species might need to be added or removed from the lists accordingly. The secretariat has been asked to develop activities on migratory birds, but so far has lacked the necessary financial resources. There is a need to develop regional action plans for marine mammals including education and dissemination aspects and special attention is needed for mangroves and coral reefs.

55. The secretariat noted that the Meeting should identify more specific priorities for implementation. The secretariat also repeated that it needed periodic reporting from the Contracting Parties on these issues (consistent with Article 19 of the SPAW Protocol) and that partnerships should be developed for financing schemes (including with the private sector) and to co-ordinate with other organisations.
56. The Chairman opened the Meeting to comments on the document. One delegation noted that though the document presented several important priorities, there were in fact priorities within priorities. Specifically, the delegation of Cuba noted that its priorities lie within protected areas and the criteria for listing species. Further, the delegate noted the long period of time that had passed since the adoption of the annexes and therefore, the need to update them was upon us. Other delegations and observers also agreed that the need to develop criteria for listing of species was an important priority. Priority to developing criteria and guidelines was also noted by delegates as being a priority already provided for in Articles 21 and 20 of the Protocol and as such, priorities were already established to some degree. As such other delegations noted the importance of identifying those priorities already established within the Protocol. Another delegation expressed the importance of consistency with the language of the Protocol.
57. One delegation noted the importance of reviewing the infrastructure of the Protocol as a priority in addition to the implementation aspects. Other specific comments by delegations noted the importance of looking at other successful programmes for lessons learnt and as such, would help in defining priorities; the need to build on awareness raising, particularly in respect to protected areas; and ensuring that the workplan and budget (to be addressed in agenda Item 9) reflect priorities as decided.
58. A delegation observed the important priorities of access to genetic resources and the sustainable tourism, and highlighted the relationship between SPAW and the Association of Caribbean States.
59. The observer from the United Kingdom noted the good work done by the secretariat in summarising the priorities of the Protocol and noted the importance of reviewing the prerequisites to accomplish other priorities as well. The observer further noted the importance of the SPAW Protocol to the government of the United Kingdom and their desire to ratify as soon as possible.
60. The secretariat of CITES noted, as has been brought up at various meetings of the UNEP sponsored conventions, the need to increase co-ordination and specifically for the global conventions to provide human resources to the regional seas programmes. Though funding for such co-operation is still lacking, it is something that is still to be seriously reviewed. Continuing his intervention, the secretariat of CITES noted that the development of criteria and guidelines for the SPAW Protocol were very similar to those recently completed by the European Commission for similar legislation and suggested that the Parties use their work as input to any new criteria and guidelines. Concluding his intervention, the secretariat of CITES noted that the two conventions should look toward co-operation in the area of conservation of certain species of mutual interest such as the queen conch.

61. The delegate from St. Lucia introduced a proposal regarding a new paragraph that would give priority to the management of species to prevent them from becoming endangered or threatened. The observer from the Animal Welfare Institute, who assisted St. Lucia with its proposal, noted that the proposal was fully consistent with paragraph 3, Article 3 of the Protocol and provided complementarity to the obligations to protect those species that are already protected or endangered. Other delegations supported the proposal.
62. The Government of the Netherlands Antilles submitted to the Meeting a proposal to keep specimens of the Bottle-nose Dolphin in the Curaçao Sea Aquarium. The Meeting was asked to instruct the STAC to consider the proposal for the purpose of recommending an exemption under Article 11(2) of the SPAW Protocol. The delegate noted that though the Protocol required the reporting of the exemption to the STAC only after the exemption has been granted, however the Netherlands Antilles requested that the intent to grant the exemption be reported to the STAC.
63. After some discussion on the matter, the Meeting decided to forward the proposal to the STAC for evaluation.
64. The observer from the Government of the United Kingdom informed the Meeting that his government had commissioned a study concerning keeping dolphins in aquaria. He offered to make the study available to the STAC.
65. The Chairman summarised, noting that several observations on the document had been made and accepted. As such, a decision would be made in regard to the further development or adoption of the document.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED WORKPLAN AND BUDGET
FOR THE SPAW REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 2002-2003**

66. The secretariat, in making its presentation, noted that the 2002-2003 workplan and budget are exactly as presented to the Thirteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CEP Action Plan.
67. The secretariat presented the proposed activities for the SPAW Regional Programme for the biennium 2002-2003, highlighting the additional responsibilities of the secretariat and the Parties with the entering into force of the SPAW Protocol one year ago. In this context, the secretariat outlined the activities for SPAW coordination which included continuing to promote the Protocol through various mechanisms, coordination and communication with several organizations relevant to SPAW objectives active participation of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of SPAW, and fundraising.
68. With regard to strengthening of protected areas, it was noted that activities will continue in the promotion of the Marine Protected Area network (CaMPAM), implementation of the small grant fund for MPAs, guidelines for the development of a list of protected areas

under SPAW, and a regional workshop for MPA managers. The secretariat informed the Meeting of a major undertaking for the biennium, the implementation of the four-year project entitled the International Coral Reef Acting Network (ICRAN), which is being funded primarily by the United Nations foundation and which includes the Wider Caribbean as one of the four areas of concentration. The secretariat referred the Meeting to document UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/INF.5, which provided details on the ICRAN project. It was explained that the main objective of the project in the region would be to reverse the decline of coral reefs. It was also noted that the MPA training of trainers programme of SPAW would also be supported through ICRAN during the upcoming biennium. With regard to species conservation, the secretariat noted the efforts to continue supporting sea turtle and manatee recovery plans, as well as working towards the development of an action plan for marine mammals and coordination with partners on the management of economically important species such as the queen conch and spiny lobster. A major area of work presented included the activities in support of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), which would also be funded through ICRAN. These activities include ecological and socio-economic assessments of coral reefs, monitoring, status on the condition of reefs and a compilation of best practices on reef management.

69. With regard to the proposed overall budget for SPAW, it was noted that although almost 50% of the projected costs were already available through ICRAN, those funds would only be provided in their totality if counterpart funding was also raised. In this context, the Meeting was urged to assist the secretariat with its fund raising efforts for this important project.
70. The Parties and observers noted that the workplan reflected the needs of the countries, and that there was generally a good correlation between the workplan and the priorities identified (Agenda item 8).
71. The discussions on the item revolved mainly around the roles of the COP and STAC in approving the SPAW workplan and budget vis a vis the roles of the Monitoring Committee and Intergovernmental Meeting of the Caribbean Environment Programme.
72. The secretariat indicated that the 2002-2003 workplan and budget would be approved by the IGM in March 2002. As such, this was an appropriate time for the SPAW-COP and STAC to make recommendations concerning the programme priorities and budget.
73. The observer from the Government of the USA noted that while it was appropriate for the COP to review the workplan, the STAC should also be provided the opportunity to review the workplan. This was based on:
 - a) the need to ensure that the functioning of the STAC is properly reflected in the workplan and budget;
 - b) the need to fully incorporate the new emerging issues; and
 - c) the fact that recommendations from the STAC have major implications for the programme, as shown by the ICRI component of the programme.
74. The Meeting endorsed the workplan and budget as presented and decided to submit it to the STAC for the following purpose:
 - a) to ensure that the workplan fully reflects new emerging issues, and

- b) to examine issues of financing the workplan.
75. A second issue discussed under this agenda item concerns the timing and location for the next COP and meeting of the STAC. The Meeting asked the secretariat to determine the feasibility of holding the next COP and STAC within the coming six (6) months, preceding the IGM and Meeting of the Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention in March 2002. The secretariat noted, as was supported by several delegates that the COP of SPAW, according to article 23 of the Protocol, would ordinarily be held in conjunction with the Meeting of the Parties of the Cartagena Convention.
76. The observer from The Nature Conservancy informed the Meeting of the number of specific ways in which The Nature Conservancy could continue to support the work of SPAW, primarily in the areas of training and financial sustainability of protected areas. The observer requested that the offer of technical assistance made by The Nature Conservancy in UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/CRP.3 be transmitted to the STAC for their consideration at their First Meeting, September 27-29, 2001 during their review of the proposed 2002-2003 workplan and budget for the SPAW Regional Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

77. The participants of the Meeting were invited to raise other issues not covered by the preceding agenda items, but which may be relevant to the scope of the Meeting.
78. The Chairman opened agenda item 10 requesting that participants raise other issues relevant to the Meeting, but not included in the agenda. The Chairman then recognised the Director of the SPAW-RAC whose desire was to make a presentation on the work of the RAC and raise several issues to the attention of the Meeting.
79. The Director of the RAC opened his presentation of the document UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/INF.4, noting that the presentation was a presentation of the Director and not a presentation of the Government of France, who sponsors the RAC in the French Department of Guadeloupe. The Director began his presentation with a brief history of the RAC, noting specifically that UNEP-CAR/RCU and the French Government signed an agreement establishing the RAC on 7 June 2000 following an original decision of the Intergovernmental Meeting in 1992.
80. The mission and objectives of the RAC are to co-ordinate regional activities and take advantage of the French experiences in managing protected areas in the Caribbean. Such work is to be carried out through seminars, training courses and meetings. Other activities were to include gathering and disseminating information on species protection.
81. Staffing of the RAC is limited. The Director noted that the RAC originally was to include 2.5 staff persons yet currently there is only a director and plans for an engineer by year's end. Though the agreement for the RAC indicates four staff, the French

Government is still working toward this complement. Ideally the Director believes that there should be six staff for the work of the RAC. Funding for the co-ordination and administration of the RAC is from the Government of France, though the Director noted that funding for implementation of activities should come from other sources such as the Caribbean Trust Fund or French European sources .

82. Regarding the legal framework, currently there is a Public Interest Group (GPI) being developed to provide legal support to the RAC. It is the goal of the Director to have the RAC function as a legally autonomous entity. The GPI includes governmental and NGO representation.
83. The Director of the RAC noted that the activities of the RAC have been limited by the amount of time the RAC has been in existence. Activities have included review and comment of documents and management plans as well as several missions, as outlined in the document, undertaken for co-ordination and on behalf of the Government of France.
84. The Director concluded his presentation noting a 25 point plan he had developed for activities of the RAC and posed questions to the Meeting as to how the RAC should function and make decisions on its workplan, budget and other decisions relevant to the RAC.
85. The Chairman, upon opening the floor for comments, recognised the delegate from France. The delegate of France reiterated his government's strong interest in the SPAW Protocol and informed the Meeting that his government's ratification process should be completed by the next meeting of the Parties (tentatively March 2002). In regard to the RAC, he ensured the Meeting that his government was very interested in the success of the RAC and also to ensure that it was a productive part of the implementation of the SPAW Protocol. As such, he noted that his government was working diligently to solve the administrative and programmatic problems currently being experienced by the RAC.
86. The Chairman addressed the Director of the RAC requesting a list of the specific requests that he was making of the Meeting. The Director mentioned that he was requesting comments on his proposed staffing of six persons and on prioritisation of the workplan.
87. Several delegations raised points in regard to the management and workplan of the RAC. One delegation noted once again the importance of establishing a linkage between the STAC and the RAC, while another noted that the RAC should re-evaluate its priorities in light of the priorities of the SPAW protocol and STAC as they were being discussed and agreed upon at this Meeting. A third delegation supported both of these comments noting that the workplans should be well integrated and that staffing (and therefore expectations) should be as realistic as possible.
88. One observer pointed out that the secretariat is in fact the liaison for the Parties to the RAC. As such, the secretariat should work with the RAC and the French government to resolve any relevant issues. The observer further noted that the Thirteenth Meeting of

the Monitoring Committee, convened in San Jose, in July 2001 had already made recommendations as to how to proceed on this topic. A delegation supported this and further noted that the mechanism for the functioning of the RAC and its relationship to the CEP and Parties had already been established through the Letter of Agreement (LoA) signed between the French government and the secretariat.

89. The Chairman asked the secretariat to comment in this regard. The secretariat reaffirmed that the mechanism for co-ordination with the RAC was established through the LoA with France and noted that, following the recommendation of the 13th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee, the secretariat was already making plans to meet with the French government. As such, the Chairman proposed that the secretariat take into consideration the comments and issues raised at this Meeting and that following its meeting with the French government, report back to the next meeting of the Parties with a paper describing the way forward. This proposal was accepted by the Meeting.
90. As no other issues were raised under this agenda item, the Chairman then closed the agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

91. The Rapporteur of the Meeting presented the Draft Report of the Meeting. The Meeting adopted the Report with amendments and corrections as reflected in this report.

AGENDA ITEM 12: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

92. The Chairman and the secretariat thanked the delegates for their participation and collaborative spirit and closed the Meeting at 20.30 on Tuesday, 25 September 2001.

ANNEX I: AGENDA

AGENDA

First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) in the Wider Caribbean Region

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ANNEX II: DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

The Meeting of the Contracting Parties:

Having convened the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Taking into account the draft “Evaluation of the Work of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) since its inception (1992-2000)” (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/3);

Having examined the proposed “Scope and Structure of the Scientific Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the SPAW Protocol” (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/4) and the relationship between the SPAW Protocol, Subsidiary Body of Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/5); and

Taking into account the proposed “Priorities for implementation by the Parties and the secretariat since the entry into force of the Protocol, including priorities for the STAC” (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/6) and the “Draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2002-2003 (includes Workplan and Budget for the SPAW Regional Programme)” (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/8);

DECISION I

Taking into account the provisions established in Article 24.2 of the Cartagena Convention whereby only the Contracting Parties of a Protocol would be able take decisions relative to it;

Taking into account Article 20 of the SPAW Protocol with respect to the responsibilities of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee;

Considering the need to establish an advisory body able to function on a practical basis and capable of implementing the mandates agreed to by the Parties; and

Taking into account the debates carried out during the First Meeting of the Parties on the basis of the documents UNEP (DEC)/CAR IG.20/3 and UNEP (DEC)/CAR IG.20/4 and the Parties' views of these;

Decides to:

1. **Reaffirm** that the STAC is an advisory body of the Contracting Parties on scientific and technical matters, that acts on the express mandate of the Meeting of the Parties and whose function will be to advise the Parties on the aforementioned matters and issue recommendations on the requested themes.
2. **Request** that the STAC, in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the Protocol, advise the Conference of the Parties on the following activities:
 - a) Identification of regional and national needs related to protected area management and species conservation priorities;
 - b) Identification of ways to integrate the conservation of biodiversity into national policies;
 - c) Promotion of initiatives for the protection and conservation of biodiversity;
 - d) Creation of training programs;
 - e) Promoting co-ordination of regional activities related to protected areas and species conservation;
 - f) Promoting co-ordination at the regional level between the activities under the framework of the SPAW Protocol and those of relevant environmental treaties;
 - g) Scientific and technical issues relevant to the implementation of the SPAW Protocol; and

- h) Elaboration of project proposals for regional implementation in support of the Protocol's objectives.
3. **Reaffirm** that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the SPAW Protocol, those functions that appear in Articles 7 (Co-operation program and listing of Protected Areas), 11 (Co-operative measures for the protection of wild flora and fauna), 13 (Environmental Impact Assessment), 15 (Changes in the status of Protected Areas or Protected Species) and 21 (Establishment of common guidelines and criteria) of the Protocol are also specific functions of the STAC.
 4. **Request** the STAC to propose to the Meeting of the Parties all scientific and technical issues it identifies as requiring the attention of the Parties.
 5. **Request** that the STAC prepare a report of each of its meetings, and any intersessional activities, to be presented to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties at the earliest possible opportunity. Such a report should reflect the deliberations of the STAC and its priority actions, and should include, as necessary, recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties.
 6. **That the Meeting of the Contracting Parties** should evaluate the work of the STAC and consider the recommendations made by it, with the aim of guiding the STAC towards improving its work.
 7. **Award** specific mandates to the STAC for the creation of *ad hoc* Working Groups to deal with those themes that, owing to their complexity or level of specialisation, thereby require. These groups should deliver reports on their work to the STAC.
 8. **Adequately reflect** in the Programme and Budget of the Regional SPAW sub-programme the financial implications of the establishment of the *ad hoc* groups that are approved.
 9. **Reaffirm** that the Contracting Parties of the Protocol will participate as members with full rights in the STAC, without prejudice to the prerogatives of observers, in agreement with international practice.
 10. **Widely recommend**, in accordance with the guidelines provided in Agenda 21, the scientific and technical contribution of major groups in the achievement of the work objectives of the STAC, including their participation in any *ad hoc* Working Groups that are established.
 11. **With a view to fulfil its objectives**, the STAC meet in ordinary meetings annually and extraordinarily as and when decided by the Contracting Parties, based on the availability of funds.

DECISION II

Considering the close inter-relation that should exist between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the SPAW Protocol, within the area of conservation and the sustainable use of the components of biological diversity and

Taking into account the current Memorandum of Co-operation between the CBD and the SPAW Protocol and the similarity and agreement in the functions of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SBSTTA) and the STAC, as scientific-technical advice entities that could facilitate a wide range of collaboration prospects between the two secretariats;

Decides to:

1. **Identify** the following as fundamental elements of collaboration between both secretariats:
 - a) Participation of a representative of the SPAW secretariat as a permanent observer in the SBSTTA.
 - b) Participation of a representative of the secretariat of the CBD, in the SPAW forums.
 - c) Strengthening the work relations, the promotion and support for the development of the Clearinghouse Mechanism (CHM) as a means of facilitating the scientific and technical co-operation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the Region, as an important base for information exchange.
 - d) Developing indicators of biological diversity and of appropriate guidelines and methodologies for the evaluation of marine and coastal biological diversity, the economic valuation of biological diversity and the establishment of protected areas.
 - e) Establishing, preparing and developing case studies relevant to the Region.
 - f) Harmonisation of national agendas, reporting formats, databases and other tools.
 - g) Developing and/or strengthening the training and research programmes on themes such as the following:
 - i. Indicators of biological diversity in marine ecosystems and protected areas;
 - ii. Evaluation and monitoring of coral reefs and other highly important ecosystems in the Region, such as mangrove swamps and wetlands;

- iii. Elaboration and establishment of sustainable management and use of coastal and marine systems and resources; and
 - iv. Design and implementation of pilot studies and case studies in the demarcation or mapping of the marine ecosystem, of species recovery plans, on the economic assessment of biological diversity and the effectiveness of marine protected areas in the conservation of biological diversity.
2. **Urge** the Parties of the SPAW Protocol to increase their participation in the development and compliance with the specific agreements and initiatives between the SPAW and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

DECISION III

Having regard to the typical characteristics of the Wider Caribbean Region, in terms of its rich biodiversity and the diversity of its ecosystems, the abundance of highly productive ecosystems and its interdependence with economic, scientific and social development in the region;

Taking into account the scarcity of material, human and financial resources and the need to avoid duplication in the implementation of international legal instruments of similar spheres of application; and

Having regard to the need to harmonise the action plans drawn up for every convention and treaty currently in force, in order to achieve a firm interaction between these and their application in areas or case studies of priority interest to the Region;

Decides:

That the STAC should review current approaches to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity as reflected in the scientific and technical work conducted under other multilateral environmental agreements for the purpose of identifying common elements and complementary actions that would assist in the effective development of the SPAW Protocol and correspondingly prioritise its work.

DECISION IV

Considering the need to review the decisions and recommendations of the meetings of the ISTAC and the provisions of the Protocol, with the intention of identifying the priorities to be executed by the Parties and the secretariat in the coming years, and

Recognising, also, the contribution offered in this sense by the document UNEP (DEC)/CAR IG.20/6, “Priorities of the SPAW Protocol for implementation by the Parties and the secretariat since its entry into force including priorities for the STAC”, which includes and considers the priority activities identified through a review of the reports of the four previous meetings of the ISTAC and the Workplan of the Caribbean Environment Programme adopted since the approval of the Protocol;

Decides to:

1. **Identify** as particularly relevant those aspects necessary for the improved implementation of the Protocol including, amongst others, in accordance with its Article 21, the formulation by STAC of guidelines and common criteria particularly related to:
 - a) The identification and selection of protected areas and species;
 - b) The establishment of protected areas;
 - c) The management of protected areas and species, including migratory species;
 - d) The provision of information on protected areas and species, including migratory species.
2. **Identify** as priorities for STAC the actions relative to species protection, including those concerning migratory and coastal marine species, mangrove ecosystems, coral reefs, spawning areas, and species in danger of extinction, as well as activities related to zoning and sustainable tourism, bearing in mind the ecosystem approach as understood by the Convention on Biological Diversity.
3. **Similarly** attend to, amongst the priorities of the STAC, those actions referring to the communication and promotion; participatory management, including community management; the dissemination of information; education; and the pertinent institutional adjustments, including the theme of infrastructure, according to the technical and scientific basis.
4. **Request** that the secretariat support the Parties and the STAC in co-operating with other organisations, and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, in order to:

- a) Facilitate technical and scientific research programmes, according to Article 17 (technical, scientific and management research).
 - b) Facilitate information exchange, according to Article 16 (publicity, public awareness and education).
 - c) Develop co-operative programmes, according to Article 7 (Listing of protected areas) and Article 11 (co-operation measures for flora and fauna protection).
 - d) Assist, when requested, with the development of environmental impact assessments (EIAs) according to Article 13 (Article 22).
5. **Request** the STAC to prepare guidelines for management plans to prevent species from becoming endangered or threatened.

DECISION V

Given the close relationship of the provisions and aims of the Protocol with biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEA); and considering the work done so far for the preparation of decisions concerning international environmental governance at the September 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), and

Noting the high level of priority afforded by the Parties to biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements to regional efforts for implementation, enforcement and capacity building, as well as to synergies and interlinkages, the Contracting Parties,

Decides to:

1. **Call upon** the United Nations Environment Programme to follow-up the initiative of the CITES secretariat (approved at CITES COP 11 in April 2000) to closely collaborate with secretariats of Regional Seas Conventions and other regional UNEP offices, as well as the secretariats of other biodiversity-related MEAs in matters of implementation, enforcement and capacity building at the regional level by:
 - a) Promoting and facilitating the conclusion of Memoranda of Understanding between the secretariat of biodiversity-related MEA's and the secretariat of the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region;
 - b) Co-ordinating the procedures for the conclusion of an agreement for a two-year pilot project between UNEP and the secretariats of biodiversity-related MEA's on the joint funding of a Programme Officer in the Regional Co-ordinating Unit of the Caribbean Environment Programme, who would:
 - i. Serve as the focal point for the region on matters such as the implementation, enforcement, and capacity building, (including training) in relation to global biodiversity-related MEAs and the SPAW Protocol
 - ii. Co-ordinate common activities in these areas
 - iii. Help ensure the avoidance of overlap and duplication of efforts through the exchange of information on policies, developments and activities in the context of global biodiversity-related MEA's, the SPAW Protocol and the countries in the region, with the different competent authorities.
 - c) The preparation of an interim report on the achievements of the pilot project to be presented to the WSSD in September 2002.
2. **Call upon** the secretariats of biodiversity-related MEA's to fully co-operate with this initiative.

DECISION VI

Decides to:

Recognise the work of the ISTAC, expressed in the document on the “Evaluation of the work of the Interim Scientific Advisory Committee (ISTAC) since its inception (1992-2000)” (UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/3), and that the document be adopted with the views provided by the Meeting.

DECISION VII

Considering the proposed Workplan and Budget for the 2002-2003 biennium for the SPAW sub-programme of the Caribbean Environment Programme contained in the document UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/8.

Considering also Article 23 of the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife;

Taking into account that the SPAW sub-programme has developed sustained and expanding work directed towards the same objectives as the SPAW Protocol, and that the priorities appearing in this are essentially those that have been identified by the Contracting Parties of the Protocol up to the present moment;

Decides to:

1. **Send** the Workplan and Budget to the STAC to serve as a guide for its current activities and to elaborate proposals, on scientific and technical questions, to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties to enhance the effectiveness of future work plans and budgets.
2. **Guarantee** that the meetings of the Contracting Parties of the Protocol, convened in accordance with Article 23 of the Convention, possess its own stature and all the organisational and procedural requirements necessary for a Meeting of the Parties, and subject to the availability of funding.
3. **Request** that the STAC, based on its needs, propose subjects of its interest to be reviewed by the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
4. **Endorse** and support the draft workplan and budget for the SPAW sub-programme for 2002-2003, as contained in document UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/8 and transmit it to the STAC for its review and comment according to the priorities established by the Meeting of the Parties, noting the particular need for the STAC to look at the scientific and technical content, and forward any comments to the second Meeting of the Parties, which will transmit the revised document for its approval to the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention.

DECISION VIII

Decides to:

Request the secretariat and Regional Activity Centre (RAC) of SPAW, to draft and submit to the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention, a report for the further analysis by the SPAW Parties on the relationship between the secretariat, RAC, the Parties and the STAC, with a view to improve the implementation of the Protocol and the activities of the RAC and in keeping with recommendation 8 of the Thirteenth Monitoring Committee Meeting and Special Meeting of the Bureau of Contracting Parties.

ANNEX III: LIST OF DOCUMENTS

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Working Documents

UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/1	Provisional Agenda
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/2	Provisional Annotated Agenda
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/3	Evaluation of the work of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) of the SPAW Protocol since its inception (1992-2000)
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/4	The Scope and Structure and of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the SPAW Protocol
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/5	Relationship between the SPAW Protocol, the STAC and the work undertaken by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
UNEP (DEC)/CAR IG.20/6	Priorities for implementation by the Parties and the Secretariat since the entry into force of the SPAW Protocol including priorities for the STAC
UNEP (DEC)/CAR IG.20/7	Report of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region (to be prepared during the Meeting)
UNEP (DEC)/CAR IG.19/8	Draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2002-2003 (includes Workplan and Budget for the SPAW Regional Programme)

Information Documents

UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.1	Provisional List of Documents
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.2	Provisional List of Participants (to be prepared at the Meeting)
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.3	Elements for the development of a Marine Mammal Action Plan for the Wider Caribbean a Review of Marine Mammal Distribution

- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.4 Report to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) from the Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena 1983) and its Protocols, including the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA), (February 2001)
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.5 Funding Protected Areas in the Wider Caribbean: A Guide for Managers and Conservation Organizations
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/INF.6 Directory of members of SPAW Protocol e-group. (English only)
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.23/4 Criteria for the listing of species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/INF.4 Report from the Government of France on the activities implemented by the Regional Activity Centre (RAC) for SPAW in Guadeloupe
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/INF.5 The International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN): A global partnership for coral reefs
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/INF.6 Co-operative linkages in marine and coastal biodiversity between the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Cartagena Convention
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/5 Status report on the implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2000-2001 (includes status on the SPAW Regional Programme)
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.17/INF.5 Legal Assessment of "Compatibility" issues between the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) to the Cartagena Convention and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.17/INF.5/Add.1 U.S. Comments on SPAW-CITES Compatibility issues
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.17/CRP.1 Comments by Cuba on the Contextualization of SPAW and its Relationship with CITES

Conference Room Documents

- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/CRP.1 Cuban Remarks on the UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/5 Document and SPAW Relations with Other Conventions and Agreements (in Spanish and English only)

- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/CRP.2 Priorities for Implementation Following the Entry into Force of the SPAW Protocol: Responsibilities for the Contracting Parties for the STAC and for the Secretariat (proposed revision to UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/6) (in Spanish and English only)
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/CRP.3 Potential Areas for Technical Cooperation Presented by The Nature Conservancy (en anglais suelement)
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.20/CRP.4 Scope of the SPAW Protocol and Relationship with the Work of Other Conventions (provisional agenda item 7). Submission by the Government of Jamaica (en anglais suelement)

Reference Documents

- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.19/6 Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Special Meeting of the Bureau of Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region. San José, Costa Rica, 9-13 July 2001
- UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG.17/5 Report of the Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Sixth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region. Kingston, Jamaica, 14-18 February 2000
- UNEP(WATER)/CAR WG.22/5 Fourth Meeting of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean, Region. Havana, Cuba, 3-6 August 1999
- UNEP(OCA)/CAR WG.19/6 Third Meeting of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean, Region. Kingston, Jamaica, 11-13 October 1995
- UNEP(OCA)/CAR WG.11/7 Second Meeting of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean, Region. French Guiana, 3-5 May 1993

UNEP(OCA)/CAR WG.5/1	First Meeting of the Interim Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean, Region. Kingston, Jamaica, 4-8 May 1992
UNEP, 2001	Directory of Focal Points of the Caribbean Environment Programme. CEP Information Paper, June 2001. (English only)
UNEP/Ramsar, 2000	Memorandum of Co-operation between the Secretariat of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean (Cartagena, 1983) and the Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, 1971)
UNEP(DEC)/CAR IG. 17/INF.6	International Trade in Species listed in both the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
UNEP/GC/3/Rev.3,1998	Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UNEP
UNEP(WATER)/CAR WG.11/INF.6	Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat of the Convention of the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena, 1983) and its Protocols, including the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Nairobi, 1992)
UNEP, 1991	Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the Adoption of the Annexes to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region. Final Act
UNEP, 1990	Conference of Plenipotentiaries Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean Region. Final Act
UNEP, 1983	Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention)
UNEP(OCA)/CAR WG.13/3	Legislative Guide to Implement the SPAW Protocol (Workshop to Assist with the Formulation of National Legislation to Implement the SPAW Protocol in the Common Law Countries of the Wider Caribbean Region (Ocho Rios, Jamaica, 6-9 December 1993)

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