

## THE CARIBBEAN CASE



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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### GLOBAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE

#### Geographical spaces

(Oceans, large marine ecosystems, regional seas, coastal areas, etc.)

### Legal and institutional arrangements

(global conventions, non binding declarations, functional cooperation, regional management)

#### Substantive issue areas

(Biodiversity, migratory species, wetlands, trade (in endangered species), fishing, land and marine based pollution, shipping, climate change, sustainable development, cultural heritage etc)

#### Actors

(States, international, regional and national agencies and non-state actors- conservation groups, science)

## Environmental norms and principles

(historical practices, economic benefit, conservation)

Scobie, Michelle. 2019. "Chapter 5: Global marine and ocean governance and Caribbean SIDS." In *Global Environmental Governance and small states: architectures and agency in the Caribbean, 232. UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.* 

## THE MAIN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR MARINE SPACES RELEVANT FOR THE CARIBBEAN SEA

Protocol to the International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter, 1972, (LC PROT 1996)

Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species, 1972 (CITES)

Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992

International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship Ballast Water and Sediment, 2004 (BWM, 2004) International Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for the Compensation of Oil Pollution, 1971 (FUND '71) International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78)

International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling 1948 and 1959

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Protocol of 1992 and 2003 to the International Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for the Compensation of Oil Pollution, 1971

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. 1982

Basel Convention – Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA)

- Annex I Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil (1983)
- Annex II Regulations for the Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk (1983)
- Annex III Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packaged Form (1992)
- Annex IV Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships (2003)
- Annex V Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships (1988) (Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea have Special Area status in effect from 2011)
- Annex VI Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships (2005)



### **UN OCEANS?**

UN-Oceans is an inter-agency mechanism that seeks to enhance the coordination, coherence and effectiveness of competent organizations of the United Nations system and the International Seabed Authority, in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the respective competences of each of its participating organizations and the mandates and priorities approved by their respective governing bodies.

CBD	CTED	ESCAP	FAO	IAEA	ILO	IMO	IOC	ISA	DESA	DOALO S	ODA	
OHRLLS	UNCTA D	UNDP	UNEP	UNESC O	UNHCR	UNIDO	UNITAR	UNU	UNWT O	WMO	World Bank	4



## Regional Seas



West to East: North-East Pacific South-East Pacific Wider Caribbean Upper South-West Atlantic West & Central Africa Mediterranean Black Sea Eastern Africa Red Sea & Gulf of Aden ROPME Sea Area South Asian Seas East Asian Seas North-West Pacific South Pacific Partner programmes: Arctic North-East Atlantic Baltic Sea Caspian Sea Antarctic

## Governance contexts

Climate change and linked issues

Marine biota – higher mortality, lower reproductive success

Food security and safety

Biodiversity hotspots are magnets for human activities

Increased and conflicting demands for ocean space

Excessive inputs of harmful material

Cumulative impacts are problematic

Uneven distribution of benefits from the ocean

Integrated management needs data

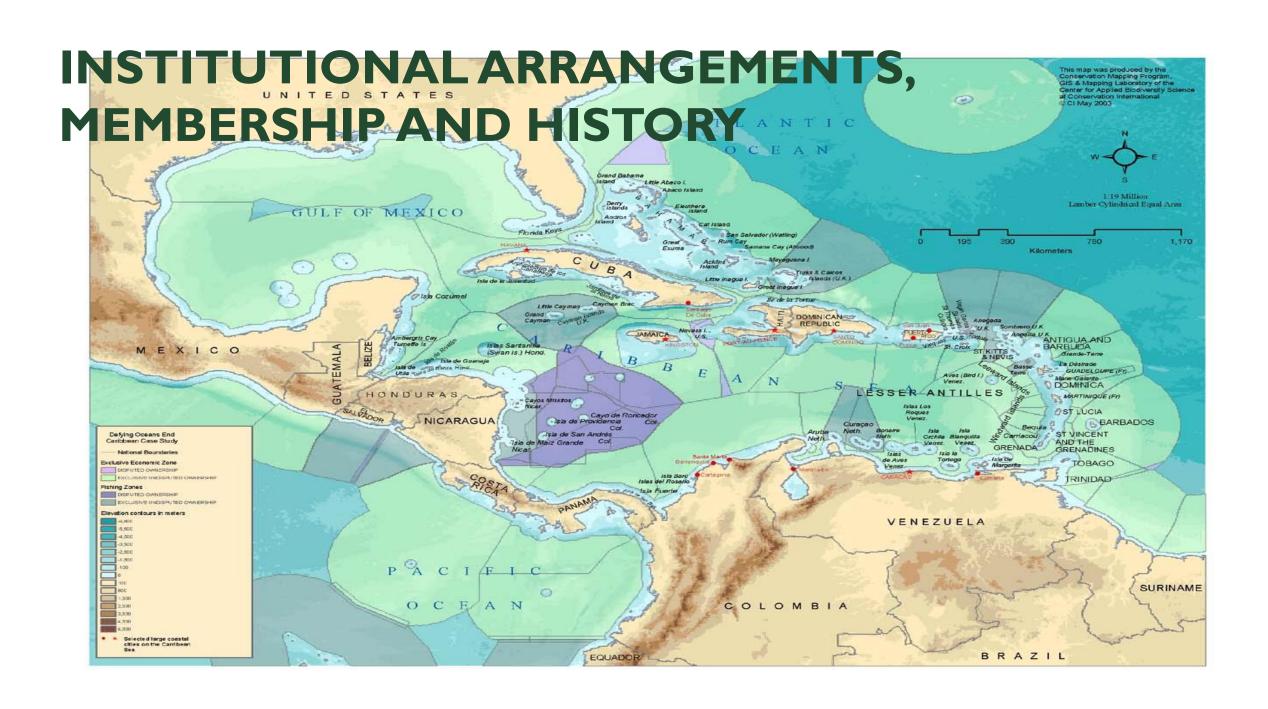
Knowledge gaps should not lead to delay in implementing known solutions

## THE CARIBBEAN GOVERNANCE MODEL

Description of institutional arrangements, membership and history

Discussion of challenges faced and overall impact of mechanism

Identification of possible relevant best practices



## GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURES FOR MARINE GOVERNANCE

#### International institutions

- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCC)
- UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, UNECLAC or CEPAL in Spanish)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)
- Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- FAO Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF) Trust Fund
- Latin American Organization for Fisheries Development (OLDEPESCA)
- The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM)
- International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas ICCAT
- World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- The Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
- The Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Political Coordination
- Caribbean Environment Programme UNEP's Regional Seas Programme (RSP)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
- The International Hydrographic Organisation- Advisory Board on the Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea
- UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
- International Seabed Authority (ISBA) of the UNLOS
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- International Whaling Commission
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (State & Non-State)
- International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)

#### Non State Actors

- The University of the West Indies
- The Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations
- Fishermen and Friends of the Sea (FFOS)
- Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD)
- Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN)
- Friends of the Earth International
- Greenpeace International
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- Seas at Risk
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
- International Coral Reef Initiative
- International Institute for Sustainable Development
- World Resources Institute (WRI)
- Oceana

#### Private companies/sector

- Corporation/certification
- Aguaculture Stewardship Council
- Cruise Lines International Association, Inc. (CLIA)
- Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA)
- Marine Stewardship Council
- Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA)
- American Bureau of Shipping
- Bureau Verias
- International Marine Certification Institute
- Lloyd's Register
- Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA)

### MARINE GOVERNANCE REGIMES FOR CARIBBEAN STATES

Regime	Convention/Declaration
Biodiversity	Convention on Biological Diversity, (CBD) including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization
Caribbean Regional Sea	Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) Protocol Concerning Co-operation and Development in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean (Oil Spills Protocol) Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS)
Endangered Species	Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species, 1972 (CITES)
Fish Stocks	The United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (UNFSA) 1995
Fisheries	FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries 2012
Shipping- Pollution	International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter 1972- the London Convention Protocol to the International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter, 1972, (LC PROT 1996)
SIDS	Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA Pathway), 2014- Targets for sustainable use of oceans, conservation, pollution, research, coral reefs, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, small-scale fisheries development and management, subsidies, capacity, co-operation and a commitment to 10 per cent marine protected areas.
Sustainable Development	UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 2015- Goal 14 on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Oceans, Seas and Marine Resources for Sustainable Development
Waste	Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal 1989- (Basel Convention)
Whaling	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling 1948 and 1959 (ICRW)

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Shipping	International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems in Ships (AFS Convention), 2001 (in force 2008).
Shipping - Oil Pollution	International Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for the Compensation of Oil Pollution, 1971 Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for the Compensation of Oil Pollution, 1971
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## TWO MAIN REGIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURES FOR MARINE GOVERNANCE

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- Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Action Plan and
- The Meeting of the Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention.

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- Bureau
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## CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

### **Mission**

"To promote regional cooperation for the protection and development of the Wider Caribbean Region"

## <u>Objective</u>

"To achieve sustainable development of marine and coastal resources in the Wider Caribbean Region through effective, integrated management that allows for economic growth and sustainable livelihoods"



## 34 States - The Wider Caribbean Region

#### Island Nations

### **Continental Nations**

Mexico

- Belize
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- **Suriname**
- II. USA
- 12. Venezuela



- **Bahamas**
- **Barbados**
- Cuba
- **Dominica**
- **Dominican Republic**
- Grenada
- Haiti
- 9. Jamaica
- 10. St. Kitts & Nevis
- II. St. Lucia
- 2. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 13. Trinidad & Tobago Source: P.Hoetjes

#### **Associated Countries, Departments Territories**

- I. Aruba
- Curacao, St. Maarten
- Caribbean Netherlands
- Anguilla
- Cayman Islands
- 6. Montserrat
- **Turks & Caicos Islands**
- **British Virgin Islands**
- French Guyana
- 10. Guadeloupe
- II. St. Martin St. Barth
- 12. Martinique
- 13. Puerto Rico

Venezuela

14. US Virgin Islands









































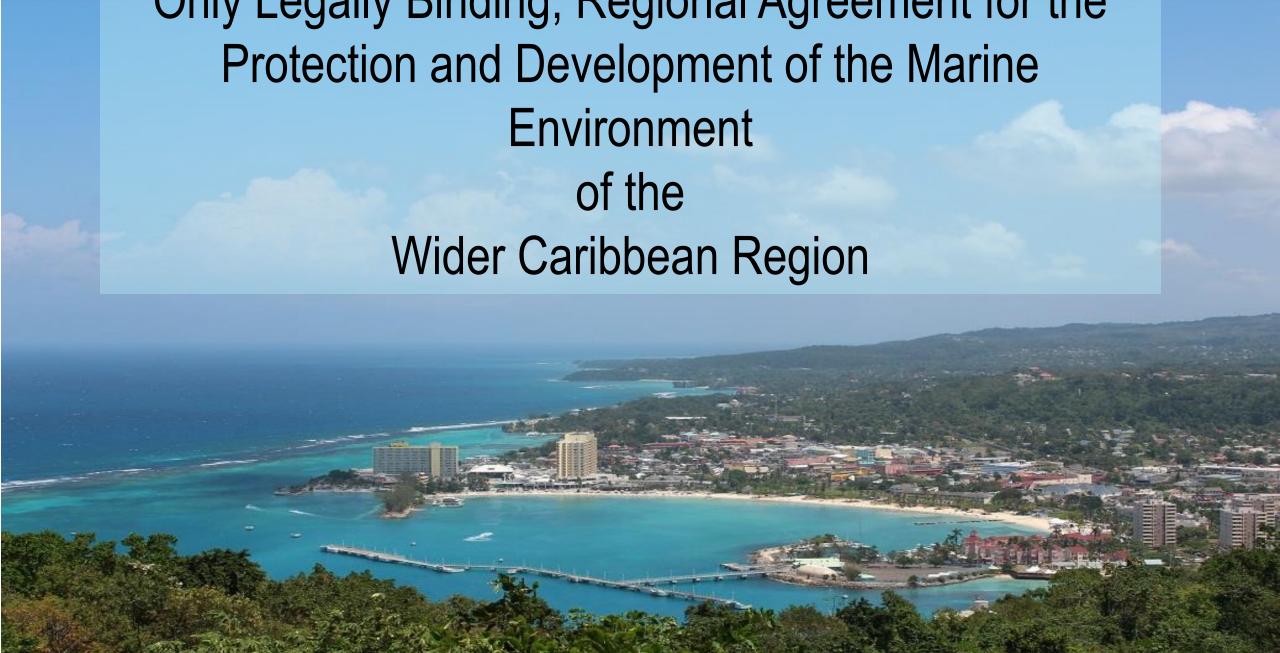












### LEGAL FRAMEWORK UNDER UN ENVIRONMENT

The Convention for the **Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region** (WCR) or Cartagena Convention

(The Convention was adopted in Cartagena, Colombia on 24 March 1983 and entered into force on 11 October 1986.)

The Regional Coordinating Unit (UNEP-CAR/RCU) was established in 1986 in Kingston, Jamaica and is the Secretariat to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols.

The Protocol Concerning Co-operation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean Region was adopted in 1983 and entered into force on 11 October 1986.

The Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region was adopted on 18 January 1990 and entered into force on 18 June 2000.

The Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities was adopted on 6 October 1999 and entered into force on 13 August 2010.

### OBJECTIVES: PROTOCOLS TO THE CARTAGENA CONVENTION

#### Objectives of the Oil Spills Protocol

Protect marine & coastal environment from oil spill incidents

Establish & maintain means to respond to oil spill incidents & to reduce the risks associated with such incidents

- Adopted in 1983
- Entered into force in 1986
- 25 Parties

## Objectives of the Biodiversity (SPAW) Protocol

Protect, preserve & sustainably manage fragile areas & threatened or endangered species of flora & fauna

Regulate &/or prohibit activities having adverse effects on protected areas & wildlife (biodiversity)

- Adopted in 1990
- Entered into force in 2000
- 16 Parties

## Objectives of the Pollution (LBS) Protocol

Reduce pollution through establishment of effluent & emission limitations and/or best management practices

Exchange information on landbased pollution through cooperation in monitoring & research

- Adopted in 1999
- Entered into force in 2010
- 13 Parties



#### **SUB-PROGRAMMES**







## **Specially Protected Areas & Wildlife**

Assessment & Management of Environmental Pollution

## Communication, Education, Training & Awareness

- Marine Protected Areas and Wildlife
- •Threatened and Endangered Marine Species
- Marine and Coastal Ecosystems

Protocols concerning: (1) Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol); and (2) Co-operation in Combating Oil Spills (Oil Spills Protocol).

- •Improve educational systems to promote positive attitudinal and behavioural changes on environmental management;
- •Develop and implement training programmes for the management of coastal and marine resources:
- •Support public awareness efforts by the media, private sector, community-based, and non-governmental organizations to demonstrate the value of marine and coastal resources;
- •Increase access to data and information on coastal and marine resource management through strengthening of CEP websites, networks and databases; and
- •Disseminate information resulting from the implementation of our projects and activities.

### CEPWORK IN THE WIDER CARIBBEAN?

Technical Assistance: Guidelines, Tools, Methodologies, Contingency Plans, Technologies & Best Practices, Research, Monitoring

Mobilize Financing for Projects & Activities

Capacity Building & Training: Valuation, MPA management

Promotion & Awareness: Policy Briefs, Data & Information, Social Media, Media Briefs, Videos,

Institutional. Policy & Legal Reforms

Support to MEAs- CMS, Ramsar, CBD, Rotterdam, Basel, Stockholm, CITES, IMO, (eg.,London, Marpol, Ballast Water Convention, OPRC etc)

### CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM -

#### **Regional Platforms**

- OSPAR Commission
- Trash Free Partnership
- Caribbean Node for Marine Litter
   Management
- Caribbean Platform for Wastewater Management
- Caribbean Platform for Nutrients Management
- Caribbean Large
   Marine Ecosystem Plus
   Alliance

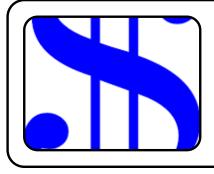
#### Regional Activity Centres

- REMPEITC: Oil Spills in Curacao
- SPAW: Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in Guadeloupe
- CIMAB: Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in Cuba
- Institute of Marine Affairs: Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in Trinidad & Tobago

#### Projects (GEF)

- GEF-CLME+: Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem & North Brazil Shelf
- GEF-CReW: Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management: Download a summary
- GEF-IWEco: Integrating Water, Land and Ecosystems Management in Caribbean SIDS

## CHALLENGES FACED AND OVERALL IMPACT OF MECHANISM



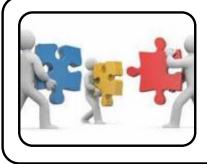
Donor fatigue, Budgets: Increase Revenue and Service Debts

MONEY



Policy, Legislation, Regulations, Enforcement; How can we move from policy to action?

**CAPACITY** 



Consultation Fatigue, Private Sector apathy, moving past political divides

**ENGAGEMENT** 



Data availability, accessibility, quality, analysis, packaging & dissemination, sustainability, fake data?

**INFORMATION** 

### GEF PROJECTS: IWECO, CLME+, CREW+

- GEF CReW: 18 countries; SIDS, Central America, (IDB & UNEP) Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management
- GEF IWEco: 10 Caribbean SIDS (UNEP & UNDP) Implementing Water, Land & Ecosystem Management in Caribbean SIDS
- GEF CLME+: 2 LMEs: CARIBBEAN LME & NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LME 25
   GEF-eligible countries + dependent territories + USA
  - Plans, Policies, Laws, Legislation & Regulations;
    - Training
    - Support for on the ground solutions

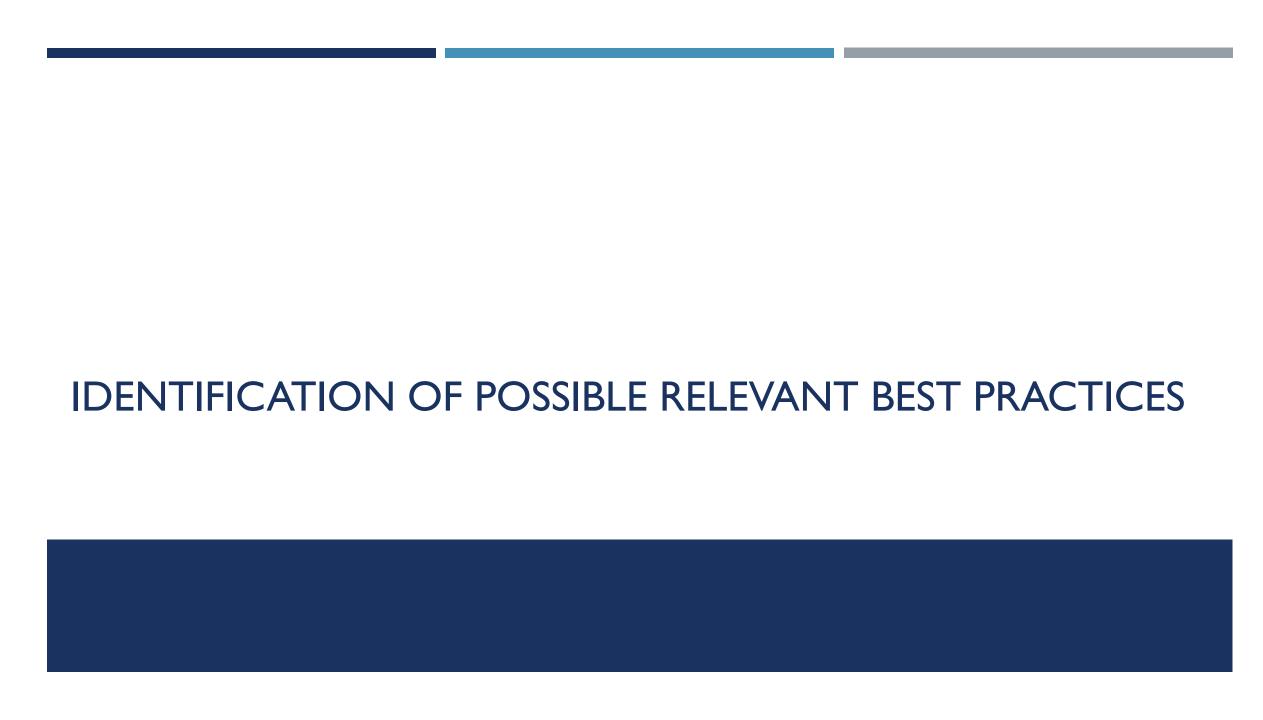










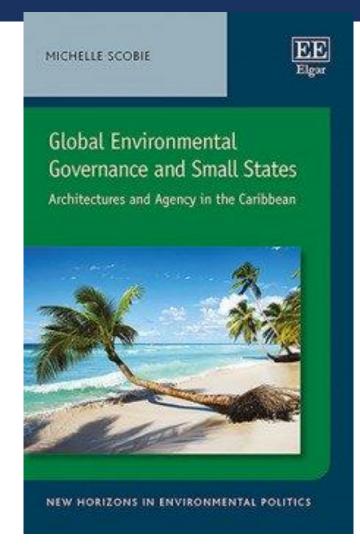


#### REDUCING REGIONAL FRAGMENTATION- 4 STEPS

- Create a more inclusive policy formulation body (an 'environmental council' that benefits from non-regional resources via a 'group of friends').
- Fund a resourced regional environmental executive that can work through issue specific sub committees for more efficient use of limited regional resources.
- Develop a legal and judicial enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance and thus support the work of governance.
- Clearer articulation of a common regional environmental policy.

Scobie, Michelle 2012. "Environmental Justice and Marine Governance in the Caribbean." IUCN Academy of Environmental Law eJournal 1:30-41.

## GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND SMALL STATES ARCHITECTURES AND AGENCY IN THE CARIBBEAN



Contents: 1. SIDS and Environmental Governance in the Anthropocene 2. Thematic Foundations of Caribbean Environmental Governance 3. Sustainable Tourism Governance and Caribbean SIDS 4. Climate Change Governance and Caribbean SIDS 5. Global Marine and Ocean governance and Caribbean SIDS 6. Renewable energy and Energy Security and Caribbean SIDS 7. Caribbean cultural and natural heritage governance 8. The global trade-environment nexus and Caribbean Environmental Governance 9. Key issues and emerging trends in Caribbean environmental governance and earth system governance research Index

### **CLME GOVERNANCE**

#### The CLME Project Approach:

Building a multi-level policy-cycle based governance framework

Transboundary diagnostic analysis (TDA)

Assesses issues to be addressed in activities

Strategic Action Programme (SAP)

Develops agreed plan to address key transboundary issues in next phase

#### LME Level Monitoring and Reporting

Develops indicators to monitor LME status.

#### Strengthening Regional Governance

Engages regional and sub-regional organisations to put LMR governance on their agendas for policy decision-making.

#### Promoting the Caribbean Sea Initiative

Works with ACS and its Caribbean Sea Commission and other regional organisations to implement the UN Resolution on the Caribbean as a special area.

#### Large Pelagics

Increases involvement in ICCAT for oceanic species and pursues regional governance arrangements for species contained in the Wider Caribbean area.

#### Guianas-Brazil Shrimp and Groundfish

Establishes and operates subregional cycle for cooperation in management of the shared stocks.

#### Eastern Caribbean Flyingfish

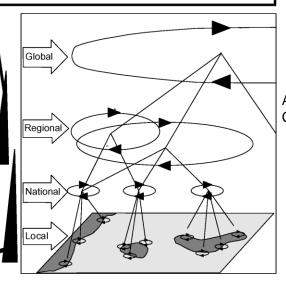
Establishes and operates sub-regional cycle for cooperation in management.

#### Reef Fisheries and Biodiversity

Enhances local level linkages among fishery and non-fishery stakeholders and upward linkages to national and regional levels.

#### Spiny Lobster

Enhances local level capacity and linkages among western Caribbean fishery stakeholders and upward linkages to national and regional levels.



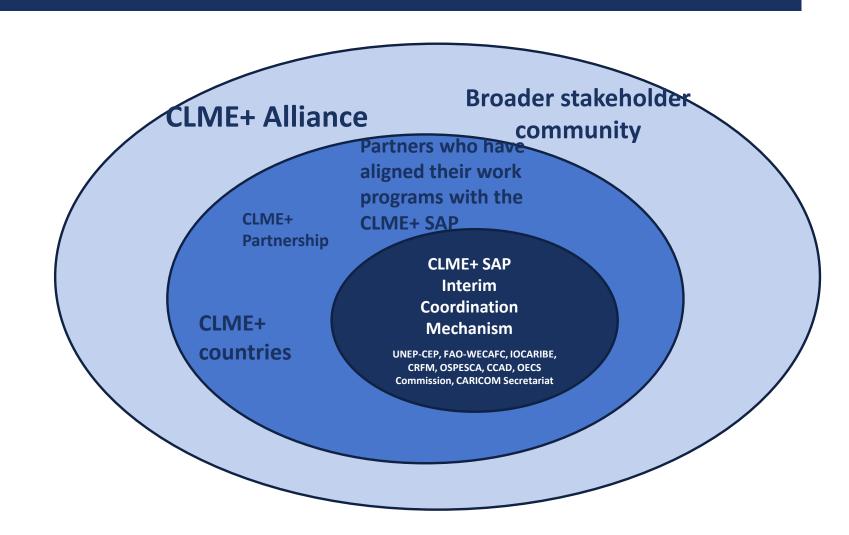
ACS Caribbean Sea A wide variety Commission reviews of technical **ANALYSIS** advice provided in entities with response to specific expertise in AND requests to relevant areas, ADVICE e.g. WECAFC appropriate agencies DATA AND CRFM, **INFORM** OSPESCA in -ATION fisheries. **UNEP** in reef **DECISION** and MAKING biodiversity, **CANARI** in civil society participation. **REVIEW** AND **ACS Council EVALUATION** IMPLEMENT -ATION Caribbean Sea Commission and technical agencies Primarily national and local (sub-national) agencies

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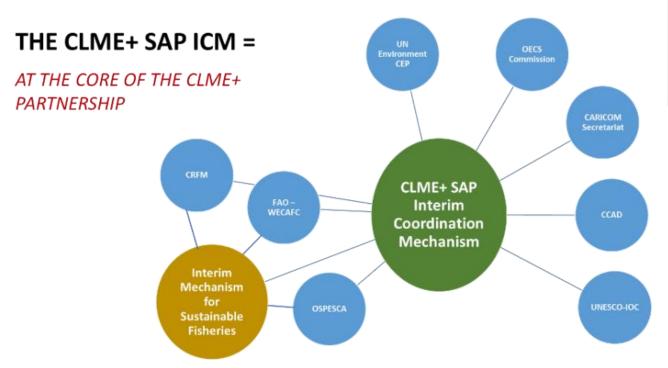
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## CLME+ PROJECT (2015 – 2020) PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF CLME+ ALLIANCE



## WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION – COLLABORATION







Innovative Financial Mechanisms,





Policies, Regulations, Enforcement, Universities, Development Banks, Online, Trainer of Trainers e.g. CaMPAM





Win-Win Partnerships, Participatory
Planning, Communication for Development

**ENGAGEMENT** 



Lose the pride; Where are we now? Showcase our positive stories, achievements, lessons learned and best practices

INFORMATION



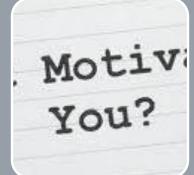
Let's agree on common integrated targets that we ALL work towards as Governments and UN agencies





Investments to improve Environmental
Management Reduce Poverty, Improve Quality of
Life & Improve our Asset Base - (Cost-Benefit
Analysis, Resource Valuation, Internalizing
Environmental Costs, Business Cases)





Be Strategic, develop Financing & Sustainability Plans; Provide Fiscal and non-Fiscal Incentives and Disincentives; Value for Money with Measurable Positive Benefits for People



## Training to do what and why

- Needs Assessments



Internalizing and Innovating the Training: Regional Training Institutions, Online etc.



Monitoring and Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Training



## CAPACITY

for Public Policy and Rule of Law **Institutions** 



# It's about Engagement not Informing



# It's about Empowerment not Dependency



Strengthening
Civil Society
ENGAGEMENT



It's about finding
Solutions not Blaming



## Understand Data and Information Landscape



Demonstrate the Economic and Social value of Evidence-based Decision-Making



Select appropriate Technologies based on Scale: Global, Regional, National, Local and Individual



## SCIENCE!!

Building the
Evidence Base
for Improving
Policy & Decision
Making

### THE END

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