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ACRONYMS

AFMO	Administrative/Funds Management Officer
AMEP	Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution
BWM	Ballast Water Management
CABI	CAB International
CaMPAM	Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Managers Network
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARSEA	Caribbean Sea Ecosystem Assessment
CATHALAC	Water Centre for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean
CAWASA	Caribbean Water and Sewage Association
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CEHI	Caribbean Environmental Health Institute
CEP	Caribbean Environment Programme
CETA	Communication, Education, Training and Awareness
CHM	Clearing House Mechanism
CITES	Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CLME	Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Project
CMS	Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
COP	Conference of Parties
CORALINA	Corporation for the Sustainable Development of the Archipelago of San Andres, Old Providence and Santa Catalina
CTF	Caribbean Trust Fund
CWWA	Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association
EBM	Ecosystem-Based Management
ETA	Education, Training and Awareness
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
GCFI	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network
GEF-CEO	Global Environment Facility – Chief Executive Officer
GEF-CreW	Global Environment Facility – Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management
GEF-IWCAM	Global Environment Facility – Integrating Watershed and Coastal Area Management
GEF-REPCar	Global Environment Facility – Reducing Pesticide Run-off to the Caribbean Sea
GIS	Geographic Information System
GlobalGAP	Global Partnership for Good Agricultural Practices
IAC	Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAS	Invasive Alien Species
ICC	International Coastal Clean-up
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IGM	Intergovernmental Meeting
IMA	Institute of Marine Affairs
IMO-ITCP	International Maritime Organization – Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme
IOCARIBE	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission’s Sub-commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IWC	International Whaling Commission
IW:LEARN	International Waters: Learning Exchange and Resources Network
IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
KAP	Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices
KWN	Know-Why Network

LAC-GEO	Latin America and the Caribbean – Global Environment Outlook
LBS	Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution
LFMC	Local Forest Management Committee
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem
MAIA	MPA Network of the Atlantic Arc
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MEA	Multilateral Environment Agreement
MedPAN	Mediterranean Marine Protected Area Network
MMAP	Marine Mammals Action Plan
MPA-MMA	Marine Protected Area – Management of Marine Area
NEPT	Negril Environment Protection Trust
NFWF	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPA	National Plan of Action
OCCC	Overall Coordination and Common Costs
OECS-ESDU	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States – Environment and Sustainable Development Unit
OPRC	Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PANOS	Panos Institute
PCG	Project Coordinating Group
PIF	Project Identification Form
PIMS	Project Information Management System
PMU	Project Management Unit
POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants
ProEcoServ	Project for Ecosystem Services
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PSC	Project Support Costs
RAC	Regional Activity Centre
RAC-CIMAB	Regional Activity Centre – Centre for Engineering and Environmental Management of Coasts and Bays
RAC-REMPEITC	Regional Activity Centre – Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre
RAC-SPAW	Regional Activity Centre – Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife
Ramsar	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance
RAPMaLi	Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter
REEF	Reef Environmental Education Foundation
ROLAC	UNEP’s Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
RONA	UNEP’s Regional Office for North America
RTAG	Regional Technical Advisory Group
SAICM	Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
SCSCB	Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SPAW	Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife
STAC	Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
Stand-Op	Standardization and Optimization
STRAP	Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan
TCC	Technical Cooperation exercise among Countries
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECLAC	UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
UNEP-CAR/RCU	United Nations Environment Programme – Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit
UNEP-DEPI	United Nations Environment Programme – Division of Environmental Policy Implementation

UNEP-DGEF	UNEP – Division of Global Environment Facility
UNEP-GPA	United Nations Environment Programme – Global Programme of Action
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNOPS	United Nations Office of Project Services
UNV	United Nations Volunteer
UNU-INWEH	United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment and Health
WCR	Wider Caribbean Region
WDCS	Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society
WECAFC	Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission
WHMSI	Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative
WIDECAST	Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network

REPORT OF THE MEETING

1. Introduction

1. The Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Twelfth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region was convened from 25 – 27 October 2012 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
2. This Meeting proposed to review the achievements of the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) during the 2010-2012 period and to approve the Workplan and Budget of the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) for the 2013-2014 Biennium.
3. The Secretariat, on behalf of the CEP Governments and Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention, convened the Meeting to:
 - **Evaluate** the projects and activities implemented within the framework of the Caribbean Environment Programme during the period 2010-2012;
 - **Review** the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions of the Fourteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, Montego Bay, Jamaica, 6-9 October 2010;
 - **Review** and **take action**, as appropriate, on the Decisions of the Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 23 October 2012;
 - **Review** and **take action**, as appropriate, on the Decisions of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 24 October 2012;
 - **Review** the recommendations of and **take action**, as appropriate, on the Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee to the Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean Region, Willemstad, Curaçao, 7-9 May 2012;
 - **Review** and **adopt** the Workplan and Budget for CEP for the 2013-2014 biennium, including those of the Regional Activity Centres; and
 - **Decide** on the composition of the Monitoring Committee and the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the 2013-2014 Biennium.
4. National focal points or their designated representatives of all States and Territories participating in the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Commission of the European Union were invited to attend the Meeting. Other States that have demonstrated concern for the protection of the marine environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR), UN and non-UN regional and international organizations, NGOs, donors and private sector representatives participating or interested in the Caribbean Environment Programme, were also invited to attend the Meeting as observers. Regional and international experts were also invited to make special presentations to the Meeting. The List of Participants is included in Annex VIII of this Report.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. Opening statements were provided by Mr. Nelson Andrade Colmenares, Coordinator of the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Cartagena Convention; by Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), Nairobi, on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Achim Steiner; and by Ms. Ydalia Acevedo Monegro, Vice-Minister for Coastal and Marine Resources, of the Government of the Dominican Republic, who declared the meeting opened at 9:30 am at the Dreams Palm Beach Resort in Punta Cana.
6. Mr. Nelson Andrade Colmenares thanked the Government of the Dominican Republic for its valuable financial and logistical support which made possible the convening of this Meeting in Punta Cana as well as three other intergovernmental meetings of CEP also held in Punta Cana during the same week. He welcomed all delegates, specially invited guests, partners, donors and friends of the Caribbean Environment Programme to the Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Twelfth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region.
7. Mr. Andrade Colmenares remarked that it was evident that, 26 years after its entry into force, the Cartagena Convention remains of great relevance to Member States of the Wider Caribbean Region and pointed out that only three out of the 28 possible Member States to the Convention have not yet acceded to it. He acknowledged that the SPAW Protocol continues to attract the support of the Wider Caribbean Governments with the ratification of The Bahamas and Grenada during the reporting period, bringing the total to 16 Contracting Parties since its entry into force in the year 2000. The LBS Protocol, adopted in 1999, is enjoying renewed vigor as shown by the ratification by the Governments of The Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana and Grenada during the reporting period, which brought the Protocol into force in 2010 with the First Meeting of the Parties held immediately prior to the present 15th Intergovernmental Meeting of the CEP. During his remarks he acknowledged the support received from the four Regional Activity Centres: namely the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre, the Regional Activity Centre for the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol, the Centre of Engineering and Environmental Management of Coasts and Bays, and the Institute of Marine Affairs. He equally expressed appreciation for the countries which host these centres in the region, respectively Curacao, France, Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago, with financial resources as well as the secondment of staff. The Governments of Spain and Italy were recognized for their support to the activities of the SPAW Programme related to marine mammals and marine protected areas.
8. He highlighted that among the main accomplishments for the biennium was the successful completion of the GEF-funded projects “Reducing Pesticide Run-off to the Caribbean Sea” (REPCar) and “Integrating Watershed and Coastal Areas Management” (IWCAM), which were implemented in close cooperation with United Nations and regional organizations, as well as private sector partners in the region, to deliver tangible benefits to local communities. The CEP is the executing agency for the Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management (CReW) as a GEF IDB-lead Project and has finalized a new full project proposal to the GEF as a follow-up to the GEF-funded Integrating Watershed and Coastal Areas Management (IWCAM) called “IW Eco” to address land, water and biodiversity management in the region. The hosting of the GEF International Waters Conference in 2013 by the CEP will provide an opportunity to feature such progresses achieved by the CEP and the implementation of the Cartagena Convention.
9. Ms. Jacqueline Alder, conveyed the appreciation of the Executive Director of UNEP to the Government of the Dominican Republic for hosting the meetings. She stressed the importance of the present IGM as this year, 2012, has been a golden one for oceans and coasts. The Rio+20 Conference and the outcome document *The Future We Want* highlights through 20 paragraphs the importance of oceans and coasts, as well as SIDS for sustainable development. The Caribbean Environment Programme is one of UNEP's key Regional Seas and the leadership it provides in bringing together various programmes and partners to tackle the issues facing Parties to the Cartagena Convention, is a valuable example in maintaining the Regional Seas Programmes a UNEP flagship.
10. She informed the meeting that at the Third Intergovernmental Review on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA)

(Manila, 25-27 January 2012), Member States gave UNEP as the Secretariat, a clear mandate through the Manila Declaration to focus on marine debris, nutrients and wastewater over the next five years. These three mandates also fall within the mandates of Regional Seas Programmes including the Cartagena Convention. UNEP had been advancing two of the three mandates - marine debris and nutrients - through the development of partnership Programmes. The Marine Debris Partnership was initiated at the Honolulu Conference on Marine Debris in 2010 and launched at Rio+20 this year. UNEP also leads a global nutrient partnership and will hold a meeting in the Caribbean region in 2013 in conjunction with the CEP.

11. Vice-Minister Ydalia Acevedo Monegro, representing the Government of the Dominican Republic, welcomed delegates and partners to Punta Cana and to the 15th Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Twelfth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region. She reaffirmed the commitment of the Dominican Republic in continuing to support the CEP, reiterating that the Regional Seas Programme can be considered a significant icon for the sustainability of world coastal and marine waters. Particularly, it has strengthened marine protected areas, the protection of endangered and vulnerable species as well as critical ecosystems in the Dominican Republic such as the Marine Mammal Sanctuary of La Plata and Navidad Banks.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

2.1) Rules of Procedure

12. The Meeting agreed to apply *mutatis mutandis* the Rules of Procedure for the Meetings of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention), as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.30/4/Rev.2.

2.2) Election of Officers

13. The Meeting elected from among its participants the following officers: the Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. These officers will form the Bureau of Contracting Parties for the period until the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Thirteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region is convened. The President of the Bureau shall also serve as Chairman of the Monitoring Committee.
14. The Meeting elected from among the experts the following officers of the Meeting:

Chairperson:	Ydalia Acevedo Monegro (Dominican Republic)
First Vice-Chairperson:	Paul Phillip (Grenada)
Second Vice-Chairperson:	Karim Hodge (UK)
Third Vice-Chairperson:	Leila Villatoro (Guatemala)
Rapporteur:	Elizabeth Taylor Jay (Colombia)

2.3) Organization of Work

15. English, French and Spanish were the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages was provided by the Secretariat for the plenary sessions. The working documents of the Meeting were available in all the working languages. It was noted that the report of the Meeting will be adopted in English and the Decisions of the Meeting in the three working languages. The Meeting also elected to adopt its hours of work as reflected in the order of the day, and such other arrangements of a procedural or organizational nature as deemed necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

16. The Meeting was invited to adopt the Agenda of the Meeting as contained in document UNEP (DEPI)/CAR IG.33/1, as well as the working hours and other procedural and organizational matters.
17. The government of Mexico expressed its intention to raise the need for discussion on the topic referring to the involvement of Parties in the recruitment processes of the Coordinator, as per Decision VI of the 14th IGM and 11th Conference of the Parties of the Cartagena Convention, and after clarification from the Chairperson, it was agreed that the issue be raised again under agenda item 8 “Other Business”.
18. After such clarifications, the Agenda was adopted with the addition from the Government of Mexico under agenda item 8, as presented in Annex I of this Report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE BUREAU OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

19. The outgoing President of the Bureau of Contracting Parties and Chairman of the Monitoring Committee, Ms. Paulette Kolbusch, Senior Manager, National Environment and Planning Agency, Jamaica, presented her report for the 2010-2012 biennium. She began by congratulating the CEP Coordinator and the staff of the Secretariat, the Regional Activity Centres and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Project Management Units for their achievements and continued efforts to respond to emerging needs of the Wider Caribbean.
20. She highlighted the successes of the projects funded by the GEF, the increased numbers of ratifications to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols and the challenges ahead that needed to be addressed to ensure financial sustainability of the Caribbean Environment Programme. Ms. Kolbusch encouraged the Secretariat to continue to play a leading role in coordinating and ensuring synergies between regional projects implemented in the Wider Caribbean, mobilizing partners and working closely with the private sector.
21. In the area of financial sustainability, she applauded the efforts of member Governments in their payment of arrears and invited them to expand such contributions, also in mobilizing donors and external sources. Ms. Kolbusch recognized the significant support of the Governments of Curaçao, France, the United States of America, and Trinidad and Tobago in support of the RACs. With regard to the proposed Workplan and budget for the 2013-2014 biennium, she suggested that realistic targets and priorities be set and emphasis placed on projects resulting in the greatest impacts and benefits regionally and nationally. Ecosystem-based management, green and blue economies and resource evaluation are some of the challenges emanating from Rio+20 deliberations for the development agenda of many countries in the region.
22. In conclusion, she thanked all delegates for their support and wished the incoming chair, Ms. Ydalia Acevedo Monegro from the Government of the Dominican Republic, best wishes during her tenure.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (2010-2012) AND BUDGET

23. The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to present the Report of the Executive Director of the Cartagena Convention on the Implementation of the 2010–2012 Workplan of the Caribbean Environment Programme, as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.33/INF.4, including implementation of the Decisions of the Fourteenth Intergovernmental and Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 6-9 October 2010).

24. In his presentation Mr. Andrade Colmenares covered the implementation of the work programme for the 2010-2012 biennium, the budgetary status, and administration and human resources management at the Secretariat.
25. He reiterated that CEP projects and activities continue to support its mission to promote regional co-operation for the protection and development of the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR) and its long term objective of achieving sustainable development of marine and coastal resources in the WCR through effective, integrated management that allows for economic growth and sustainable livelihoods.
26. The Secretariat has taken appropriate actions in response to the Decisions of the Fourteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and other CEP intergovernmental or technical meetings and these were implemented within the work programme for 2010-2012 (Annex I, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.33/INF.4).
27. Staffing at UNEP-CAR/RCU currently includes a total of 14 staff members (the Coordinator, two professional officers, and nine general service/locally recruited staff financed under the Caribbean Trust Fund; and one Fund Management Officer and one Finance Assistant (funded through the programme support costs). There is one project post at the general service level and one long-term consultant at the professional equivalent, financed through external funding, under the GEF project on the Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management (GEF/CRew).
28. The Secretariat has actively pursued the collection of pledges to the Caribbean Trust Fund (CTF), including the collection of outstanding pledges. The Secretariat collected a total of US\$2,033,428 in 2010-2011 and US\$1,311,016 (as at 31st July) in 2012. This compares to US\$2,341,505 in 2008-2009, US\$2,484,022 for 2006-2007; and US\$2,517,328 for 2004-2005.
29. Whilst the amounts collected in 2010-2011 seem to have reduced compared to previous biennia, 2012 has seen a significant improvement in payment of pledges and arrears in just the first half of the year. Successful innovative strategies continued during the last biennium to help address ongoing financial constraints including: encouraging governments to make in-kind contributions through hosting of meetings and workshops and mobilizing direct bilateral support for unfunded and new project activities in the region, with such costs being offset against their unpaid pledges to the CTF (Annex III, UNEP (DEPI) CAR IG.33/INF.4).
30. Additional support was provided by several Governments for the convening of CEP meetings and workshops. This includes the Government of the Dominican Republic (US\$200,000 *in lieu* of their arrears) to host the present Cartagena Convention COP/IGM and the COPs of the LBS and SPAW Protocols, as well as the SPAW STAC. Governments, notably also Aruba, which supported the convening of the First LBS STAC Meeting, have continued to provide in-kind support within their capacities for national and regional workshops as contribution to the implementation of CEP's Workplan.
31. Other CEP member-Governments, especially those with unpaid pledges, are encouraged to make regular and timely payments to the Trust Fund. In challenging situations, Member Governments are also called to consider hosting of CEP meetings and workshops in the future to offset their financial arrears. This will allow for programme continuity and a more effective response by the Secretariat, to the needs of member Governments.
32. In his presentation, he renewed the Secretariat's recognition for the cooperation shown by many other Governments who provided support and extraordinary contributions to facilitate the implementation of the 2010-2012 work programme. He noted the continued support provided by the Governments of Cuba, France, Trinidad and Tobago and the former Netherlands Antilles, now Curaçao (as of 10 October 2010) for hosting the Regional Activity Centres (RACs). Additionally, the Secretariat thanked the Governments of France and the United States of America for seconding experts to the Regional Centre for Oil Spills (RAC-REMPEITC) in Curaçao and looks forward to their continued support.
33. Mr. Andrade Colmenares summarized the status of ratifications of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, welcoming the ratifications during the reporting period for the LBS Protocol by the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Guyana and Grenada and for the SPAW Protocol by the Governments of The Bahamas and Grenada.

34. The Delegate of Honduras expressed the intention of her Government to explore accession to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, requesting further information on this process and costs involved. The Secretariat thanked the Government of Honduras for its interest and informed the Meeting that it would follow-up bilaterally on this issue with the Government of Honduras.
35. The Coordinator invited the Secretariat's Programme Officers and Team Assistant to report on the progress of their respective programmes: AMEP, SPAW and CETA.
36. The AMEP Programme Officer, Mr. Christopher Corbin, presented the outputs of the AMEP Sub-programme during the 2010-2012 reporting period, as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/3. He highlighted that the projects and activities supported two key objectives: pollution prevention and reduction, and information management.
37. Mr. Corbin began his overview by outlining the goal and specific objectives of the AMEP sub-programme in support of the implementation of the LBS and Oil Spills Protocols and highlighted the significant contribution to the programme's achievements from the implementation of the GEF funded projects and through the work of the LBS and Oil Spills Regional Activity Centres. He reflected on the continued progress in the ratification of the LBS Protocol in the region with a total of 10 Contracting Parties and the successful convening of the 1st Conference of Parties for the LBS Protocol. Specific mention was made of fund raising efforts, a summary of overall expenditures, and the level of effort required for programme coordination by the Secretariat.
38. Mr. Corbin reported on some of the major sub-programme achievements during the reporting period including: (1) Entry into force of the LBS Protocol in 2010; (2) Development of new CEP Technical Reports; (3) Success of the GEF IWCAM and REPCar Projects; (4) Regional LBS Collage Competition; (5) Development of UNEP CEP web site as a Clearing House Mechanism; (6) Initial approval of a new follow up project proposal to IWCAM – IW Eco; (7) Implementation of the CREW Project to address wastewater; (8) The outputs of the Interim Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, specifically the State of the Convention Area Report (SOCAR) outline, (9) Entering into force of the Special Area Designation for the Caribbean Sea under MARPOL Annex V and (10) Development of a GIS-based data base of the Maritime Traffic in the Wider Caribbean Region.
39. The main outputs from project implementation activities were presented under the specific thematic areas of monitoring and assessment, wastewater management, watershed management, solid waste management, national programmes of action, climate change and disaster risk management and oil spills planning. He highlighted some of the major national and regional achievements in each of these thematic areas. The achievements of the GEF REPCar and GEF IWCAM projects, including lessons learned were further highlighted and he commended the respective project managers and their staff for their dedication and commitment.
40. Mr. Corbin briefly presented information on the activities of the GEF CREW project which held its inception workshop in February 2012. He encouraged countries who had endorsed this project to maximize opportunities to facilitate LBS Protocol implementation through project activities in particular in support of Annex III of the Protocol.
41. The two LBS Regional Activity Centres were invited to provide additional information on specific activities in support of the LBS Protocol during the 2010-2012 period. Mr. Antonio Villasol, Director of RAC-Cimab, specifically referred to the planning and execution of the Final Workshop on Heavily Contaminated Bays and the Baseline Assessment of Domestic Wastewater in Selected Areas of the Wider Caribbean Region carried out from April 2010 to December 2010. He also highlighted the execution of a workshop to review and update wastewater management related legislation, from 30 October to 1 November 2011. Mr. Villasol noted that RAC-Cimab produced fact sheets in English, Spanish and French which provide information on the results of the updated CEP Technical Report No. 33, the Know-Why Network project and Baseline Analysis of Domestic Wastewater. A brochure was also produced and disseminated in English and Spanish on Wastewater Management Technologies in the WCR, as well as DVDs.
42. He thanked RAC-IMA, UNEP CAR/RCU and the United States of America for reviewing and providing comments on the update of Technical Report No. 33, now Technical Report No. 52 and the input of many other countries including Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Colombia.

43. He noted the financial contribution by RAC- Cimab towards the contaminated bays workshop and for the review of National legislation and highlighted the update of maps on the state of the ratification of the Convention and the LBS, SPAW and Oil Spills Protocols. Ms. Amoy Lum Kong, Director of the RAC-IMA presented on the activities of the RAC and indicated that the RAC was involved in three (3) main activities during the period. These activities included participation in the Interim Technical Working group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment; participation in Regional Experts Workshop on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment and; the Production and Dissemination of Promotional Material. Ms. Lum Kong highlighted the objectives of the Technical Working Group and the Regional Workshop, as well as the activities and outputs of the working group and face to face workshop. She noted that promotional material was produced including a 12-minute DVD which had the objective to inform the public of CEP and the Cartagena Convention and to facilitate increased support to CEP. She noted that RAC-IMA provided comments during preparation of the Summary of National Programmes of Action (NPA), and was involved in the development of the NPA in Trinidad and Tobago. Ms. Lum Kong expressed that RAC- IMA would like to take a more leadership role in future projects and activities of the LBS Protocol.
44. Mr. Corbin also invited Ms. Anne Reglain representing RAC- REMPEITC to present additional detail concerning the development and use of the GIS-based data base for mapping maritime traffic in the Wider Caribbean Region.
45. Mr. Corbin concluded by mentioning some of the challenges and lessons learnt during the biennium and suggested areas that the IGM may wish to recommend on including: LBS Protocol ratification/promotion, GPA implementation, mobilization of financial resources, development of new projects and partnerships, how to enhance work in non-GEF eligible countries, next steps for the development of a State of the Convention Area Report (SOCAR) and future priority activities for AMEP Sub-programme..
46. The Chairperson invited Ms. Alessandra Vanzella-Khouri of the Secretariat to present the results of implementation of the SPAW Sub-programme during the 2010-2012 reporting period, as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/3.
47. Ms. Vanzella-Khouri began her overview by outlining the goal and specific objectives of the SPAW sub-programme in support of the implementation of the SPAW Protocol. She highlighted the sub-programme's achievements for the five major areas of activities: Programme Coordination, Strengthening of Protected Areas in the Wider Caribbean Region, Development of Guidelines for Protected Areas and Species Management; Conservation of Threatened and Endangered Species; and Conservation and Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems. She emphasized that most projects and activities were carried out in close cooperation with the SPAW-RAC in Guadeloupe as per the "Report of the SPAW Regional Activity Centre (SPAW-RAC) in Guadeloupe: RAC Operations and Budget for the period 2010-2012" (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.4), reiterating, with much appreciation, that the SPAW-RAC is fully funded by the Government of France. She also thanked the SPAW-RAC for the detailed presentation made on their implementation of activities during the biennium at the SPAW COP7 which were fundamental for the successful progress in the achievement of the SPAW Sub-Programme's objectives..
48. Major funds raised and allocated included an important grant of US\$ 1.1 million received from the Government of Italy for a two year project to assist with the strengthening of MPAs in support of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative.. These activities on protected areas strengthening, included technical assistance through 18 grants (totalling US \$600,000) for MPAs, as well as training and capacity building on marine protected areas management, all executed through CaMPAM as reflected in the detailed update provided by the Secretariat in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.5. This included over 320 MPA practitioners from 15 countries of the region trained through both regional and local courses on different aspects of MPA management, exchanges on better practices between fishers and MPA managers, training on PAs sustainable finance mechanisms; updating of the regional MPA database with online applicability and maintaining communications and information exchange among the CaMPAM members through the electronic forum.
49. The process for listing Protected Areas under SPAW Protocol has proceeded by the respective Working Group established with this purpose and coordinated by the SPAW-RAC, as reported under UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG 34/3. This has enabled the listing of the first 18 Protected Areas under the Protocol as was just approved by the SPAW COP7 which concluded earlier in the week. The work on application of the criteria for listing of species

has progressed (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/4) and a guidance document on the criteria and process for the assessment of exemptions to Article 11 (2) of the SPAW Protocol has been developed by the dedicated Working group and presented to the SPAW COP 7 for review and tentative adoption pending final internal consultations by Member States (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/5).

50. Ms. Vanzella-Khouri also reported on the various inter-agency collaborations, such as with WIDECAST, SCSCB and CABI in the areas of sea turtle conservation, bird conservation and invasive alien species respectively. She highlighted the efforts developed by the Secretariat to tackle the issue of the lionfish invasion as summarized in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.8.
51. In her report she summarized the activities implemented under the Marine Mammal Action Plan (brief summary in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.6) which included significant progress on analysis and modeling of data for 24 species of cetaceans and the West Indies manatee under the UNEP/Spain LifeWeb Project on Broad-scale Marine Spatial Planning for Marine Mammal Corridors and Transboundary Management. She acknowledged the linkages to data from other sources (including from AMEP and CEP's Technical Report No. 33) to evaluate the impacts of coastal development, shipping intensity, and cumulative human impacts. She also reported on other activities implemented under the MMAP, such as the convening of a trilingual Workshop on Marine Mammal Watching, capacity building for local stranding networks and the launching of a regional database hosted on the SPAW-RAC's website.
52. To finalize her presentation, she reported on the GEF project for the sustainable management of the shared living marine resources of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME), specifically on its component on Management and Conservation of Reef Biodiversity and Fisheries implemented by the CEP, and on the pilot projects implemented in that regard in four sites: Seaflower Biosphere Reserve in Colombia, Montecristi National Park in the Dominican Republic, Pedro Bank in Jamaica, and Caracol Bay in Haiti. She noted that a summary on the status of these activities was provided in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.7.
53. The Chairperson invited Ms. Chrishane Williams, AMEP/CETA Team Assistant to present the Status of Implementation of the Workplan for the Communication, Education, Training and Awareness (CETA) Sub-programme for the period 2010-2012.
54. The overall and specific objectives of the CETA Sub-programme were outlined. These include activities and projects completed in accordance with the approved Workplan for the period 2010-2012 through joint activities with the SPAW and AMEP Sub-programmes and their respective projects.
55. She emphasized that in an effort to improve access to information, there have been a number of improvements to the CEP website, with specific reference to the country information page, the development of an online Lab Capacity Database, revamped meeting page, improved project websites and a general improvement in the access to information on coastal and marine issues.
56. One of the most significant achievements she highlighted was the re-publication of a newly designed version of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols which was distributed to Member States during the meeting.
57. Of particular importance were two environmental competitions that were organized and executed within the period, in honour of the International Year of Biodiversity (2010) and in celebration of the entry into force of the LBS Protocol. These competitions engaged youth at national and regional levels and increased the visibility of CEP. Resulting from the increased visibility of the CEP, several new partnerships were created with the private and public sectors as well as with NGOs, institutions and media houses.
58. In the area of public education and outreach, she described the partnership with Panos Caribbean and the participation of the Secretariat in commemorative environmental occasions such as World Environment Day and Sessions with Environmentalists. Various publications, including programme and project banners, calendars, brochures and a promotional video and song for International Year of the Forests, were also highlighted.

59. The Internship Programme, welcomed approximately 15 interns over the period and was supported by a new partnership with the University of Indiana, USA. This was recognized as being of great importance in accomplishing the output of the Secretariat and the fulfillment of the 2010-2012 Workplans given limited human resources especially for supporting CETA activities.
60. The delegate from Cuba congratulated the Secretariat on the valuable work in creating environmental awareness, and stated that she would be providing updated information on national links to update the page of the Government of Cuba and remove the existing links. .
61. The Secretariat appealed to country delegates to communicate updated information on their various technical and political focal points and to advise of any subsequent changes.
62. The Chairperson invited Ms. Annie Muchai, the Fund Management Officer, to present the financial performance of the Secretariat. She gave an overview of the receipts against approved contributions for 2010-2012. The analysis reflected that as at August 2012, an estimated 89% of the pledges/contributions and arrears for 2010-2011 had been paid. In 2012, collections rested at 38% as at August 2012. However, she highlighted that a number of countries had indicated that their payments were forthcoming and the collection rate was expected to rise to an estimated 80% by the end of the year. She further reiterated that 2012 had seen a tremendous improvement in the collection of pledges and arrears for previous years.
63. She presented the expenditures over the last two and a half years (total US\$3,111,852 from January 2010 to June 2012), indicating that the years of major meetings (COPs/IGM) reflected a much higher expenditure. In comparing the expenditures against the approved contributions, 2010 saw a deficit of US\$144,606 while 2011 reflected a surplus as there was no major meeting that year. In 2012, the expenditures would be less than in 2010, given that costs to the meetings of the COPs/IGM were offset by the Government of the Dominican Republic, in reduction of their arrears.
64. Ms. Muchai reiterated the challenge on maintaining an adequate budget and that most activities were supported through other counterpart/earmarked contributions as well as in-kind support. In addition, a number of operating costs had been offset by apportioning and charging these to the projects as appropriate which made major savings to the Caribbean Trust Fund to almost US\$200,000 in the biennium 2010-2011.
65. She indicated that the financial position of the Caribbean Trust Fund was US\$3,915,417 in 2010. The projected cash balance as at December 2012 would be an estimated US\$1.7 million. With the current projected budget and if contributions were maintained at the same level and all paid, there would be just the minimum reserve to operate for about six months after the biennium. She thus highlighted the need to ensure that the reserve be maintained at a minimum of US\$1M.
66. Ms. Muchai took the opportunity to inform the meeting on the UN's move to the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), which sets out the requirements for recognizing, measuring, presenting and disclosing information for transactions and events of an organization on a full accrual basis. She indicated that this was mandated by the need to comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and highlighted that this system would support better accountability and transparency of resources and liabilities. UNEP deadline to be IPSAS compliant is January 2014.
67. The CEP organigram presented (as depicted in UNEP(DEPI) CAR WG.33/INF.4) highlighted the staff changes in the past biennium. Ms. Muchai explained that as a result of a shortfall in funds, the Secretariat was not able to be fully staffed, with the position of Deputy-Coordinator remaining vacant as a result of the shortfall in funds. The Secretariat has reduced operation costs, through for example, reducing paper use by having paperless meetings. Ms. Muchai closed her presentation by making an appeal to country delegates to increase their pledges to the Caribbean Trust Fund to fully support the work of the Secretariat for the 2013-2014 biennium.
68. The Chairperson thanked the Secretariat for the very comprehensive presentations and opened the floor for comments.
69. The delegate from Mexico requested that more details be presented in future budgets. She also requested that details of the 2011-2012 budget on expenditures such as salaries, consultancies, travel etc., as provided by the Secretariat to the Government of Mexico, be also included on UNEP CAR/RCU's website. The Secretariat

advised that the CEP Workplan and Budget for 2010-2012 and that for 2013-2014 also contained details of the budget. She informed the Meeting of the request from Mexico earlier in the year, which had been responded to and that the Secretariat was ready to provide additional information on a case by case basis, given the unique requests made by individual Member States.

70. The Meeting welcomed and commended the Secretariat, including the three RAC's for the extensive work carried out in the biennium, remarking its contribution to the sustainability of the Wider Caribbean coastal and marine resources.

AGENDA ITEM 6: WORKPLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2013-2014 BIENNIUM

71. The Secretariat was invited by the Chairperson to present a summary of its 2013-2014 proposed Workplan contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.33/3 entitled "Draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2013-2014 Biennium".

72. The Meeting was also invited to review and endorse the following, including recommendations and decisions for further actions:

- i. Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe (Willemstad, Curaçao, 9-10 May 2012) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.33/4);
- ii. First Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean Region (Oranjestad, Aruba, 5-7 June 2012) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/4);
- iii. Fifth Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 22 October 2012) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/7);
- iv. Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 23 October 2012) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.31/3); and
- v. First Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 24 October 2012) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.32/4)

73. The delegate of Mexico noted that during the first day of the Meeting it was not mentioned that the meeting would be working with the approved Rules of Procedure of the Cartagena Convention. The Secretariat thanked the Government of Mexico and reaffirmed that the meeting was indeed being conducted under such rules of procedure as adopted by the Meeting and reflected in Agenda Item 2.1 of the present Report.

74. The Secretariat was then invited by the Chairperson to present the draft AMEP Workplan and Budget for the 2013-2014 Biennium in support of the Protocols concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol) and the Oil Spills Protocol. The AMEP Programme Officer presented the proposed projects and activities within the sub-programme as contained in document UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.33/3/Rev.2. He stated that the work plan and budget covered activities to be developed under the Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP) sub-programme of CEP with support of the two LBS RACs (Centro de Ingeniería y Manejo Ambiental de Bahías y Costas-CIMAB, Cuba and Institute of Marine Affairs-IMA, Trinidad and Tobago).

75. He reminded delegates of the main objectives of the AMEP sub-programme, notably to control, prevent and reduce pollution of the coastal and marine environment from land-based sources and highlighted the main targets and expected impacts from implementation of the proposed projects and activities. He emphasized that one of the main roles of the Secretariat was to ensure coordination, collaboration, cooperation and

communication between focal points, regional and international organizations and in particular to develop new partnerships with NGOs and the private sector.

76. Mr. Corbin highlighted the sub-programme priorities for the biennium including: Resource Mobilization through the development and implementation of Global Environment Facility funded Projects; Support of the work of the Interim Technical Group on Monitoring and Assessment including the further development of the State of Convention Area Report; Disseminate Information on Best Management Practices and appropriate technologies including outreach to non-contracting Parties to the LBS Protocol to promote ratification/accession of the LBS Protocol; and supporting the priority partnerships identified by the UNEP GPA in Marine Litter, Nutrients and Wastewater.
77. A description of ongoing and proposed new projects and activities was then provided within the following nine thematic areas: Programme Coordination, Global Environment Facility Projects, Monitoring & Assessment, Wastewater Management, Watershed Management, Waste Management, National Programmes of Action, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Response and Oil Spills Planning. He reiterated that where no specific new project activities had been proposed in the work plan, such as in the areas of watershed and wastewater management, country support to LBS Protocol implementation will be provided through the GEF funded projects. He also outlined the nature of the administrative and technical support that would be required from UNEP CAR/RCU to ensure the effective implementation of the work programme. Additional information was provided on the development of the GEF IWeco project – the follow up project to GEF IWCAM by the Programme Director for the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute, Dr. Christopher Cox. CEHI is expected to be one of the co-executing agencies for this new project along with the Secretariat.
78. In conclusion, Mr. Corbin provided a summary of the overall proposed budget highlighting the amount of funds to be requested from the Caribbean Trust Fund, the level of funding already mobilized and funding still required. While he highlighted that most of the funds listed as unfunded related to the full-sized projects that are under development and which will be submitted to the GEF for consideration, additional funds were still needed for other proposed projects and activities and invited support of countries and partners to mobilize the required funding.
79. The SPAW Programme Officer presented the draft “Workplan and Budget for the SPAW Subprogramme for 2013-2014 Biennium” also contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/6, as it had been presented to the preceding Fifth Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting of SPAW and approved by the Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to SPAW. She noted that the programme elements will remain the same as the previous biennium, however prioritization of the elements will be selected based on emerging needs and the financial resources available. In this context, the Programme Officer indicated that only 30% of the indicative Budget has been raised so far. In light of that fact it was recommended by the Meeting that the Budget for 2013-2014 be maintain the same level as 2010-2012, whilst recognising that additional funding sources can be identified.
80. With regard to the coordination, it will continue to be led by a Programme Officer and an Assistant through the CAR/RCU Kingston Office. Additionally support will also be garnered through SPAW-RAC in Guadeloupe which includes five (5) officers, fully supported by France.
81. Regarding strengthening of Protected Areas, emphasis on MPAs will continue through CaMPAM, with the assistance of a coordinator (if resources allow) and the SPAW-RAC. She further explained the updated capacity building activities that will focus on sustainable finance, enforcement and alternative livelihoods. The Small Grants programme is also forecasted to continue providing direct technical assistance to MPA needs.
82. She also noted that during 2013-2014, the SPAW Programme will follow-up on COP7 decisions to continue the activities relevant to the development of guidelines for protected areas and species. Following the approval by SPAW COP7 of the seventeen (17) protected areas listed under SPAW, a cooperation programme will be developed and more Contracting Parties urged to nominate their sites for listing. Parties were urged to participate more actively in the Working Groups. Further development of the Guidance document on exemptions to Article 11(2) of the Protocol will be extended during this period, to allow final internal consultations by Member States on the core document before adoption, as well as further development by the dedicated Working Group of the report formats on exemptions that are annexed to the Guidance document.

Furthermore, the SPAW STAC5 recommended that the process of review of species to be listed under the SPAW Protocol continued, utilising the Working Group and the IUCN Caribbean Red List as well as to include face-to-face meetings as a mechanism for strengthening efficiency, and noting that Parties will then have to take the lead to formally propose any modification of the annexes, based on the outputs of the Working Group or other relevant sources of information.

83. She noted that species conservation priorities will be based on the Marine Mammal Action Plan (MMAP) priorities (see UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.34/INF.6). The SPAW STAC5 proposed to review and address those priority topics under designated subgroups within the MMAP overall Working Group. Some of the proposed elements for focus may include; (i) mitigating ship strikes and entanglements on whale and dolphin species in the Wider Caribbean Region which will involve workshops with IWC, NOAA; (ii) further follow-up of the LifeWeb project including corridors scenarios building and including outcomes of Inter-regional marine spatial planning (MSP) and marine mammal Workshop, Panama, 21-24 May 2012; and (iii) fostering of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between UNEP-CAR/RCU and the IWC.
84. Additionally, activities for the conservation of sea turtles are proposed in collaboration with the WIDECAST, such as support implementation of STRAPs in the for The Bahamas, Cuba, Grenada and Guyana, as well as further support of STRAP implementation in Barbados, Belize, Dutch Caribbean and Saint Lucia. Other activities include bird conservation capacity in collaboration with BirdLife, SCSCB, WHMSI.
85. In closing, she reiterated that the collaboration with various partners on the control of the lionfish will also be continued, particularly the dissemination by the SPAW-RAC of the Manual on Best Practices for the Control of the Invasive Lionfish in English and Spanish, and further development of the Regional Lionfish Strategy.
86. She further informed that a proposal is currently being discussed with UNEP-DEPI for EBM capacity building and a project on EBA, to be implemented possibly in Grenada. The UNEP RS coral reef partnership will also be explored for collaboration to protect coral reef ecosystem services, including strategic support to GCRMN nodes. An important initiative of this component will be to re-engage dialogue with tourism private sector such as cruise ships, and to develop a pilot project for more active engagement in marine conservation in cooperation with SPAW-RAC and UNEP-DTIE.
87. The AMEP/CETA Team Assistant presented the CETA Workplan which highlighted the proposed projects and activities to be implemented in the 2013-2014 biennium. These activities include continued support to the Secretariat and the work of the AMEP and SPAW Sub-programmes and their projects. Meeting support was outlined as a major aspect in the Workplan for the period 2013-2014, such as the CEP Intergovernmental Meetings and GEF 7th Biennial International Waters Conference
88. She mentioned the proposed recruitment of a National United Nations Volunteer position to assist with communication activities with financial support from the GEF IW: Learn Project. The CETA Sub-programme will continue to facilitate the execution of the GEF IW: Learn project including the convening of two regional workshops and promoting project exchanges. Implementation of the CETA continues without a dedicated Programme Officer to accomplish the specific objectives of the sub-programme
89. She mentioned that there would be continued improvement to the CEP website and other related website including web activities for kids and updated databases. There will also be continued outreach in recognition of commemorative environmental days and media engagement.
90. The Fund Management Officer, Ms. Annie Muchai, presented the budget on the Caribbean Trust Fund for 2013-2014. The 2013 budget (US\$1.48M) was based on expenditures reported in the previous year, the projected activities and operating costs, as well as taking into consideration a 3% augmentation in staff cost. In 2014, the budget was higher at US\$1.85M noting that the next meetings of the COPs/IGM would take place then.

91. She presented the aggregated budget of the CEP including that for AMEP, SPAW and CETA. A total of US\$3.17M would need to be sourced each year in order to fulfill all the activities in the Workplan, as presented during the COP Meetings of SPAW and LBS.
92. The organogram of the Secretariat as forecasted for the biennium 2013-2014, reflects a total of 14 staff members: 12 staff members supported through the Caribbean Trust Fund (1 Coordinator, 2 Professional Staff, 9 General Service Staff) and 2 staff members supported through the programme support cost (1 Administrative/Funds Manager and 1 Finance Assistant). In addition, two Project Staff (1 Professional/Long-Term Consultant, and 1 Administrative Assistant) would continue on staff. The post of Deputy Coordinator will remain frozen due to limited funds. For CETA activities, a UN Volunteer (UNV) is under recruitment, given the lack of funds to support a full time professional officer. In total, the Secretariat will remain at 16 staff overall, compared to 24 staff in 2010/2011.
93. The Secretariat called on the need to consider increasing the budget by 5% in 2014 and complemented that this was intended also to allow for the recruitment of a full time position for a CETA Programme Officer in the course of the biennium.
94. The delegate of France stated that his Government could not endorse an increase in contributions, despite recognizing the increase in costs, including that of personnel.
95. The delegate of the United States of America thanked the Secretariat for the presentations on the Workplan and budget. The United States could not agree to an increase in the budget and asked for a zero nominal growth budget over the next two years.
96. The delegate of Mexico also expressed appreciation for the presentations by the Secretariat but recognizing the difficulties in accepting an increase in budget.
97. Given the constraints faced by Member States in light of the current global economic situation and the interventions to that effect, Mr. Andrade Colmenares stated that, despite the increase in cost of operations, the Secretariat's budget for 2014 would remain the same; there would be zero nominal growth.
98. The Secretariat presented the recommendations of the LBS STAC 1 (adopted by LBS COP 1 on 24 October 2012) and the decisions of the First COP of the LBS Protocol, as found in the document UNEP (DEPI) CAR WG.32/4.; as well as the recommendations of the SPAW STAC 5 (adopted by SPAW COP 7 on 22 October 2012) and the decisions of the SPAW COP 7, as found in the document UNEP (DEPI) CAR IG. 31/3.
99. Mr. Felton Gilmore, IMO Senior Consultant, presented the recommendations of the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Activity Centre /Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre, RAC/REMPEITC Caribe which took place in Willemstad, Curacao, 9 – 10 May 2012, and found in the document titled UNEP (DEPI)/CAR IG. 33/4.
100. The Chairperson invited delegates to comment on the decisions of the SPAW COP7 and LBS COP1. No objections were received from Member delegates and the decisions were duly approved by the Meeting.
101. The delegate of the United States of America stated that his country was pleased to continue its support to the RAC-REMPEITC Center and the adoption of its 2012-2013 Work Plan. He wished to acknowledge the work of the Center's director Dr. Thomas Smith since 2005. Under his leadership, RAC-REMPEITC has provided a steady and diverse array of technical programs throughout the wider Caribbean. Those programmes would not have been possible without the secondment of subject matter experts and administrative staff from France, Curacao, and the USA. Those seconded are critical in helping member states understand and implement effective enforcement and compliance regimes aimed at protecting and preserving the marine environment throughout the Wider Caribbean.
102. He furthermore urged other Member States to note the benefits accrued by the work of the Center and to reaffirm their support as well as considering offers to second one or more additional experts to the Center for periods of two to three years.

103. The delegate of the United States of America acknowledged the role that UNEP CEP, the IMO, and RAC/REMPEITC has played in the last year in initiating a series of multi-lateral meetings around the region, particularly to facilitate sharing of plans, strategies for response as well as operating procedures and guidelines for how impacted and threatened nations will coordinate information and response operations if a spill should occur. He thanked the Secretariat and the IMO for the role played thus far, and encourage continued support under both organizations for this initiative.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE ON THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2013-2014 BIENNIUM

104. The Secretariat, based on consultations with Member States, introduced a proposal with a list of nominees for composition of the Monitoring Committee. The proposal took into account geographic representation and with due consideration to the composition of the outgoing Monitoring Committee members. The nominees are Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Costa Rica, France, the Netherlands, Mexico and the United States of America. The Chairperson invited delegates to comment on the election of the members for the 2013-2014 Monitoring Committee.

105. The delegations of Mexico and the United States of America, expressed that they were honoured to be nominated and serve as members of the Committee.

106. The Monitoring Committee was then approved with the composition proposed above.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

107. The Meeting was invited to raise any other matter not covered by the preceding Agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting. Invited observers were also invited to make short presentations of relevance to the objectives of the Meeting.

108. The delegate of Mexico introduced a proposal of a draft resolution referring to the greater participation of Parties in the recruitment process of the Coordinator of CEP, which can be found in Annex IX.

109. Ms. Jacqueline Alder from the UNEP Headquarters thanked Mexico for the proposal, which is taken very seriously since UNEP strives to ensure secretariats are managed efficiently and cost effective. UNEP responded specifically to Mexico's proposal indicating that the decision was not in line with the United Nations Charter in particular Article 101 – "The staff shall be appointed by the Secretary General under the regulations established by the General Assembly". Providing the names of candidates amounts to publicizing their interest in the position and breaks the confidentiality rules. Member states can communicate their support for a candidate from their country, and similarly the President of the Bureau can convey on behalf of the parties support for a candidate. However, the Executive Director will primarily take a decision based on the report of the recruitment panel, which will have followed a well-defined process for reviewing and interviewing applicants. With regards to some issues outlined in the proposal, it would imply an upgrade to the post and approval from UN New York. Given the current financial challenges for the Convention, approval is unlikely unless parties agree to regularly increase their pledges to cover the increased salary costs. It was also pointed out that changing a coordinator will incur additional costs in separation and in recruitment of a new coordinator; possibly in the range of USD 80,000 to 100,000 every time this process takes place. She also mentioned that there are various options for managing the Secretariat and if Parties would like that information it can be provided. However, if Parties wish UNEP to manage the Secretariat on their behalf, there was little scope for changing the current recruitment arrangements.

110. The delegation of Cuba thanked the Secretariat and Ms. Jacqueline Alder of UNEP, for the detailed explanation provided regarding the selection process and implications of the proposed mechanism. In this regard, the Government of Cuba maintains the position that the objective of the Meeting is to deliberate on the achievements of the Programme during the 2011-2012 biennium, and to set the Workplan for the 2013-2014.

Therefore, the delegation of Cuba considers that this proposal from México will distort the objectives of the Meeting.

111. The delegation of Cuba also noted that in the last 14th Intergovernmental Meeting convened in 2010, the approved decisions on this topic had not been fully completed, such as Decision VI which requested from the Government of Mexico to present a report to the Parties at this Meeting. Additionally, they noted that while Rule of Procedure No. 11: "Supplementary Items" allows a Party to introduce items in the agenda of a meeting, Rule of Procedure No. 12 notes that the Contracting Parties will include in the agenda of an ordinary meeting, items for which the appropriate documents would have been circulated among the members, at least forty-two days before the start of a meeting. However, this had not been the case on this occasion. Taking into account these arguments and the good work undertaken by the CEP Secretariat, as well as recognizing that this is a very complex process which requires in depth analysis, the Government of Cuba is not in agreement, nor in a position to discuss this proposal.
112. The delegation of Colombia thanked the delegate of Mexico for the proposal and the desire to strengthen the transparent, democratic and inclusive process for the designation of the Coordinator of the Programme and the Convention. She also thanked the information provided by the Secretariat concerning the UN procedures for recruitment of candidates wishing to occupy the post of Coordinator, as the explanations provided resolved some of the questions of the Government of Colombia. The delegation of Colombia also indicated that one of the main results of Rio+20 for them was the strengthening of UNEP, so the proposal of Mexico could have the opposite effect if approved.
113. Additionally, the Colombian delegation expressed its concern of setting a precedent for the other Conventions in which UNEP is Secretariat, if the proposal from Mexico were to be approved as presented. It was also stated by this delegation that to raise the current position of Coordinator to Executive Secretary, Parties would have to assume the resulting budgetary implications and Parties are not ready to assume these costs given the discussions on the budget which had taken place during the Meeting.
114. Finally, the Colombian delegation took the opportunity to thank the current Coordinator and acknowledge his work and commitment. It was further stated that is necessary to establish a finite working period for future Coordinators.
115. The delegate of Mexico mentioned that the proposed decision was sent by the Government of Mexico to some countries which had been participating in the Working Group headed by Mexico.
116. The delegation of the United States of America noted the merit in Contracting Parties having increased involvement in the process of appointing the Coordinator, consistent with UNEP rules and procedures. Increased involvement by Contracting Parties would be consistent with the CEP's broad mandate to "consider and undertake any other action that may be required for the achievement of the purposes of [the Cartagena Convention] and its protocols" (Art. 16(7)).
117. Further, he indicated that his Government appreciates Mexico's proposal, but noted that such a process would represent a marked variation from UN hiring practices, which could lead to legal difficulties. The USA is also concerned that under the process proposed by Mexico, the Contracting Parties would consider three candidates for the position of Executive Secretary and recommend that UNEP select one of the three. This would appear to be a very public process, which would not maintain the confidentiality of the recommendation or the deliberations.
118. The Contracting Parties should then consider other means to increase the role of the Parties in selecting the next Coordinator, and the Government of the USA looks forward to engaging on this topic. As a start, they recommended a process of consultation with the Parties in the selection of the Executive Secretary, and proposed to look to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as a model.
119. In concluding the USA delegation reaffirmed its support for the valuable work Mr. Nelson Andrade Colmenares has done as Coordinator of the CEP. His leadership has made the Caribbean Environment Programme a globally-respected one that has pioneered many important projects and international agreements.

120. As a result of discussions the Chairperson established a Working Group to address the above mentioned matters. Member of the Working Group included the Governments of Colombia, Cuba, France, Jamaica, Mexico, the United States of America, and the representative of UNEP Headquarters.
121. In continuing with other items, the Chairperson invited the representatives of the World Bank to present the Global Partnership on Oceans, which seeks, among others, to achieve sustainable livelihoods from fisheries and aquaculture and pollution reduction. A proposal was made to consider the Wider Caribbean as a priority region for this initiative.
122. The representative of the Caribbean Biological Corridor (for Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba) addressed the Meeting, highlighting areas of possible cooperation with member countries of the Cartagena Convention, in particular with regard to protected areas, ecosystem restoration and human resource training.
123. The Coordinator of the Project “Mitigating the Threat of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean (MTIASIC)” introduced this initiative informing that it is funded by the GEF and implemented by UNEP with CABI as the regional executing agency. Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago are participating countries. The project’s objective is to mitigate the threat to local biodiversity and economy from invasive alien species in the insular Caribbean.
124. The Director of the SPAW-RAC made a presentation on the progress made since the last SPAW-COP 6 with regard to the efforts for the control of the lionfish invasion in the Wider Caribbean, in particular the publishing of a manual and the development of a regional strategy for control with partners such as US-NOAA, ICRI and the Governments of Mexico and France.
125. The representative of the GEF -Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Project provided a detailed presentation on the status of the Project and upcoming activities, in particular the finalization and endorsement by participating governments of the SAP (Strategic Action Programme). The Project which focuses on governance issues regarding the sustainable use of living marine resources currently emphasizes fisheries management as the priority area.
126. The representative of LATINOSAN introduced the new challenges and opportunities of this initiative. The III Latin American Sanitation Conference (LATINOSAN) will be held on May 29-31, 2013, in Panama, for strengthening the governments’ commitment to include sanitation in their political and public agendas.
127. The representative of UNESCO IOC expressed the long standing spirit of cooperation of the IOCARIBE and CEP on strengthening of Member States capacities to respond to their commitments within CEP, in particular cooperation on activities relevant to marine pollution and to the Oils Spills and LBS Protocols. Over the last years, collaboration has focused on the Assessment of Assessments of the State of the Oceans Report that lead to the UN Regular Process for the global reporting on the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects (Regular Process). This will entail the joint convening of the UN Regional Workshop to be held in Miami, November 2012.
128. With regard to the CLME Project the delegation of the United States of America expressed strong support to develop more holistic governance for transboundary marine issues in the Wider Caribbean Region, including issues related to oil spills, specially protected areas and wildlife, land-based sources of pollution and management of shared living marine resources, including regional fisheries interests.
129. With the regard to the presentation made by the Secretariat on the template being developed to report on the implementation of the Cartagena Convention, a number of delegations raised suggestions. In particular, the delegations of Antigua and Barbuda and the United States of America raised constructive comments. The latter delegation seeks to add questions to Section 8 (concerning the SPAW Protocol) of the current version of the Convention Reporting Template, to consider and address how countries contribute to the SPAW protocol objectives and activities. The existing template questions address actions, changes and procedures implemented by countries in their conservation legislation, protected species status, and protected area designation as a result of, or to comply with, the SPAW Protocol. However, the template should also include questions that describe how actions taken by countries irrespective of the SPAW protocol could benefit, improve, and/or contribute to advancing and enhancing SPAW protocol implementation. The United States of America provided such

additional questions to the Secretariat, which will be circulated to the Parties for information and consideration at the 16th IGM and 13th COP at the latest.

130. The Secretariat provided a summary of the countries who had submitted reports using the reporting template. These included the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, the United States of America, and Venezuela. The focal point from Guyana also informed that their report was completed and would be sent formally shortly.
131. The Secretariat outlined some of the key issues highlighted in the reports received including pollution from ships, pollution emergencies, improving cooperation between Contracting Parties, ratification of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, difficulties in estimating pollutant loads and the need to strengthen national laws and policies for meeting the obligations of the Convention and the Protocols. Contracting Parties were encouraged to submit their reports for future IGMs which would allow the Secretariat to summarize and present as a formal information document for the next IGM.
132. The Secretariat presented short videos illustrating the results of several projects and collaborative efforts of the UNEP-CEP, namely the SPAW/Italian Government project in support of MPAs in Grenada under the framework of the Caribbean Challenge; the impacts of the successful GEF IWCAM activities on local communities; the significant consequences of marine litter on the marine environment in particular plastic.
133. The Meeting welcomed the valuable information provided through the different presentations highlighting the opportunities for collaboration and synergies with a number of relevant initiatives and partners. In this context, specific decisions were brought forward as reflected in Annex III of this Report.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

134. The Rapporteur presented the English version of the draft Report of the Meeting. The Meeting adopted the Report with amendments and corrections, which were included by the Secretariat in the revised document. The Secretariat agreed to circulate the revised version of the draft in English, French and Spanish within 45 days, after which Delegates would have 15 days to review and provide comments to the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

135. In his closing remarks, the Coordinator made mention of the excellent results of the Meeting, in large measure due to the active and constructive participation of the delegates, which had produced a number of decisions that would enable the Secretariat to continue its work for the biennium 2013-2014. He thanked the members of the elected Bureau, particularly the Rapporteur who had worked long hours with the Secretariat, and the Chairperson, who had guided the participants smoothly through the Meeting. He expressed special thanks to the UNEP Representative from Nairobi, Ms. Jacqueline Alder, for her valuable assistance. He expressed his sincere thanks to the staff of the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention including the GEF Project Managers and the dedicated professionals of the three RACs. The interpreters and members of the team from the Dominican Republic responsible for the logistical organization of the Meeting were also acknowledged for their support.
136. In conclusion, Mr. Andrade Colmenares thanked the delegates once again for their continuing support of the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, as relevant as ever to addressing issues pertaining to marine pollution and to the loss of biodiversity, as well as observers and key partners for their spirit of cooperation.
137. The Chairperson thanked the delegates and observers for their participation, which had resulted in a successful Meeting and urged Member Countries to continue their active participation and contributions to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols. She thanked the Coordinator for his sterling leadership of the Secretariat and commented that the Convention was a model within the Regional Seas Programme of which all members could be proud. The Chairperson thanked everyone at the meeting again and closed by stating that she looked forward to the exciting new biennium ahead, wishing all a safe return to their countries.

ANNEX I: AGENDA

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Organisation of the Meeting
 - 2.1. Rules of Procedure
 - 2.2. Election of Officers
 - 2.3. Organisation of Work
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Report of the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee and President of the Bureau of Contracting Parties
5. Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the Implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme (2010-2012) and Budget
6. Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2013-2014 Biennium
7. Election of Members of the Monitoring Committee on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2013-2014 Biennium
8. Other Business
9. Adoption of the Report of the Meeting
10. Closure of the Meeting

**ANNEX II: RECOMMENDATIONS OF 6th MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF
RAC/REMPEITC**

**Recommendations of the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Activity Centre/ Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Information and Training Centre
RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe**

The Steering Committee:

Having convened the Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe;

Making reference to the Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee of REMPEITC-Caribe;

Taking into account Decision III of the 14th Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and 11th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention;

Considering the Protocol Regarding Cooperation in Combating Oil Spills of the same Convention; and

Having reviewed the Draft Strategic Plan of the RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe and other documents submitted to this Steering Committee by RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe;

Recommends to the 15th Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and 12th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention:

1. That Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention should explore and consider in-kind support to the Centre's activities.
2. That Contracting Parties fulfil their obligations to develop, update, and/or approve their national contingency plans, conduct relevant exercises to ensure familiarity with their plan, and communicate annually changes to RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe as part of the reporting commitment under the Oil Spills Protocol.

Based on these recommendations the Steering Committee further requests that the 15th Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and 12th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention to decide on the following:

1. Review and Endorse the Recommendations of the 6th Steering Committee.
2. Review and approve the Work plan and Budget for the biennium 2012-2013.
3. Recognize the contribution of the Governments of France, USA and Curacao for their continued support to the Centre.
4. Urge all Contracting Parties, to similarly support the Centre through future longer term secondments to sustain REMPEITC's activities (a minimum of three years should be considered).
5. Encourage Contracting Parties to attend future Ordinary Steering Committee Meetings of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe in order to ensure that the Centre's activities reflect the needs of the Wider Caribbean Region and all Contracting Parties.
6. Urge the Contracting Parties to support the Caribbean Trust Fund so the Secretariat can provide better support to the work of the Centre through increased funding for projects and activities in the region.
7. Endorse the draft Ballast Water Management Strategic Action Plan developed by the 2nd Regional Task Force Meeting.

8. Recognize the work of Mr. Thomas Smith, the Director of the Centre since 2005.
9. Recognize the two departing secondments: from the United States, CDR Andrew Wood, and from France, Ms. Véronique Morinière, for their dedication and devotion to duty to the Centre.

ANNEX III: DECISIONS OF SPAW COP7

DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

The Contracting Parties:

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

Taking note of the “Status of Activities of the SPA Subprogramme for 2010-2012” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.3)” and **commending** the work of the Secretariat and the SPA-RAC;

Taking note of the “Report of the SPA Regional Activity Centre (SPA-RAC) in Guadeloupe: RAC Operations and Budget for the period 2010-2012” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.4);

Having reviewed the “Report of the Working Group on the Evaluation of Protected Areas Proposed for Listing Under the SPA Protocol” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/3) and the “Annotated Format for Presentation Reports for the Areas Proposed for Inclusion in the SPA List” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.10);

Having reviewed the “Report of the Working Group on the Application of Criteria for Listing Species Under the Annexes to the SPA Protocol” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/4);

Having reviewed the “Report on the Implementation of Activities in Support of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (MAMAP)” (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.6);

Taking note of the “Report of the Regional Workshop on Marine Mammal Watching in the Wider Caribbean Region” (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.9), which includes the Overarching Principles and Protection Guidelines for Marine Mammal Watching in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Having reviewed the “Draft Workplan and Budget of the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) Subprogramme for the 2013-2014 Biennium” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/6);

Recognizing that important progress has been made towards more on-the-ground implementation of the Protocol as opposed to paper exercises; and

Having reviewed the “Recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPA Protocol”, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 22 October 2012;

Decide to:

2. **Urge** the governments of the region, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to the SPA Protocol.
3. **Approve** the eighteen (18) protected areas presented by STAC5 for listing under the SPA Protocol and **welcome** the Secretariat’s initiative to provide SPA – designated signage to the Protected Areas listed under the Protocol.
4. **Urge** Contracting Parties to respond to the requests of the Secretariat to join and participate more actively in the Working Groups established by the Parties, in particular in those needed to deliver the approved Workplan namely the Working Group on the species review and those to address priority topics under designated subgroups within the Marine Mammal Action Plan (MAMAP).
5. **Acknowledge** the progress made with the implementation of the Marine Mammal Action Plan (MAMAP) and **request** that the Secretariat, in collaboration with the SPA-RAC, continue to fundraise and develop

strategic partnerships for its further implementation, in particular the development of activities proposed as follow-up to the LifeWeb Project on marine corridors and marine mammal conservation for the Wider Caribbean, and the implementation of key priorities of the Manatee Regional Management Plan.

6. **Recognize** and **encourage** the efforts of France towards the reintroduction project of the Antillean manatee in Guadeloupe.
7. **Welcome** and **endorse** the recommendations of the “Report of the Regional Workshop on Marine Mammal Watching in the Wider Caribbean Region”, including the Overarching Principles and Protection Guidelines for Marine Mammal Watching in the Caribbean Region.
8. **Adopt** the Recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee to the SPAW Protocol as contained in UNEP/(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/7 with the following comments:

Recommendation I.3(i)

“The activities of CaMPAM as proposed in the Workplan and explore collaboration with the USA and the Gulf Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) on MPA capacity building efforts that are in support of CaMPAM”.

Recommendation I.5

“The Secretariat amend the proposed Workplan in accordance with the editorial comments provided by the Meeting, maintaining the budget to the same level of 2010-2012, recognizing that additional funding sources may be identified, with priority accorded to those activities and initiatives that contribute more effectively to the work of the Working Groups”.

Recommendation II.4

5. The financial connectivity perspective will also be taken into consideration.

Recommendation III.1

6. The Working Group for listing species under the Protocol report to the STAC6 and COP8 on the progress made during the 2013-2014 biennium.

Recommendation III.6

“The Secretariat will explore, with the Contracting Parties, the possibility of making the work of the Working Group on the listing of species more effective through face-to-face meetings, taking into consideration in the first instance the offer made by some countries to support this work”.

9. **Approve** the proposed SPAW Workplan and budget for 2013-2014 as revised by STAC5 and with modifications and priorities introduced by the Meeting and **further decide** that it be forwarded to the 15th Intergovernmental Meeting for final adoption.
10. **Encourage** the Secretariat and SPAW-RAC to strengthen ongoing linkages with relevant regional fisheries organizations in the Wider Caribbean, through the conclusion of Memoranda of Cooperation, in the context of the listing of species in the Annexes of the SPAW Protocol.
11. **Welcome** the offer of the Government of the Netherlands to explore with the Secretariat the possible hosting of the Sixth SPAW STAC meeting in 2013.

ANNEX IV: DECISIONS OF LBS COP1

DECISIONS OF LBS COP1

The Contracting Parties:

Having convened the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS COP) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 24 October 2012;

Taking note of the Status of Implementation of the Workplan and Budget for the AMEP sub-programme for the period 2010-2012 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/3/Rev 2;

Taking note of the Report on the Activities of the Regional Activity Centers for LBS (LBS RACs) in Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2010-2012 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/INF.4/Rev.1);

Taking further note of the opportunities provided through participation of countries in projects such as the GEF IWCAM, GEF REPCar, GEF CReW and GEF IW Eco to assist them in meeting their obligations under the LBS Protocol;

Having considered the recommendations from a panel discussion involving regional stakeholders from industry, government, NGOs and research agencies;

Having reviewed the Report of the Interim Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/INF.5/Rev 1) including the outline for the State of the Convention Area Report (SOCAR);

Having also reviewed the Recommendations of the First Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities (LBS STAC) in the Wider Caribbean Region contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/4;

Having further reviewed the draft Workplan and Budget for the activities of the AMEP sub-programme for the biennium 2013-2014, as shown in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/3 Rev 2;

Noting the convening of relevant regional and global environmental meetings in the Wider Caribbean during the 2013-2014 biennium; and

Further noting the progress made by non-Contracting Parties to develop and implement pollution prevention programmes, projects and activities, as well as to ratify the LBS Protocol.

Decide to:

1. **Endorse** the recommendations of the first LBS STAC.
2. **Urge** the governments of the region, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols, including the LBS Protocol.
3. **Recommend** to the 15th IGM that the mandate of the Interim Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment be extended and **request** the Group to continue its work under the leadership of the Government of Jamaica, to further develop the State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR), including using information provided by countries in their reporting on the implementation of the Cartagena Convention.

4. **Request** the above-mentioned Working Group to present a report on progress achieved to the Second LBS STAC meeting and **request** that the Secretariat, together with LBS RACs, coordinate and supports the work of the Group.
5. **Decide** to recommend to the IGM that additional topics for discussion of the Working Group could include: the dissemination of sensitive data in particular on recreational water quality; development of assessment ranges, standards and methodologies for the SOCAR outline and inclusion of financial or cost-benefit analysis.
6. **Endorse** for final approval by the Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the revised Workplan and Budget for the AMEP sub-programme for the 2013-2014 Biennium, with modifications and priorities introduced by the Meeting, and **note** that the AMEP sub-programme of work should give priority to Contracting Parties to the LBS Protocol, taking into consideration regional pollution prevention needs, as well as donor partnerships that may, on occasion, necessitate the participation of non-Parties.
7. **Support** the Secretariat's efforts to further enhance the use of decision-support tools and the Clearing House Mechanism to improve exchange of data, information and experiences among countries in all languages.
8. **Request** the Secretariat to continue close collaboration with the UNEP GPA and other UNEP offices on the further development and implementation of global and regional Partnerships relating to nutrients, wastewater, solid waste and marine litter as well as the further implementation of NPAs and the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAPMaLi).
9. **Encourage** active participation of governments in AMEP projects so as to better take advantage of the opportunities afforded for supporting their ratification and implementation of the LBS Protocol.
10. **Acknowledge** the Secretariat's initiative to collaborate with World Bank's Global Partnership for Oceans (GPO) and **recommend** that the Secretariat seek the assistance of the World Bank in the development of a financial analysis in relation to pollution prevention activities.
11. **Request** the Secretariat to continue efforts to mobilize funding for unfunded projects and **investigate** the possibility of funding for pesticide related projects in the Wider Caribbean Region through UNEP Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM).
12. **Request** the Secretariat to include an activity/ project to address nutrients as per Annex IV of the LBS Protocol, and taking into consideration the activities of the Global Programme of Action (GPA).
13. **Request** the Secretariat to explore and conduct activities in conjunction with the SPAW Protocol that links management of LBS pollution to adjacent protected areas, either those that are listed under SPAW or being considered for SPAW listing.

ANNEX V: DECISIONS OF THE 15TH IGM

DECISIONS OF THE FIFTEENTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING

The Meeting:

Having convened the Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Twelfth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region;

Taking into account the Report of the Executive Director of the Cartagena Convention on the Implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme (2010-2012) as presented in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.33/INF.4;

Having reviewed the Decisions of the Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 23 October 2012 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.31/3);

Further Noting the Decisions of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean Region, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 24 October 2012 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.32/4);

Noting the Report of the First Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee of the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities, in Oranjestad, Aruba, 5-7 June 2012 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/4;

Further Noting the Recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 22 October 2012 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/7);

Having Reviewed the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee of Regional Activity Centre/Regional Marine Pollution Emergency, Training, and Information Centre- Caribbean (RAC/REMPEITC- Carib) Steering Committee, Curacao 9-10 May 2012 as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.33/INF.6;

Decides:

DECISION I

Having reviewed the draft Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the Biennium 2013-2014 contained in document UNEP (DEPI)/CAR IG.33/3;

Taking note of the voluntary contributions to the Caribbean Trust Fund (CTF) by the States and Territories of the Wider Caribbean Region for 2010-2011;

Having examined the budgetary needs of the Caribbean Environment Programme to complete its Workplan for 2013-2014;

Decides to:

1. **Approve** the Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the biennium 2013-2014 with the modifications approved by the SPAW COP7 and the LBS COP1 and subsequently by the Meeting;
2. **Request** the Secretariat continue to seek additional funds to meet the full requirements of the approved Workplan and **urge** governments to support the Secretariat in this regard;
3. **Endorse** the reclassification of the post of Senior Secretary G6 to Senior Programme Assistant G7 for greater programme support to the Secretariat;
4. **Adopt** the table of voluntary contributions to the CTF in 2013-2014 as reflected in Annex V of this report; noting the contributions will be maintained at the **same level** as in the previous biennium and this will be reflected accordingly in the approved Workplan and Budget for the 2013-2014;
5. **Request** the Secretariat to invoice the States and Territories of the Caribbean Environment Programme in the amounts expressed in Annex V of this Report;
6. **Strongly urge** all the governments to pay all contributions to the CTF in a timely manner to ensure the Programme's financial sustainability and continuity;
7. **Strongly urge** those governments that have not paid into the CTF in the past, to start doing so and for those with arrears, to settle the same promptly;
8. **Recognise** the support provided by the Government of the Dominican Republic in hosting the present meetings (SPAW STAC5, SPAW COP7, LBS COP1, IGM15/COP12), at a cost of US\$200,000 in reduction of their arrears to the Caribbean Trust Fund and subject to submission of a financial report and statement to UNEP;
9. **Request** the Secretariat to continue its efforts to collect and to explore innovating financial mechanisms with Member States to facilitate payment of their arrears for example through support to meetings, workshops, etc.;
10. **Request** that the Executive Director of UNEP, make the necessary provisions to extend the Caribbean Trust Fund until 2015.

DECISION II

Having reviewed the Reports, Recommendations and Decisions of the Meetings convened under the Caribbean Environment Programme since the Fourteenth Intergovernmental Meeting;

Decides to:

1. **Endorse** the Decisions of the Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol held in, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on 23 October 2012 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG 31/3;
2. **Endorse** the Decisions of the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties(COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol) in the Wider Caribbean Region, held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on 24 October 2012 as contained in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.32/4;

DECISION III

Having reviewed the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee for the RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, held in Willemstad, Curacao, 9-10 May 2012 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG 33/INF.6);

Having examined the Strategic Plan for the 2012-2013 Biennium of the Regional Activity Centre, REMPEITC-Caribe (UNEP (DEPI)/CAR IG 33/ INF 6.);

Noting with thanks the continuous contribution of the Governments of France, Curacao (formerly Netherlands Antilles) and the United States to the RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe;

Welcoming the offer from the Government of Curacao to continue hosting RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe on the island of Curacao, autonomous within the Kingdom of the Netherlands;

Noting the major challenges faced in terms of having sufficient personnel and acknowledge the hard work put in by Consultants and staff, including those seconded by other governments;

Acknowledging the need for continued cooperation in developing and implementing joint multilateral action for responding to oil spills in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Welcoming the entry into force of the MARPOL Special Area Designation under Annex V for the Caribbean Sea;

Encouraging governments to continue to participate in multilateral discussions and workshops to enable a more coordinated response to oil spill events;

Decides to:

1. **Review** and **endorse** the Recommendations of the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee.
2. **Review** and **approve** the Workplan and Budget for the biennium 2012-2013.
3. **Recognize** the contribution of the Governments of France, USA and Curacao for their continued support to the Centre.
4. **Urge** all Contracting Parties, to similarly support the Centre through future longer term secondments to sustain REMPEITC's activities.
5. **Encourage** Contracting Parties to attend future Ordinary Steering Committee Meetings of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe in order to ensure that the Centre's activities reflect the needs of the Wider Caribbean Region and all Contracting Parties.
6. **Encourage** Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention to **explore** and consider in-kind support to the Centre's activities.
7. **Urge** Contracting Parties to fulfill their obligations to develop, update, and/or approve their national contingency plans, conduct relevant exercises to ensure familiarity with their plan, and communicate annually changes to RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe as part of the reporting commitment under the Oil Spills Protocol.
8. **Urge** the Contracting Parties to support the Caribbean Trust Fund so the Secretariat can provide better support to the work of the Centre through increased funding for projects and activities in the region.
9. **Endorse** the draft Ballast Water Management Strategic Action Plan developed by the 2nd Regional Task Force Meeting.

10. **Recognize** the work of Mr. Thomas Smith, the Director of the Centre since 2005.
11. **Recognize** the two departing secondments: from the United States, CDR Andrew Wood, and from France, Ms. Véronique Morinière, for their dedication and devotion to duty to the Centre.

DECISION IV

Recalling the decision of the Thirteenth Intergovernmental Meeting to approve the Guidelines for the Operations of the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) and the Regional Activity Networks (RANs) for the Cartagena Convention (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.28/INF.5.Rev.1);

Recognizing the ongoing efforts by the Secretariat to finalize and/or update Host Agreements for the Regional Activity Centres;

Welcoming the completion of by UNEP of standardized Host Agreements for RACs under its Regional Seas Programme;

Decides to:

1. **Request** the Secretariat, in coordination with the Regional Activity Centres, to continue work to finalize outstanding Host Agreements with RAC Host Governments as soon as possible.

DECISION V

Having reviewed the progress of the Caribbean Environment Programme during 2010-2012;

Recognizing the need for the continuing development and implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2013-2014 biennium and beyond;

Request the Secretariat to prepare reporting guidelines for governments and undertake capacity building activities, as required, and dependent on available resources, that will enable governments to fulfill their reporting obligations under the Convention in a timely manner;

Welcoming the recent ratification of the Cartagena Convention and all of its Protocols by the Governments of Guyana and Bahamas; and the ratification of the LBS Protocol by the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada as well as the progress made by other Parties towards ratification of the LBS and SPAW Protocols;

Acknowledging the entry into force of the LBS Protocol in 2010;

Noting the importance of obtaining reports from countries on the status of implementation of the Convention and its Protocols;

Recognizing that the reporting template should be kept under periodic review by the Secretariat including requesting governments to provide additional information as part of their reporting obligations under the Convention;

Decides to:

1. **Encourage** other governments to ratify the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols.
2. **Encourage** governments to inform the Secretariat of the status and impacts of the implementation of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and of its Protocols through the approved reporting template for the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols.
3. **Encourage** greater involvement and participation of Focal Points in the development and implementation of the work programme of the Caribbean Environment Programme including participation at meetings of the Secretariat.
4. **Further request** the Secretariat to continue its efforts to strengthen collaboration with regional agencies and relevant Convention Secretariats to enable more effective implementation of the Caribbean Environment Programme work plan.
5. **Commend**, in particular, the Coordinator and staff of the Secretariat for the considerable progress made in implementing the Caribbean Environment Programme during the period since the Fourteenth Intergovernmental Meeting.
6. **Encourage** governments to express their appreciation of, and support to, the Caribbean Environment Programme within their national institutions, as well as at relevant national, regional and global fora.

DECISION VI

Noting with concern the existing financial limitations and constraints for countries of the Wider Caribbean Region to implement activities for the conservation of marine and coastal resources;

Recognizing the need to make sufficient and timely financial resources available for the implementation of environmental projects in the region;

Further recognizing the lack of baseline data relating to pollution, its sources and impacts in the Wider Caribbean Region;

Noting the opportunities for partnership within the framework of the World Bank's Global Partnership on Oceans and in particular the priority of the Wider Caribbean Region for future work;

Further noting the importance of private sector involvement in particular development banks in the future work of the Caribbean Environment Programme;

Acknowledging the Decision of the LBS COP1 for further collaboration with the Global Partnership on Oceans;

Decides to:

1. **Request** the Secretariat, along with the Regional Activity Centres, and GEF Project Management Units to continue dialogue with the World Bank to identify regional and national priorities and funding opportunities to support the implementation of the workplan and budget for 2013/2014.
2. **Request** that the further development of the State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR) with technical guidance from the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment could form the framework for facilitating further discussions on the Global Partnership on Oceans.

DECISION VII

Recognizing the efforts by the Secretariat and by RAC CIMAB to produce the final report of the update of Caribbean Environment Programme Technical Report No. 33 now Technical Report No.52;

Acknowledging the achievements of the interim working group on environmental monitoring and assessment established by Decision XI of the Fourteenth IGM;

Noting the continued efforts by the Secretariat to strengthen its information and data management capacity and its Clearing House Mechanism established under the GEF IWCAM project;

Further Noting that further work is required to complete the proposed outline for the State of the Convention Area Report;

Decides to:

1. **Endorse** the specific recommendation of the LBS COP1 to enable the continued work of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment for the 2013/2014 biennium.
2. **Request** that the Working Group continue as an open ended working group of experts nominated by Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention under the Chairmanship of the Government of Jamaica.
3. **Further request** that the Chair of the Working Group reports to the 2nd LBS STAC and as appropriate, to the LBS COP2.

DECISION VIII

Acknowledging the numerous synergies and coordination efforts that the CEP has developed with relevant MEAs, programmes and initiatives;

Noting the convening of several regional and global environmental meetings during the upcoming biennium of relevance to the work of the Caribbean Environment Programme;

Acknowledging the benefits that could be realized by active participation by governments and the Secretariat in these events;

Decides to:

1. **Welcome** the continued collaboration with the RAMSAR Secretariat and urges the Secretariat to explore the development of additional synergies to facilitate the effective implementation of the approved workplan and budget.
2. **Welcome** the Biological Corridor Initiative of the Caribbean between Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti and the progress made with the project Project "Establishment of the Biological Corridor in the Caribbean: a framework for the Conservation of the Biodiversity, Environmental Rehabilitation and Development of Alternative Livelihoods in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba" and encourage the Secretariat to identify opportunities for collaboration with the CEP and in particular with the SPAW subprogramme.
3. **Encourage** the active participation of governments in LATINOSAN to be convened in Panama in 2013 and call upon governments to indicate their interest in participating in planning meetings and discussions to be held in 2013.
4. **Request** the Secretariat as host for the GEF International Waters Conference in 2013 to promote active participation by all GEF International Waters Projects in the Wider Caribbean Region in this conference particular those being executed by the Secretariat such as the GEF CReW Project under the AMEP subprogramme.
5. **Encourage** Governments to nominate country experts to participate in the upcoming Regional Workshop in Miami, USA on the Regular Process as well as to serve on the Group of Experts at the global level;

DECISION IX

Welcoming the presentation on the GEF Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Project (CLME): Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem and Adjacent Regions;

Taking note of the fact that the CLME Project Coordination Unit is currently undertaking a consultative process on the proposed content of the CLME Strategic Action Programme (SAP) with the CLME participating countries, including a large number of the contracting countries of the Cartagena Convention;

Decides to:

1. **Urge** the governments participating in the CLME and the Secretariat to continue working with the CLME Project on the timely finalization of relevant CLME Project components, including the Reef Biodiversity and Fisheries pilot project and SAP development.
2. **Encourage** the Secretariat to explore, as feasible, further alignment of CEP Workplan activities with the relevant interventions for the CLME SAP, particularly those relevant to the AMEP and SPAW Programme Areas.
3. **Encourage** the Secretariat to explore opportunities of collaboration with Brazil in areas of relevance to the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols and in the context of the CLME Project.
4. **Encourage** the governments of the Wider Caribbean participating in the GEF CLME Project to consider the proposed interventions and activities for inclusion in the CLME SAP and to facilitate timely and adequate stakeholder consultations on the contents of the SAP at the national level, with the aim of achieving its region-wide endorsement in 2013.

DECISION X

Recalling Decision VI of the Thirteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Tenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention;

Taking into account the recommendation of the Open Inter-sessional Drafting Group on the Rules of Procedure for the Cartagena Convention and the discussion held by the Contracting Parties on draft Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure for the Cartagena Convention during the 10th meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention;

Acknowledging the need to maintain the high quality of performance of the Secretariat;

Having reviewed the correspondence of 8 May 2012 sent by UNEP to the Government of Mexico responding to the letter of 16 March 2012 from the latter regarding the appointment and performance assessment of the Executive Secretary (the Coordinator) of CAR/RCU;

Considering the agreements of Rio+20, on “The Future We Want” where in paragraph 77 states:

“We acknowledge the vital importance of an inclusive, transparent, reformed, strengthened and effective multilateral system in order to better address the urgent global challenges of sustainable development today, recognizing the universality and central role of the United Nations and reaffirming our commitment to promote and strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations system.”

Taking into account the draft decision on greater participation by Parties in the selection of the Executive Secretary proposed by the Government of Mexico and responding intervention by UNEP during the Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme (IGM15) and the Twelfth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP12) of the Cartagena Convention;

Acknowledging the rules and regulations of the United Nations in regards to the recruitment process;

Decides to:

1. **Request** that the Executive Director of UNEP notify all Parties of the Cartagena Convention when the position of Executive Secretary of the Cartagena Convention becomes vacant.
2. **Request also** that the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention express in writing to the Executive Director of UNEP a request to participate in the interview panel of the final round of interviews for the short-listed candidates which makes a recommendation of a suitable candidate for his/her consideration noting that this decision lies with the Executive Director.
3. **Acknowledge** that the recommendation made by the Interview Panel remains a recommendation and is not a rule that binds the Executive Director of UNEP in the final selection.

DECISION XI

Acknowledging that the countries and territories of the western Atlantic Ocean from South America to the northern Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and south-eastern United States depend on the health of coral reefs and related ecosystems as they are a primary source of food, income, and are part of our culture;

Concerned that the invasive lionfish (*Pterois miles* and *P. volitans*) poses a serious threat to coral reef ecosystems and associated biodiversity in these regions as the lionfish, native to the Indo-Pacific Oceans, have no known native predators in the western Atlantic and Caribbean;

Recognizing that the lionfish invasion in the Caribbean region is a mounting threat to the biodiversity and ecological integrity of the region's coral reef ecosystems;

Acknowledging that identifying and implementing measures to control the lionfish invasion, while minimizing other harm to marine ecosystems, are desirable;

Noting the decision taken at the Sixth Conference of Parties to the SPAW Protocol in Montego Bay, Jamaica, October 2010, to participate in the development of a Caribbean regional response to the lionfish invasion and the progress report presented by the Secretariat in this regard (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.34/INF.8);

Highlighting the importance of collaboration and coordination among the countries and territories of the Caribbean and other key interested parties of the region:

Recalling the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) 2009 Recommendation on Invasive Alien Species;

Acknowledging the efforts of the GEF/UNEP/CABI Project "Mitigating the Threat of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean (MTIASIC)" to build capacity in the insular Caribbean to manage the IAS impact; and.

Recognizing further the important role of relevant international and regional organizations, initiatives and networks;

Decides to:

1. **Urge** governments to take immediate regional actions to control the lionfish invasion in collaboration with relevant international and regional partners and initiatives; and in particular encourage the implementation of the following actions:
 - i. **Support** the Regional Lionfish Committee, through active collaboration and exchanges, and promotion of the Committee in relevant fora;
 - ii. **Promote** the use and application of the best practices manual (Invasive Lionfish: A Guide to Control and Management) to generate local lionfish control strategies;
 - iii. **Encourage** implementation of research and monitoring to increase knowledge, in order to generate greater interest and better control management actions;
 - iv. **Review** national rules and regulations to ensure that they are consistent with best practices for the control of lionfish especially in Marine Protected Areas;
 - v. **Raise public awareness** about the lionfish invasion across Wider Caribbean, especially in coastal communities, through outreach, education and capacity building, on options available for control and management of the invasive lionfish;

- vi. **Consider** supporting the development and implementation of the regional strategy for the control of lionfish, prepared by the Regional Lionfish Committee.
2. **Encourage** governments to participate in the development, promotion and adoption of the Caribbean IAS **Strategy**.
3. **Request** governments to consider the strengthening of regional coordinating mechanisms for marine, **terrestrial**, and fresh water ecosystems issues that include IAS concerns and **further consider** the use of the CIAS.NET as an additional portal to share information on this regard.

ANNEX VI: INDICATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BIENNNIUM 2013-2014

INDICATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2013-2014

COUNTRY/ORGANISATION	2013	2014
ANGUILLA	12,791	12,791
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	12,791	12,791
ARUBA	11,663	11,663
BAHAMAS	12,791	12,791
BARBADOS	12,791	12,791
BELIZE	11,663	11,663
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,547	7,547
CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS	6,000	6,000
CAYMAN ISLANDS	7,101	7,101
COLOMBIA	22,914	22,914
COSTA RICA	13,917	13,917
CUBA	24,059	24,059
CURACAO	10,000	10,000
DOMINICA - COMMONWEALTH	12,791	12,791
DOMINICA REPUBLIC	15,044	15,044
FRANCE	291,597	291,597
GRENADA	12,791	12,791
GUATEMALA	13,917	13,917
GUYANA	12,791	12,791
HAITI	12,791	12,791
HONDURAS	12,791	12,791
JAMAICA	18,514	18,514
MEXICO	40,000	40,000
MONTSERRAT	3,430	3,430
NICARAGUA	12,791	12,791
PANAMA	13,917	13,917
ST KITTS-NEVIS	3,430	3,430
ST LUCIA	11,663	11,663
ST MAARTEN	5,000	5,000
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	11,663	11,663
SURINAME	12,791	12,791
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	15,044	15,044
TURK & CAICOS ISLANDS	6,174	6,174
USA	400,000	400,000
VENEZUELA	170,375	170,375
	1,275,333	1,275,333

2013 – Same as Contributions for the year 2012

2014 – Same as Contributions for the year 2013

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