CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Sixteenth Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

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MISSION

"To promote regional co-operation for the protection and development of the Wider Caribbean Region”

OBJECTIVE

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

Protecting Our Caribbean Sea and Sustaining Our Future
The Cartagena Convention as a regional MEA addresses several different coastal & marine environmental threats affecting the countries of the Wider Caribbean Region.

Cartagena Convention
Adopted in 1983
Entry into force 1986

Pollution from Oil Spills
Adopted in 1983
Entered into force in 1986

Specially Protected Areas & Wildlife (SPAW)
Adopted in 1990
Entered into force in 2000

Land Based Sources and Activities of Marine Pollution (LBS)
Adopted in 1999
Entered into force in 2010

The three Protocols to the Convention identify additional obligations for the protection and development of the Caribbean Sea further reducing negative impacts to the coastal and marine environment.
STATUS OF THE CARTAGENA CONVENTION & ITS PROTOCOLS

- Cartagena Convention: 25 Parties
- Oil Spills Protocol: 25 Parties
- SPAW Protocol: 16 Parties
- LBS Protocol: 11 Parties
FUTURE OF MEAs & ROLE IN SDGS

- Revive, expand and maintain donor resources for Regional Seas Programmes
- Address Climate Change Adaptation in SIDS
- Address relevant Sustainable Development Goals relating to water, pollution, oceans and biodiversity

- Be responsive to the needs and priorities of the region
- Assist countries in meeting national priorities through concrete projects and activities
CEP- Challenges and Achievements

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Celebrated 30 years as a Regional Seas Programme (1983-2013)
- Continued ratification of the Convention and its three Protocols
- Strengthened regional partnerships and enhanced relationships with Governments, UN Agencies and other MEAs
- Development of resources and sustainable project outcomes
- Increased regional awareness of the work of UNEP CEP
- Increased national and regional capacity through projects and activities

CHALLENGES

- Limited human resources and insufficient funding
- Payment of contributions to the trust fund as well as arrears
- Wide range of thematic areas- responsibility of too many issues with limited resources
- Maintaining partnership support
- Lack of media interest
- Institutional weaknesses & inadequate financial/human resources at national level to ensure compliance
**SPAW Sub-programme**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Strengthened partnerships with other MEAs e.g. CITES, RAMSAR, CBD
- Increased number of Marine Protected Areas
- Increased capacity through activities and publications such as Networks and Forums, Training of Trainers programmes, Recovery Action Plans, Reports on Trends and Manuals

**AMEP Sub-programme**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Increased country engagement achieved through increased financial and technical commitment through projects
- Increased regional awareness on pollution issues
- Improved data management and information sharing at national and regional levels
Celebrating 30 years

Management of Marine and Coastal Environment
• US Dept. of States-Ocean acidification

Global Programme of Action- LBS Protocol
• Caribbean Platform for Nutrient Management
• NPAs (St. Lucia, Dominican Republic, Suriname)
• Awareness raising- Social media, workshops, conferences

Economic Growth vs Environmental Pressures
• GEF CReW Economic Valuation Pilot Projects
• Input to Green Economy Project- Jamaica & St. Lucia

Capacity Building
• Indicators GEF PIF with UNEP ROLAC
• State of the Convention Area Report (SOCAR)
• UN Regular Process

Collaboration with MEAs, International Financial Institutions, UN Agencies
Celebrating 30 years

Management of Marine and Coastal Environment
- Small & Medium Grants for MPAs
- Databases
- PA Listings
- Marine Mammals Species Maps
- Status of Coral Reefs

Marine and coastal governance
- Development of Project Document- CLME+
- Caribbean Challenge Initiative
- LifeWeb Project

Capacity Building
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Collaboration with MEAs and UN Agencies

SPAW Sub-programme- Implementation of the RS Strategic Direction
OPPORTUNITIES

- Regional Seas as a platform for UNEP on regional implementation of global targets such as SDGs
- Priority focus on oceans: Improved ocean governance
- Support Global Assessments e.g. World Ocean Assessment and Global Partnership on Oceans
- Regional node for UNEP Live
- Partnership with the Private Sector