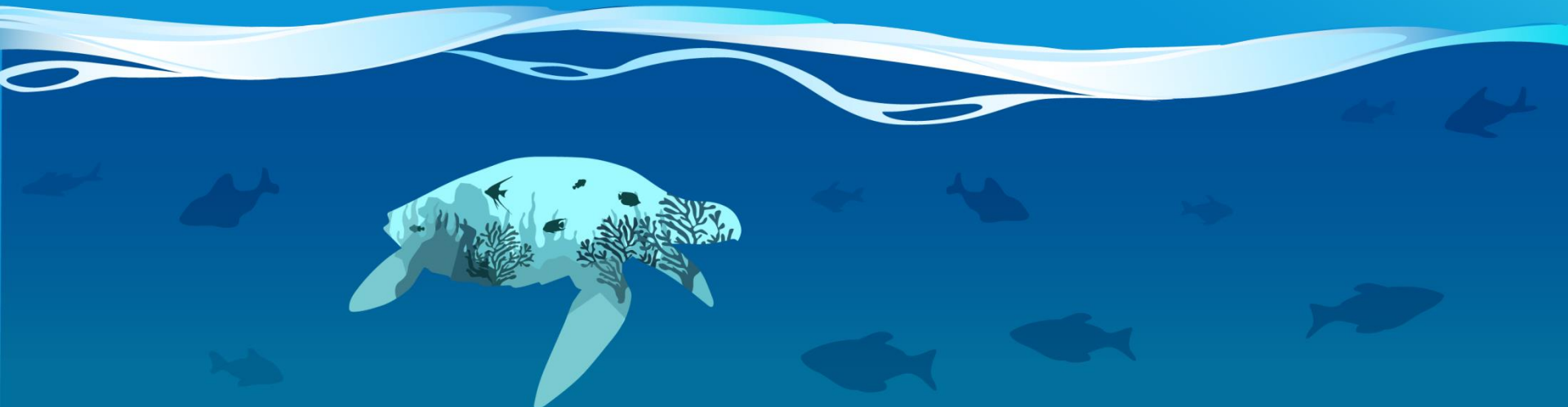




# Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA/W) in the Wider Caribbean Region

**Cayenne, French Guiana, 13 March 2017**





# **STATUS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SPA W SUB-PROGRAMME 2015-2016**

**UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.3**

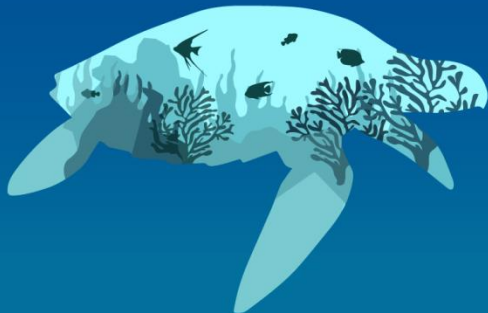
A stylized illustration of a sea turtle swimming in the ocean. The turtle is white with black spots and is surrounded by several small, dark blue fish. The background is a gradient of blue, with white waves at the top.

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## **Objectives:**

- Support implementation of specific SPAW Protocol provisions as per COPs decisions
- Conservation key habitats and species for the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources and respond to marine biodiversity issues in alignment with international agendas





- Programme Coordination
- Strengthening of Protected Areas (including CaMPAM activities: ECMMAN, & EBM projects)
- Guidelines for Protected Areas and Species Management (including listing of Pas and their cooperation programme, format for species exemptions)
- Conservation of Threatened and Endangered Species (includes marine mammals, birds awareness, invasives – lion fish)
- Conservation and Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (including coral reefs, *Sargassum* information, and CLME+ project).

***Implementation in close collaboration and partnership with the SPA W RAC in Guadalupe***





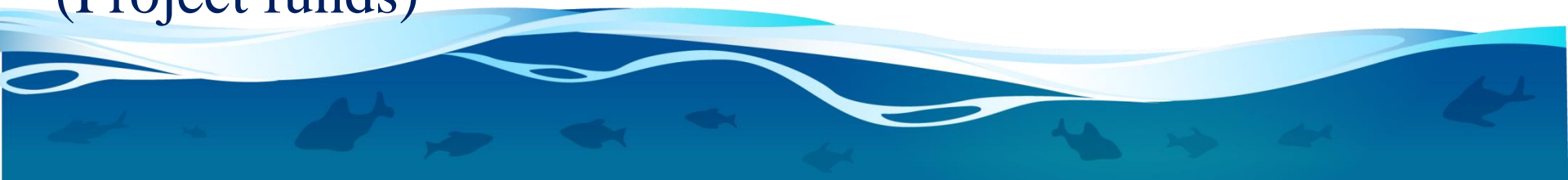
Core Staff: 2 people (PO and Assistant) in Kingston

CaMPAM Coordinator (consultant)

Internship: 1

SPAW RAC:

- 3 posts: Director (new), Project Officer, Admin.(French Government)
- Short-term staff: 2 Project managers and Admin Assistant (Project funds)

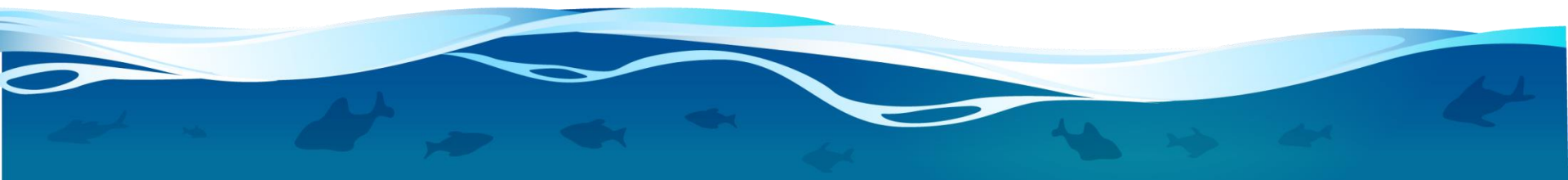




- ✓ Coordination of WGs on listing of species, listing of protected areas and exemptions guidelines in cooperation with SPAW RAC and experts
- ✓ Collaboration with partners for delivery of workplan activities (GCFI, TNC, Birds Caribbean, GCRMN/ICRI)
- ✓ Collaboration with MEAs: CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative, Ramsar, CITES and **UN Crime & Drugs on illegal trade enforcement**, and CMS regional capacity building
- ✓ With AMEP on GEF Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME+)
- ✓ With UNEP: ROLAC, GPA, Ecosystems Division, GEF Biodiversity
- ✓ Memorandum of Cooperation with **Sargasso Sea Commission** and with **International Whaling Commission** finalized for signature



- Italian Gov (Euro 1.3M for 2017) (USD \$1.4M for 2015-2016)  
USD 1,365,000 (GEF CLME+) - LBS/SPAW Activities
- Major meetings organized/attended by SPAW and SPAW-RAC  
**(paras.13 -14)**
- Quarterly Newsletter with SPAW-RAC and social media via CETA
- Promotion ratification with Governments (**Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominica, Antigua**)
- Coordination with CARICOM and CBD on Caribbean Biodiversity Strategy
- Coordination with UNEP, partners and CBD Sec for **CBD COP13**





Outputs	Status
Organisation of the SPAW Protocol's STAC7	<p><b>Completed</b> Generous support of USA Government and CLME+ project</p>
Project proposals in support of SPAW objectives and funding	<p><b>Completed</b> <i>(Details provided under each major activity area)</i></p>
Draft Workplan and Budget for SPAW 2017-2018 (with linkages to SDGs, SAMOA, Aichi and introducing indicators)	<p><b>Completed</b>  (see UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/6)</p>
Increased collaboration and synergies with relevant organisations and initiatives within and outside of the region	<p><b>Ongoing</b>  Particularly with the CBD, CITES, CMS, IWC, and Ramsar Secretariats, GCRMN/ICRI, FAO-WECAFC, and CRFM</p>







**Para. 21 (Table 2.2) & para. 22 and 23:**

Through the **Ecosystem Based Management project (Italian Gov US\$1.4 M)**

- Support for MPA sessions and MPA managers participation at annual GCFI conferences (2015, 2016)
- Two ToT's Courses (Grenada and Dominican Republic) for 48 participants from 19 English and Spanish speaking countries
- Regional MPA database updating to integrate 31 SPAW listed sites and enhance functionality for MPAs (with RAC and GCFI)
- **Decision Support System (DSS) tool for Puerto Plata-Monte Cristi, DomRep to support integrated sustainable management of area (US\$350,000)**



**Through ECMMAN project (TNC-German Gov US\$1.2M):**

- Technical assistance Eastern Caribbean Marine Managed Areas Network (ECMMAN) grants for 6 OECS countries (~USD200,000 ea.)



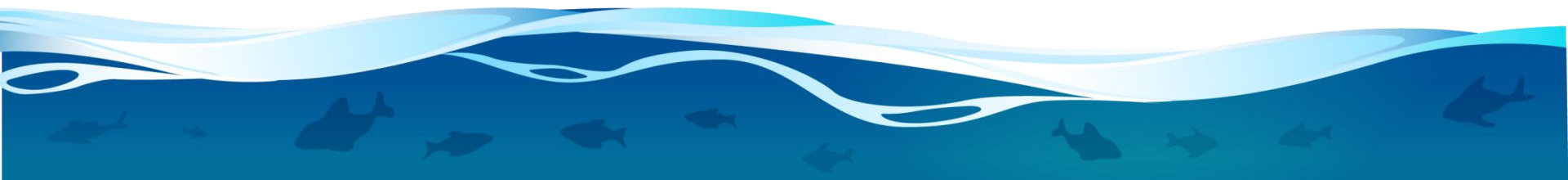


Outputs	Status
Improved management capacity in 3 SPAW listed sites on EBM tools at pilot areas	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>Site managers attended GCFI session in 2015 on EBM tools and additional EBM pilots under consideration for SPAW sites</p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.5</p>
Improved information and its dissemination on MPAs of the region	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CARWG.38/INF.5 and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/Inf.4  <a href="http://campam.gcfi.org/campam.php#Communications">http://campam.gcfi.org/campam.php#Communications</a></p>
Stronger collaboration between MPA practitioners, scientists, fishers, other stakeholders, and international experts	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>Through the 2 ToT courses, MPA sessions at GCFI, CaMPAM database and eGroup</p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.5 and WG.38/INF.4</p>
A consolidated and comprehensive MPA database for the Wider Caribbean available online and fully coordinated with the PA Listing under the SPAW Protocol	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.5, and WG.38/INF.4</p>





- Process for listing PA under SPAW- 1 new proposed PA (**UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/5 and Map**) (Agenda item 6)
- Proposed species listing in SPAW Annexes (**UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/4**) (see also **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF. 7 Addenda 1&2, WG.36/INF. 12 and WG.36/INF. 13**) (Agenda item 6)
- Reporting format for exemptions under Article 11.2 (**UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.36/5**) (*see also* **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.29/INF.5**) (Agenda item 6)



# Guidelines for Protected Areas (PA) and Species Management



<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Status</b>
Updated list of protected areas under SPAW	<p><b>In progress</b> UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.37/4 (for COP9 adoption)</p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/5 ( from STAC7)</p>
Format approved for reporting on exemptions under Article 11(2) and on their implementation	<p><b>In progress</b> UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.37/3 (for COP9 adoption)</p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CARWG.38/3 ( from STAC7)</p>
A revised list of protected species under Annexes I-III of SPAW Protocol	<p><b>Completed list –Addendum 1 to WG.38/5</b> STAC7 Recommendations (Annex II of UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/8) (for COP9 adoption)</p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/4 - Addendum 1 (from STAC7)</p>

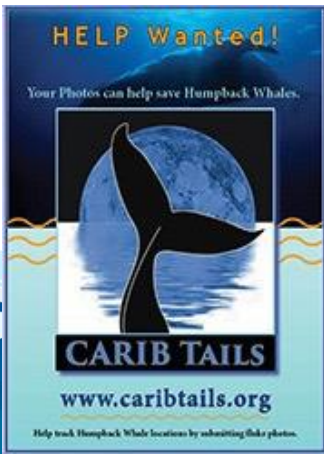




## Activities - Table 2.4, para. 36:

### Marine mammals action plan (MMAP):

- Support Sister Sanctuary programme with Stellwagen-US NOAA, Agoa-France, Sanctuary DomRepublic, Yarari-Netherlands Caribbean ([UNEP\(DEPI\)WG.38/INF.16](#))
- Support awareness and information sharing on photo-ID of humpbacks – CARIB Tails



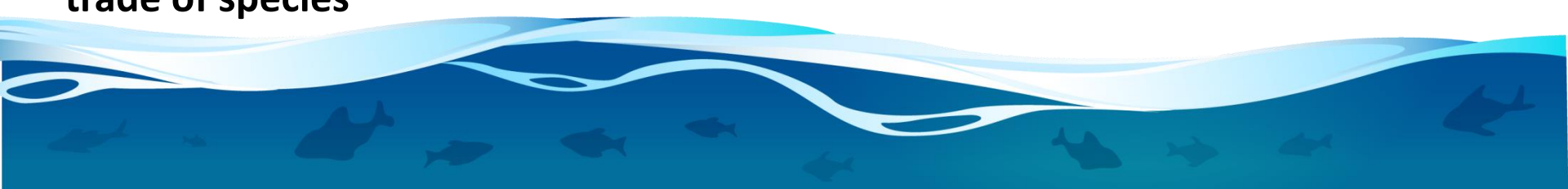
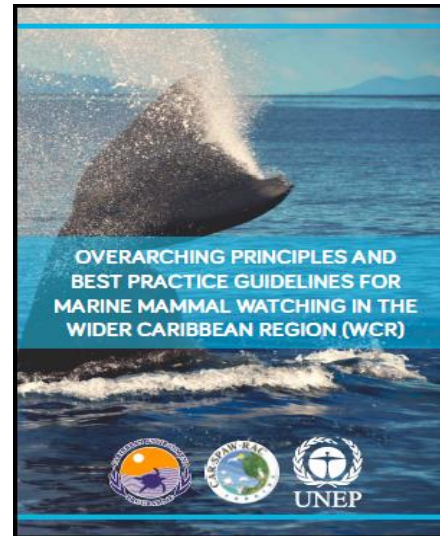


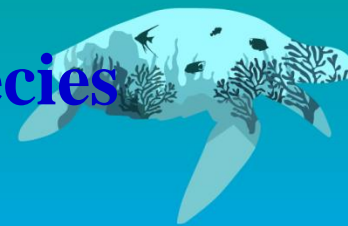
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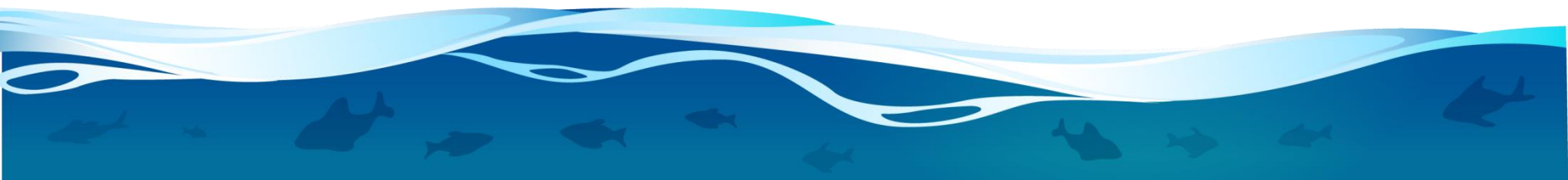
### Marine mammals action plan (MMAP):

- Management Plan for the Marine Mammal Sanctuary of the Dominican Republic ([UNEP\(DEPI\)WG.38/INF.11](#))
- Whale Watching principles brochure ([UNEP\(DEPI\)WG.38/INF.13](#))
- Support for BirdsCaribbean 2016 festival online
- Coordination with CITES, UNODC on regional enforcement network on illegal trade of species





<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Status</b>
Improved strategies for MM watching sustainability	<b>Ongoing</b>  See brochure (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.13)
Memorandum of Cooperation with International Whaling Commission	<b>Completed for signature</b>
Dissemination lionfish control practices and information	<b>Ongoing</b>  Workshop at GCFI 2015 (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.4)







- Planning implementation of the **GEF UNDP CLME+ Project** (operational since May 2015) : ***“Catalysing Implementation of Strategic Action Programme for Sustainable Management of Shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystem”***
- Inter Agency Agreement signed in June 2016 with UNEP-CEP for implementation of activities:
  - Enhance integration between AMEP and SPAW activities and synergies
  - Develop cooperation agreement with Brazil
  - Ecosystem Based Management strategy for living marine resources in the Northern Brazil Shelf
  - Assessment and strategy for protection and restoration of key habitats to reduce impact of pollution

(**UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.7 Rev.1; and ...WG.3'**

- Information platform on *Sargassum* (**UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.4 & ... INF.12,14,15**)

Outputs	Status
Strengthening of GCRMN – Caribbean	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>See UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.17</p>
Endorsed and finalized CLME+ Project document	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.37/INF.10 &amp; WG.38/ INF.11</p>
Pilot project on Ecosystem Based Management and EBM Workshop	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF. 8</p>
Conservation and sustainable use of mangroves	<p><b>Postponed to 2017</b></p> <p>(Regional Initiative for Caribbean Wetlands with Ramsar Secretariat – CARIWET)</p>





*\*no funds from CTF*

Activity	2015*	2016*
	Total Expenditure	Total Expenditure
Co-ordination	15,000	15,000
Strengthening of protected areas	35,291	1,223,855
Development of Guidelines	10,000	22,000
Conservation of species	87,000	87,000
Conservation of coastal & marine ecosystems	19,148	206,873
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>166,439</b>	<b>1,554,728</b>
Programme support costs 13% (amount subject to change based on source of funds)	21,637	202,115
<b>TOTAL SPAW</b>	<b><u>188,076</u></b>	<b><u>1,756,843</u></b>



Urge governments of region, which have not yet done so, to become Contracting Parties to SPAW

• Ongoing

Approve the 13 PA's as presented by STAC6 for listing/ welcome Secretariat's initiative to provide SPAW designated signage

• Listing completed  
• Cooperation programme being reviewed

Urge Parties to respond to requests of Secretariat to join/participate more actively in the WGs established on Species and Exemptions

• Completed

Develop formats for exemptions  
Amend Annexes with species approved for Annex II and III

• Completed  
• See Addendum 1 UNEP (DEPI)/ CAR WD.38/4

Adopt Recommendations of STAC 6

• All Completed  
• Rec 1.3 v-vi postponed to 2017

Approve proposed SPAW Workplan/budget for 2015-2016 and forward to 16th Intergovernmental Meeting for final adoption

• Completed

Welcome offer of Governments to explore hosting Seventh SPAW STAC meeting in 2016

• Completed  
• STAC7 held in Miami, Florida



- ✓ MPAs strengthening in ~19 countries, including 6 OECS
- ✓ Evaluation of 15 yrs of CaMPAM activities
- ✓ Regional Ecosystem Based Management project and Decision Support System in the Dominican Republic
- ✓ Caribbean coral reef network and monitoring guidelines
- ✓ Marine mammal action plan implementation
- ✓ Enhanced coordination with CBD, CMS, Ramsar, CITES
- ✓ CLME+ agreement and LBS/SPAW activities launch
- ✓ Sargassum information platform and transatlantic collaboration
- ✓ Progress on Protocol implementation: listing of *species* and *protected areas* process and exemptions format





- Limited resources within Secretariat, including SPAW RAC
- Feedback from Governments (changes of focal points)
- Changes in UN administrative procedures: Umoja process
- Coordination/follow-up on numerous relevant initiatives: SDGs, SAMOA, Aichi
- Communications & outreach
- Lack of funding from CTF



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