



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

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# DRAFT WORKPLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE (SPA W) SUBPROGRAMME

THE 2017-2018 BIENNIUM

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A stylized illustration of an underwater scene. A large sea turtle is swimming in the center, surrounded by several smaller fish and coral reefs. The background is a gradient of blue, with white waves at the top.

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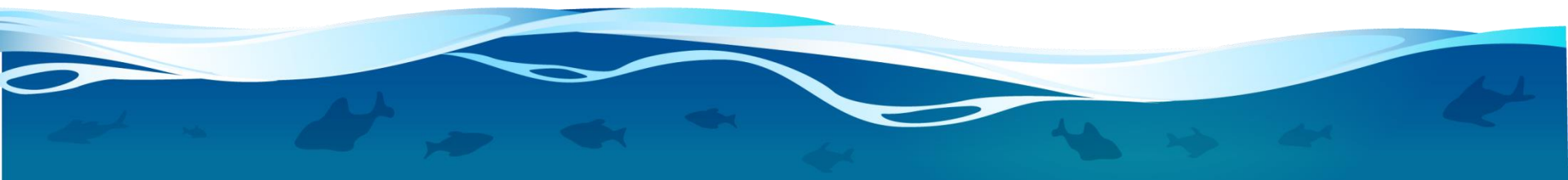
## Overall goals:

- Implementation of SPAW Protocol and provisions (e.g. Articles 7, 10, 11, 21)
- Strengthen Parties capacities to meet SPAW Protocol objectives
- Coordination with other relevant regional, global and international programmes and organizations (MEAs, CLME+, ICRI, FAO/WECAFC, CRFM, OECS, ACS, IWC, SSC, etc)



## New elements

- Indicators (in line with UNEP RS indicators process)
- Linkages and relationship to SPAW Articles and UNEP programmes
- Annex I: identifies linkages to Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs, SAMOA Pathway, UNEA-2, Aichi Targets





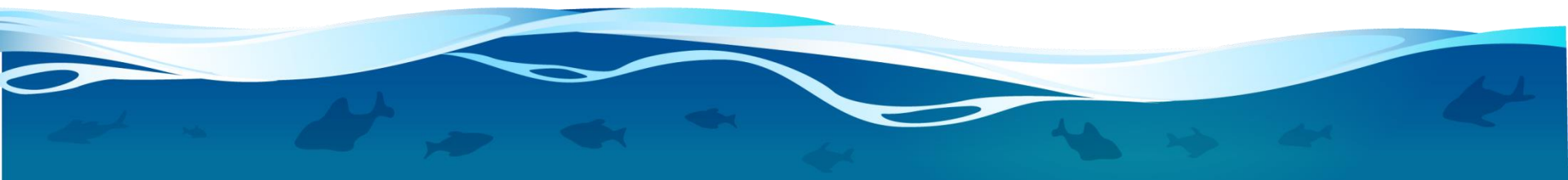
## **SM at UNEP-RCU in Kingston**

- SPAW Officer ( under recruitment )
- 1 Assistant

## **Additional support - SPAW-RAC, Guadeloupe**

- 3 SM fully supported by France, includes Director
- supplemented by 3 short-term staff, includes ECMANN and BEST projects, and France

**Support also provided by the Coordinator for CaMPAM (through Projects)**





1. Strengthening of Protected Areas (including training and capacity building for MPAs)
2. Implementation of Protocol Guidelines for Protected Areas and Species
3. Conservation of Threatened and Endangered Species (marine mammals, sea turtles)
4. Conservation and Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (EBM, CLME+, coral reefs and mangroves, Sargassum)







- Planning of joint activities with SPAW-RAC (see para.12)
- Programming with pollution programme (AMEP) under the CLME+ , including integration of information on status of habitats /ecosystems within the status of the Convention report
- Coordination and synergies with relevant initiatives , MEAs and organizations (see para.11)
- Develop workplan and budget for the 2019-2020 biennium
- Convening of COP9 and STAC8 (2018, if funds available)
- Promotion of the SPAW Protocol and increase ratifications
- Fundraising for SPAW Workplan activities



## Strengthening of Protected Areas with CaMPAM



- Continue Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on MPA management (include recommendations of CaMPAM's evaluation report)
- Small Grants: finalize ECMMAN Project grants for 6 OECS countries in 2017
- Integrate more strategically CaMPAM activities within the cooperation programme for protected areas listed under SPAW
- Pilot projects: integration of MPAs management within EBM approach (DSS in DomRep. , other 2 sites to be explored with AMEP and integrate within CLME+ (funds from Gov. Italy and CLME+)
- Integrate CaMPAM evaluation results to improve delivery of CaMPAM list and forum, MPA Regional Database and other communication tools
- Support managers exchanges at GCFI annual meetings (2017 and 2018) and sessions integrating land-based pollution and MPA management





# Implementation of Protocol Guidelines



- Reactivate cooperation programme under Ad hoc Working Group for protected areas listed under SPAW: identify needs, coverage gaps, connectivity and strengths and promote bilateral/multilateral cooperation among sites (see para.29)
- Facilitate submission of exemption reports (following approved format) by Parties and develop a mechanism to follow-up on their implementation. Identify Parties requiring to submit exemptions on the basis of existing information
- Continue to support process of species listing under the SPAW Protocol (with WG and IUCN Species specialists groups ) and aim (fundraise) to include face-to-face meetings





# Conservation of marine mammals

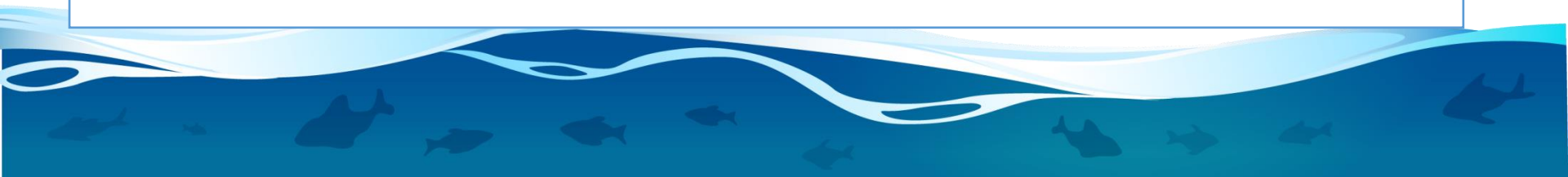


- Improve awareness and mitigate effects of ship strikes and entanglements (follow-up to workshops with IWC)
- Support networking among sites, education and awareness (“Jump with Whales”, Caribtail, Year of the Whale 2019-2020, sperm whale populations awareness)
- Support of sustainable marine mammal watching in the region
- Collaborate with Agoa initiative and Cari’MAM project to support marine mammals MPAs networks and sister sanctuaries
- Biopsy campaign to identify contaminants (pesticides, PCBs, PAHs) levels in marine mammals





- Support elaboration of STRAPs and implementation of existing ones through national priority actions
- Support training for Index Site and nesting beaches monitoring
- Follow-up development of illegal trade enforcement network with CITES and UNODC and other partners





# Conservation of coral reefs ecosystems



- Support GCRMN-Caribbean coral reef monitoring network, facilitate uptake of biophysical monitoring guidelines among countries (UNEP...WG 38/INF.17).
- BlueFinance project to establish sustainable finance mechanisms for marine managed areas using public-private partnership agreements and PES scheme for coral reefs
- Linkages to coral reef partnership of UNEP Regional Seas that promotes coral reef ecosystem services and blue economy (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.38/INF.19)
- BEST project for EU territories (via SPAW-RAC) (para.47)





# Implementation of CLME+ project activities



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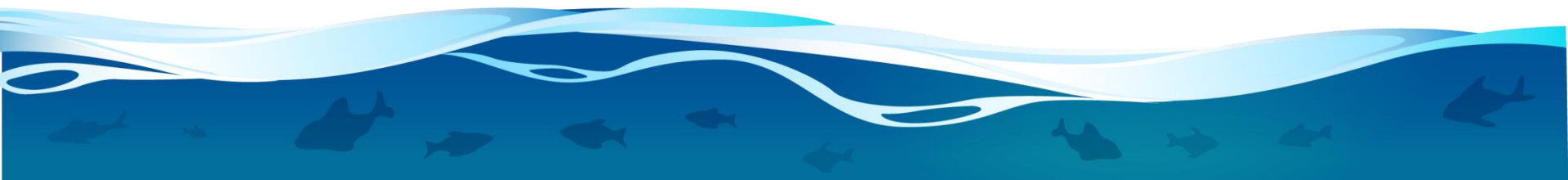
- ✓ Finalise agreement between Secretariat and Brazil
- ✓ Regional strategy & action plan for valuation, protection, restoration of key habitats
- ✓ Pilots demonstrating transition to EBM at sub-regional level, e.g. Northern Brazil Shelf project
- ✓ Baseline assessment on needs and opportunities for investments for protection/restoration of key habitats
- ✓ Investment plan for large-scale action on habitat protection and restoration, focusing on ecosystems goods and services provided





## **Conservation of wetlands/mangroves in coordination with Cariwet and Ramsar**

- Capacity building: incorporate wetlands protection and restoration within CaMPAM ToT
- Impacts of Sargassum within Ramsar and SPAW sites (tent. Grenada)
- Facilitate wetlands protection/restoration proposals at SPAW listed sites







Activity	2017			2018		
	Budgeted			Budgeted		
	CTF	Other Contributions*	Total cost	CTF	Other Contributions*	Total Cost
2.1 Programme Co-ordination (salary costs and COP and STAC Meetings)	220,000	15,000	235,000	230,000	15,000	245,000
2.2 Strengthening of protected areas in the Wider Caribbean Region	0	410,107	410,107	0	118,600	118,600
2.3 Development of guidelines for management of protected areas and species	0	-**	0	0	-**	0
2.4 Conservation of threatened and endangered species	0	118,668	118,668	0	85,068	85,068
2.5 Conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine ecosystems	0	844,001	844,001	0	398,268	398,268
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>1,387,776</b>	<b>1,607,776</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>616,936</b>	<b>846,936</b>
Programme support costs 13% (amount subject to change based on source of funds)	28,600	180,411	209,011	29,900	80,202	110,102
<b>TOTAL SPAW</b>	<b>248,600</b>	<b>1,568,187</b>	<b>1,816,787</b>	<b>259,900</b>	<b>697,138</b>	<b>957,038</b>

\* Includes funding from France through SPAW-RAC, funding from the CLME+ Project and the Biodiversity for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean project; and in-kind contributions from SBNMS, the Center for Coastal Studies and Whale and Dolphin Conservation, and \$25,000 for the Cari'Mam project and €4,000 to Allied Whale

\*\*In-kind support being explored from partners

