



Engaging Civil Society in CLME+ Strategic Action Programme Implementation

Background

Over the past decades, shared living marine resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+) region have become increasingly impacted by three transboundary issues: unsustainable fisheries, habitat degradation and pollution. This situation is jeopardising the provision of marine ecosystem goods and services which are required to sustain human well-being and healthy economies, within the region and beyond.

In 2013, countries bordering and/or located within the CLME+ region adopted a 10-year [Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems \(CLME+ SAP\)](#). The CLME+ SAP is aimed at contributing to the achievement of the regionally adopted long-term vision for the CLME+ region: *a healthy marine environment in the CLME+ that provides benefits and livelihoods for the well-being of the people of the region.*

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Results:

- a. Development of a Civil Society Action Programme (C-SAP) to support engagement of civil society in implementation of the 10-year Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+ SAP).
- b. Development and formalisation of a Small Grants Coordinating Mechanism to support the implementation of priority actions identified in the C-SAP by civil society.
- c. Three pilot projects supported to demonstrate application of EBM and/or EAF to strengthened management of key fisheries for sustainable livelihoods in the CLME+ region.

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At the time of developing the CLME+ SAP, efforts were made to ensure that there was widespread consultation with all relevant societal stakeholders. Despite these efforts, the CLME+ SAP mainly contains priority actions that would be undertaken from a governmental/public sector perspective. However, successful governance of the region's shared living marine resources demands the involvement of not just public sector actors, but also those societal groups that have a direct stake in the management and use of shared living marine resources.

To address this gap, the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is working as a co-executing partner under the five year (2015-2020) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Global Environment

Facility (GEF) [Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems project \(CLME+ Project\)](#) to promote broader participation of, and contributions from, civil society groups in the implementation of the CLME+ SAP by implementing the project **Engaging Civil Society in CLME+ SAP Implementation**.

Goal and objectives

The project **Engaging Civil Society in CLME+ SAP Implementation** is aimed at contributing to the enhancement of the capacity of key civil society organisations and related small and micro enterprises (SMEs)¹ to effectively implement knowledge-based ecosystem-based management (EBM)/ ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) for sustainable shared living marine resources use in the CLME+ region. This will be achieved through three interrelated actions, namely:

¹ CANARI uses a practical definition for SMEs in the Caribbean context – a micro enterprise has a maximum of five employees while a small enterprise has 6-25 employees.

- development of a **Civil Society Action Programme**;
- development and formalisation of a **Small Grants Coordinating Mechanism**; and
- development and implementation of three **Small Grants Initiatives**.

Target groups

The target groups for this project are formal and informal civil society organisations at the regional, national and sub-national levels (including environmental, fisherfolk, women and youth groups) and SMEs which have a role to play and/ or are likely beneficiaries in the achievement of the long-term vision for the marine environment in the CLME+ region.

Action	Rationale	Objective
Civil Society Action Programme (C-SAP)	Capacity building of civil society is needed to improve their engagement in the implementation of the CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project. This will ensure buy-in and support for the decisions that are being made, increase and upscale the opportunities and potential for CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project implementation, and foster socially just outcomes.	To develop a Civil Society Action Programme (C-SAP) that would contribute to strengthening the role, participation and ownership of civil society actors in the implementation of the CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project to achieve the long-term vision for the marine environment in the CLME+ region.
Small Grants Coordinating Mechanism	Many initiatives supported and/or implemented by countries and partner organisations within the CLME+ include a small grants programme, or a component that promotes and supports sustainable livelihoods at the community level through SMEs. Despite the significant amount of planned and ongoing work, in many cases the scale of these actions, coupled with inadequate coordination among initiatives, have limited the overall scope, outcomes and sustainability of individual and cumulative efforts.	To develop a Small Grants Coordination Mechanism to support the implementation of priority actions identified in the C-SAP as well as to improve coordination amongst the different small grants programmes in the region.
Small Grant Initiatives	Modest small grant support has been set aside to test implementation of actions under the C-SAP and/or Private sector – Strategic Action Programme (P-SAP) ² to demonstrate the transition to an EAF for key fisheries at the regional or site level in the CLME+ region, with special attention to improved livelihoods.	To provide at least two small grants to implement actions under the C-SAP and/or P-SAP that will contribute to the achievement of a well-planned and progressive transition to an EAF for key fisheries in the CLME+ region To provide one small grant to build the capacity of key stakeholders in St. Kitts and Nevis in sea moss farming, as a demonstration of an alternative livelihoods initiative within the concept of EBM.

² The Private Sector Strategic Action Programme (P-SAP) will be developed and implemented to contribute to strengthening the role, participation and ownership of the private sector in the implementation of the CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project to achieve the long-term vision for the marine environment in the CLME+ region. The P-SAP will be developed as a separate action of the CLME+ Project.



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Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems

The **Engaging Civil Society in CLME+ SAP Implementation** project is being executed by CANARI as a component of the **CLME+ Project**. The five year (2015 – 2020) CLME+ project is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and co-financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).