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# Trinidad and Tobago National Outlook on Indigenous and Local Knowledge of Biodiversity

## Project Overview

This project's **goal** is to establish a baseline understanding of documented Indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) of biodiversity, assess its inclusion in biodiversity policies and decision-making processes, and identify documentation gaps to support enhancing ILK documentation and mainstreaming within national and subnational biodiversity policy and action.

### Project objectives:

- Examine the state of ILK of biodiversity and ecosystem services in Trinidad and Tobago and highlight ILK documentation gaps.
- Evaluate ILK incorporation in national biodiversity strategies and policies.
- Implement tailored capacity building workshops and ILK knowledge exchange fora with Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and policymakers, to strengthen mainstreaming of ILK into the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) implementation and national reporting .

### Expected outputs:

- A comprehensive assessment report on ILK outlook/status and ILK biodiversity policy inclusion in Trinidad and Tobago
- Multistakeholder ILK Dialogue Workshops
- ILK Capacity Building and Dissemination Workshops

### Project Details:

#### Timeframe:

May – November 2025

#### Budget:

US \$70,000

#### Funded by:

Kunming Biodiversity Fund

#### Location:

Trinidad and Tobago

#### Co-implementing Partners:

- Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems (LINKS) Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and
- The Environmental Policy and Planning Division (EPPD), of the Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.