

# OECS BLUE ECONOMY RESEARCH AGENDA

SUPPORTING THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
EASTERN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL  
OCEANS POLICY (ECROP)

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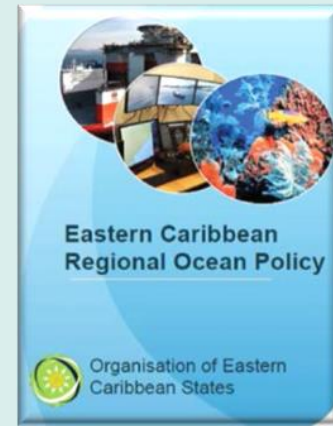
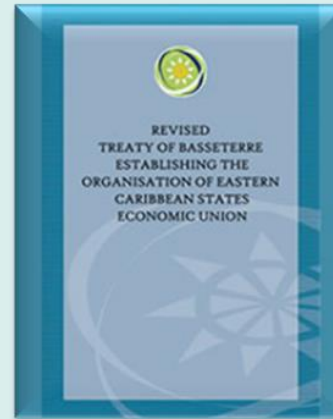




# Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States



One Region • Growing Together



**Vision**  
A Better Quality of Life for the People of the OECS

**Mission**  
To support sustainable development through regional integration, and development cooperation

**ACCELERATE REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

**REINVENT THE ECONOMY**

**BUILD RESILIENCE**

**VALUE THE ENVIRONMENT**

**ADVANCE EQUITY AND INCLUSION**



# REVISED ECROP 2020 VISION & OUTCOMES

**“The coastal and marine resources of the Eastern Caribbean are sustainably managed to optimise the potential of our natural capital to support a blue economy, ensure resilience and adaptation to climate impacts, protect and restore the marine ecosystems of the region, and nurture our natural and cultural heritage for the benefit of current and future generations.”**

1. Access & rights to utilize marine resources are secured

2. OECS MS are able to monitor, control & respond to human activity

3. Ecosystem integrity of the region is maintained & improved

4. Sustainable socio-economic development achieved

5. Coastal & marine spatial planning & integrated management of marine and coastal resources are adopted

6. Ocean Stewardship, awareness, participation and wellbeing of the citizens of the OECS MS are increased

7. Resilience in the region is strengthened to mitigate the effects of climate related hazards & environmental change

8. Decision making across the region is informed by the best available evidence



# OECS RESEARCH AGENDA

Supports the transition to the Blue Economy;

- ❑ Strengthening the science-policy interface in a blue economy in the region;
- ❑ Facilitating more **strategic and efficient deployment of the resources;**
- ❑ **Strengthening the linkages** between partners and stakeholders at all levels
- ❑ **Developing partnerships, joint planning and joint programmes**



# BE CORE RESEARCH AREAS

**BUSINESS,  
INNOVATION &  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Competitiveness,  
changing supply and  
demand needs, supply  
chain and life cycle  
analysis, etc.**

**PLANNING,  
LEGISLATION &  
INTEGRATED  
GOVERNANCE**

**Identify emerging  
opportunities, assess  
the adequacy of  
existing legislation and  
planning mechanisms  
and structures.**

**PUBLIC AND  
PRIVATE SECTOR  
INNOVATION**

**Raise awareness of  
opportunities for marine  
resource development,  
upgrading of public &  
private sector capabilities.**



# Research Themes & Topics

| THEME   | TOPICS  |
|---|---|
| <b>CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEANS</b>  | Ocean Observing, e-Infrastructures and data access, and international cooperation   |
| <b>IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES ON COASTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT</b> | Marine Litter, Marine Pollution, Land-sea Interface (Island System Management(ISM)), Natural Capital Accounting and Ecosystem Valuation methods |
| <b>ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND SPATIAL PLANNING</b>                   | Subsea resources- Ecosystem services and associated monitoring  |
| <b>MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY</b>  | Understanding the economic value of marine bioresources, Aquaculture and Biomass Production, Value Added from marine bioresources.              |
| <b>DEVELOPING A THRIVING MARITIME ECONOMY</b>   | Exploitation of marine renewable resources, Processing for food and other uses, marine technology, Tourism, Fisheries                           |
| <b>OCEAN GOVERNANCE</b>   | Ocean Literacy, Integrative approaches, Management toolboxes  |

# THANK YOU



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**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**