# EU-CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION



Supporting Regional Cooperation, Financing & Partnerships for Research and Capacity Building in the Wider Caribbean Region.

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#### Cartagena Convention: UNEP Administerted Regional Seas Programmes.



## Mission

"To promote **regional co-operation** for the protection and development of the Wider Caribbean Region"



## Objective

To achieve sustainable development of marine and coastal resources in the Wider Caribbean Region through effective, integrated management that allows for economic growth and sustainable livelihoods.





How are we supporting Member States and Contracting Parties in the Wider Caribbean Region?



# Research & Monitoring

## Governance

## Communication

Capacity Development & Training



#### **Regional Activity Network:**

Several Regional Partners including Universities & Research Institutes.

#### **Transboundary Cooperation**



#### **Government of Cuba**

Land-Based Sources of Marine Pollution Protocol

Wastewater, Nutrients, Marine Litter, Ocean Acidification – Strategies 7 Action Plans

Monitoring & Assessment

**Criteria & Standards** 

#### **State of Marine Pollution Reports**



#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## **Regional Activity Centres**



#### **Government of Curacao**

Oil Spills Protocol and related IMO Conventions

Ballast Water Management, Oil Spills Contingency Planning

Secondments from USA, Trinidad and Tobago

**Training and Capacity Building** 

Regional Strategies and Action Plans

### Government of France in Guadeloupe

SPAW · RAC

Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol

Marine Protected Areas, Marine Mammals, Sargassum, Coral Reefs

Small Grants, Training, Experience Sharing

Regional Strategies & Action Plans

### Government of Trinidad and Tobago

INSTITUTE OF MARINE AFFAIRS

Land Based Sources of Marine Pollution Protocol

Wastewater, Nutrients, Marine Litter, Microplastics – Strategies & Action Plans

Monitoring & Assessment

**Criterial & Standards** 

**State of Marine Pollution Reports** 

# What are some of our projects and areas of technical assistance?

Solid Waste, Marine Litter & Plastics Management: *GEF, Germany, EU ACP MEA* 

Nature Based Solutions: Habitat Restoration, Climate Change Adaptation & Pollution Prevention Integrated Water and Wastewater Resources Management: *IDB, CWWA, GWP C,* 

Knowledge Management & Communication: RARE & Behaviour Change Ecosystem Based-Management Approaches: *GEF*-*CARICOM, OECS* 

Data and Information Management – Science Based Decision Making Cartagena Convention



Moving from Thematic to Strategic: 2023-2030 Supported by Integrated State of Assessment Reports & Research on Emerging Issues and Threats to use of Coastal & Marine Resources.



Knowledge Management & Communications

Pollution Prevention, Reduction and Control

Marine Biodiversity Conservation and Management

Governance and Ocean-Based Economies

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## We are not a donor! We are not a funding agency!



We work with Contracting Parties and Partners to mobilize funding to support them in the sustainable development and use of Coastal and Marine Resources in the Wider Caribbean Region.

# This will be impossible without partnerships & regional collaboration.

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