

The GEF-IWCAM Project: Opportunities for Ratification & Accession to the LBS Protocol





Project on Integrating Watershed & Coastal Areas Management (GEF-IWCAM) in Caribbean SIDS



Funding: Global Environment Facility (GEF)

- Project Cost: US\$112M (includes co-financing)
- GEF Funding US\$14M
- Implementing Agencies: UNEP & UNDP
- Executing Agencies: CEHI, UNEP/RCU & UNOPS
- Project Coordination Unit: based at CEHI (since May '06)

Participating countries



- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- THE BAHAMAS
- BARBADOS
- CUBA
- DOMINICA
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- JAMAICA
- GRENADA
- HAITI
- SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
- SAINT LUCIA
- SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

GEF-IWCAM Project Objective

**TO ASSIST CARIBBEAN SMALL
ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TO
ADOPT AN INTEGRATED APPROACH
TO WATERSHED AND
COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT**





GEF-IWCAM Components

COMPONENT 1: DEMONSTRATION, CAPTURE & TRANSFER of BEST PRACTICES

COMPONENT 2: Development of Indicators Framework

COMPONENT 3: POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR IWCAM

COMPONENT 4: REGIONAL & NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING & SUSTAINABILITY FOR IWCAM

COMPONENT 5: Project Management & Coordination

Ecological degradation





GEF-IWCAM Component #1 - Demo Projects

- Antigua and Barbuda: Mitigation of Groundwater and Coastal Impacts from Sewage Discharges from St. John's
- Bahamas: Land and Sea Use Planning for Water Recharge Protection and Management in Andros
- Bahamas: Marina Waste Management at Elizabeth Harbour in Exuma
- Cuba: Application of IWCAM Concepts at Cienfuegos Bay and Watershed
- Dominican Republic: Mitigation of Impacts of Industrial Wastes on the Lower Haina River Basin and its Coast

GEF-IWCAM Component #1 - Demo Projects

- Jamaica: An Integrated Approach to Managing the Marine, Coastal and Watershed Resources of East-Central Portland
- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Rehabilitation and Management of the Basseterre Valley as a Protection Measure for the Underlying Aquifer
- Saint Lucia: Protecting and Valuing Watershed Services and Developing Management Incentives in the Fond D'or Watershed Area
- Trinidad and Tobago: Land-Use Planning and Watershed Restoration as part of a Focused IWCAM Demonstration in the Courland Watershed and Buccoo Reef Area

GEF-IWCAM Components

COMPONENT 3: POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR IWCAM

- Review of national policy, legislation and institutional structures identifying barriers to IWCAM (& LBS)
- A set of regional guidelines for national policy, legislative and institutional reform
- Regional programme for amendment of national legislation and policy
- Supports Nat'l IWRM Plan development

GEF-IWCAM Components

COMPONENT 3: POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR IWCAM

Regional programme for amendment of national legislation and policy

- Addresses concern for the effective sustainability of IWCAM concepts and objectives in the region in the absence of sufficient commitment to regional and international MEAs
- Provides for parallel development of incentives, and awareness of the need for SIDS to ratify those MEAs, Conventions and Treaties pertinent to IWCAM (especially Cartagena Convention and Protocols)

GEF-IWCAM Components

COMPONENT 3: POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR IWCAM

Outputs

- Legislative compilation – brief summaries with pertinent IWCAM aspects; indicates who to contact and how
- National Reports - relevant institutional, legislative, and policy frameworks and arrangements related to IWCAM; specific focus on compliance with relevant Conventions and Protocols; Executive Summary

GEF-IWCAM Components

COMPONENT 3: POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR IWCAM

Outputs

- A Guidance toolkit for Harmonising and Enhancing Laws and Institutions to Improve the Implementation of IWCAM Principles. Includes:
 - Model legislation
 - Templates
 - Examples from other countries

GEF-IWCAM Components

COMPONENT 3: POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR IWCAM

Where are we?

- Consultants completed Legislative Review and Inventory of legislation & policy by Sep 07
- Consultancy proposed remedial activities; "Tool box" of options, actions and examples finalized in early 2008
- Legislative Toolkit being prepared for publication in early 2009

IWCAM & LBS Protocol

- Resources identified within GEF-IWCAM to assist in development of model guidelines & reforms
- Linkage between national IWCAM reforms and similar requirements for LBS should help countries meet their ratification requirements through a funded and resourced process available through GEF-IWCAM Project

IWCAM & LBS Protocol

- Resources also identified within GEF-IWCAM to assist in preparation of IWRM Plans
- IWRM Plans and NPAs (under GPA) have been linked; IWCAM can therefore directly support NPA preparation (as part of IWRM planning), in further support of LBS Protocol

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