



Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME) Project

*SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE
SHARED MARINE RESOURCES
OF THE CARIBBEAN LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM (CLME)
AND ADJACENT REGIONS*



PDF-B IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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A - Description of Proposed PDF-B Outputs

The PDF Block B activities of the ‘Sustainable Management of the Shared Marine Resources of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME) and Adjacent Regions’ project, (hereafter referred to as the ‘CLME project’), are designed to be fully consultative and participatory, leading to submission of the GEF Project Proposal to the GEF Council with the endorsement of the participating countries.

This implementation plan has been developed to assist in achieving the following stated outputs of the CLME project:

- Agreement among countries, Implementing Agencies, Executing Agency, other donors and participating institutions, etc. on project coordination and implementation arrangements.
- Information synthesized and interpreted in the form of a preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) so as to provide recommendations in the form of a preliminary Strategic Action Plan (SAP) on the work to be done in the full project.
- Complete GEF Executive Summary and UNDP Project Document including objectives, components, outcomes, outputs, activities, budget, full incremental cost analysis, log frame, scientific and technical assessment panel (STAP) review, monitoring and evaluation plan, public involvement plan, documentation of co-financing, and endorsements from recipient governments’ GEF Operational Focal Points.
- Capacity built among regional participants to participate in future project activities, through use of national consultants in the process, and optimum use of experts from the region as international consultants. Broad stakeholder involvement in the development and planned implementation of the project. Capacity building is a cross-cutting component of the project, which will be implemented through the TDA development activities.

B - Description of Proposed PDF-B Activities

In order to achieve the above-stated outputs, the following proposed workplan and activities are provided for consideration by each participating country and the Regional Steering Committee.

(See Table 1 for summary of activities and timelines.)

Table 1: PDF-B Activities and Timelines

The GEF project is targeted to be presented to GEF Council in November 2007.

Activity	Month																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S		
Establish management structure	x	x	x																	
Establish Steering Committee		x	x	x																
- First Steering Committee meeting (August 2-3, '06)					x															
- Second Steering Committee meeting (August, '07)																				x
National consultation mechanism established		x	x																	
- review draft implementation plan			x	x																
- participate in task team in-country visit							x	x												
- review task team reports											x	x								
- review draft Project Brief																x	x			
- review and support final Project Brief																				x
Initiate arrangements to engage Task Teams			x	x	x															
Initial Steering Committee meeting (August 2-3/Panama)					x															
Formation of Task Teams					x															
TDA/SAP Training (October 2-7, Barbados)							x													
TDA/SAP Kick-off meeting (October 9-11, Barbados)							x													
Task groups on regional transboundary issues (3 groups - Guianas/Brazil; Insular Caribbean; Central/South America)							x	x	x	x										
Task groups on governance analysis issues (2 groups – Fisheries governance; Non-Extractable Living Resources/Biodiversity governance and CLME monitoring & reporting)								x	x	x										
National review of task group reports											x	x								
Synthesis Workshop on TDA/SAP (March, 2007)												x								
Preparation of GEF Executive Summary and UNDP Project Document																				
First drafts																x				
National review																	x	x		
Revision																		x		
Final Steering Committee meeting (August 2007)																				x
Final submission and endorsement																				x

1. **Task: Establish and Begin Operation of a PDF-B Secretariat**

Time-Frame: April-June 2006

The CLME Project office at the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES), University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados has been established and the required Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Barbados and UNESCO/IOC was signed. Dr. Lucia Fanning has been appointed as the Project Manager and Ms. Bertha Simmons as the Assistant Project Manager. Dr. Robin Mahon, Director of CERMES, serves as the Regional Project Coordinator. An organogram of the project is provided in Appendix 1.

Letters announcing the commencement of the CLME project have been sent to GEF Operational Focal Points in participating countries. The letter requested countries to identify a national contact for CLME-related communications, as well as the representative to serve on the Regional Steering Committee. A request was also made for countries to constitute or identify any existing institutional arrangement that could serve as the Inter-Ministerial/Inter-sectoral review committee, considered essential to provide the national multi-stakeholder input into the CLME project implementation plan and activities.

2. **Task: Establish a Regional Steering Committee**

Time-Frame: May-July 2006

The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) is responsible for reaching consensus on the strategic, integrated ecosystem-based approach needed to pursue the CLME project goal of sustainable management of the shared living marine resources of the Caribbean LME and adjacent areas. The RSC will guide the development of more detailed objectives and actions for inclusion in the full Project Document, based on identification and agreement of major issues, root causes and actions that are required to achieve the project goal. To be effective in achieving its mandate, membership on the RSC must comprise senior-level representatives with the ability to present a national perspective that reflects the issues and concerns of all key stakeholders and the authority to contribute to the CLME project decision-making process.

During the PDF-B phase of the CLME project, the Committee will pursue its mandate by reviewing and approving the following outputs of the PDF-B CLME Project:

Meeting 1 (scheduled for August 2-3, 2006 in Panama)

- the Project Implementation Plan;

Meeting 2 (scheduled for August, 2007)

- the preliminary synthesis and interpretation of information in the Transboundary Diagnostic Assessment (TDA);
- the recommendations in the preliminary Strategic Action Program (SAP);
- the complete GEF Executive Summary and UNDP Project Document for submission to the November 2007 GEF Work Program

Appendix 2a provides additional information on the mandate, membership and responsibilities of the RSC.

3. Task: Establish National Committee and Solicit National Input

Time-Frame: June/July, 2006

In order to identify major issues and root causes and develop the appropriate legal, policy and institutional responses needed to achieve the sustainable management of the shared living marine resources of the Caribbean LME, it is necessary to request inputs from a broad cross-section of key stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project. This is critical to its success. To address this requirement, each participating country has agreed that it will form an Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral review committee, or use a suitable existing national mechanism, that would provide cross-sectoral inputs to CLME project deliverables and to the deliberations on sub-regional transboundary living marine resources and associated technical/governance issues. The key activities of the National Committee are to:

- review the draft implementation plan
- participate in task team in-country visit
- review task team reports
- review draft Project Executive Summary
- ensure that their respective country endorses the project
- review and support final Project Brief

The Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral committee will also serve as a valuable mechanism to identify and include potential regional donors/partners in the Full Project proposal preparation process and to assist in the development of a full stakeholder involvement plan as required by GEF.

Appendix 2b provides additional information on the mandate, membership and responsibilities of the National Committee.

4. Task: Initial Regional Steering Committee Meeting and PDF-B Coordination Mechanisms

Time-Frame: August 2-3, 2006 in Panama

The first meeting of the RSC is scheduled for August 2-3, 2006 in Panama. The objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- i. To develop a shared vision for the full project and participatory work plan for the PDF-B;
- ii. To inform the participants of project goals; GEF and UNDP procedures and requirements; and to identify their role in the process of developing and implementing the CLME project proposal;
- iii. To establish the Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
- iv. To agree on PDF-B coordination and information sharing mechanisms

5. *Task: Gather and Review Information*

Time-Frame: September, 2006 –March, 2007

The objectives of this step in the implementation plan are:

- i. Establish two task groups to review key technical and governance issues relating to fisheries governance and the governance of non-extractable living marine resources/biodiversity and LME-level monitoring and reporting with regards to the productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution and ecosystem health, socio-economics, and governance.
- ii. Establish three task groups to review and evaluate transboundary living marine resource issues for three sub-regions of the Wider Caribbean Region and adjacent areas including consideration of sub-regional productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution and ecosystem health, socio-economics, and governance.
- iii. TDA/SAP Training workshop for task groups and TAG members.
- iv. Joint meeting of task groups leads/alternates to identify/understand cross-cutting issues among two or more of the sub-regions in order to maximize quality of interpretation of information leading to preliminary TDA and SAP.

Task teams will be assembled to conduct the preliminary transboundary diagnostic assessment (TDA) and the acquisition/compilation of information for the preliminary strategic action plan (SAP). The task teams would comprise 3 sub-regional teams to provide the necessary geographic coverage of the Caribbean LME and adjacent areas (Guianas-Brazil; Insular Caribbean; and Central/South America). In addition, two region-wide teams will focus on the governance aspects of fisheries and the governance surrounding non-extractable living resources and biodiversity in the Caribbean LME and monitoring and evaluation. Each team will be headed by a lead consultant (with preference given to those from the region) and supported by a sub-regional consultant. In addition to the two paid consultants, each task team will be supplemented with appropriate national experts provided by the participating countries comprising the sub-region to ensure country-specific knowledge and expertise on the issues are reflected in the preliminary diagnostic assessments and strategic action plans. Additionally, expertise drawn from academic institutions, donor organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector are expected to be invited to participate in these task groups.

Terms of Reference for the teams are attached as Appendix 3.

To ensure consistency with GEF requirements for the TDA and SAP, a TDA/SAP Training session will be held for those involved in conducting and reviewing the TDA/SAP for the Caribbean LME. The training session is planned for October 2 - 7, 2006 in Barbados.

To maximize available time and reduce travel costs, a joint kick-off meeting of task group members is scheduled to take place immediately after the training session. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure task teams are clear on their responsibilities, clarify any outstanding issues and develop action plans for completing their assigned tasks. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 9 - 11, 2006 in Barbados.

Draft reports from each of the task teams are scheduled for completion by January 2007. The reports will be sent for review by each participating country and it is expected that the National Committee will solicit feed-back from key stakeholders and provide the Project Office with a consensus national position by March 2007.

6. Task: Develop Preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP) – Synthesis Workshop

Time-Frame: March 26-29, 2007

Following receipt of national comments to the draft Task Team reports, a synthesis workshop is planned for March 26-29, 2007. The purpose of this workshop is to address the national responses to the draft reports and to develop a preliminary integrated, regional TDA/SAP report. The TDA provides the scientific and technical assessment of the issues and problems of the region, their root causes and an assessment of their economic and environmental impacts. The purpose of the TDA is to scale the relative importance of the sources and causes of the problems and to identify preventive and remedial actions. As such, the TDA provides the technical basis for development of a strategic action programme for the Caribbean LME.

The objectives of this activity are:

- i. To engage the technical experts within the region in developing the TDA and SAP in a workshop scheduled for this purpose.
- ii. Synthesize sub-regional identification of the priority transboundary LMR issues and their immediate and root causes that need to be addressed by the main project (preliminary TDA).
- iii. Synthesize reviews of governance reforms (legal, policy, institutional) necessary to address the priority transboundary LMR issues and achieve sustainable ecosystem management of Caribbean LME shared living marine resources (preliminary SAP).
- iv. Ensure that all information required to develop the Full Project Brief, including baseline information, incremental cost analysis, stakeholder involvement and co-financing are collected.

7. Task: Develop Full Project Brief Draft

Time-Frame: April/May, 2007

To ensure consistency with the GEF requirements, the CLME Project will engage the services of an expert familiar with GEF project documents to assist with the development of the GEF Executive Summary and Full Project Brief. The draft document will be available for national review during the months of June and July 2007. The draft will be revised based on comments received and be available for submission to the Steering Committee for discussion at the second meeting planned for August 2007.

The objective of this activity is:

- i. Develop the First Draft of the Full Project proposal and Executive Summary and all required and optional annexes, using the standard LME project modular, with

particular emphasis on the governance of transboundary living marine resources within the Caribbean LME and adjacent regions.

8. Task: Final Steering Committee Meeting

Time-Frame: August, 2007

The final meeting of the Steering Committee has the following objectives:

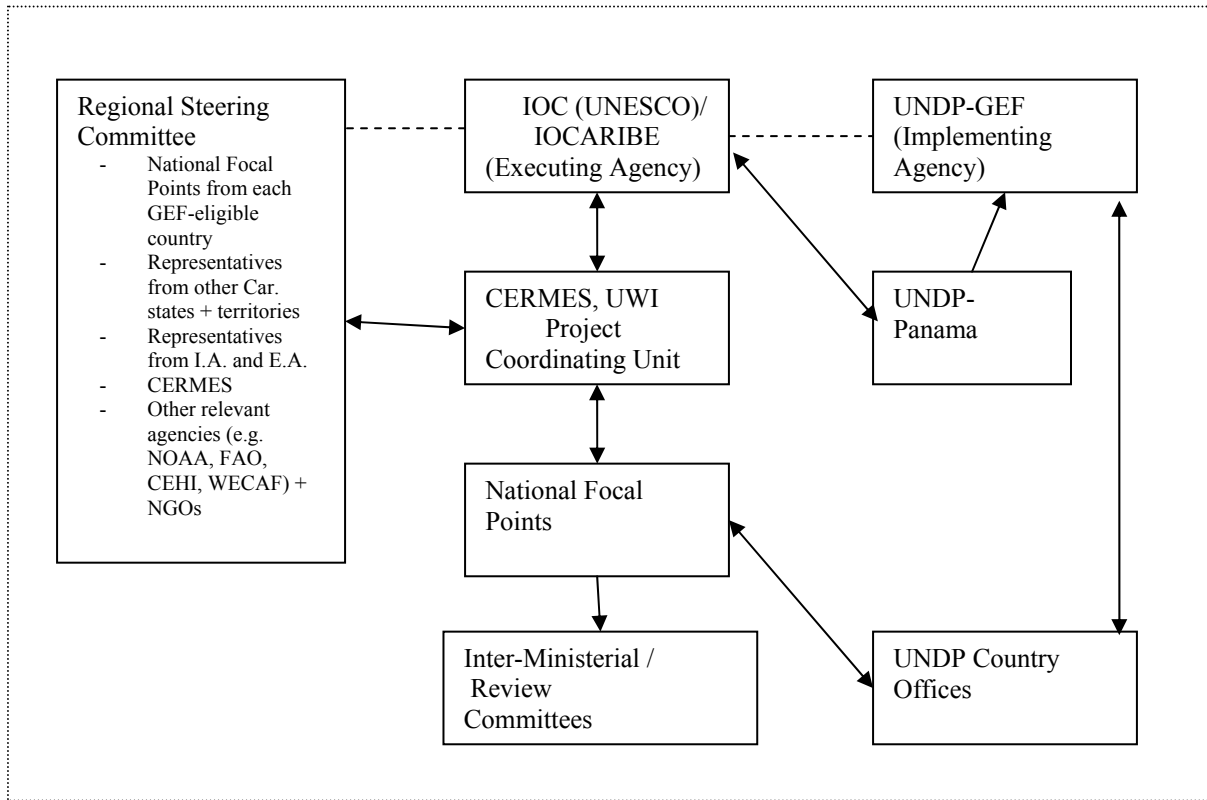
- i. To review and adopt a final Full GEF Project Executive Summary (with full incremental cost analysis and co-finance documentation) and UNDP Project Document for submission to the GEF Council, and upon approval, for later appraisal and implementation.
- ii. To secure and confirm full project co-funding commitments (donor, government and private sector, cash and in-kind)

The final Steering Committee meeting is structured to be an initial two-day technical session followed by a one-day meeting of the full members of the Steering Committee with the purpose of reviewing and adopting the a final Full GEF Project Executive Summary and to indicate confirmation of full project co-funding.

The technical session will comprise experts from the region reviewing and reaching agreement on the priority issues confronting the challenge of the sustainable management of the transboundary living marine resources of the Caribbean and adjacent regions.

Collectively, the two sessions of the Final Steering Committee will serve to confirm the priorities for action and the specific actions that have been declared as essential to be undertaken by the countries in the region during the PDF-B phase. These actions are expected to be implemented over a five-year period with the financial assistance of GEF, co-financing by the participating countries and the technical assistance of key stakeholders.

Appendix 1: Organogram of CLME Project



Appendix 2: Terms of Reference of the Regional Steering Committee

Mandate:

The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) is responsible for reaching consensus on the strategic, integrated approach needed to pursue the CLME project goal of sustainable management of the shared living marine resources of the Caribbean LME and adjacent areas. The RSC will guide the development of more detailed objectives and actions for inclusion in the full Project Document, based on identification and agreement on major issues, root causes and actions that are required to achieve the project goal. The full Project Document is the principal deliverable of PDF-B phase of the CLME project and is to be submitted to the November 2007 GEF Work Program.

In order to guide and inform its work, the RSC will receive all relevant documentation in a timely manner from the Project Unit.

Activities:

During the PDF-B phase of the CLME project, the Committee will pursue its mandate by reviewing and approving the following outputs of the PDF-B CLME Project:

Meeting 1

- the Project Implementation Plan;

Meeting 2

- the preliminary synthesis and interpretation of information in the Transboundary Diagnostic Assessment (TDA);
- the recommendations to the preliminary Strategic Action Program (SAP);
- the complete GEF Executive Summary and UNDP Project Document for submission to the November 2007 GEF Work Program

Membership:

To achieve its mandate, the Regional Steering Committee for the PDF-B phase of the CLME project should comprise the following members:

Full Members:

- a representative from each of the GEF-eligible countries;
- a representative from other Caribbean states and territories;
- representatives from the Implementing (UNDP) and Executing (IOC- UNESCO) Agencies, and other UN agencies such as FAO and UNEP; and,
- other relevant regional agencies and institutions with a specific mandate from their governing body (e.g. UWI, CRFM, OSPESCA, OLDEPESCA, ACS, OECS, CCAD).

With observer status:

- representatives from appropriate Non-Governmental Organizations, relevant GEF projects in the region, key industry sectors, and any other group as agreed to by the countries, the Implementing Agency and the Executing Agency.

b) National Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral Committee

Mandate:

The National Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral Committee is responsible for ensuring that broad stakeholder involvement is reflected in the development and planned implementation of the CLME project.

Activities:

During the PDF-B phase of the CLME project, the National Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral Committee will pursue its mandate by establishing a mechanism that would allow key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries of the CLME project to contribute to the development of a national perspective regarding the sustainable management of shared living marine resources in the region. The Committee will be tasked with providing a multi-sectoral assessment of the following outputs of the PDF-B CLME Project:

- the Project Implementation Plan;
- the preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Assessment (TDA);
- the preliminary Strategic Action Program (SAP);
- the Project Document for submission to the November 2007 GEF Work Program

Membership:

To assist in achieving its mandate, the National Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral Committee for the PDF-B phase of the CLME project should consist of a broad range of governmental, non-governmental/civil society and private sector members, examples of which are listed below:

- National government departments with a mandate in the marine environment, (e.g. fisheries, marine affairs, environment, tourism, petroleum, transportation);
- National marine research institutions and universities;
- Non-governmental organizations involved in marine resource issues;
- Private sector organizations and companies involved in marine resource issues (living and non-living);
- Communities involved in harvesting and marketing of marine resources;

Funding Assistance:

To assist with meeting costs aimed at soliciting input from a broad range of stakeholders, each National Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Sectoral Committee will be provided with US\$2,500.

Appendix 3: Terms of Reference (ToRs) for CLME Task Teams

a) Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis Sub-Regional Task Teams

Each of the three sub-regional teams will be headed by a lead consultant (preferably from the region) and supported by a sub-regional consultant. Due to the number of countries comprising the region described as the Insular Caribbean, this task team lead consultant will be supported by two sub-regional consultants. Membership on the task team will be supplemented with up to four national and/or regional level volunteers with an appropriate mix of expertise. In addition, the lead consultant will solicit input from appropriate regional advisors to enhance the quality of the information collected and interpreted during the development of the preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) of the Sub-region.

The task team members and advisors will be drawn from national governments, regional and international organizations, academia, NGOs, the private sector and civil society.

Responsibilities

A TDA is an objective, non-negotiated assessment using best available verified scientific information to examine the state of the CLME ecosystem and the root causes for its degradation. The analysis is carried out in a cross sectoral manner, focusing on transboundary issues without ignoring national concerns and priorities. It provides the factual basis for the formulation of a Strategic Action Plan (SAP), which embodies specific actions (policy, legal, institutional reforms or investments) that can be adopted nationally, usually within a harmonized multinational context, to address the major priority transboundary concern(s), and over the longer term, restore or protect a specific body of water or transboundary ecosystem.

Each team will conduct a preliminary TDA for its sub-region (Central/South America¹; Insular Caribbean²; or Guianas/Brazil³) according to the prescribed GEF TDA/SAP process by:

- Reviewing the literature on transboundary issues for these countries with reference to productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution and ecosystem health, socio-economics, and governance.
- Seeking the widest possible input from key informants who may not be within the group of countries
- Visiting the countries and meeting with the national inter-ministerial committee and other experts
- Assessing roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in transboundary issues
- Identifying information gaps that need to be filled in order to address the issues identified,
- Preparing a preliminary TDA/SAP report including stakeholder issues

In carrying out the work the Team Leader will:

- Carry out the assessment with reference to the LME modules: productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution and ecosystem health, socio-economics, and governance.
- Liaise with the Team Leaders of the other TDA task teams

¹ Central/South America sub-region includes Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama.

² Insular Caribbean sub-region includes Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico, USA and all of the Lesser Antilles.

³ Guianas/Brazil sub-region includes Brazil, Fr. Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela.

- Organize and hold an initial meeting for the task team
- Attend the TDA/SAP training workshop
- Participate in the TDA/SAP synthesis workshop
- Liaise with regional IGOs
- Pay special attention to the MDG targets for fisheries set by the WSSD
- Work in close conjunction with the CLME Project Management Office
- Prepare and submit a report to the CLME Steering Committee on a preliminary TDA/SAP for the sub-region

In carrying out the work, the Sub-Regional Consultant will:

- Assist the Team Lead in organizing an initial meeting for the Task Team
- Attend in the TDA/SAP training workshop
- Participate in the TDA/SAP synthesis workshop
- Liaise with regional IGOs
- Pay special attention to the MDG targets for fisheries set by the WSSD
- Assist in the preparation a report to the CLME Steering Committee on a preliminary TDA/SAP for the sub-region

In carrying out the work, the National and Regional professionals on the task team will:

- Give specific advice to inform the understanding of transboundary living marine resources within the sub-region, including the identification of priority issues, root causes and recommended options for institutional and organizational arrangements, including involvement of stakeholders.
- To the extent possible, serve as substantive and logistical links to the participating countries and organizations involved with the project.
- Play an important role in the successful implementation of the PDF-B project to ensure country-drivenness and reinforce the responsibility of the participating countries to produce a coherent work product that would enhance the quality of and in-country support for the Final Project Document.

Qualifications of Lead and Sub-Regional Consultants

- An advanced degree in Marine Affairs (ocean sciences, ocean/fisheries management, law or policy) or in a discipline related to the sustainable management of transboundary living marine resources.
- At least 5 years professional experience in issues directly related to the sustainable management of transboundary living marine resources. Previous experience in the Wider Caribbean Region (including the Caribbean countries of Central and South America) generally and the selected sub-region specifically, a strong plus.
- Demonstrable and excellent English language speaking and writing skills.
- Spanish language ability mandatory for the Central/South America sub-region and a strong plus for the other 3 sub-regions.
- Consultants are expected to have taken the 5-day GEF TDA/SAP training course or be prepared to supplement their consulting skills to conduct a TDA/SAP by attending such a training session, paid for by the CLME Project.

Duration

The work of the TDA task team is to be accomplished between Oct - Dec 2006.

The lead consultants for the Insular Caribbean and Central/South America task teams will be engaged for a period of 30 days.

Due to the degree of homogeneity and the high level of understanding surrounding transboundary issues that currently exists within the Guianas/Brazil sub-region, the lead consultant for this task team will be engaged for a period of 20 days over this four-month period. The supporting sub-regional consultant will be engaged for a period of 15 days over this four-month period.

b) Task Team on Fisheries Governance

The team will be headed by a lead consultant (preferably from the region) and supported by a regional consultant. Membership on the task team will be supplemented with up to four national and/or regional level volunteers with an appropriate mix of expertise. In addition, the lead consultant will solicit input from appropriate regional advisors to enhance the quality of the information collected and interpreted during the development of the Fisheries Governance report.

The task team members and advisors will be drawn from national governments, regional and international organizations, academia, NGOs, the private sector and civil society.

Responsibilities

The team will develop and present options for institutional and organizational arrangements for governance of transboundary fisheries in the Wider Caribbean Region by:

- Identifying and describing the essential and desirable components of transboundary fisheries governance for the Wider Caribbean with reference to fisheries recovery and sustainability with consideration of productivity, pollution, ecosystem health, socio-economics and governance.
- Assessing roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders in transboundary fisheries governance at national, sub-regional and regional levels, as appropriate
- Reviewing and assessing the current arrangements for transboundary fisheries governance in the region
- Reviewing any proposals for such arrangements
- Reviewing selected arrangements in other regions
- Where appropriate, identifying common characteristics of the Wider Caribbean that may make it similar to other regions
- Identifying special characteristics of the Wider Caribbean that may make it different from other regions
- Identifying sub-regional specificities within the Wider Caribbean
- Identifying information gaps on organizations and institutions that need to be filled to provide a basis for establishing successful governance arrangements
- Proposing options for institutional and organizational arrangements, including involvement of stakeholders

In carrying out the work, the Team Leader will:

- Liaise with the Team Leaders of the TDA task teams and the other governance task team and carry out their assessment with reference to the 5 LME modules
- Organize and hold an initial meeting for the Task Team
- Participate in the TDA/SAP synthesis workshop
- Seek the widest possible input from experts
- Liaise with regional IGOs
- Pay special attention to the MDG targets for fisheries set by the WSSD
- Work in close conjunction with the CLME Project Management Office
- Prepare and submit a report to the CLME Steering Committee on Fisheries Governance in the Wider Caribbean.

In carrying out the work, the Regional Consultant will:

- Assist the Team Lead in organizing an initial meeting for the Task Team,
- Participate in the TDA/SAP synthesis workshop

- Liaise with regional IGOs
- Pay special attention to the MDG targets for fisheries set by the WSSD.
- Assist in the preparation a report to the CLME Steering Committee on a preliminary TDA/SAP for the sub-region.

In carrying out the work, the National and Regional professionals on the task team will:

- Give specific advice to inform the understanding of fisheries governance within the Wider Caribbean and the selection of recommended options for institutional and organizational arrangements, including involvement of stakeholders.
- To the extent possible, serve as substantive and logistical links to the participating countries and organizations involved with the project.
- Play an important role in the successful implementation of the PDF-B project to ensure country-drivenness and reinforce the responsibility of the participating countries to produce a coherent work product that would enhance the quality of and in-country support for the Final Project Document.

Qualifications of Lead and Regional Consultants

- An advanced degree in Marine Affairs (ocean/fisheries management, law or policy) or in a discipline related to transboundary living marine resource governance.
- At least 5 years professional experience in issues directly related to regional fisheries governance mechanisms and approaches. Previous experience in multi-jurisdictional insular regions generally, and the Wider Caribbean Region (including the Caribbean countries of Central and South America) specifically, a strong plus.
- Demonstrable and excellent English language speaking and writing skills.
- Spanish language ability a strong plus.

Duration

The work of the Fisheries Governance task team is to be accomplished between November 2006 and January 2007.

The lead consultant will be engaged for a period of 22 days over this three-month period.

The supporting consultant will be engaged for a period of 15 days over this three-month period.

c) Task Team on Governance of Non-Extractable Living Marine Resources/Biodiversity and Monitoring & Evaluation

The team will be headed by a lead consultant (preferably from the region) and supported by a regional consultant. Membership on the task team will be supplemented with up to six national and/or regional level volunteers with an appropriate mix of expertise. In addition, the lead consultant will solicit input from appropriate regional advisors to enhance the quality of the information collected and interpreted during the development of the Governance of Non-Extractable Living Marine Resources/Biodiversity and Monitoring & Evaluation report.

The task team members and advisors will be drawn from national governments, regional and international organizations, academia, NGOs, the private sector and civil society.

Responsibilities

1) The team will develop and present options for institutional and organizational arrangements for governance of transboundary non-extractable living marine resources (including coral reefs) and biodiversity in the Caribbean LME and adjacent regions by:

- Identifying and describing the essential and desirable components of transboundary governance of non-extractable living marine resources for the region with reference to productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution and ecosystem health, socio-economics, and governance
- Assessing roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders in transboundary governance of non-extractable living marine resources
- Reviewing and assessing the current arrangements for transboundary governance of non-extractable living marine resources in the region at the national, sub-regional and regional levels, as appropriate
- Reviewing any proposals for such arrangements,
- Reviewing selected arrangements in other regions,
- Where appropriate, identifying common characteristics of the Wider Caribbean that may make it similar to other regions
- Identifying special characteristics of the Wider Caribbean that may make it different from other regions
- Identifying sub-regional specificities within the Wider Caribbean,
- Identifying information gaps on organizations and institutions that need to be filled to provide a basis for establishing successful governance arrangements,
- Proposing options for institutional and organizational arrangements, including involvement of stakeholders

2) The team will explore issues related to and present options for LME level monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean LME and adjacent regions by:

- Identifying and describing the essential and desirable components of LME level monitoring and reporting for the region, including political fora,
- Assessing roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders in LME level monitoring and reporting,
- Where appropriate, identifying common characteristics of the Wider Caribbean that may make it similar to other regions
- Identifying special characteristics of the Wider Caribbean that may make it different from other regions
- Identifying sub-regional specificities within the Wider Caribbean,

- Identifying information gaps on organizations and institutions that need to be filled to further develop such monitoring and reporting arrangements with reference to the 5 LME modules: productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution and ecosystem health, socio-economics, and governance
- Proposing options for institutional and organizational arrangements, including involvement of stakeholders

In carrying out the work, the Team Leader will:

- Carry out the assessment with reference to the 5 LME modules
- Liaise with the Team Leaders of the TDA task teams and the other governance task team
- Organize and hold an initial meeting for the Task Team,
- Participate in the TDA/SAP synthesis workshop,
- Seek the widest possible input from experts
- Liaise with regional IGOs
- Pay special attention to the MDG targets for fisheries set by the WSSD
- Work in close conjunction with the CLME Project Management Office
- Prepare and submit a report to the CLME Steering Committee on the governance of Non-Extractable Living Marine Resources/Biodiversity and Monitoring & Evaluation in the Wider Caribbean

In carrying out the work, the Regional Consultant will:

- Assist the Team Lead in organizing an initial meeting for the Task Team,
- Participate in the TDA/SAP synthesis workshop
- Liaise with regional IGOs
- Pay special attention to the MDG targets for fisheries set by the WSSD.
- Assist in the preparation a report to the CLME Steering Committee on the governance of Non-Extractable Living Marine Resources/Biodiversity and Monitoring & Evaluation in the Wider Caribbean

In carrying out the work, the National and Regional professionals on the task team will:

- Give specific advice to inform the understanding of the governance of non-extractable living marine resources/biodiversity and monitoring & evaluation within the Wider Caribbean and the selection of recommended options for institutional and organizational arrangements, including involvement of stakeholders.
- To the extent possible, serve as substantive and logistical links to the participating countries and organizations involved with the project.
- Play an important role in the successful implementation of the PDF-B project to ensure country-drivenness and reinforce the responsibility of the participating countries to produce a coherent work product that would enhance the quality of and in-country support for the Final Project Document.

Qualifications of Lead and Regional Consultants

- An advanced degree in Marine Affairs (ocean sciences, ocean/fisheries management, law and/or policy) or in a discipline related to the management of non-extractable living marine resources, including coral reefs and biodiversity or in a discipline related to the ecosystem-wide monitoring and reporting.
- At least 5 years professional experience in issues directly related to regional marine management, conservation or marine environmental issues, mechanisms and approaches. Previous experience in multi-jurisdictional insular regions generally, and the Wider

Caribbean Region (including the Caribbean countries of Central and South America) specifically, a strong plus.

- Demonstrable and excellent English language speaking and writing skills.
- Spanish language ability a strong plus.

Duration

The work of the task team on Governance of Non-Extractable Living Marine Resources/Biodiversity and Monitoring & Evaluation is to be accomplished between November 2006 and January 2007.

The lead consultant will be engaged for a period of 22 days over this three-month period.

The supporting consultant will be engaged for a period of 15 days over this three-month period.