

International Coral Reef Conservation Grant -- Project Report

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This report assesses the extent to which the project objectives have been met by first looking at whether the proposed products/activities have been delivered to achieve the desired outcomes stated in the proposal. The report concludes with a discussion of challenges and constraints.

Products and outcomes

The table below, extracted from the project proposal, sets out planned products and outcomes.

Product	Outcome
Report on application process for selecting SocMon training participants and sites	50 preferred participants and 5 study sites
Reports of SocMon training workshops	At least 50 trained fisheries stakeholders
Reports on site assessment initiation	At least 5 monitoring programs established
Training and site monitoring final reports	Shared information for improving SocMon
Oral presentation and paper at GCFI 2008	Sharing of project findings with region
Report on participatory project evaluation	Lessons learned and shared in the region

This report addresses progress made towards the highlighted entries. Progress towards initiating site monitoring has been reasonable but the field work component continues to be behind schedule in Barbados, Grenada and Nevis. Due to delayed initiation of site monitoring and fieldwork, a no-cost extension to 31 December 2009 was requested in February and subsequently approved. In summary, the following describes, by project site and overall project, achievements during the reporting period and remaining work to be completed.

Site monitoring initiation and fieldwork

- Progress in this project component has been incremental for most sites.
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
 - Data collection completed towards the end of September 2008
 - Drafting of monitoring report began in October 2008
 - Draft report submitted for review by project manager and investigator in November 2008. Document was reviewed and further drafts were prepared and edited throughout November and December. Approval for submission of monitoring report provided in January 2009. Final report to be submitted.
- Dominica
 - Questionnaire for monitoring was finalised and approved for use in October 2008.
 - Interim project progress report for the period July-December 2008 submitted to project manager and investigator in December 2008. This report included a synopsis of a workshop for training enumerators; a list of secondary sources of data that had been collected for use in monitoring and an account of the number of households surveyed for each fishing village at the time of reporting.
 - Data collection completed towards the end of November 2008.
 - Data analysis completed in late January 2009.
 - Graphic outputs of data analysis and comprehensive suggestions for analysis of results were submitted to the project investigator and project manager in early April 2009. Comments on these outputs were provided by the project investigator and manager to the SocMon team.
 - Feedback from the Dominica SocMon team confirms that the monitoring report is being drafted.
- Grenada
 - Draft questionnaire submitted for review by project manager and project investigator, and was edited in October 2008. A finalised questionnaire has not been submitted.
 - Interviewers selected and an interviewer training session scheduled in January 2009. Interviewers keen to start data collection.
 - Public awareness activities via radio and television interviews were arranged for the fourth week in January.
 - Data collection scheduled to occur in April with subsequent data analysis estimated at two weeks.
 - SocMon team now comprises only three members – two Fisheries Division personnel and one school child – all participants of the SocMon training workshop.
- St. Kitts and Nevis
 - Development of questionnaire occurred from September through December 2008.
 - Draft questionnaire submitted in late December 2008 for review by project manager and investigator. Questionnaire edited and returned to SocMon team in January 2009.
 - Questionnaire finalised and approved in mid-January.
 - SocMon project announced locally in February.
 - SocMon team leader, Audra Barrett, retired from Civil Service in late February but is still a member of the SocMon team.
 - Data collection ongoing.

- Barbados
 - Progress report submitted in October 2008 in which it was reported that the study area boundaries had been finalised; the number of households had been determined; key informants had been identified; questionnaire drafting had begun; and preparations for a public launch of the project were underway.
 - Content for key informant interviews was submitted in January 2009 for review by the project manager and investigator.
 - Project was officially launched on 25 January 2009 at the Pavilion in the Oistins Fish Fry Bay Garden. The project was also advertised via the Government Information Service *Community Files* program.
 - Draft household questionnaire submitted for review by project manager and investigator in March 2009. Comments on the questionnaire were returned to the SocMon team leader.

Remaining work to be completed

- St. Vincent and the Grenadines (about 90% complete)
 - Final monitoring report to be submitted.
 - Validation workshop
- Dominica (about 70% complete)
 - Submission of first draft of monitoring report
 - Review of this report by project manager and principal investigator
 - Submission of final monitoring report
 - Validation workshop
- Grenada (about 40% complete)
 - Data analysis, submission of first draft of monitoring report and report review by project manager and principal investigator to be done
 - Submission of final monitoring report
 - Validation workshop
- Barbados (about 30% complete)
 - Data collection, data analysis and submission of first draft of monitoring report and review by project manager and principal investigator to be done
 - Submission of final monitoring report
 - Validation workshop
- Nevis (about 30% complete)
 - Data collection and analysis to be conducted
 - Analysis of data and submission of first draft of monitoring report and review by project manager and principal investigator
 - Submission of final monitoring report
 - Validation workshop
- Overall project (about 60% complete)
 - Complete site assessments and establish monitoring programmes
 - Share information on project regionally and via global database

Grant disbursement

- Second and final disbursements representing 60% (US\$ 1,500) of small grant funds were disbursed to the following organisations responsible for financial administration of the project grant due to good progress made with establishing site monitoring programs:
 - St. Peter's Fisheries Co-op, Dominica (December 2008)
 - Oistins Fisherfolk Association, Barbados (February 2009)

- Nevis Island Administration, Nevis (February 2009)
- Interim progress and financial reports from the above organisations were received by the project manager and investigator prior to disbursement of funds.

Information sharing

- *Socio-economic monitoring by Caribbean fishery authorities*, was presented as a poster at 61st Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI), Gosier, Guadeloupe French West Indies, 10-14 November 2008. An accompanying paper was submitted for inclusion in the conference proceedings. The paper and a letter-sized handout of the poster were shared with all SocMon teams.
- Web pages for the CERMES web site to support the project were updated during February and March 2009.

Achieving the project objectives

This project has four main objectives. They are to:

1. Train 50 fisheries management stakeholders, located in 5 selected CRFM member countries, in the use of SocMon Caribbean methods via a series of in-country practically oriented workshops.
2. Assist the initiation of 5 site assessment and monitoring programs for fisheries-related coastal management in the selected CRFM member states that received the training.
3. Document the training and monitoring initiation processes and make them available to a worldwide audience and CERMES communications in order for them to be replicated, with improvement, in future rounds of SocMon activity.
4. Submit compatible data to the Reef Base Socio-Economic global database.

During the reporting period, progress has been made towards meeting the second and third objectives as described above.

Challenges and constraints

Prior commitments of partners continue to impact the progress of the project. Should further delays be encountered, site visits by the project manager and/or investigator may be necessary.

List of reports and guidance documents

When reviewing the draft monitoring report submitted by the SocMon St. Vincent team, result interpretation lacked references and comparison to secondary sources of data. Therefore the project manager designed a one-page *Summary of sources of secondary data for SocMon by objective* that could be used to guide the investigation and discussion of the results.