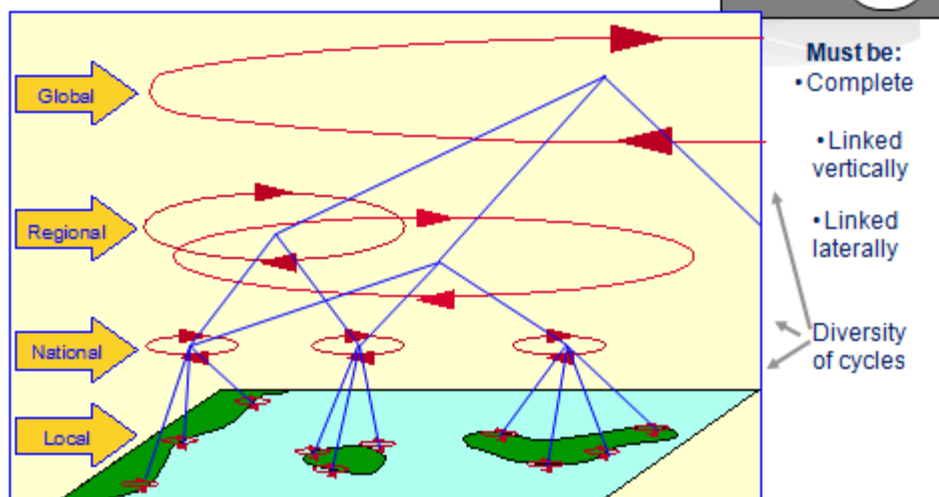


Regional Governance Framework for the Caribbean LME Project area

The LME Governance Framework

A multi-level policy-cycle based governance framework



What is involved in the development of a regional science-policy interface for ocean governance in the Wider Caribbean Region?

How can we assess ocean governance arrangements and their functionality for reef, pelagic and continental shelf fishery ecosystems?

What are the appropriate regional ocean governance framework options for input to the Strategic Action Programme (SAP)?

These are key questions to be answered in the consultancy being implemented from January 2011 to May 2012 by the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) of the University of the West Indies in collaboration with Dalhousie University.

CLME GOVERNANCE

Depicting the ways in which key stakeholders can be networked in multi-level policy cycles to address marine resource issues facing the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME).

The Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem and Adjacent Regions (CLME) Project is a 4-year Global Environment Fund (GEF) intervention worth a total of US\$56 million. Project partners include 23 GEF countries, 2 associate countries, 11 organizations.

The CLME Project will assist Caribbean countries to improve the management of their shared living marine resources, most of which are considered to be fully or over exploited, through an ecosystem approach.

The project will prepare a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) followed by a Strategic Programme of Action (SAP).

The process includes developing and promoting the use of a CLME Regional Governance Framework (RGF) through this consultancy being led by CERMES.

Expected outputs include:

- Governance and stakeholder analysis by fishery ecosystem
- Analyses of basic policy cycles
- Assessment of legal and institutional arrangements by fishery ecosystem
- Draft report on Regional Governance Framework highlighting strengths and weaknesses of current governance
- Draft regional governance framework options paper for the WCR region.



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RESEARCH METHODS

- Document analysis
- Survey questionnaires
- Personal interviews
- Social network analysis
- Economic analysis

PARTICIPATION

Participatory methods will be used throughout to the extent feasible. In particular, the research team will interact with pilot projects and case studies.

COMMUNICATION

The outputs of the consultancy will be made available for public access via the CLME

Project web site and its other communication media.



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Details of the consultancy terms of reference

1. Pilot the development of regional science-policy interface for ocean governance by
 - a. Developing linkages with selected major regional inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) to determine the most useful and desirable pilot inputs for ocean governance policy making with specific reference to the three fishery ecosystems;
 - b. Collaborating with relevant fishery bodies in developing these linkages;
 - c. Review the legal and institutional arrangements and international agreements currently in place in the CLME region (regional level) keeping focus on the three fishery ecosystems (continental shelf, pelagic and reef ecosystems);
 - d. Emphasizing valuation of ecosystem services as an input through a Wider Caribbean Region (WCR) overview via a desk study;
 - e. Developing selected identified pilot inputs (liaising with the monitoring and reporting component to develop inputs),
 - f. Liaising with the data and information component to inform an appropriate system for
 - Delivering data and information to the regional IGOs,
 - Obtaining feedback from them, and,
 - Evaluating the pilot activity and providing recommendations for its further development
2. Assess ocean governance arrangements and functionality (e.g. complexity, diversity, dynamics) in the WCR with specific reference to the three fishery ecosystems by:
 - a. Assessing the relationships among the regional organizations that are engaged in Living Marine Resources (LMR) governance,
 - b. Evaluating the performance of the policy cycles associated with regional organizations with a mandate for ocean governance, with special emphasis on the major regional IGOs,
 - c. Collaborating with the pilot projects and case studies to support their governance assessment activities;
 - d. Incorporating the governance assessments from the pilot projects and case studies
3. Propose appropriate regional ocean governance framework options for input to the SAP by:
 - a. Analyzing and incorporating the inputs on governance at local and national level provided by the pilot projects and case studies;
 - b. Taking into consideration, international and regional Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs);
 - c. Reviewing existing institutional arrangements in the WCR;
 - d. Assessing the results of the CLME project activities (e.g. pilot projects, cases, TDA);
 - e. Taking into consideration ocean governance principles

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