

**DECISIONS OF THE
PROJECT INCEPTION WORKSHOP AND FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE CARIBBEAN AND NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
PROJECT (THE UNDP/GEF “CLME+” PROJECT)**

26-28 January, 2016

Cartagena, Colombia

The CLME+ Project Steering Committee:

Having convened the Inception Workshop and First Steering Committee Meeting of the CLME+ Project, in Cartagena, Colombia, from 26-28 January 2016, with a total of 48 participants and Chaired by Saint Lucia, with the Deputy Chairperson from Guatemala and the Rapporteur from Colombia;

Noting that the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+) are 2 of the 66 globally defined large marine ecosystems proposed by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a meaningful geospatial unit for the implementation of an ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach;

Further noting the number of relevant partners, organizations, programmes, projects and initiatives in the CLME+ region with a formal mandate on, and working towards, the management and governance of living marine resources;

Taking into account that the 10- year *“Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems”* (CLME+ SAP), which provides a comprehensive roadmap towards sustainable living marine resources management, through strengthened and consolidated regional cooperation, has been endorsed at the political level by over twenty countries;

Recalling that the Project Document of the 5-year Project titled *“Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems”* (CLME+) was endorsed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson on 4 March, 2015;

Acknowledging that the CLME+ Project became operational in May 2015;

Gratefully recognizing the continued commitment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the GEF Agency and Executing Agency, the participating governments, organizations and partners towards the successful implementation of the CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project;

Commending the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit (CLME+ PCU) in their efforts to successfully organize this Inception Workshop and First Project Steering Committee Meeting;

- 1) **a. Recommends** that all efforts be undertaken by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Members to encourage increased high level political endorsement of the CLME+ SAP in CLME+ countries;
b. Recommends that all efforts be undertaken by the PSC Members to secure endorsement of the CLME+ Project Document by CLME+ countries that have not yet endorsed the document, before June 2016;
c. Recommends that members of the PSC support the CLME+ PCU in leveraging co-financing and additional funds for the Project;
d. Recommends that the PSC Members report on the status of their co-financing commitments in accordance with UNDP-GEF requirements;
- 2) **Notes and endorses** the work undertaken by the CLME+ PCU during the CLME+ Project Inception Phase [*CLME+_SCM1_Item 6 Project Inception Phase.pptx*];
- 3) **Adopts** the Rules and Procedures for the Project Steering Committee [*CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.a - RulesProcedures PSC.pdf*];
- 4) **Adopts** the Terms of Reference for the CLME+ Project National Focal Points and encourages CLME+ participating countries that have not yet nominated a principal National Focal Point and/or Alternate Focal Point(s) to proceed with such nominations [*CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.b ToRs NFPs.pdf*];
- 5) **Notes and approves** the Terms of Reference for the Project Executive Group (PEG) [*CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.c ToRs PEG.pdf*];
- 6) **Acknowledges** the importance of Inter-Sectoral Coordination Arrangements for the success of marine and oceans governance and recommends that the CLME+ Project support actions leading to their successful implementation;
- 7) **Acknowledges** the work undertaken by the three Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs), OSPESCA, CRFM and FAO-WECAFC towards the development of an Interim Coordination Mechanism for Sustainable Fisheries and further **commends** the RFBs on having officially entered into the Memorandum of Understanding for the Mechanism for Sustainable Fisheries at the First Steering Committee Meeting of the CLME+ Project;
- 8) **a. Agrees** that the Interim Mechanism for the Coordinated Implementation of the CLME+ SAP be urgently formalized, through the signature of a Declaration of Intent, or another mechanism agreed by the initially proposed members;
b. Agrees that expressions of interest by organizations interested in becoming a part of the SAP Interim Coordination Mechanism be submitted by the PCU to the CLME+ countries for their consideration;
- 9) **a. Approves** the updates and additional specifications to the Project targets included in the Results Framework of the CLME+ Project [*CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.a CLME+ Results Framework rev Jan16.pdf*];
b. Approves the updates and additional specifications to the CLME+ Project Work Plan and Budget (2015 – 2020), including the allocation of responsibilities and resources to the CLME+ Project Responsible Parties [*CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.b ProDoc_WP_Budget_Co-Exec rev Jan16.pptx*];

c. Adopts the tolerance levels for the reallocation of funds [CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.b ProDoc_WP_Budget_Co-Exec rev Jan16.pptx];

d. Approves the Annual Work Plans and associated budgets prepared by the CLME+ PCU for the period 2015 – 2017 [CLME+_SCM1_Item 9 WP_Budget 2015_16_17.pptx];

10) **a. Acknowledges** the applicability of the GEF Communication and Visibility Policy and the UNDP Branding Guidance for any materials or products that are created with financial support from the CLME+ Project;

b. Adopts the standardized acknowledgement and project description texts, of which the CLME+ PCU will submit a translated version in Spanish and in French after the meeting [CLME+_SCM1_Item 10 Acknowledgements - Standardized.docx];

c. Agrees on the combined use of the CLME+ Project, UNDP and GEF logos;

11) **Acknowledges** the applicability of the UNDP-GEF monitoring and reporting requirements;

12) **Approves** the inclusion of the “Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute” (GCFI) as a member of the CLME+ Project Executive Group;

13) **a. Notes** the opportunities for synergies emanating from the sister programmes, projects and initiatives presented by CLME+ Steering Committee Meeting participants and recommends that the interested project partners develop, as soon as possible, a road-map which will allow to harmonize contributions and to distribute responsibilities in complimentary ways;

b. Recommends that the CLME+ PCU coordinates this effort;

14) **Thanks** the Government of Colombia, the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, Rapporteur and the CLME+ PCU for their valuable contributions for making the meeting a success.

LIST OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Decision	Agenda	Reference Documents (Language)
N/A	Item 4	CLME+_SCM1_Item 4 Annotated Agenda.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 4 Modified Agenda Day 3.docx
N/A	Item 5	CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.0 Roles UNDP CLME+.pptx (SPA)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.1 Contextual Settings.pptx
1.a	Item 5	CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.2 CLME+ SAP with endorsements 140207.pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.2 CLME+ SAP.pptx
1.b-c-d	Item 5, 11	CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Project.pptx (slides 4, 17, 18)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 11.b UNDP GEF M&E.pptx (slide 9)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 PRODOC for signature (A4 format).pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 3 Spiny Lobster Sub-Project (090215).docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 4 Shrimp and Groundfish Sub-Project.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 5 Flyingfish Sub-Project.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 6 EBM Sub-Project.docx
2	Item 6	CLME+_SCM1_Item 6 Project Inception Phase.pptx
3	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.a - RulesProcedures PSC.pdf
4	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.b ToRs NFPs.pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.b ToRs NFPs.pptx
5, 12	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.c ToRs PEG.pdf
6	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.d National Intersectoral Coordination Mechanisms Assessment.pptx
7	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.2.a RFB MoU English signed.pdf (ING)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.2.a Interim Fisheries Coordination Mechanism.pptx
8	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.2.b SAP Interim Coordination Mechanism.pptx
9.a	Item 8	CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.a CLME+ Results Framework rev Jan16.pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.a CLME+ Gantt Chart rev Jan16.pdf
9.b, 9.c	Item 8	CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.b ProDoc WP_Budget_Co-Exec rev Jan16.pptx
9.d	Item 9	CLME+_SCM1_Item 9 WP_Budget 2015_16_17.pptx
10.a-b-c	Item 10	CLME+_SCM1_Item 10 Draft ToC Communications Strategy.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 10 Acknowledgements - Standardized Text.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 10 CLME+ Communications Strategy.pptx
11	Item 11	CLME+_SCM1_Item 11.b UNDP GEF M&E.pptx