

AGENDA ITEM 6: NEW CLME+ SAP ENDORSEMENTS (SINCE PREVIOUS SCM)

1. BACKGROUND:

The ten-year (2015 – 2025) politically endorsed “*Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+)*” is a key output of the first UNDP/GEF CLME Project (2009 – 2014). It was developed through a broad consultative process, and provides a roadmap towards sustainable living marine resources management through strengthened and consolidated regional cooperation.

The SAP tackles root causes of habitat degradation, marine pollution and unsustainability of fisheries by combining actions for structural change with capacity building and high priority management interventions and on-the-ground investments.

Through the SAP, countries of the region committed to implementing a comprehensive package of coordinated “Strategies” and “Actions.” Six Strategies and four Sub-Strategies have been defined under the SAP, covering a total of 76 short-term (0-5 years) and medium-term (6-10 years) priority actions for better marine resources governance (figure 1).

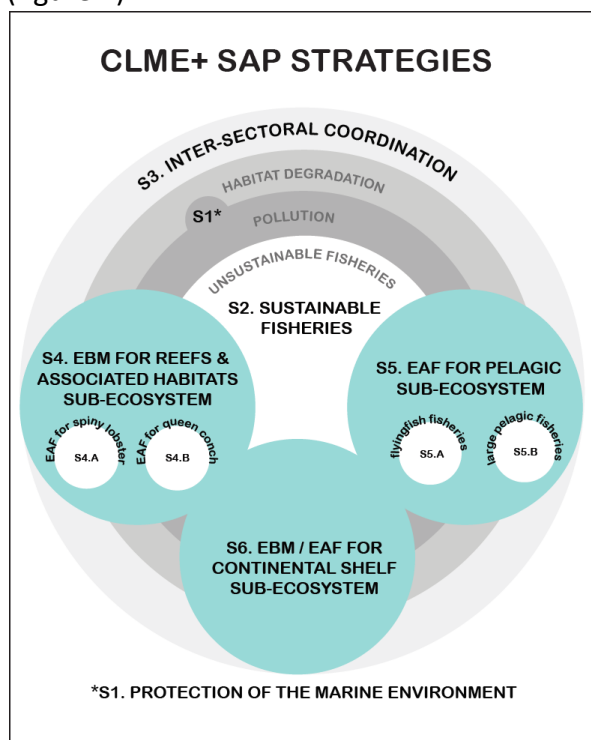


Figure 1: CLME+ SAP Strategies and Sub-Strategies

2. CLME+ SAP Endorsements Update:

The following additional countries have endorsed the CLME+ SAP since the Inception Workshop and First CLME+ Project Steering Committee meeting which took place in January 2016:

Table 1: New CLME+ SAP Endorsements between January 2016 and May 2018

Country	Endorsing Ministry	Date
Antigua & Barbuda	Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries & Barbuda Affairs	21 August 2016
Bahamas	Ministry of the Environment and Housing	18 May 2016
France (including its 5 overseas territories)	Ministry of Environment, Energy and the Sea	9 May 2017
Montserrat	Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Lands, Housing and the Environment	25 May 2016

This means that to date the high-level political endorsements of the CLME+ SAP cover twenty-five countries and 6 overseas territories (figure 2). Discussions by the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit continue to take place with countries and overseas territories which have as yet not endorsed the CLME+ SAP.

FORMAL ENDORSEMENTS OF THE CLME+ STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (2015-2025): STATUS ON 9 MAY 2017

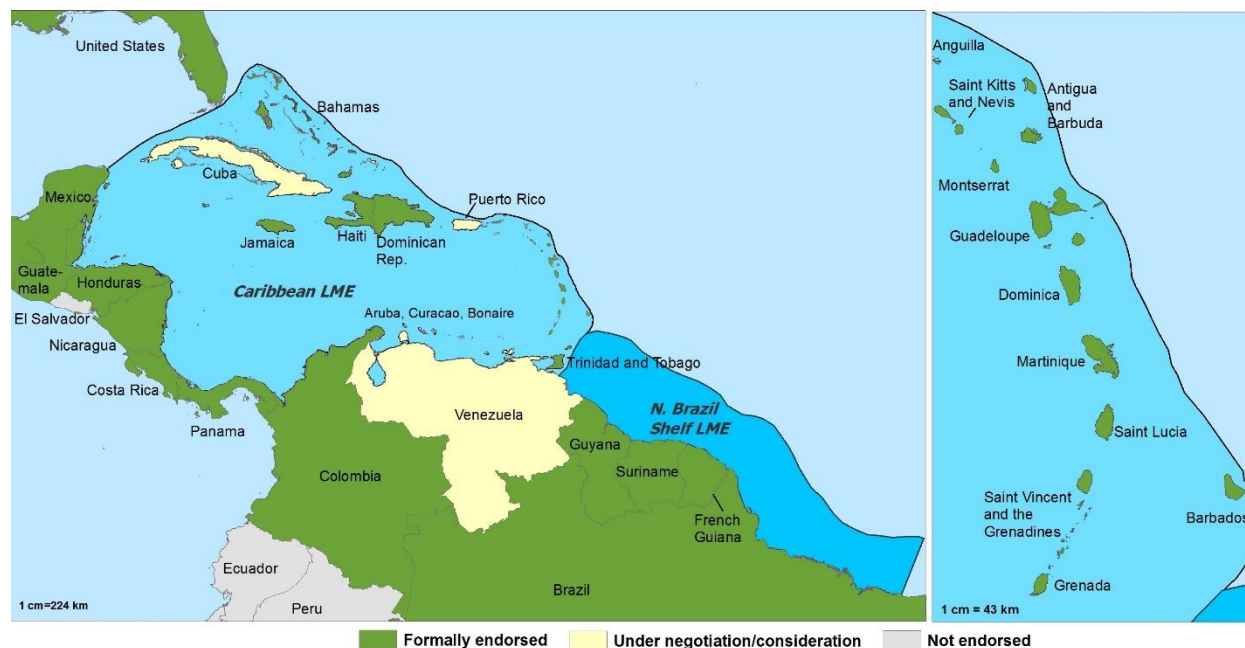


Figure 2: Countries that have endorsed the CLME+ SAP

3. ACTION REQUIRED:

The CLME+ Project Steering Committee is being invited to welcome the new endorsements from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, France and Montserrat and encourage those countries/overseas territories which have not endorsed the CLME+ SAP to do so.

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