IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CARIBBEAN

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INTEGRATION SUMMARY – James Byrne

Individual Country Status

	Ecological	Management	Financial	Capacity
Grenada	Preliminary, also under OPAAL	Preliminary	1st draft	Nat'l Capacity Self Assessment, preliminary draft, also examining MPA Authority
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Preliminary, also under OPAAL for Marine, legis review	Preliminary., also under OPAAL for Marine, legis review	not yet for system wide; started w/ fees for TCMPA, user fees addressed through National Parks plan consultancy	Plan on it , probably started, examine possibility of MPA Authority
Dominica	In process under OPAAL	System plan obsolete, in the process of updating, will include in consulting work	Reviewing system of fess under OPAAL	Through OPAAL and Consultants, completed self assessment
Anguilla	Data Collection, Socio & Bio	Not yet	In process of est. ENV trust fund, and levy, est. fees for all parks	
Antigua & Barbuda	Will start under OPAAL	Not yet	not comprehensive, but project specific	
Montserrat	Looking at Master Plan for cataloging data	Not yet but plan on it	Tourism on board will address, plan for it.	Private NGO spearheading a lot of initiatives, need new end unit to address issues

Common Barriers

Recommendations

Financial GAP, share mechanisms to address long term sustainability, fees, taxes, subvention, trust fund	Use one site as an example for the system	
Coordination, between agencies, projects and authorities, and stakeholders	Create regional approach for GAP and system level work, look at OECS, CEHI, CARICOMM, ESDU-OECS, for coordination	
Policy changes to ensure coordination	University of Guyana- is doing similar work for Forestry coordination	
Institutional arrangements, being addressed by OPAAL, legislation, institutional arrangements etc. Over the next year	Set up e-group, possibly utilize g-mail, as a mechanism to help keep everyone up to date and informed	
species habitat data, Freshwater systems left out or cursory addressed, addressing connectivity, lack of sufficient data, specialized expertise, personnel, equipment and finances	Be sure to include all of Eastern Caribbean, including Dependencies and not just the OECS	
Community Support, participation, engagement and inclusion		
Political Will		