

The CaMPAM-ECMMAN SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

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Providing financial resources and expertise to promote effective marine managed areas in 6 countries of the insular Caribbean. Supported by the "Climate Resilient Eastern Caribbean Marine Managed Areas Network" (ECMMAN) project led by The Nature Conservancy. This project is part of the International Climate Initiative (ICI)

The overall ECMMAN project

Funding Agency: The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) supports this initiative on the basis of a decision adopted by the German Bundestag

General coordinator and leader: The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Project duration: Four years (2013-2017)

Funding: € 4 million

Objectives

- Declare new marine managed areas (MMAs) and strengthen existing ones
- Build strong constituencies for sustainable livelihoods and ocean use
- Improve and update an Eastern Caribbean Decision Support System (EDCSS) that provides accessible decision making tools and incorporates current ecological, socio-economic, and climate change data
- Institute sustainable mechanisms to support the MMA network, including regional political commitments and actions, collaboration mechanisms on marine and coastal resources, and sustainable financing

Involvement of UNEP-CEP, its SPAW-RAC and CaMPAM

The UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) Secretariat of the SPAW Protocol of the Cartagena Convention, through its Regional Activity Center (SPAW-RAC) and the Caribbean Marine Protected Area Management Network and Forum (CaMPAM) is in charge of one component of the ECMMAN project: Strengthening the existing marine managed areas and supporting the establishment of new ones in the 6 participating countries. This is to be accomplished using one of CaMPAM major tools: the Small Grant Program.

About the CaMPAM-ECMMAN Small Grant Program

Duration: Two and a half years (from January 2014 to the end of 2016)

Funding: €1,176 million

The Small Grants program will apply the guiding principles of the Specially Protected Area and Wildlife (SPAW)

Protocol of the Cartagena Convention (administered by UNEP-CEP), and will benefit from the 15 years of CaMPAM experience, as well as of its technical and administrative resources and those of UNEP-CEP and the SPAW-RAC.

Objectives of the Small Grants

To **assist the 6 countries** of the ECMMAN project (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) **with financial resources and expertise** to improve the capacities for creating new MMAs and better managing the existing ones, and in this way assist with national and international marine conservation commitments.

Criteria for selection

- Projects led by non-governmental and governmental organizations in partnership both with capacity for implementation.
- Good record of project implementation by proponents.
- Projects with counterpart funding in-kind or in cash.
- Clear indication of sustainability of activities.

Beneficiary countries



St. Kitts & Nevis



St. Vincent & the Grenadines



Antigua & Barbuda



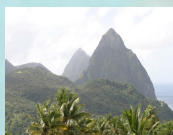
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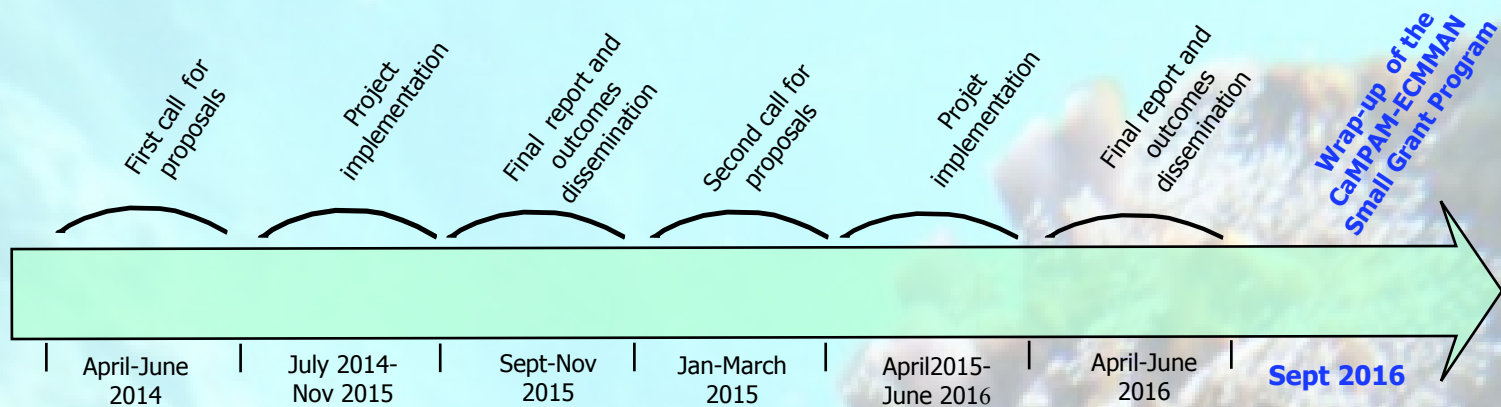
St. Lucia



Grenada



Time frame



Grant amount

Total amount available for projects is **€155,950** for each country, for 2014-2016, to be awarded in two calls for proposals.

Activities to be supported

Consultations, and participation (where appropriate) of local community groups (e.g. fishers, tour operators, women, youth) and decision makers to improve MMA management regimes, and for **reducing user conflict**.

Implementation of strategic socioeconomic and biophysical **monitoring to improve management**.

Staff **training** to enhance human capacity

Development and maintenance of web sites and **other Internet communication tools** to disseminate information to the general public.

ECMMAN Implementing Partners

Leading Partner - The Nature Conservancy will work on:

- Designation of new marine managed areas
- Strengthening of existing ones
- Development of the data platform for the storage and management of MPA data
- Mobilization of additional financial resources

UNEP-CEP SPAW-RAC through CaMPAM will:

- Award and coordinate Small Grants and provide technical assistance
- Share best practices and information through CaMPAM List and MPA Database
- Facilitate coordination and harmonization of project activities and knowledge exchange between relevant institutions and programs of the participating countries and with the rest of the Caribbean region

OECS Secretariat, the Sustainable Development Division will

- Implement the livelihoods program that will fund projects via individual grants and assist with the mobilization of additional financial resources

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat, through the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO), will

- Strengthen fisher organizations through capacity building initiatives

PCI Media Impact will

- Organize and deliver public awareness activities (the education and outreach components of the project)

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