

Strengthening of coastal zone management initiatives for the Three Bays Marine Managed Area, Haiti

Type of priority area

Marine Protected Area

Key Biodiversity Area

Transboundary Areas

Primary objective

Management Effectiveness

Livelihoods

Governance

Target groups

Local Communities

Youth /Women

Farmers/Fishermen

Main activity focus

Enforcement

Livelihoods/ Alternative Economic Activities

Monitoring/Patrol Equipment



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19.09.2020 – 19.09.2021



Type of grant & budget
Small Technical Grant | 92,597.25 €



Location
Haiti, Caribbean



Protected & Conserved Areas
Three Bays Marine Protected Area, Haiti



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Description of the project

In order to complete project objectives members of the Agence Nationale des Aires Protégées (ANAP), FoProBiM, and local university students will be trained in environmental sciences, coastal and marine resources and basic biology, non-lethal (un-armed) environmental law enforcement engagement, laws relating to coastal and marine resources and marine protected areas, and how to operate various types of equipment (boats, motors, snorkelling, and communications equipment).

FoProBiM will provide training to 20 local stakeholders in apiculture as an alternative livelihood and provide them with 100 hives and apicultural equipment in order to begin honey production.





Diagnostic Tools Used

Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool



The BIOPAMA AC Objectives Addressed

- ✓ Enhance the management and governance of priority protected areas by addressing existing limitations in human capacity through training as well as equipment need;
- ✓ Support local communities' initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected areas management.



Priority Need Addressed

Haiti's marine protected areas are relatively new, with all having been declared after 2013. With either no, or at best, extremely limited resources available, this project will address a critical need to increase capacity (human and equipment) to monitor and manage resources within the MPA as well as address the need to provide environmentally friendly and sustainable alternative income generating opportunities for local stakeholders in order to enhance local management of the marine protected area.



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

Without this project the opportunity to provide a presence throughout the marine protected areas through the training of human resources within ANAP, the Gad Ekolojik, FoProBiM, local universities, and the local communities to begin to ensure proper and sustainable monitoring, surveillance, educational and enforcement activities would remain severely limited, if not non-existent. All of these groups will be provided a total of 10 days of training: 2 days each of environmental; non-lethal (un-armed) environmental law enforcement engagement and laws; how to operate various types of equipment; "water" classes (snorkelling, swimming, etc.), and; field work including wildlife ID, boat patrols, hiking, etc.). To support the development of presence throughout the MPA the acquisition of equipment to strengthen both ANAP's and FoProBiM's capacities to undertake surveillance, monitoring, research, and enforcement activities by increasing their mobility is a crucial component of this project. Without this presence, and the increase in surveillance it affords, the continued illegal and unsustainable exploitation of resources would continue. The second component of this project is the continued development and strengthening of environmentally friendly and sustainable non-extractive income generating apiculture with 2 local communities and 2 associations to provide livelihood generation in order to reduce unsustainable resource extraction while protecting biodiversity.

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