

# METT assessments for 20 priority protected areas of the National System of Protected Areas of the Dominican Republic

Type of priority area	Marine Protected Area	Terrestrial Protected Area	Key Biodiversity Area
Primary objective	Governance	Management Effectiveness	Livelihoods
Target groups	Local Communities	Private sector	Subnational Government
Main activity focus	Management Plan	Livelihoods/Alternative economic activities	Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME)

Duration  
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Type of grant & budget  
Small Technical Grant | 19,845€

Location  
Dominican Republic,  
Caribbean

BIOPAMA RRIS Link  
<https://rris.biopama.org/country/do>

Protected & Conserved Areas: WDPA ID

1. Armando Bermúdez: 478068
2. Cabo Cabrón: 478075
3. Cabo Francés Viejo: 478076
4. Cabo Samaná: 478078
5. Cotubanamá: 180
6. Dunas de Las Calderas: 478111
7. Manglares de Bajo Yuna: 55558395
8. Humedales del Ozama: 478099
9. Jaragua: 6673
10. José del Carmen Ramírez: 478101
11. La Caleta: 478102
12. Isla Catalina: 478100
13. Lagunas Cabarete y Goleta: 478108
14. Los Haitises : 181
15. Nalga de Maco: 478130
16. Salto El Limón: 478139
17. Salto de Jimenoa: 555629495
18. Sierra de Bahoruco: 6675
19. Sierra de Neiba: 478140
20. Villa Elisa: 478143

## Project Lead

Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales

Project Partners  
N/A

## Description of the project - approx. 200 words:

The project will focus on the following:

- Develop a working plan jointly with co-applicant Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano (CAD) to distribute tasks and information needs.
- CAD will contract the consultants.
- CAD will train Ministry staff in the use of the latest electronic version of the METT.
- Consult with the respective protected area managers about the ideal candidates to fill out the METT forms.
- CAD, Ministry staff, and consultants will jointly fill out the worksheet for each protected area through shared online folders.
- Carry out remote and face-to-face meetings to adapt and discuss work adjustments or emerging issues.
- Conduct validation workshops with relevant staff on draft assessments to obtain final assessment versions.
- Conduct a final workshop to present and discuss all results and analyses, focusing on actionable, short-term recommendations.
- Publication of final reports on CAD's and Ministry of Environment webpages







#### Diagnostic Tools Used Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT)



#### The BIOPAMA AC Objective(s) Addressed

Through this Small Technical Grant Assessment for improved protected areas management and governance, the Dominican Republic intends to update information and analyses on protected area management, focusing on the 20 prioritised protected areas, thus resulting in more likely actionable measures. These areas underwent important management and personnel changes, with the new administration. Being able to record and document their change as well as the impact of our actions is a once in a lifetime opportunity.



#### Priority Need Addressed

Evaluation of current management measures and the effects of recent decisions within the protected area administration. This evaluation will allow the central government to canalize better fitted resources for the needs of each protected area evaluated aiming to a better management of the protected values and ensuring the livelihoods of those depending on the protected area services.



#### The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas - approx. 200 words

The METT evaluations on management effectiveness will offer a paradigm shift in how the needs of protected areas are managed, guiding the planning and actions of the central government. These evaluations will identify the needs related to the availability of resources and the technical capacity of the managers of the protected areas and their teams. In this sense, having a clear perspective from the actors directly involved in the management of the protected areas and the resources they harbor will provide the Ministry of Environment and all the involved agencies with a more accurate and effective vision for decision-making and strategy implementation.

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