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Grenada Ecosystem Assessment: Linking Science and Policy

Caribbean ecosystems are being impacted by, among other things, deforestation, pollution, land clearance and climate change. In Grenada the impacts of habitat loss, invasive species and land based sources on marine pollution are of particular concern. One of the hurdles in protecting Caribbean ecosystems is that decision making and policy formulation do not consider the value of ecosystems. This is partly because of the absence of national assessments which showcase the importance of ecosystems, but is also due to limited Caribbean expertise and skills to assess and advocate for ecosystems' value to key decision makers.

Grenada is leading the way in the Caribbean in addressing the challenges described above. The country has already conducted a number of protected area ecosystem valuation exercises and through this current initiative, the Environment Division of the Government of Grenada is partnering with the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) to execute the country-wide National Ecosystem Assessment of Grenada.



The Grenada initiative is part of a [global project](#) led by the UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre on “Supporting decision making and building capacity to support the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) through national ecosystem assessments”. Other participating countries include Cambodia, Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This project follows [IPBES](#) methodologies, and aims not only to deliver data through the assessment but also promote the integration of the evidence and data into policy formulation. The project will also develop national capacity to mainstream ecosystem values into policy formulation and national accounting processes. Finally the project emphasises stakeholder engagement in particular community and civil society organisation (CSO) involvement in the execution of the assessment.



Project Output	Key activities under each project output
Technical scoping and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and approve the scope of the national assessment through appropriate national processes • Implement the national ecosystem assessment with the engagement of all key stakeholders
Policy support tools and methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify policy support tools and/or methodologies that will help to integrate the findings of the assessment into policy making and mainstreaming into relevant sectors
National platforms to support the assessment process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current national platforms to assess whether there are existing arrangements that can be built upon or whether something new is needed • Through a consultative, user-driven process, establish a national science-policy platform to support the national ecosystem assessment and other related activities, or build the capacity of an existing arrangement to do so
Support and guidance for project implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the guidance and evidence of past experience that project countries will need to draw on, and make this available • Establish a leadership group consisting of national, regional and international experts to assist in supporting national assessments and the development of policy support tools and methodologies
Case studies and lessons learnt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document lessons learnt and experiences gained through case studies • Communicate lessons learned, experiences and case studies through different media.