



Project Summary

Project name: *Powering Innovations in Civil Society and Enterprises for Sustainability in the Caribbean* (PISCES)

Implementation team: PISCES is being implemented by the [Caribbean Natural Resources Institute](#) (CANARI), in partnership with the [Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation](#) (C-CAM), the [Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations](#) (CNFO), the [Environmental Awareness Group](#) (EAG), the [Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine](#) (FoProBiM), [Sustainable Grenadines Inc](#) (SusGren), and the [Saint Lucia National Trust](#) (SLNT).

The project Steering Committee also includes the [Caribbean Marine Protected Area Management Network and Forum](#) (CaMPAM), the [Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism](#) (CRFM), the [Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States \(OECS\) Commission](#) – Environmental Sustainability Cluster, the University of the West Indies – [Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies](#) (CERMES).

Project objective

To support innovative actions by Caribbean civil society and coastal community small and micro-enterprises for conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity and development of sustainable and resilient livelihoods.

Project countries

Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago

Project amount

EUR 1,000,000 from the European Union + EUR 933,815 co-financing from project partners

Project timeframe

January 2017 to December 2020

Results and activities

1. Fisherfolk organisations (FFOs), community-based organisations (CBOs) and national non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are more effective, efficient and resilient. A group of at least 20 **mentors** from the project countries will be trained to strengthen organisational capacity of FFOs, CBOs and NGOs. Existing programmes, projects and initiatives that build capacity of FFOs, CBOs and NGOs for marine and coastal governance and management will be

mapped and possible synergies and gaps determined. Based on a **needs assessment** and development of a targeted **capacity building strategy** and **toolkit**, at least 15 organisations across the 10 project countries will have their capacity built using a combination of **training, mentoring, coaching and peer learning**.

2. ***Cases of innovation and best practices by Caribbean civil society discovered and uncovered.***

At least eight **case studies** will be documented using innovative ICT and communication products such as videos, photo journals, case studies, study visit reports and social media reports. A **communication strategy** will be developed to guide targeted **dissemination of the case studies** including via an **online knowledge platform** and **peer exchanges**. These will particularly seek to engage Haitian organisations in regional networks.

3. ***Regional Innovation Programme provides small grants to civil society to enhance the conservation of biodiversity and build resilience to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards in marine protected areas/ marine managed areas (MPAs/MMAs).*** A **Caribbean Coastal and Marine Innovation Advisory Group** will support design of the programme, selection of projects, evaluation and sharing of results, lessons and recommendations to support policy and practice for improved marine and coastal governance and management, and applications invited. FFOs, CBOs and NGOs will be supported via mentoring and coaching to apply for **small grants** (ranging from EUR5,000 to EUR10,000) and deliver projects provided.

4. ***Formal and informal community small and micro enterprises (SMEs) developed and strengthened.*** **Socio-economic studies** will be conducted in targeted communities to assess the baseline and results. **SME mentors** will be identified and trained in a methodology to develop and strengthen SMEs from targeted communities around MPAs/MMAs. Entrepreneurs will also learn ways to develop enterprises that sustainably use marine and coastal resources to deliver economic, environmental and social co-benefits as well as how to 'climate proof' their enterprises. SME mentors will offer coaching and mentoring while **micro grants** of up to EUR2,000 will be offered to selected enterprises. Measures to establish and **strengthen private-public partnerships to support SMEs** will also be explored.

5. ***Strengthened advocacy by civil society to influence and engage in decision-making for governance and management of marine and coastal resources.*** An overall **advocacy strategy** will be developed to strengthen civil society voice in local, national and/ or regional decision-making processes. FFOs, CBOs and NGOs will be supported to develop **advocacy campaigns** using **ICTs and social networks** and to **document local knowledge** to strengthen systems that facilitate use of local and scientific information for better decision-making to be used by civil society in advocacy.

For more information please see www.canari.org/PISCES or contact Nicole Leotaud at nicole@canari.org.



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