

Terms of Reference for the TDA Technical Task Team (TTT) of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME) Project

Background

During the PDF-B phase of the CLME Project, it was concluded that due to the CLME's size, complex mosaic of EEZs and diverse ecosystems, that development of a series of sub-regional Transboundary Diagnostic Analyses (TDAs) was needed. Three sub-regions, Central/South America, Insular Caribbean and Guianas/Brazil LME, were selected for preliminary sub-regional TDAs. It also became apparent that development of a detailed regional TDA and final versions of the three sub-regional TDAs would have to be deferred to the Full Sized Project.

The updated sub-regional TDAs, following GEF best practice, will lead to the identification of the priority interventions for inclusion in the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) needed to address underlying/root causes, including filling of knowledge gaps, legal, policy, and institutional reforms, investments, economic instruments, awareness raising and stakeholder involvement. The TDA will be formulated by a Technical Task Team (TTT). The TDA will inform the development of the SAP, including development of the CLME management and governance framework and to the final design of the demonstration projects. The TDA through the causal chain analysis will identify possible interventions to be included in the Strategic Action Programme. To assist prioritisation during SAP development, the TDA will incorporate a socio-economic evaluation and pre-feasibility studies of key interventions. The TDA will also identify the gaps in the baseline information necessary for the establishment of the SAP monitoring and evaluation framework.

Overall coordination of the TDA process will be the responsibility of the CLME Regional Project Coordinator (RPC). A TDA/SAP Expert will provide guidance on the TDA development process including the Causal Chain Analysis (CCA) and identification of priority interventions. The TDA/SAP Expert will also facilitate TTT meetings and draft relevant sections of the TDA. Three Sub-regional Fisheries Experts will be contracted to update each of the preliminary sub-regional TDAs.

Membership

The TTT will comprise 10 members representing an appropriate mix of expertise drawn from national governments, regional and international organizations, academia, NGOs, the private sector and civil society. The composition of the TTT will also reflect the three sub-regions of Central/South America, the insular Caribbean and the Guianas/Brazil LME.

Training

The 10 TTT members will receive training on the UNDP/GEF TDA/SAP approach as well as the ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF).

Responsibilities

The TTT will convene a total of four times in Cartagena, Colombia or Panama City, Panama during the life of the CLME Project. Provisionally, the theme of each meeting, as recorded in the CLME Project Document, will be: CCA, priority interventions and pre-feasibility studies, gap filling activities, and TDA review.

Role of the Technical Task Team (TTT)

The overall role of the TTT is to review the TDA processes, including implementation of the pilot projects, and provide advice to the Steering Committee and other partners to ensure the scientific integrity, coherency, regional relevance and timely delivery of the project outputs.

The Project Manager will coordinate the work of the TTT. This will include, providing the necessary plans, proposals and reports to the TTT members to enable them to carry out their responsibilities; and ensuring that the comments and recommendations of the TTT are disseminated to the SC members and other project partners for action.

More specifically the TTT shall:

- Contribute to the development of the Causal Chain Analysis (CCA) based on the best available information and following GEF best practice. The TDA through the CCA will identify possible interventions to be included in the Strategic Action Programme (SAP).
- Contribute in the identification of major knowledge/data needs (gaps) in baseline information necessary to be included in the CCA and the updated TDA and provide guidance on the best sources of information.
- Provide recommendations on: a) the gap analysis results; b) utilization of GIWA methodology¹ in the grouping of the causes; and, c) prioritization of the causes found in the CCA.
- Provide recommendations on the “Goods & Services Scheme”² analysis that was agreed to be tailored and included into the final CCA.
- Review and provide recommendations on the fishery ecosystem-based consultancies³ that will provide the existing preliminary sub regional TDAs with the necessary information to produce the updated final versions.
- Review and provide recommendations on the “TDA Synthesis” that will lead to the regional TDA based on the analysis of the three fisheries ecosystem-based consultancy reports. The synthesis report should provide an analysis of the similarities and differences across the three fisheries ecosystems and allow for the identification of “hotspots” in each of the fisheries ecosystems to be flagged for potential SAP interventions.
- Provide technical recommendations that should be incorporated during the implementation process of the pilot projects. Pilot projects will target specific priority fisheries with the aim of show-casing how the fisheries management policy cycle can be strengthened at the national and local levels and linked vertically to the sub-regional and regional levels.
- Review and provide recommendations on the progress reports (pilot projects and consultancies) related to the TDA process aiming to create awareness as well as commitment from key stakeholders (e.g. SCM members, Pilot Project Coordinators).
- Participate in the TTT meetings

¹ Causal Chain Analysis and Root Causes: The GIWA Approach, Juan Carlos Belausteguigoitia. *Ambio* Vol. 33 No. 1-2, February 2004.

² Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, 2005. *Ecosystems and Human Well-being: Synthesis*. Island Press, Washington, DC.

³ Reef ecosystem, pelagic ecosystem and continental shelf ecosystem. It is understood that the continental shelf ecosystem does not include reefs in the analysis.

Remuneration

TTT members, from GEF-eligible countries and organizations who are not government officials, are entitled to remuneration of up to \$1000 per week including costs for up to a total of 10 weeks during the four year life of the Project.

Nominations

Following internal consultations through interministerial or intersectoral commissions, CLME Project Focal Points from partner countries should submit the CVs of nominees for the TTT by e-mail to Martin Johnston, CLME Regional Project Coordinator, at MartinJ@UNOPS.org by no later than Thursday 24 September 2009. CLME Project partners from co-financing agencies/organizations may also nominate candidates for the TTT.