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The wider Caribbean / Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf LME's:

Insights & Lessons from implementing the TDA/SAP process in the CLME+ region

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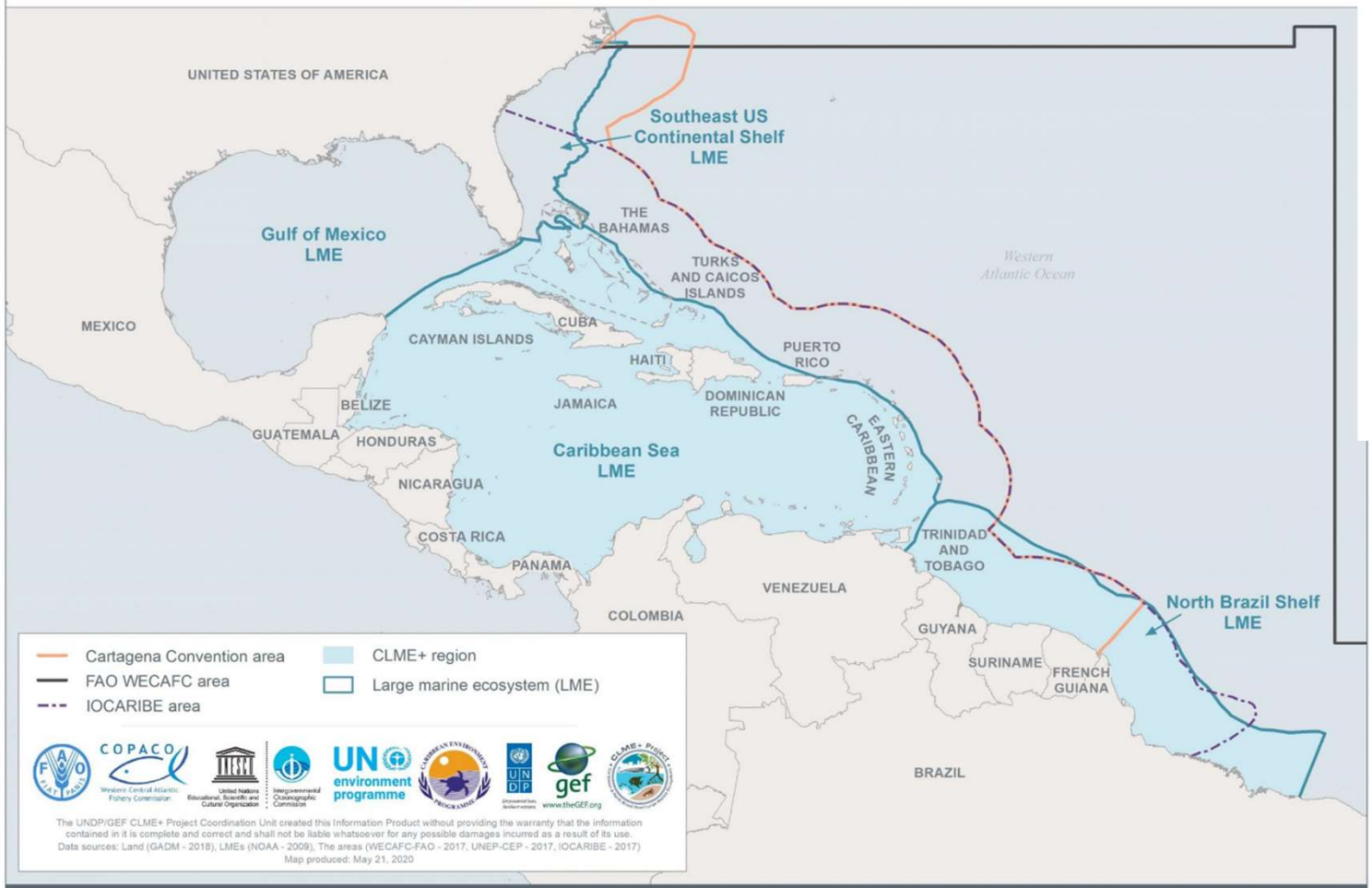
Geographic Scopes in the Caribbean



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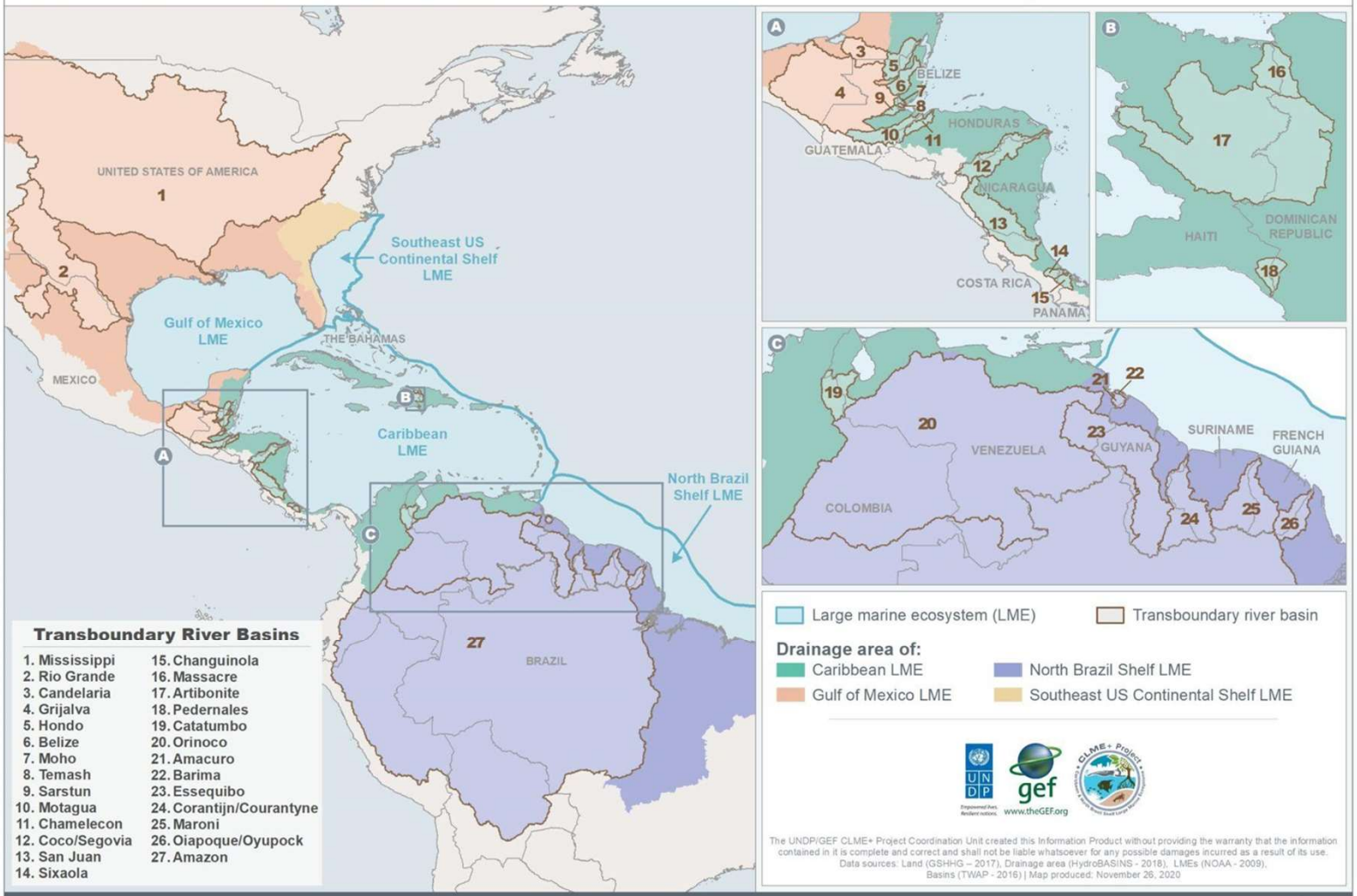
Transboundary River Basins in the Wider Caribbean Region



Transboundary River Basins

1. Mississippi
2. Rio Grande
3. Candelaria
4. Grijalva
5. Hondo
6. Belize
7. Moho
8. Temash
9. Sarstun
10. Motagua
11. Chamelecon
12. Coco/Segovia
13. San Juan
14. Sixaola
15. Changuinola
16. Massacre
17. Artibonite
18. Pedernales
19. Catatumbo
20. Orinoco
21. Amacuro
22. Barima
23. Essequibo
24. Corantijn/Courantyne
25. Maroni
26. Oiapoque/Oyupock
27. Amazon

Large marine ecosystem (LME)

Transboundary river basin

Drainage area of:

- Caribbean LME
- North Brazil Shelf LME
- Gulf of Mexico LME
- Southeast US Continental Shelf LME

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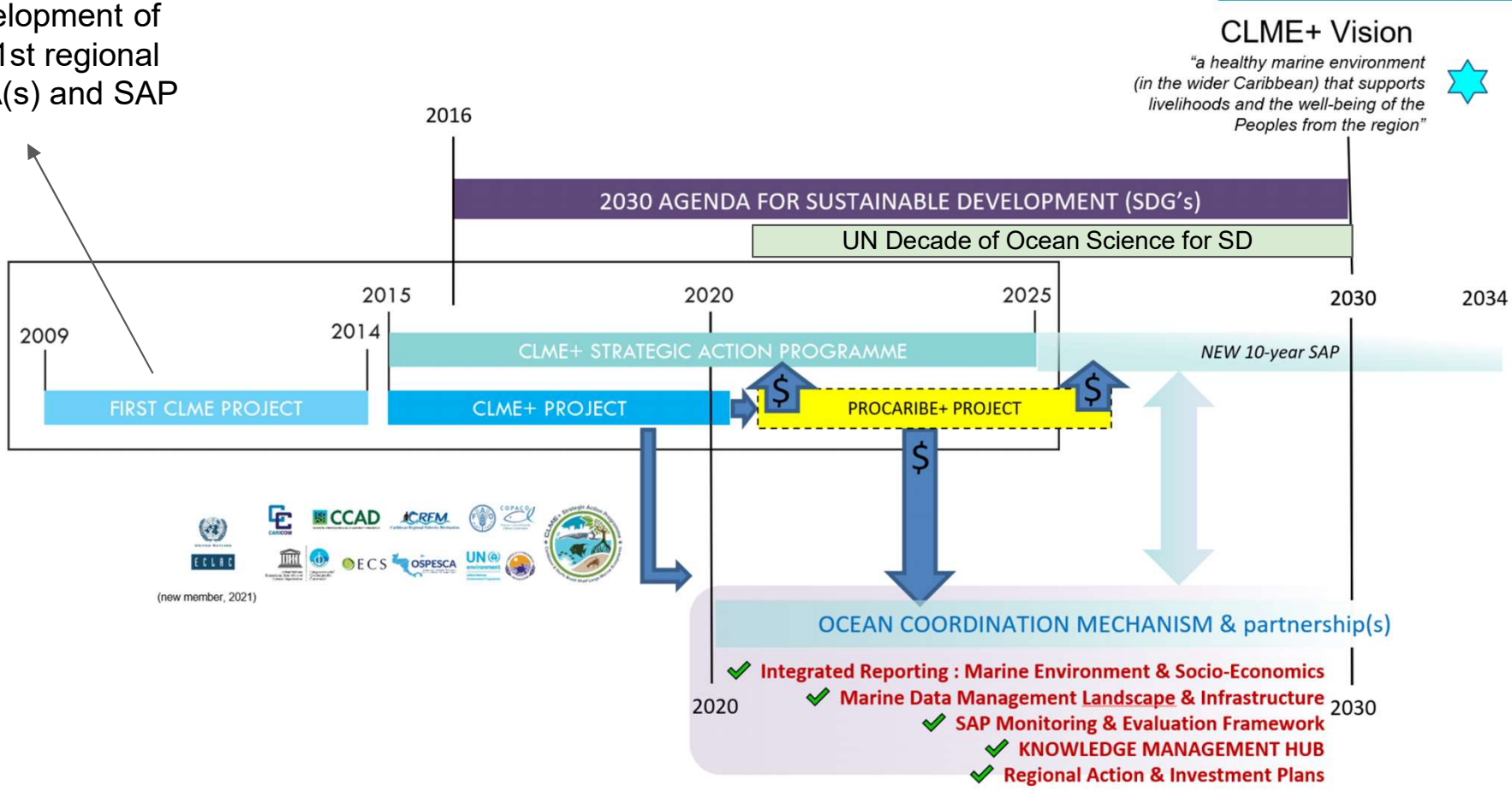
development of the 1st regional TDA(s) and SAP



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- TDA/SAP = cyclical process - meant to be long-term, iterations
- Importance of "institutionalizing" the process *(mainstreaming "TDA/SAP" concept(s) in long-term regional processes)*
- Timeline of GEF project(s)/project cycle ↔ timeline of regional ocean governance processes !!!
- Note on TDA "validation" and SAP political endorsement
- Note on downscaling regional SAP to the national level
- Importance of SAP M&E (of progress + lessons learned - *role of TDA iterations*)
- "Inertia"/tendency to stick to/fall back on "business as usual"

  → do not cut/reduce GEF support too quickly!
- SAP implementation support: *on-the-ground investments* vs *investments in ocean governance processes*: the latter remain critically important for impact!

- TDA/SAP paradigm shift: from analysis of “problems” to analysis of “challenges” & “opportunities”
    - Interactive ocean governance - all sectors of society
    - Blue Economy - Natural Capital Accounting
    - UN Sust Dev Agenda, Paris Agreement (NDC’s), KM-GBF and 30x30, SIDS
    - UN Ocean Decade, science-policy interface
- SOMEE: “State of the Marine Environment (and Processes) and associated Economies

Finally:

- UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ starting now → new iteration regional TDA + SAP process
    - Start with independent review of first iteration!
    - Lessons learned from other LME’s/TWS → global IW:LEARN supported review?!
    - Regional Ocean Coordination Mechanism (OCM) to own/steer the process