



Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf LMEs: the Caribbean Challenge Initiative

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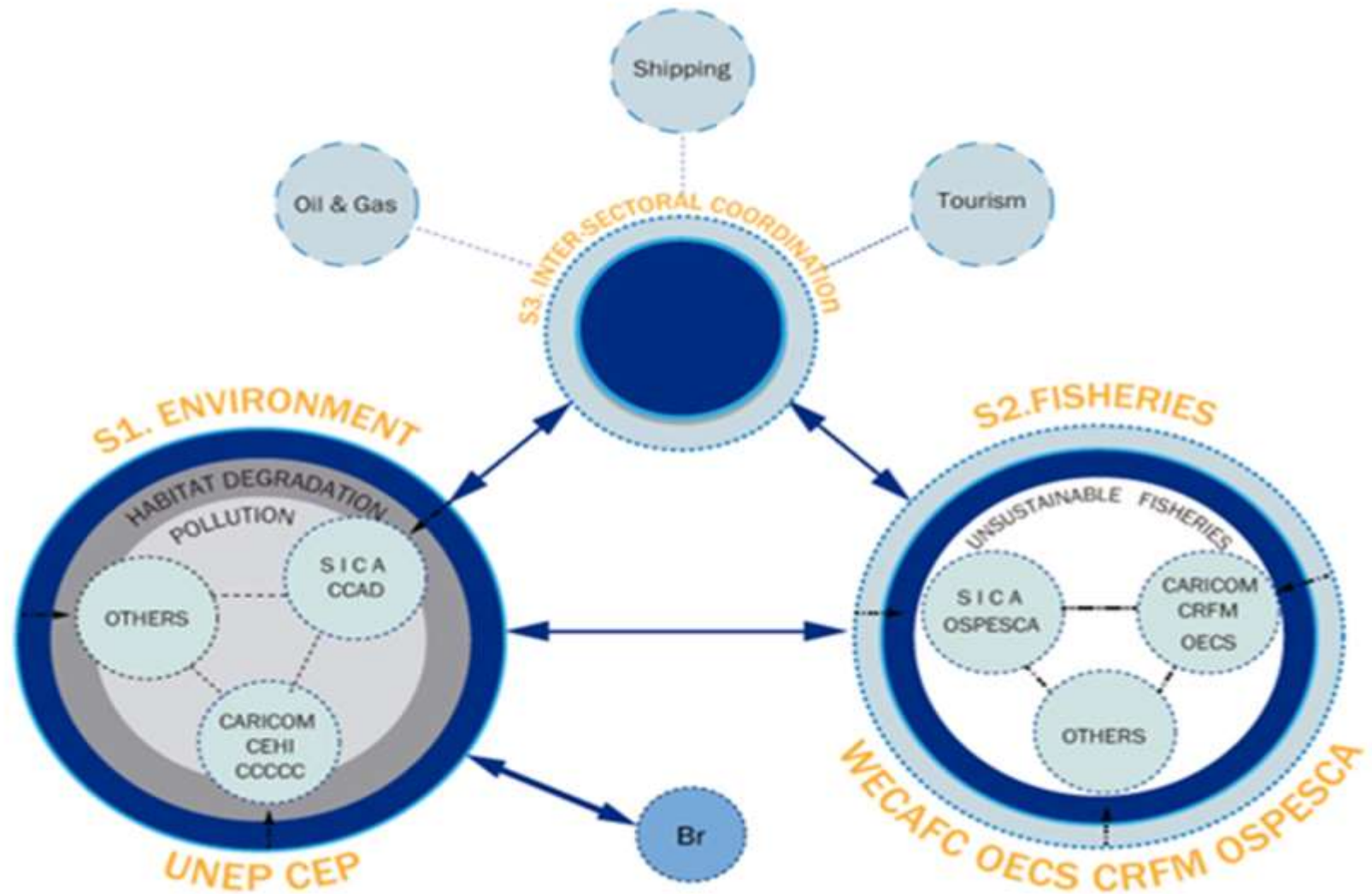
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CLME+ region = 2 LMEs: the CARIBBEAN LME and the NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LME
25 GEF-eligible countries + 19 dependent territories + USA



Regional Governance Framework for the CLME+



Interactive governance

the whole of **interactions**

among **civil, public** and **private actors**

taken to

solve societal problems

and to

create societal opportunities;

*including the formulation & application of principles
guiding those interactions*

and care for institutions that enable and control them



UNDP/GEF Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems Project (CLME+)

co-financing/co-executing partners



prospective partners (declarations of intent)



The Caribbean Challenge Initiative

- The CCI is a **coalition of Governments, Companies and Partners** adopting a regional, multi-country, multi-partner approach to marine and coastal conservation in the Caribbean.
- Launched in 2008 at CBD COP 9, which kicked off Phase 1 (2008-2012)
- Phase 2 launched at 2013 CCI Summit in Necker Island, British Virgin Islands (this Phase ends 2018)

CCI Leaders' Summit 2013

- At the summit, CCI's two major goals were affirmed: **'20 by 20'** goal, and **sustainable financing** goal.
- This was captured in the Leaders Declaration, signed by 8 governments, and the Corporate Compact, signed by 15 companies.
- A Strategic Plan for Implementation was developed to support achievement of these goals.



On May 17th, 2013 nine Caribbean Governments and territories signed the CCI Leaders Declaration committing them to accelerate and expand efforts to safeguard the Caribbean region's marine and coastal environment, further promote the sustainable use of natural resources through new commitments to conservation and/ or scaling up of existing actions, engage the private sector and partners of the CCI and expand the CCI to include additional governments,

CCI Goals

- ▶ (1) to accelerate action to safeguard the marine and coastal environment, by encouraging states to **effectively conserve at least 20% of their near-shore marine environment by 2020** (20 by 20 goal); and
- ▶ (2) to put in place **sustainable funding mechanisms** that will provide the reliable and long-term funding needed to conserve the marine and coastal environment in the years ahead (sustainable financing goal).

The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF)

- To realise the CCI's goals, a **new sustainable financing architecture** was created.
- At the regional level, the CBF was established, with \$42M of commitments toward an **endowment** earmarked for the eight original CCI countries.
- The longer-term goal is to substantially grow the CBF capital, from public and private sources, to well over \$100M in the coming years.
- The CBF endowment will **channel money** each year to **national trust funds** established in each CCI member country to **support establishment of MPAs and MPA governance**.

Strategic Goals for PHASE II

1. Expand and Strengthen MPA Networks



2. Operationalize and Establish Sustainable Funding Mechanisms



IMPROVE Biodiversity, Adaptation, Development and Economy

- GOAL #1: '20 BY 20'
- GOAL #2: SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Key support mechanisms of the CCI

- **CCI Permanent Secretariat.** Supports advancement of the Strategic Plan. Since 2015 hosted by the Government of Grenada.
- **CCI Council.** More formal structure to provide strategic direction and facilitate collaboration among governments, companies and partners (e.g. NGOs, funding agencies), expected to be established in 2016.

Successes of the CCI governance approach

- **Political and business buy-in : CCI endorsed at highest levels**
- **A flexible arrangement** supported by shared political commitments : CCI partners with governments but bypasses boundaries created by inaction, lack of technical capacity, formal protocol and policies because of common CCI vision.
- **Open information exchange** : encourages dialogue between private and public sector, sharing of latest science, spurring innovative action.
- **Attractive to donors** : CCI rubric attracts donors wishing to support regional projects.
- **Sustainable financing architecture** specifically created for marine/coastal conservation : regional CBF to disburse to national funds .

Challenges for the CCI governance approach

- Capacity has to be built within the CCI support mechanisms to better serve the CCI membership.
- Establishing a CCI focal point network is critical because the CCI relies on these points of contact to track progress with implementation of the CCI goals.
- Promoting partnerships between governments and the private sector, but opportunities for civil society not yet explored.
- Collection and accessibility of data important for demonstrating commitment to CCI goals and identifying gaps in meeting these goals. Need to develop IT tools such as impact dashboard.

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