Project:
Towards Joint Integrated, Ecosystem-based Management of the Pacific Central American Coastal Large Marine Ecosystem (PACA) - 10076

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The Pacific Central American Coastal Large Marine Ecosystem (PACA)

- 5 marine ecoregions
- High conservation value species (blue and humpback whales, marine turtles, and trans-equatorial migrating seabirds)
- 245 million people
- 9 bordering countries
- Key blue sectors: fisheries, aquaculture, shipping and marine tourism.

Integrated management approaches in three lines

Improving regional governance for joint management

- Enhancing common understanding of regional challenges and opportunities with country support (TDA)
- Adoption of a partnership framework and governance arrangements by countries
- Develop a Strategic Action Program (SAP)

Pilot actions on the ground to address common key issues

- Tangible impacts in demonstrative pilot interventions, to contribute to the development of the SAP and decision-making on priority issues

Knowledge management

- Collaborative information system on the status of the PACA and the implementation of the SAP
- Share lessons on collaborative actions (South-South cooperation)

b) Pilot projects

Pilot 1. Conservation and management of recreational fisheries for sailfish and marlin (OSPESCA)

Pilot 2. Marine Space Planning

Site 1. Mexico. Proposal for a Marine Ecological Management Program for the South-Central Pacific Region (LANCIS UNAM).

Site 2. Costa Rica. Management and spatial planning plan for the exploitation of tuna and tuna-like species in the EEZ of the Costa Rican Pacific (OET, INCOPESCA).

Site 3. Panama. Marine spatial plan for the area of influence of the Coiba National Park and its Special Marine Protection Zone (MarViva).

Site 4. Ecuador. Develop an ecosystem-based management model to strengthen governance in inland waters and the marine beach and adjacent strip (Conservation International).

Pilot 3. Conservation of cetaceans - Panama (MiAmbiente).

Thank you for your attention

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