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# Sustainable Ocean Governance in the OECS: Supporting the Aichi Targets

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# Outline

- Overview of the Governance on the OECS
- Ocean Governance
- Eastern Caribbean Regional Ocean Policy
- OECS OG & Aichi Targets



# Governance in the OECS

Revised Treaty  
of Basseterre

- The OECS Economic Union
- Single Financial and Economic Space

Eastern  
Caribbean Union  
Protocol

- St George's Declaration of Principles for Environmental Sustainability in the OECS

OECS Growth  
and  
Development  
Strategy

- Embodies the direction that the regions development path will follow -10 years

Policies

- E.g Eastern Caribbean Regional Ocean Policy (ECROP)





# Governance in the OECS

SGD

- Ensure Sustainable Use of the Natural Resources

OGDS

- Underpinning the Growth and Development Thrust

ECROP

- Promote Sustainable Ocean Governance



# Sustainable Ocean Governance matters



Country	area (km2)
British Virgin Islands	80160.00
Anguilla	92103.50
Saint Kitts and Nevis	10272.30
Antigua and Barbuda	107962.00
Montserrat	7567.82
Saint Lucia	15458.30
Dominica	28577.10
Grenada	26138.00
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	36351.50





# ECROP

1. Secure Access to Resources
2. Maintain and Improve Ecosystem Integrity
3. Promote Social and Economic Development
4. Adopt multiple ocean planning and Integrated Mgt.
5. Promote Public Awareness, participation and accountability
6. Support Research and Capacity Building
7. Building Resilience and Managing for uncertainties





# ECROP Strategic Action Plan

1. Maritime Boundary Delimitation
2. Preserve and Protect the Marine Environment
3. Promote Sustainable Economic Development
4. Reform Ocean Governance
5. Awareness Raising and Participation
6. Research and Capacity Building





# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

Establish a network of marine protected areas and implement the Caribbean Challenges Initiative

- Assessment of existing MPAs
- Development of systems plan
- Strengthen mgt syst.
- Establish mgt plans for MPAs
- Sustainable financing tru. national biodiversity trust fund





# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

Improve compliance with international and national requirements

- Undertake a stocktaking of member countries' implementation of international environmental agreements



# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

## Develop the Ocean Economy

- Continued implementation of the OECS Fisheries Management and Development Strategy and Implementation Plan





# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

Adopt an integrated Approach to Development and Manage the Ocean

- Strengthen processes that support integrated or ecosystems based management and assist member governments to develop capacity to undertake integrated management that is responsive to local conditions





# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

Apply marine spatial planning for improving management to achieve economic development

- Marine Spatial Plan



# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

## Increasing Awareness

- Promote public awareness of oceans and ocean issues and promote public education on oceans



# Ocean Governance and Aichi Targets

## Research and Capacity Building

- Identification key data requirements for decision making, monitoring and evaluation and supports investment for new and emerging opportunities



# Way Forward





# Focal Point

- St Lucia - Mr. Crispin D' Augverne
- St Kitts - Mc Clean Hobson
- Grenada - Paul Phillip
- St Vincent - David Robin
- Antigua - Wayne Mykoo





Thank you

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