

CLME+ Partnership: A Global Partnership for the Sustainable Management, Use and Protection of the Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems

Context: The CLME+ region and The Wider Caribbean

The Wider Caribbean region, as defined under the “Cartagena Convention” for the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Marine Environment, is composed of three Large Marine Ecosystems or LME’s: the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and North Brazil Shelf LME’s. The latter two LME’s are jointly referred to as the “CLME+ region”.

With the aid of several UN Agencies and organisations native to the CLME+ region, and supported by the UNDP/GEF “CLME” Project, in 2013 wider Caribbean countries developed a “10-year Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the Sustainable Management of Shared Living Marine Resources in the CLME+ region”.



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Goal and Objectives

The “Global Partnership for the Sustainable Management, Use and Protection of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems” (“CLME+ Partnership”) aims to ensure better coordination and collaboration among, and oversight of, the many efforts and initiatives on the marine environment in the CLME+ region. It will promote and secure the engagement and up-scaling of actions by all sectors of society, so that the long-term vision of the CLME+ Strategic Action Programme (SAP) can be made a reality over the coming decades: “a healthy marine environment that provides benefits and livelihoods for the people of the region”.

The Partnership will assist the region in achieving global and regional goals and targets including those set under SDG14, the Aichi Targets and the LBS and SPAW Protocols of the Cartagena Convention.

How will it work?

The Partnership will offer a framework for effective engagement of governments, IGO’s, civil society and private sector. An integrated approach to addressing the key causes of environmental degradation, as the Partnership will bring together key actors working on pollution, fisheries, and the protection of key coastal and marine assets and capital such as beaches, tourism hotspots and critical marine habitats (coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds,...). By doing so, more efficient use of limited financial resources will be promoted, lessons learnt and best practices will be exchanged, enhanced oversight of status and progress will be achieved, and specific actions and investments to deal with pollution, habitat degradation and unsustainable fisheries will be better tailored to those areas where positive impacts from such actions will most benefit the environment and human society.

Membership

Core members of the CLME+ Partnership will consist of: the CLME+ countries that have politically endorsed the SAP; and eight IGO's which have a formal mandate for the marine environment in the CLME+ region. It is around this core that the wide-ranging, multi-stakeholder “CLME+ Partnership” will then be progressively built.

In support of enhanced private sector and civil society engagement in the CLME+ Partnership, the Project called “*Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of Shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems*” (UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project; 2015-2020) is now supporting work on the development and delivery of “civil society” and “private sector” versions of the CLME+ SAP (“C-SAP” and “P-SAP”).

The CLME+ SAP

Consisting of 76 high-priority actions on governance, pollution, habitats and fisheries, the 10-year SAP must be seen as an “umbrella programme”, with SAP ambitions matching the magnitude of the challenge faced by the region’s marine environment. It addresses the substantial marine pollution, habitat degradation and unsustainable fisheries problems faced by this region, and calls for due attention to the aggravating effects of climate change.

The SAP supports CLME+ countries and organisations in their delivery on marine-related international environmental and development targets, such as the Aichi Targets, UN Sustainable Development Goals (in particular SDG14), and regional agreements like the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols.

Intergovernmental Organisations - the Interim Coordination Mechanism



For the full and updated list of CLME+ Partnership members, please scan this QR Code with your SmartPhone:



Secretariat: CLME+ Project Coordination Unit - info@clmeplus.org

Countries from the CLME+ region that have endorsed the SAP* (status: May 2017) - SAP signed by at least one Minister



Antigua & Barbuda



Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



Brazil



Colombia



Costa Rica



Dominica



Dominican Republic



France



Grenada



Guatemala



Guyana



Haiti



Honduras



Jamaica



Mexico



Montserrat



Nicaragua



Panama



Saint Kitt & Nevis



Saint Lucia



Saint Vincent & the Grenadines



Suriname



The United States



Trinidad & Tobago

For more information on the CLME+ Partnership and SAP: info@clmeplus.org - www.clmeplus.org



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Establishing the

Interim Coordination Mechanism

for the Sustainable Management, Use and Protection of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems

The Parties subscribing to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") are as follows and as confirmed by signature:

- *The United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) represented by its Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (UN Environment CAR/RCU)*
- *The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on behalf of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC)*
- *The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO-IOC)*
- *The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)*
- *The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM)*
- *The Central American Fisheries and Aquaculture Organisation (OSPESCA)*
- *The Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD)*
- *The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) represented by its Secretariat*

And henceforth referred to in this MoU as "the Parties"

PREAMBLE

The Parties:

Noting that the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the CLME+ region”) are two of the sixty-six (66) globally defined Large Marine Ecosystems proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States of America (NOAA) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as meaningful geospatial units for the implementation of an Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) approach and for an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF);

Recalling that, with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/GEF Project, “*Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem and Adjacent Regions*” (GEF ID 1032; 2009-2014, hereinafter referred to as “CLME Project”), a 10-year “*Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the CLME+ region*” (hereinafter referred to as the “CLME+ SAP” or simply as “SAP”) was developed and adopted, providing a comprehensive roadmap towards sustainable living marine resources management through strengthened and consolidated regional cooperation and the adoption of EBM/EAF;

Acknowledging that the geographical scope of the CLME+ SAP is consistent with the mandates of the Parties to this MoU and recalling its broad political endorsement across the wider CLME+ region;

Also Acknowledging the over-arching CLME+ SAP vision of “*a healthy marine environment which provides benefits and livelihoods for the well-being of the people of the region*”, and the SAP objectives, which are consistent with the mission, goals, objectives and mandates of the Parties to this MoU;

Further Acknowledging that the CLME+ SAP is supportive of ‘countries’ efforts to achieve globally and regionally adopted commitments and targets such as those under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter “SDG’s”), in particular SDG14, and under the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020), adopted by the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Nagoya, Japan, 18-29 October 2010;

Recalling that the UNDP/GEF Project, “*Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems*” (GEF ID 5542; 2015-2020; hereinafter referred to as “CLME+ Project”) aims at strengthening and consolidating regional coordination and cooperation through the implementation of the politically endorsed CLME+ SAP;

Also Recalling that in line with CLME+ SAP Strategy 2, Action 2.1(A), an interim arrangement was put in place in January 2016 to facilitate, support and strengthen the coordination of actions for sustainable fisheries through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by three regional fisheries bodies, that are all Parties to the present MoU, namely: FAO-WECAFC, CRFM and OSPESCA;

Noting that the CLME+ SAP under Strategy 3 calls for the establishment of a coordination mechanism amongst organisations with a mandate to promote sustainable fisheries and for the protection of the marine environment in the CLME+ region;

Further recalling Resolution 2/10, Operational paragraph 5 of the United Nations Environment Assembly, adopted on 27 May 2016, which invites Member States and Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, in cooperation, as appropriate, with other regional organizations, such as regional fisheries management organizations and fora, to work towards the implementation of, and reporting on, the different ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

Noting that the Parties to this MoU share common objectives and recognize the importance of undertaking concerted and coordinated actions to further the aforementioned goals and objectives and assist their respective Member States in the implementation of the CLME+ SAP;

Recognizing that the combined and complementary efforts of the Parties can contribute more effectively to the protection, management, conservation and sustainable use of the shared living marine resources in the CLME+ region as well as to the achievement of related global and regional commitments and goals, than could be achieved by the separate and independent action of each Party; and

Acknowledging that the mobilization of a wider-ranging, multi-stakeholder partnership (involving the donor community, private sector and civil society), in line with UN SDG 17.16, will further be required to fully enable the achievement of the long-term vision behind the SAP;

Now therefore, the Parties have agreed upon this MoU as follows:

I. PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The purpose of this MoU is to formally establish the Interim Coordination Mechanism (hereinafter referred to in short as “the CLME+ SAP ICM” and/or “ICM”) as part of ‘the Parties’ efforts to promote the achievement of the SDGs as well as a healthy marine environment, which provides benefits and livelihoods for the well-being of the people of the CLME+ region.

The MoU further has the purpose of defining the status, objectives and core functions of the ICM.

II. STATUS OF THE ICM

The CLME+ SAP ICM is formally established through this MoU, in alignment with the corresponding call for action under SAP Strategy 3, and in response to Decision 8.a. of the 1st Meeting of the CLME+ Project Steering Committee.

The CLME+ SAP ICM is composed of the Parties that have signed this MoU, impersonated by each of their Authorized Representatives.

The ICM will constitute the core of a wide-ranging alliance and partnership for the sustainable management and use of living marine resources in the CLME+ region (hereinafter referred to as respectively the “CLME+ Alliance” and “CLME+ Partnership”).

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE ICM

The ICM objectives are to enhance regional coordination and collaboration, support oversight and integration of actions for sustainable fisheries and the protection and sustainable use of the marine environment.

The ICM will also promote the up-scaling of actions by all sectors of society towards the achievement of the long-term vision of the CLME+ SAP in support of sustainable ocean based economies.

IV. CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE ICM

The ICM will coordinate, cooperate and, where feasible and appropriate, take action in order to:

- i. Implement, monitor and evaluate in a cost-effective and synergistic manner the CLME+ SAP, with a focus on effectively addressing the three priority transboundary issues of (a) habitat degradation and community modification; (b) pollution; and (c) unsustainable fisheries, while simultaneously giving due consideration to the potential impacts of climate variability and change;

Such action includes, but is not limited to:

- Contributing to the consolidation of a Regional Institutional Framework for Ocean Governance, by supporting the process for the identification and adoption of a permanent policy coordination mechanism, and a sustainable financing mechanism
 - Collaborative development of a “State of the Marine Ecosystems and associated Economies” (SOME) reporting mechanism, and the active promotion of its institutionalization and use as a means to bridge the science-policy gap;
 - Progressive promotion and expansion of the global CLME+ Alliance and Partnership, centered around the ICM;
 - Promotion of the expansion and replication of actions undertaken by all sectors of society, with the aim of achieving the long-term vision of the CLME+ SAP;
- ii. Contribute in this context to the delivery by the CLME+ region on the aims, objectives and targets of the SDGs, in particular SDG 14, “to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources”, and other relevant international commitments;
 - iii. Promote coherent communication, data and information sharing, outreach and dissemination of information;
 - iv. Identify other areas of collaboration, including those relating to new and emerging issues relevant to and/or aligned with the Parties’ mandate, and which may not have been explicitly articulated in the CLME+ SAP;

- v. Develop, review, revise and report back to their constituencies on the implementation of their core functions under this MoU.

V. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Intellectual property rights, in particular copyright of material such as information, software and designs made available by any of the Parties to be used to carry out activities under this MoU will remain with the originating Party, unless otherwise regulated in separate written agreements.

Intellectual property rights in materials developed jointly by the Parties will be so vested among them. The Parties may grant licenses to third parties to use, reproduce, publish or re-publish or otherwise disseminate such material for educational and research purposes on a not-for-profit basis.

VI. FUNDING OF COOPERATION/COLLABORATION

Any action of cooperation or collaboration under this MoU shall be subject to the availability of staff and funding to support said action. The Financial arrangements among Parties will be set out in separate written agreement.

VII. CONFIDENTIALITY

The handling of information shall be subject to each Party's corporate confidentiality policies.

None of the Parties or their personnel will communicate or disclose to any other person or entity any confidential information made known to them individually or jointly by any of the other Parties in the course of the implementation of this MoU without the prior written consent of the Party(s) providing the information. However, a Party's disclosure of another Party's confidential information to an entity the disclosing Party controls or with which it is under common control, shall not be considered a disclosure to a third party, and shall not require prior authorization.

For UN Environment, a principal or subsidiary organ of the United Nations established in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations shall be deemed to be a legal entity under common control.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Any notice or request required to be given or made under this MoU shall have been duly made or given when addressed in writing as follows:

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IX. APPLICABLE LAW

The present MoU will be governed by general principles of international law, to the exclusion of any single national system of law.

X. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between any of the Parties, arising out of the interpretation or execution of this MoU will be settled by negotiation between the Parties concerned. Any differences that may not be so settled will be brought to the attention of the Executive Heads of the concerned Parties for final resolution and in the absence of a final resolution, any dispute shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Arbitration Rules.

XI. VISIBILITY AND BRANDING

The Parties agree to explicitly acknowledge the role and contribution(s) of each Party as well as of the UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project and its regional Project Coordination Unit, as applicable, in any coordination and/or collaborative effort, and in any public documentation or product, emanating from this MoU. In doing so, the Parties agree to adhere to, in the best possible extent, applicable policies and visibility and branding guidelines.

The Parties agree not to use in any press release, memorandum, report, or other published disclosure related to this MoU the name(s) or logo(s) of any of the other Parties without the prior written consent of the concerned Party(-ies).

XII. WAIVERS AND DISCLAIMERS

This MoU does not create any financial obligations for any of the Parties.

Nothing in this MoU will be construed as constituting a waiver of the privileges or immunities that may be enjoyed by any of the Parties or their personnel, nor as an extension of any privileges or immunities of either Party to another Party or its personnel.

XIII. AMENDMENT

This MoU may be amended by written mutual agreement between all Parties.

XIV. ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND DURATION

This MoU will enter into effect and the ICM will thereby become formally established upon the signature of this MoU by a minimum of five (5) of the Parties. It will remain in force until the termination of the UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project or as otherwise decided upon by the Parties.

XV. TERMINATION

The MoU will remain in effect unless its termination is formally requested in writing by the majority of the Parties, established as half plus one of the signing Parties. In such event, the Parties will jointly agree on measures required for the orderly conclusion of on-going activities.

The rights and obligations set out under Articles V, VII, XI and XII will survive the termination of this MoU.

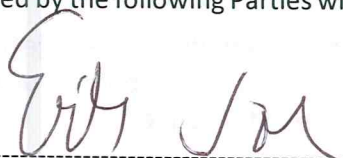
XVI. WITHDRAWAL

Any Party may withdraw from this MoU and the ICM at any time, by giving three-month advance written notice of such withdrawal to the other Parties, which will have to immediately confirm receipt and the date of receipt. The withdrawal will become effective three months after the last date of receipt of the notice by the last Party. In such event, the Parties will agree on measures required for the orderly conclusion of on-going activities involving the withdrawing Party. After formal withdrawal, the rights and obligations of the withdrawing Party defined under this MoU shall cease to be in effect, with the exception of those defined under Articles V, VII, XI and XII.

XVII. ADDITIONAL PARTIES

Accession to this MoU by any other organisation originally not referred to as Party, whose objectives are aligned to the purposes of this MoU and is active in the region, is subject to approval of that organization's request for accession by all Parties to this MoU at the time of the request.

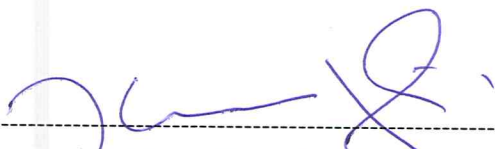
Signed by the following Parties with original copies in English and Spanish, all texts being equally authentic.



United Nations Environment Programme

27/11/2017

Date



The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

22/9/17

Date



Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

11/10/2017

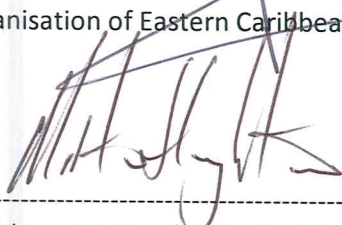
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Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

17/07/2017

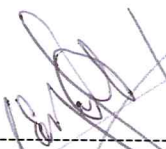
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Central America Fisheries and Aquaculture Organisation

07/07/2017

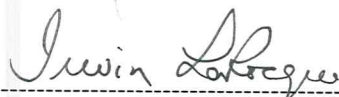
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Central American Commission for Environment and Development

07/07/2017

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Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat

14/07/17

Date

ANNEX I: Decisions of the Project Inception Workshop and First Steering Committee Meeting of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems Project (the UNDP-GEF “CLME+ Project”), held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 26 till 28 January 2016

**DECISIONS OF THE
PROJECT INCEPTION WORKSHOP AND FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE CARIBBEAN AND NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
PROJECT (THE UNDP/GEF "CLME+" PROJECT)**

26-28 January, 2016

Cartagena, Colombia

The CLME+ Project Steering Committee:

Having convened the Inception Workshop and First Steering Committee Meeting of the CLME+ Project, in Cartagena, Colombia, from 26-28 January 2016, with a total of 48 participants and Chaired by Saint Lucia, with the Deputy Chairperson from Guatemala and the Rapporteur from Colombia;

Noting that the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+) are 2 of the 66 globally defined large marine ecosystems proposed by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a meaningful geospatial unit for the implementation of an ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach;

Further noting the number of relevant partners, organizations, programmes, projects and initiatives in the CLME+ region with a formal mandate on, and working towards, the management and governance of living marine resources;

Taking into account that the 10- year *"Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems"* (CLME+ SAP), which provides a comprehensive roadmap towards sustainable living marine resources management, through strengthened and consolidated regional cooperation, has been endorsed at the political level by over twenty countries;

Recalling that the Project Document of the 5-year Project titled *"Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems"* (CLME+) was endorsed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson on 4 March, 2015;

Acknowledging that the CLME+ Project became operational in May 2015;

Gratefully recognizing the continued commitment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the GEF Agency and Executing Agency, the participating governments, organizations and partners towards the successful implementation of the CLME+ SAP and CLME+ Project;

Commending the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit (CLME+ PCU) in their efforts to successfully organize this Inception Workshop and First Project Steering Committee Meeting;

- 1)
 - a. **Recommends** that all efforts be undertaken by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Members to encourage increased high level political endorsement of the CLME+ SAP in CLME+ countries;
 - b. **Recommends** that all efforts be undertaken by the PSC Members to secure endorsement of the CLME+ Project Document by CLME+ countries that have not yet endorsed the document, before June 2016;
 - c. **Recommends** that members of the PSC support the CLME+ PCU in leveraging co-financing and additional funds for the Project;
 - d. **Recommends** that the PSC Members report on the status of their co-financing commitments in accordance with UNDP-GEF requirements;
- 2) **Notes and endorses** the work undertaken by the CLME+ PCU during the CLME+ Project Inception Phase *[CLME+_SCM1_Item 6 Project Inception Phase.pptx]*;
- 3) **Adopts** the Rules and Procedures for the Project Steering Committee *[CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.a - RulesProcedures PSC.pdf]*;
- 4) **Adopts** the Terms of Reference for the CLME+ Project National Focal Points and encourages CLME+ participating countries that have not yet nominated a principal National Focal Point and/or Alternate Focal Point(s) to proceed with such nominations *[CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.b ToRs NFPs.pdf]*;
- 5) **Notes and approves** the Terms of Reference for the Project Executive Group (PEG) *[CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.c ToRs PEG.pdf]*;
- 6) **Acknowledges** the importance of Inter-Sectoral Coordination Arrangements for the success of marine and oceans governance and recommends that the CLME+ Project support actions leading to their successful implementation;
- 7) **Acknowledges** the work undertaken by the three Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs), OSPESCA, CRFM and FAO-WECAFC towards the development of an Interim Coordination Mechanism for Sustainable Fisheries and further **commends** the RFBs on having officially entered into the Memorandum of Understanding for the Mechanism for Sustainable Fisheries at the First Steering Committee Meeting of the CLME+ Project;
- 8)
 - a. **Agrees** that the Interim Mechanism for the Coordinated Implementation of the CLME+ SAP be urgently formalized, through the signature of a Declaration of Intent, or another mechanism agreed by the initially proposed members;
 - b. **Agrees** that expressions of interest by organizations interested in becoming a part of the SAP Interim Coordination Mechanism be submitted by the PCU to the CLME+ countries for their consideration;
- 9)
 - a. **Approves** the updates and additional specifications to the Project targets included in the Results Framework of the CLME+ Project *[CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.a CLME+ Results Framework rev Jan16.pdf]*;
 - b. **Approves** the updates and additional specifications to the CLME+ Project Work Plan and Budget (2015 – 2020), including the allocation of responsibilities and resources to the CLME+ Project Responsible Parties *[CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.b ProDoc_WP_Budget_Co-Exec rev Jan16.pptx]*;

- c. **Adopts** the tolerance levels for the reallocation of funds [CLME+_SCM1_Item 8.b ProDoc_WP_Budget_Co-Exec rev Jan16.pptx];
- d. **Approves** the Annual Work Plans and associated budgets prepared by the CLME+ PCU for the period 2015 – 2017 [CLME+_SCM1_Item 9 WP_Budget 2015_16_17.pptx];
- 10) a. **Acknowledges** the applicability of the GEF Communication and Visibility Policy and the UNDP Branding Guidance for any materials or products that are created with financial support from the CLME+ Project;
- b. **Adopts** the standardized acknowledgement and project description texts, of which the CLME+ PCU will submit a translated version in Spanish and in French after the meeting [CLME+_SCM1_Item 10 Acknowledgements - Standardized.docx];
- c. **Agrees** on the combined use of the CLME+ Project, UNDP and GEF logos;
- 11) **Acknowledges** the applicability of the UNDP-GEF monitoring and reporting requirements;
- 12) **Approves** the inclusion of the “Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute” (GCFI) as a member of the CLME+ Project Executive Group;
- 13) a. **Notes** the opportunities for synergies emanating from the sister programmes, projects and initiatives presented by CLME+ Steering Committee Meeting participants and recommends that the interested project partners develop, as soon as possible, a road-map which will allow to harmonize contributions and to distribute responsibilities in complimentary ways;
- b. **Recommends** that the CLME+ PCU coordinates this effort;
- 14) **Thanks** the Government of Colombia, the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, Rapporteur and the CLME+ PCU for their valuable contributions for making the meeting a success.

LIST OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Decision	Agenda	Reference Documents (Language)
N/A	Item 4	CLME+_SCM1_Item 4 Annotated Agenda.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 4 Modified Agenda Day 3.docx
N/A	Item 5	CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.0 Roles UNDP CLME+.pptx (SPA)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.1 Contextual Settings.pptx
1.a	Item 5	CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.2 CLME+ SAP with endorsements 140207.pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.2 CLME+ SAP.pptx
1.b-c-d	Item 5, 11	CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Project.pptx (slides 4, 17, 18)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 11.b UNDP GEF M&E.pptx (slide 9)
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 PRODOC for signature (A4 format).pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 3 Spiny Lobster Sub-Project (090215).docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 4 Shrimp and Groundfish Sub-Project.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 5 Flyingfish Sub-Project.docx
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 5.3 CLME+ Annex 6 EBM Sub-Project.docx
2	Item 6	CLME+_SCM1_Item 6 Project Inception Phase.pptx
3	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.a - RulesProcedures PSC.pdf
4	Item 7	CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.b ToRs NFPs.pdf
		CLME+_SCM1_Item 7.1.b ToRs NFPs.pptx
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