

Actions to achieve Aichi Targets 5, 11, 15

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Target 5

- Rate of loss of all natural habitats, including forests, is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation is significantly reduced



Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas

- The Community shall promote the development, management and conservation of the forest resources in the Member States on a sustainable basis

**REVISED TREATY OF CHAGUARAMAS
ESTABLISHING
THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
INCLUDING THE CARICOM
SINGLE MARKET AND ECONOMY**

CARICOM Agricultural Policy

- Promote sustainable forestry management through proper management and conservation of the Region's forest resources in order to reduce deforestation and carbon emission, improve watershed management and protect carbon resources [with a focus on] improving livelihoods and ensuring their stability

Actions taken in the region

- Forest laws, policies and management programmes
- Protected areas policies, plans and programmes
- Land use and development frameworks
- Participatory forest management
- Alternative/sustainable livelihoods

For people, by people, with people

Community participation in forest management contributes to improvement in livelihoods

People in rural communities who are involved in managing forests are getting many benefits that are improving their livelihoods, or quality of life. Benefits are seen in improved "assets" in several areas:

- Increased skills and knowledge**
 - Members of Cofopar Youth Farmers in Granada are selling anthurums to the hotel industry and gaining skills and knowledge in nursery management, marketing, and business skills.
- Improved access to and quality of natural resources**
 - Members of the Environment in St Vincent improved the quality of the river running through the Chateaubel village through river cleanups, tree planting, and community education.
 - The Tuff Bay and Picoon Local Forest Management Committees in Jamaica have improved forest cover through their reforestation work.
- Improved social and community relationships**
 - Community groups that are participating in forest management activities in the Caribbean's islands are sharing information and experiences to help each other.
- Enhanced roads and other infrastructure**
 - Members of the Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee manage a visitor center and conduct tours about the area's rich Maroon history.
- Increased financial assets**
 - Members of the National Rehabilitation and Watershed Rehabilitation Programme community group in Angila, Belize are involved in a "tree bank" that helps to encourage savings and provide financial support.
 - Torresia Americas Rehabilitation Project will use some of the seedlings from its nursery operations to bring income into the group.
 - Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committee produces bags, jewelry, trunks, and other handicrafts from banana leaves and sells them to raise money for the group.
- Enhanced influence on key decision makers**
 - Community members are able to speak directly with decision makers in international and governmental agencies to get their point of view heard.
- Better appreciation of culture and heritage**
 - The Maroon Community Group in Nevis educates people about how the maroons used the forest lands now as an important part of Caribbean heritage.

Benefits of the Programme are being shared widely with representatives of all institutional partners

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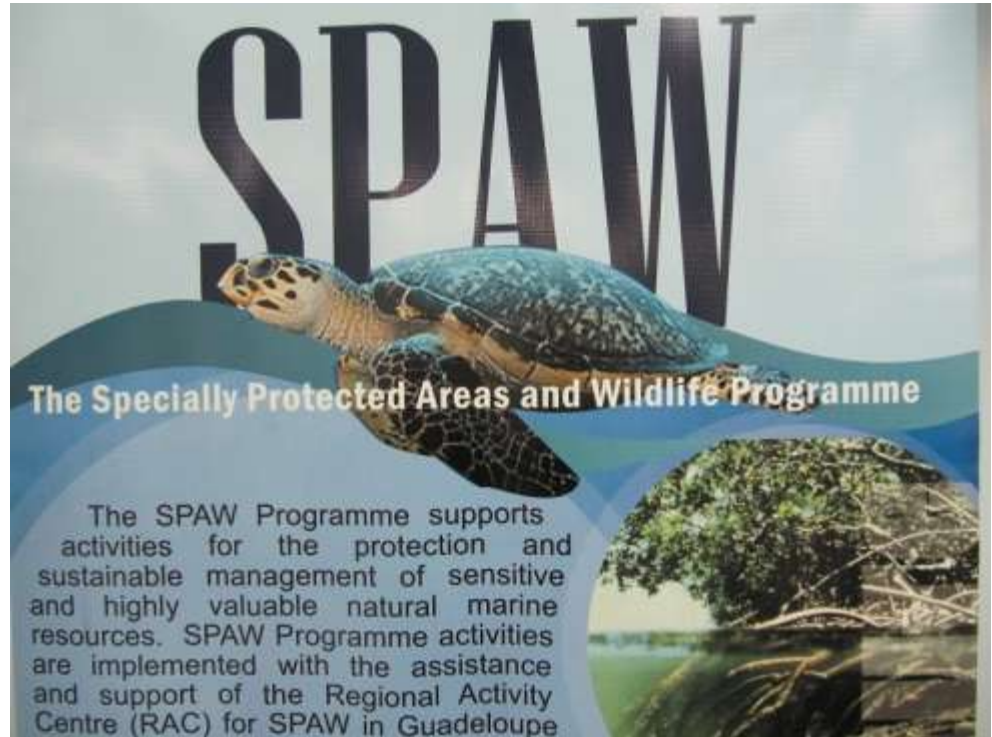
Target 11

- At least 17% of terrestrial and inland water and 10% of coastal and marine areas ... are conserved through effectively and equitably managed ... systems of protected areas



SPAW Protocol

- Take necessary measures to protect, preserve and manage in a sustainable way ... areas that require protection to safeguard their special value and threatened or endangered species of flora and fauna



Caribbean Challenge Initiative

- To effectively conserve and manage at least 20% of the marine and coastal environment by 2020 [including support by fully functioning sustainable finance mechanisms]

The Caribbean Challenge Initiative

An unprecedented
collaboration for a
sustainable Caribbean



Activities and actions in the region

- GEF funding for financially sustainable national protected areas systems
- Designating protected areas and establishing management plans
- Establishment and capitalization of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund and national trust funds



Target 15

- Enhance ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks through conservation and restoration, including restoration of at least 15% of degraded ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation...

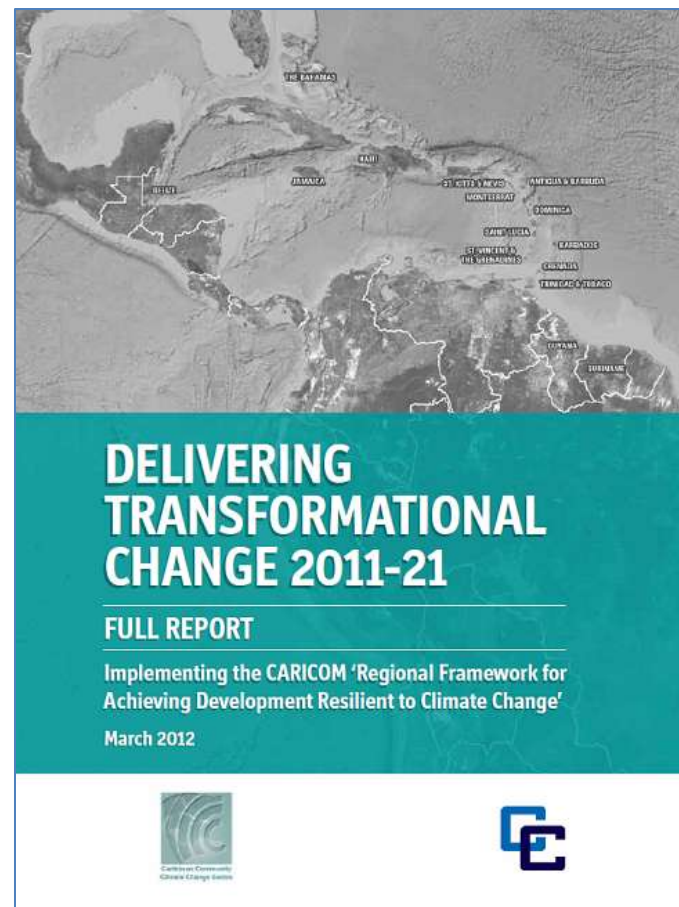


CARICOM Agricultural Policy

- Safeguard[] the aquatic environment from pollutants and hazardous waste, in order to sustain fisheries production and protect fishing communities from the impact of global warming, climate change, and natural disasters.

Implementation Plan for the CARICOM Regional Climate Change Framework

- Use forests to support sustainable development while reducing GHG emissions
- Manage the effects of climate change on coastal and marine areas/resources



Activities and actions in the region

- Mangrove restoration
- Negotiations with international partners to mobilize resources for protection of forests
- Low carbon development strategies
- Mapping of coastal ecosystems, incl. seagrass beds and mangroves to document location, state of health



Thank you!



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