

# Your Ocean = Your Future.

What do you want your ocean to look like? How can we help you get there?

GOAL: Sustainable, profitable, and enjoyable use of ocean resources for this and future generations.

**Blue Halo Concept:** Develop a plan to sustainably manage Barbuda's coastal that:

- Is based on scientific, social, and economic data,
- Heavily engages the community in the planning process,
- Minimizes and negative impact on fishing and coastal livelihoods, and
- Includes sanctuary zones (where fishing does not occur) to restore fish populations and habitats.

# **Program Components**

- 1. Community Survey: Interviews to gather community views on coastal resource management.
- 2. Ecological Assessment: Scientific assessment of Barbuda's key fishery species and habitats.
- 3. Habitat Mapping: Map of key marine habitats developed from high-resolution satellite image.
- 4. Zoning and Mapping Analysis: Integrates data so stakeholders can view, sketch and discuss zoning.
- 5. Legal Analysis: Assessment of current laws and support for developing new laws and policies.
- 6. Local Capacity Building: Training in SCUBA and scientific monitoring for key Barbudan staff.
- 7. Communications: Updates via newspaper, radio, TV, bulletin board, Facebook, and Twitter.
- 8. Enforcement Assessment: Analysis of technologies to help meet enforcement objectives.
- 9. Fisheries Certification: Assistance with ensuring fishers get a good price and accessing new markets.
- 10. Implementation: Resources and a strategy for monitoring, enforcement, and financing.

### Final SUSTAINABLE COASTAL POLICY:

- Comprehensive zoning map (out to 1 league, i.e. 3.45 miles)
- New fisheries management regulations
- Implementation plans for monitoring, enforcement, and financing

# **Potential New Regulations:**

- 1. Require Barbuda Fishing License
- 2. Prohibit catch of parrotfish and urchins
- 3. Prohibit use of nets on the reefs
- 4. Prohibit fishing on spawning aggregations
- 5. Sharks only for traditional use, no export

### **Research Products:**

- Ecological assessment report
- Community survey report
- Maps of ecological and community data
- Legal analysis report
- Enforcement recommendations report
- 6. Conch shells must be discarded on shore
- 7. Require use of escape gaps in fish pots
- 8. Permit required for artificial reefs
- 9. Permit required for harming coastal mangroves
- 10. Establish Barbuda Fisheries and Park Funds

## **Potential Outcomes and Benefits:**

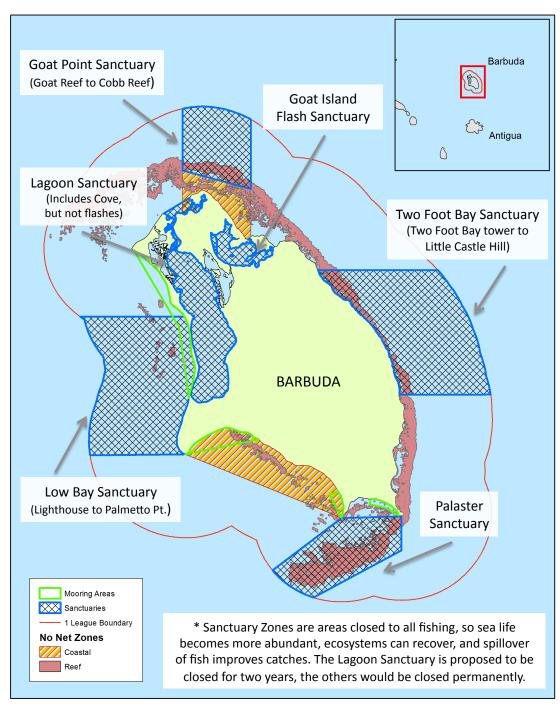
- More fish, lobster, and conch → better catches → improved fishing livelihoods
- Healthier reefs with more coral and less algae → more tourism and job opportunities
- Access to new high-end markets to sell fish → fishers get a good price and have more options
- Build an international reputation as a leader in coastal management → eco-tourism opportunities
- Fishing is sustainable → current and future generations catching and eating lots of fish!

**Collaborating Partners:** The Barbuda Council, Codrington Lagoon National Park, Barbuda Fisheries Division, Office of the Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda, the people of Barbuda, and the Waitt Institute.

Timeline: Planning phase Jan – Dec 2013. Implementation to begin 2014. (Detailed timeline available.)



# DRAFT of Potential Sanctuary\*, Anchoring/Mooring, and No-Net Zones For the Coastal Waters (1 league/3.45 miles from shore) Around Barbuda Prepared by the Barbuda Council with Stakeholder Consultation



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