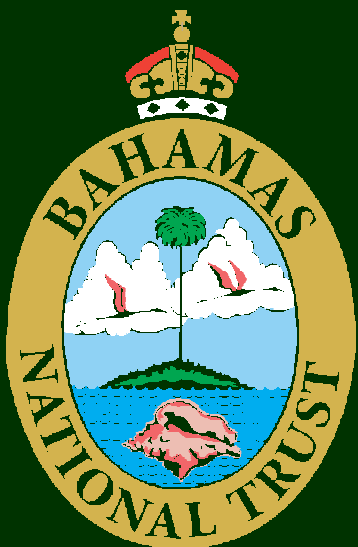




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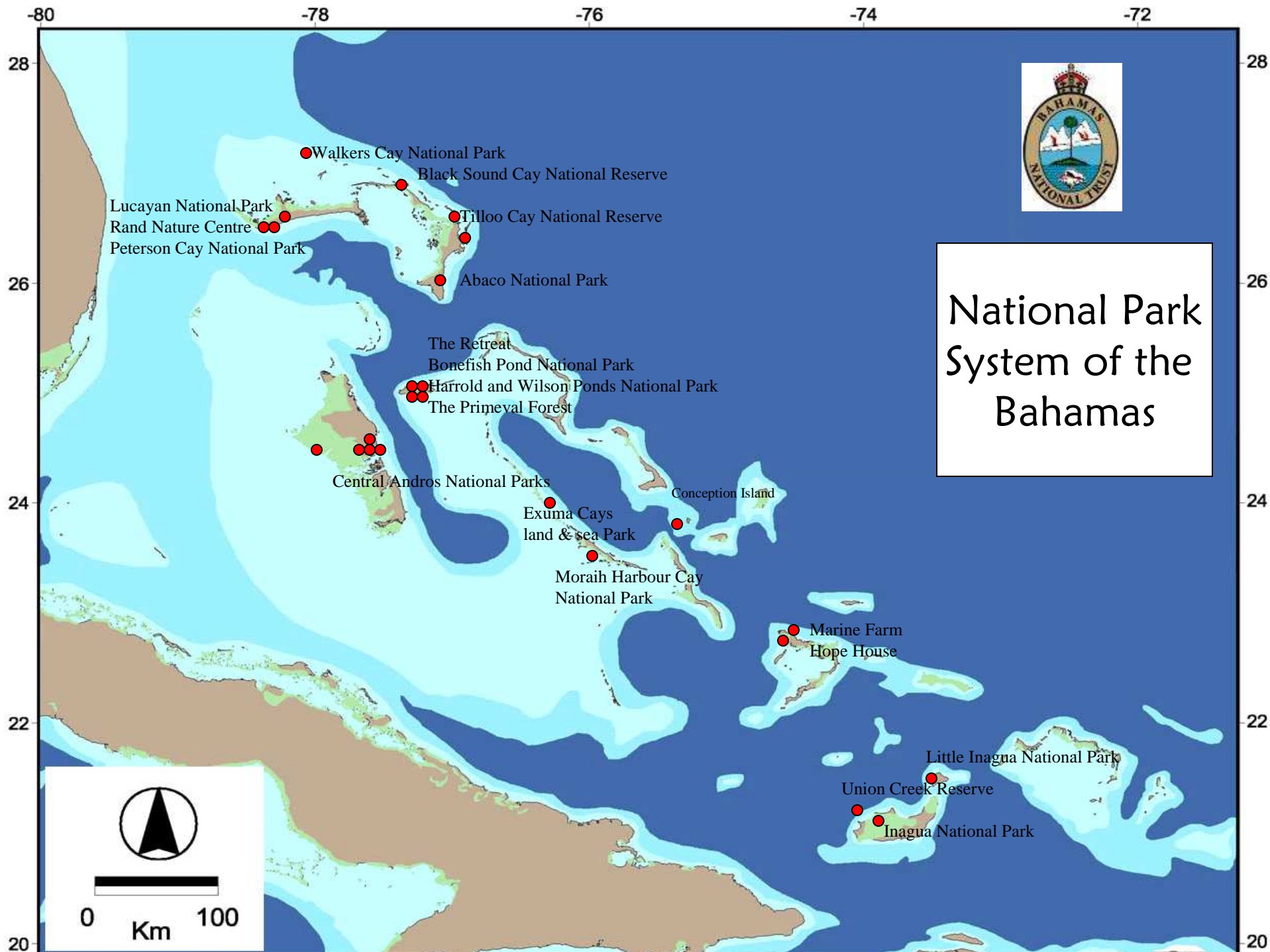


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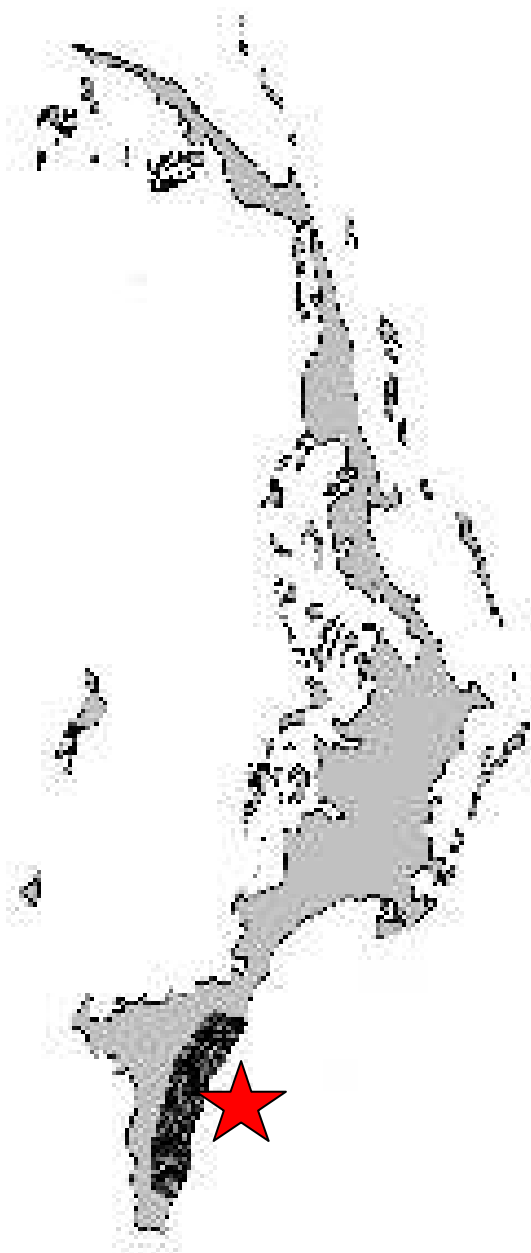
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## A Case Study: The Abaco National Park

**“A Park for the Parrots and People of Abaco”**







Abaco National Park

Scientific Research – 1980's

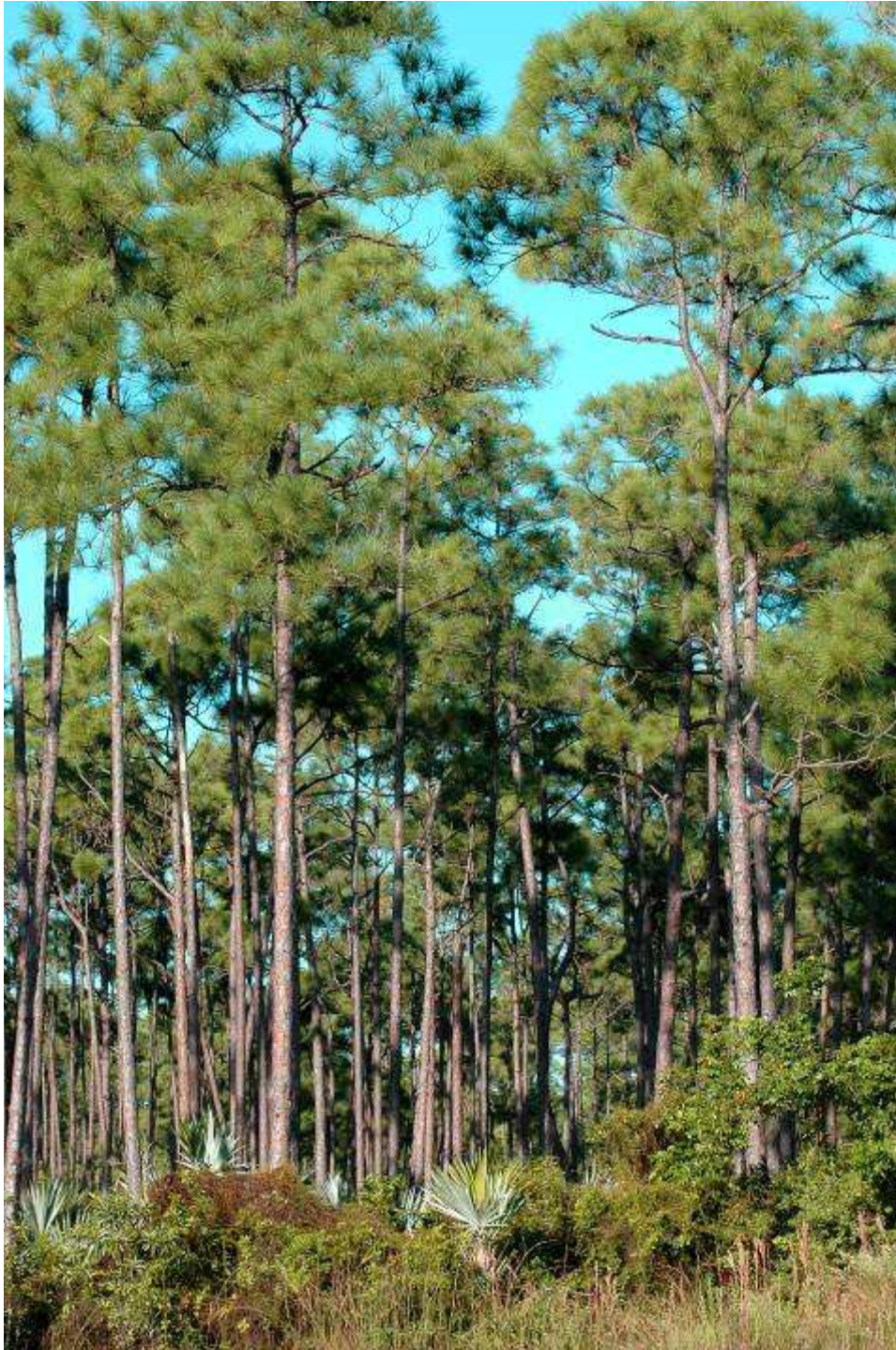
RARE Campaign – 1992

- raised awareness and support for the species by working with the community
- engaging key resource users and stakeholders

Declaration of Park - 1994









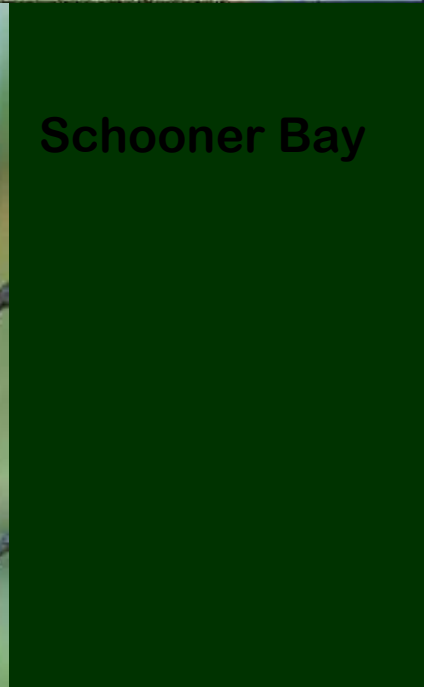






- Loss of Habitat
- Predation by feral cats











## Birding Tours



West Indian Woodpecker

Bahama Yellowthroat



Bahama Swallow



Cuban Emerald Hummingbird

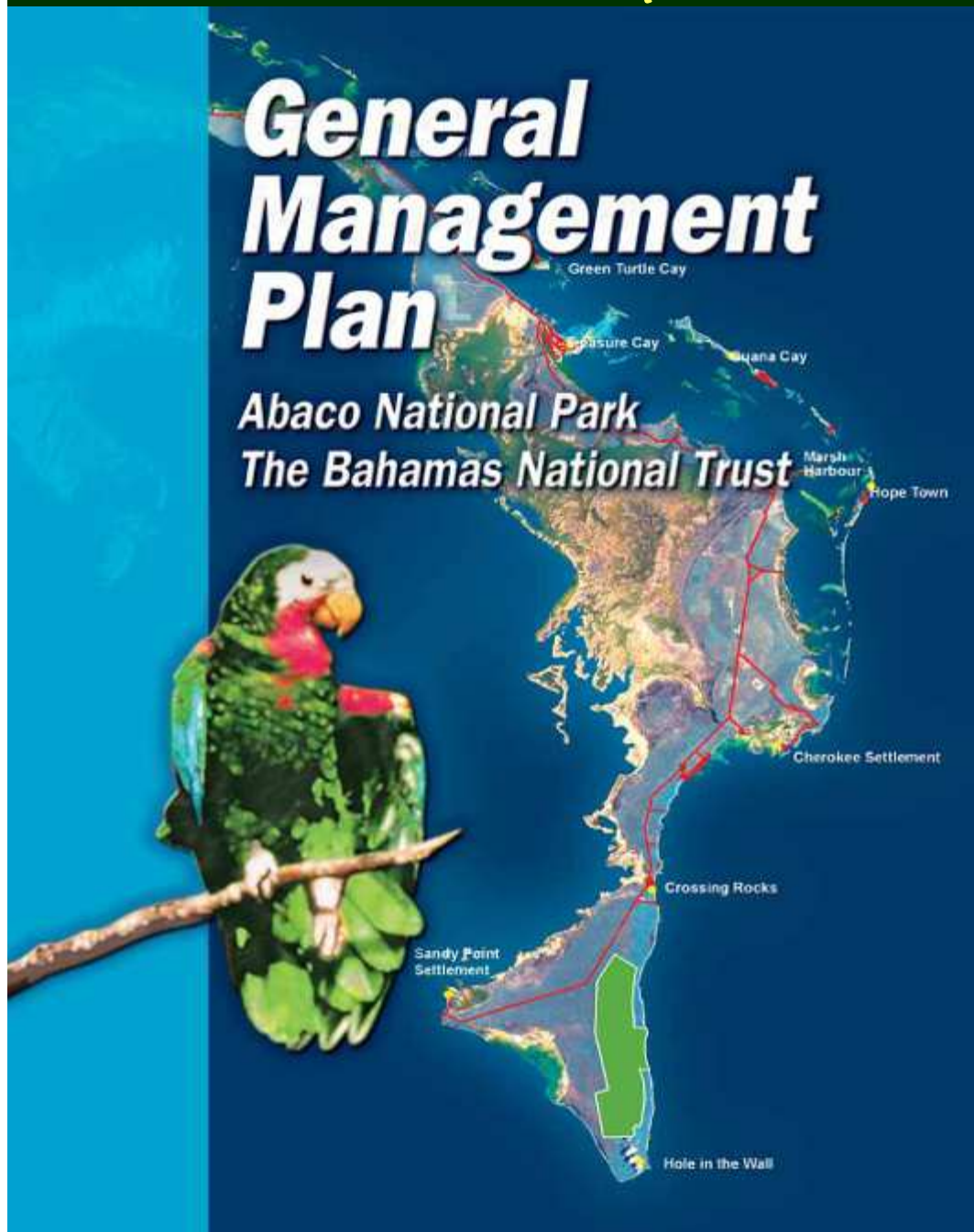


Stripe headed Tananger



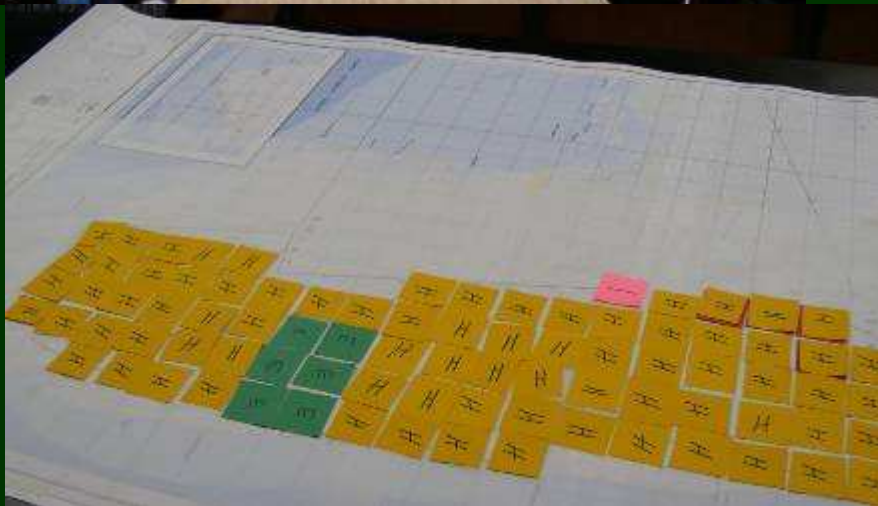


# People and Parrots Project





# People and Parrots Recreational Management Plan





## Abaco Site Support Group





# Results of Protected Area Integration

1. Funding for Parrot Research
2. Parrot Management Plan
3. General Management Planning Process
4. Communities identifying other areas that wanted Protected
  - Community of intense users – hunters/ commercial fishing/ recreational fishing
  - 6th Land and Sea Park in Abaco being declared in Abaco – Fowl Cays



# What is the context for The Bahamas as it relates to PA integration

(including developing a connected network, and mainstreaming PAs;)

- ❖ Ecological Gap Analysis: Marine Reserves/ Proposed NP/ Historic Sites
- ❖ Comprehensive PA System
- ❖ Sustainable Finance Assessment
- ❖ Capacity Assessment



# Where is The Bahamas in the Integration process and what have we already done that can help in this work;

- ✓ Completed all elements of the master plan
- ✓ Valuation of National Park and Services
- ✓ Established suitable time-bound and measurable national and regional level protected area targets and indicators
- ✓ An ecological Gap Assessment of the National Protected Area System
- ✓ The designation of Protected Areas identified through national or regional gap analysis
- ✓ Scientific forum to collect relevant scientific information gathered over the years by scientists working in The Bahamas and then determined how best to apply this information for decision making purposes.

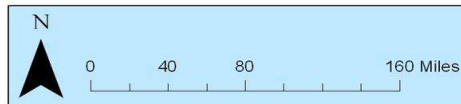


**Bahamas-wide MARXAN Results**  
(BLM 1.5, Strata, 10% CBD goal, PA locked in)



**Legend**

- National Parks
- Bahamas wide MARXAN Results
- Land



**Financial Gap for the ten year  
Time frame is \$93 million**





# What are some early indications of key issues in PA integration?

- Funding - 93 million \$\$\$!!!!!!
- Human Resources
- Compatibility of economic development and natural resource policies
  - Schooner Bay Development -as an example how we are beginning to change this
- Legal Environment – laws and judicial system
- Layout and design of existing protected areas – Buffer zones

## 4) What are next steps

### CHANGES TO

1. protection levels
2. Management practices within protected areas
3. Laws & Policies
4. Sectoral Policies
5. Enabling Environment
6. The physical environment





Questions?