

Regional Planning Meeting for the MAR Fish Project

April 11 and 12, 2019,
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Guatemala.



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General Objective of the workshop:

Develop the Action Plan for the MAR Fish project for the total period (3 years), with a focus on the first 18 months.



Specific Objectives of the workshop:

- Plan all activities, budget, stakeholders involved, timeline and indicators for the project.
- Discuss and finalize the proposal for Summit foundation.
- Consider all fundraising prospects for the future.

ACTION PLANS: Focus & Prioritize

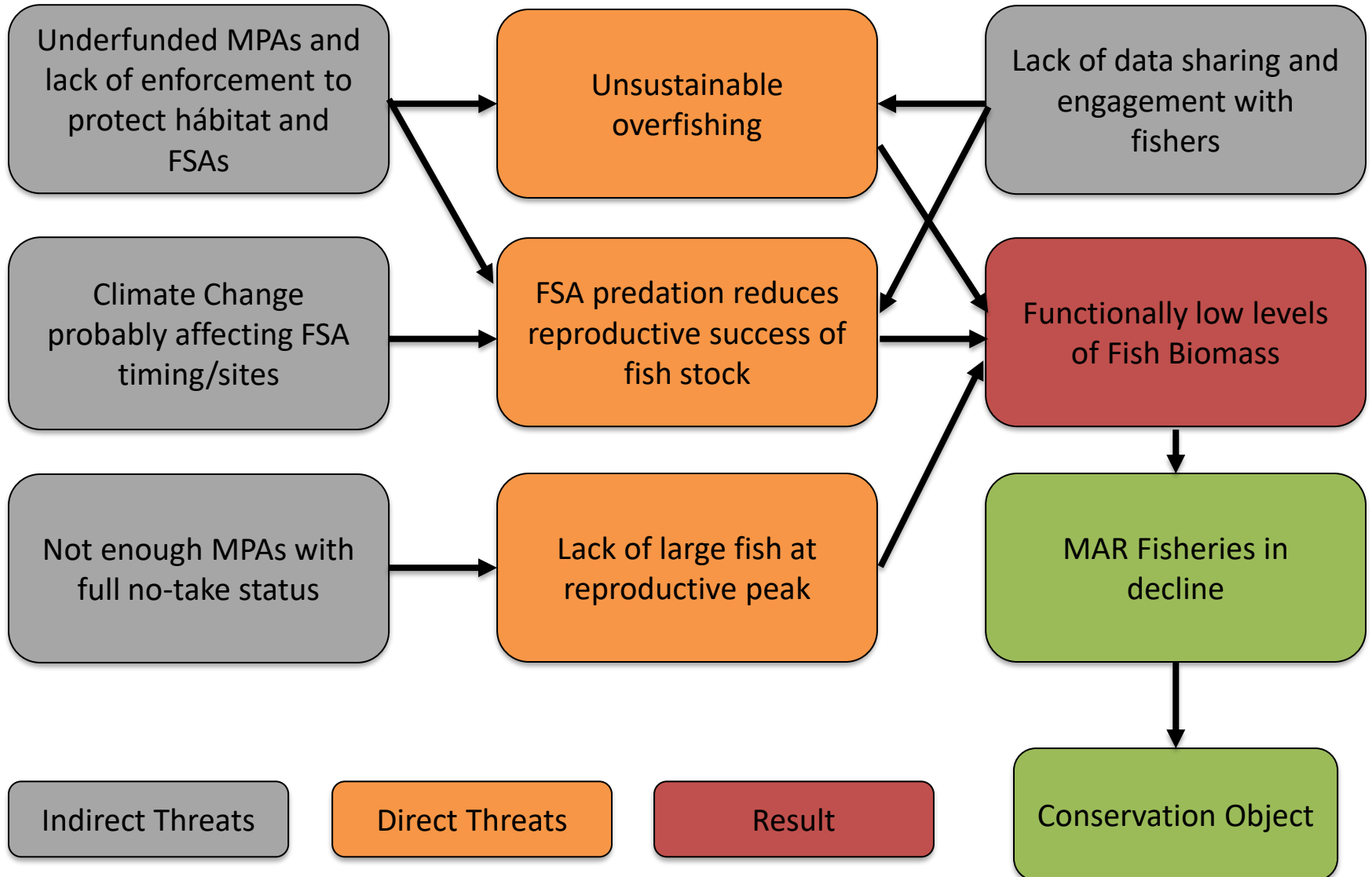


Objectives of the Project:

1. Obtain legal recognition and management of Cayman Crown in Guatemala and Belize, a newly discovered aggregation area.
2. Promote participatory monitoring of a network of sentinel spawning areas in the four Mesoamerican reef countries.



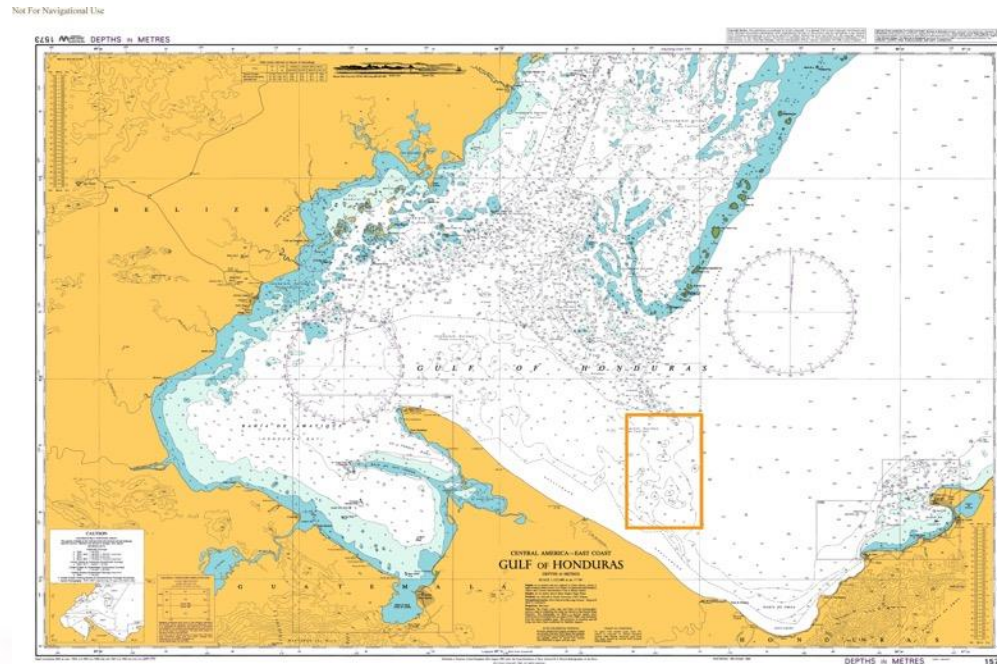
Problem Statement



Expected outcome Component 1: The Cayman Crown spawning aggregation site is legally recognized and managed in Belize and Guatemala

Expected results:

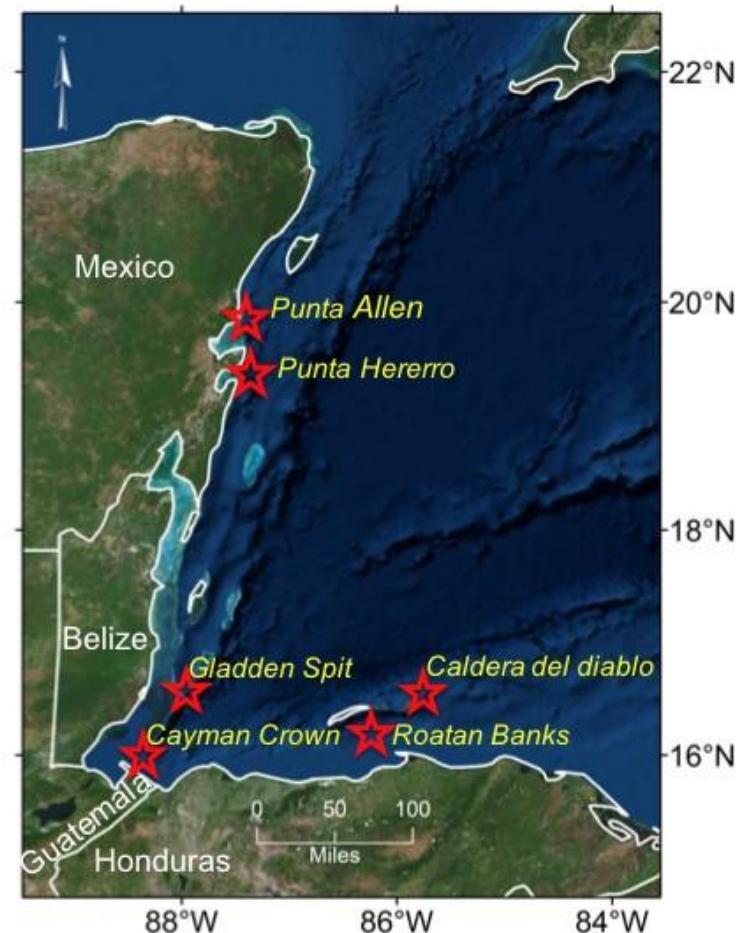
1. Acquired knowledge on Cayman Crown allows to fully document the request for protected area creation
2. Cayman Crown Protected Areas Declaration in Belize and Guatemala is on track (or done)
3. Funding mechanisms for CC are established



Expected outcome Component 2: a monitoring network of 7 sentinel spawning sites is operational and supports the protection of a regional network of multi-species spawning aggregations

Expected results:

1. Observation network and protocols are validated
2. The people in charge of monitoring are trained
3. Data collected and analyzed provides information on the status of FSA and their responses to climate change



Expected outcome Component 3: Fostering the social acceptability and support for protecting spawning aggregations

Expected results:

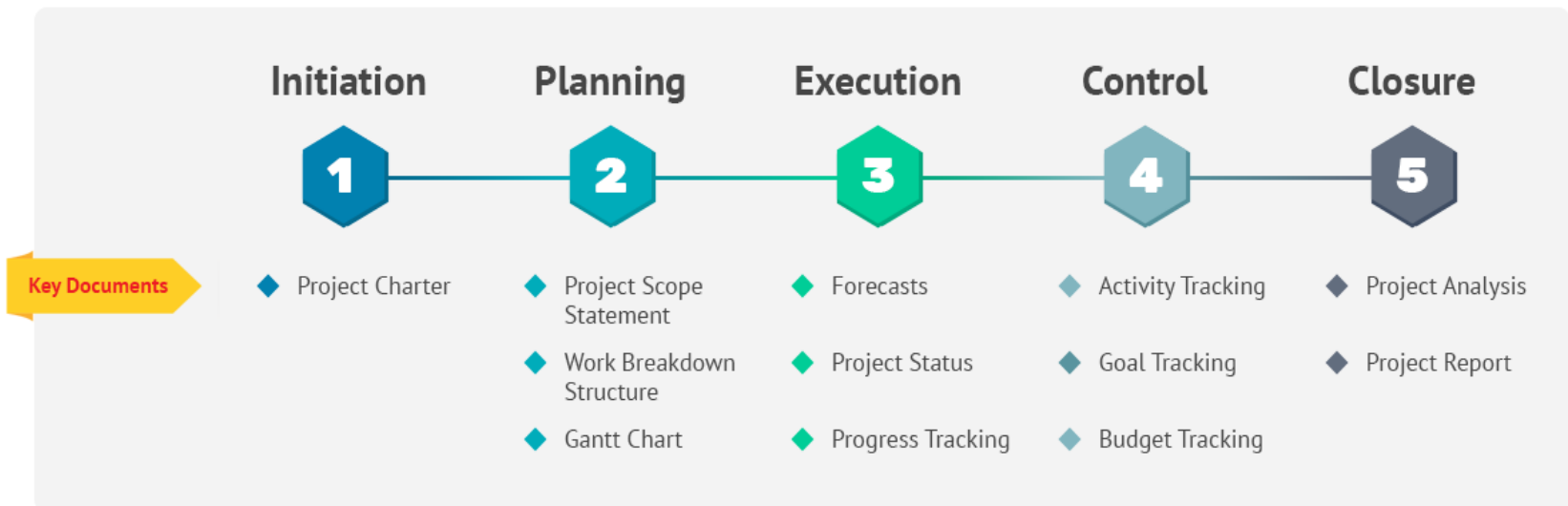
1. The communication campaign makes it possible to establish links between the actors
2. Community development activities compensate for lost income



Expected outcome Component 4: A rigorous project management facilitates concerted decisions and ability to adapt to unforeseen circumstances

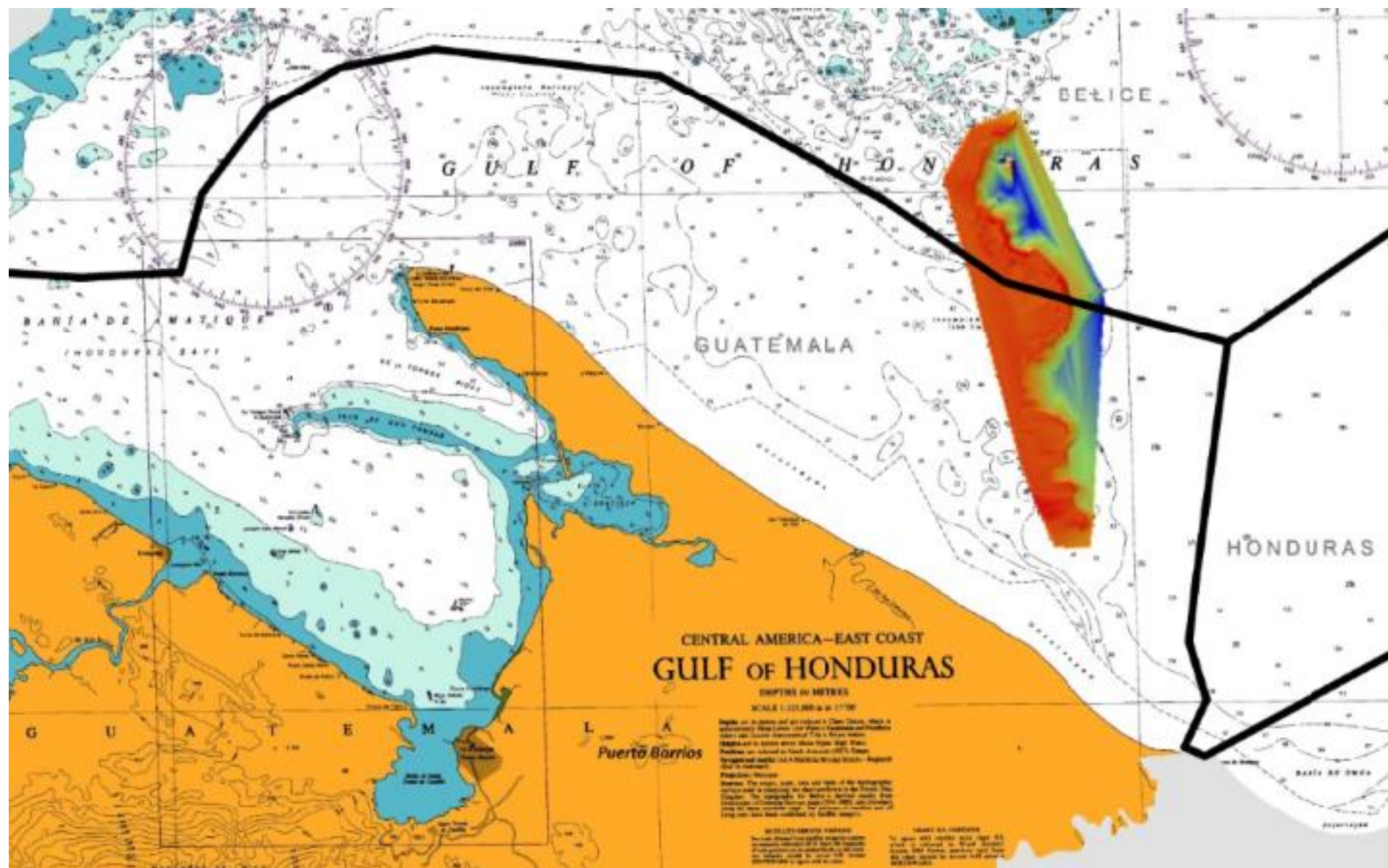
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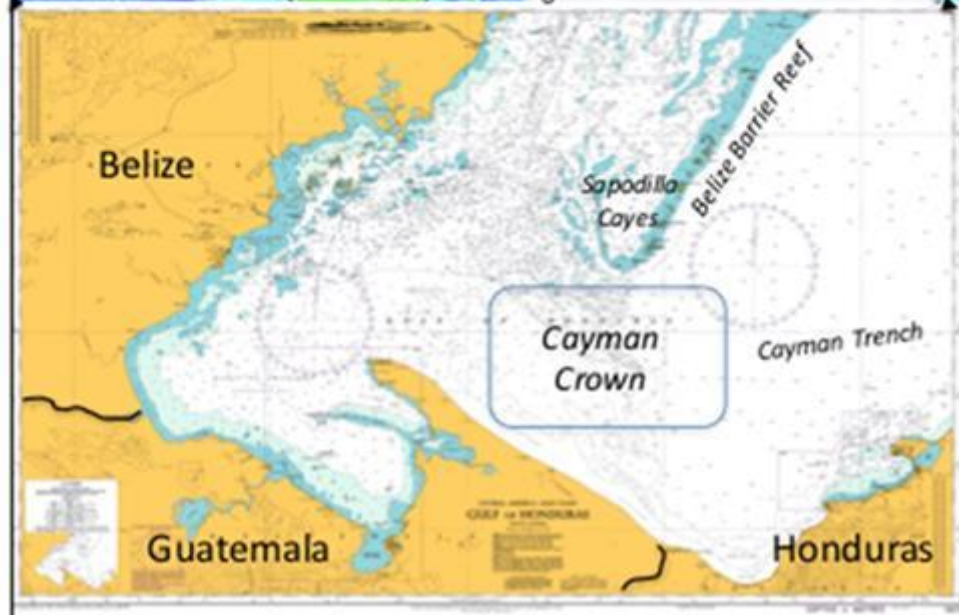
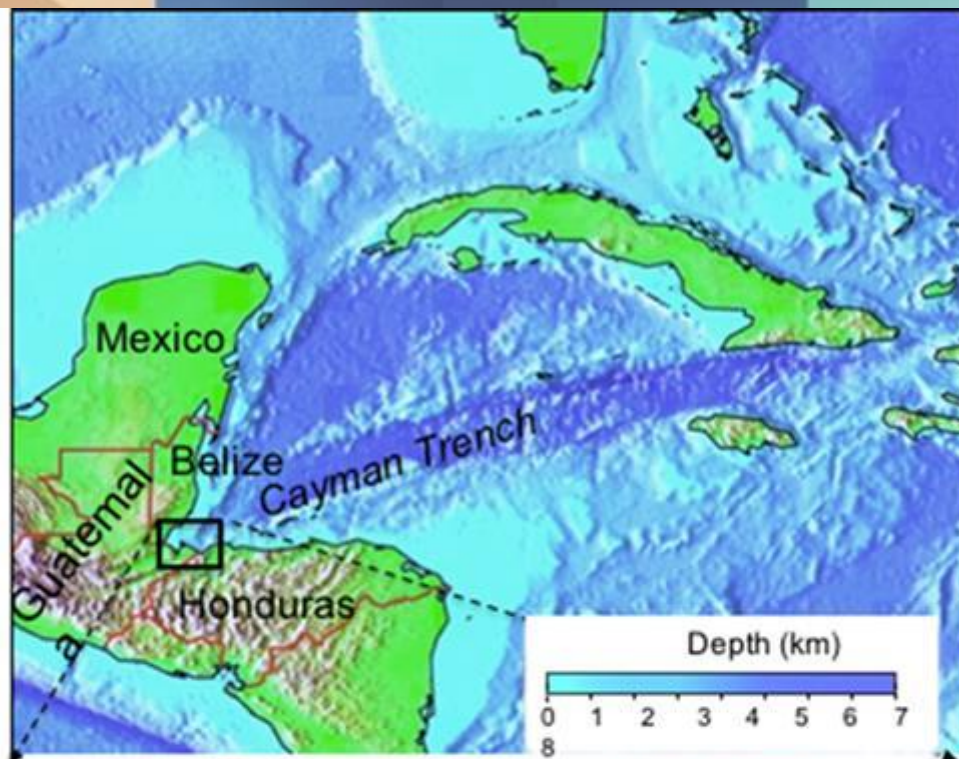
1. The project is well-managed



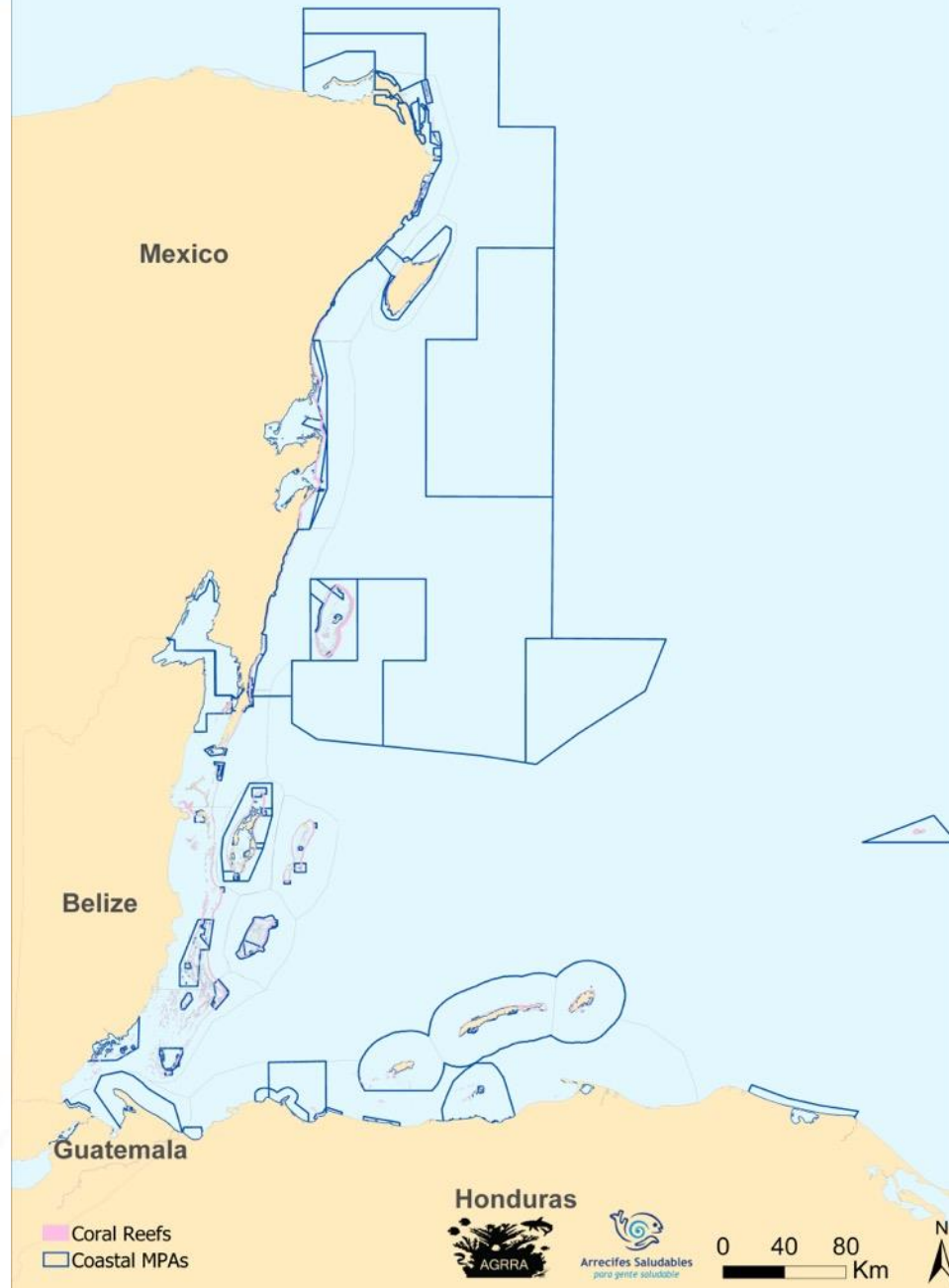








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Country	Partners	Site	Characteristics of the site
Mexico	COBI	Punta Allen	2 aggregations sites classified as fish refuges: Punta San Juan and Niche Habin
	COBI	Punta Herrero	El Faro site, fish refuge area, co-managed with the fishing cooperative of Punta Allen
Belize	Southern Environmental Association (SEA)	Gladden Spit	One of the most important multi-species sites in the region. Protected area; regulated opening to fishing during the spawning period
	HRI et TIDE	Cayman Crown	Still unknown
Guatemala	HRI et FUNDAECO	Cayman Crown	Still unknown
Honduras	HRI, CORAL, AMATELA, Tela Marine Research Center	Punta Sal, Tela	Tela Bay Marine Wildlife Refuge, 5 likely aggregation sites including 4 of groupers (to be validated). This site is subject to fishing pressure from Utila fishermen and residents of Tela. The site is monitored remotely due to low visibility and rough water.
	CORAL, HRI, Roatan Marine Park (RMP), Bay Islands Conservation Association (BICA)	Roatan Banks, Cayos Cochinos	Strong fishing pressure by fishermen from Utila, Roatan and Guanaja (large vessels due to strong currents and the high seas)

[1] Other potential sites: Santa Elena, Cordelia Banks, Texas/Western Bank, Roatan