

PROTECTION OF MARITIME RESOURCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA III PROJECT (PHASE III)

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OBJECTIVE

Conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in and between targeted coastal marine protected areas (CMPAs) of the Mesoamerican Reef System (MAR).

AMMOUNT

€ 13,000,000

GRANTEES AND AREA OF IMPLEMENTATION

Managers and co-managers of the CMPAs of the MAR (Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras).

EXPECTED RESULTS

RESULT 1. The CMPAs have better conditions for the conservation of their natural resources.

RESULT 2. Measures implemented for the sustainable use of the natural resources of CMPAs with the participation of the local population.

RESULT 3. Strengthened cooperation among key stakeholders for biodiversity conservation in the MAR.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Phase III has conducted two calls for proposals. The first focused on the 14 CMPAs prioritized in the second regional exercise of 2016. The second call was open to all CMPAs within the MAR, except those selected in the first call, and required that proposals be submitted by at least two CMPAs.

In total, 20 projects have been approved, supporting 31 areas, with funding ranging from US\$350,000 to US \$750,000 per project.

The projects include activities for the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and focus on defined priority ecosystems and resources: mangroves, seagrasses, coral reefs, and fisheries.

They also include activities that strengthen cooperation among key actors for the conservation of MAR biodiversity, such as exchanges and collaborations with other CMPAs.

The project implementation period is 24 to 36 months.

MAR Fund is responsible for the project's execution and operation. To this end, the Project Implementation Unit (UEP in Spanish) was created, consisting of a coordinator, two project officers, an administrative assistant, and focal points based in the coastal zone of each of the implementing countries.

In addition to the projects implemented in the CMPA, MAR Fund, in coordination with the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD), facilitates periodic meetings and exchange events among CMPAs to share lessons learned.



ELEGIBILITY

Eligible activities for funding include, among others:

- Design, standardization, strengthening, and/or equipping of biodiversity monitoring programs
- Non-recurring control and surveillance measures
- Ecosystem restoration
- Ecological connectivity
- Sustainable fishing
- Design and establishment of fish replenishment zones
- Low-impact tourism
- Market activities based on the sustainable use of natural resources
- Capacity building for people involved in CMPA management
- Management effectiveness evaluation
- Financial sustainability mechanisms for CMPAs
- Natural resource use plans with the local population
- Community participation to promote the sustainable use of natural resources in the MAR



Photo: Judith Morales

SYSTEMS AND MECHANISMS



ONLINE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PMS)

Allows the user to register, submit concept notes and project proposals required to participate in the calls for proposals, follow up on their evaluation (which is carried out by an external committee), and submit the technical and financial reports required during the execution of the approved projects.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ESMS)

MAR Fund implements measures and actions to ensure that the Project is executed in accordance with the KfW Sustainability Guidelines. The measures include the implementation of MAR Fund's 10 ESMS safeguards and the Project's Environmental and Social Commitment Plan. The risks associated with the submitted proposals are assessed and mitigation and, if necessary, compensatory measures are developed and set out in an Environmental and Social Action Plan.



GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

MAR Fund and the Project's grantees have their own grievance mechanisms, which are monitored every month. To file a complaint or grievance about the Project visit: marfund.org/en/esms/

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