

PROJECT PROTECTION OF MARITIME RESOURCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA III (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 is implemented through two calls for proposals: the first, aimed at the 14 CMPAs from the second regional prioritization exercise (2016), and the second, aimed at all CMPAs in the MAR, with the exception of the areas whose proposals were selected in the first call.

Both calls for proposals have two funding lines:

1. CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE MAR.

2. SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE MAR NATURAL RESOURCES.

Proposals may include activities from both funding lines and should focus on the priority ecosystems and resources which are: mangroves, seagrasses, coral reefs, and fisheries.

Proponents will be encouraged to include activities that strengthen cooperation among key stakeholders for the conservation of the MAR biodiversity, including exchanges and collaborations with other CMPAs.

In the first call for proposals, 12 projects were approved for amounts ranging from US\$350,000 to US\$750,000, and in the second call for proposals projects will be financed for amounts ranging from US\$350,000 to US\$518,000.

The minimum project implementation period is 24 months and the maximum is 36 months.

The execution and operation of the Project is the responsibility of MAR Fund. To this end, the Project Implementing Unit (PIU) 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.

Complementary to the projects implemented in the CMPAs, MAR Fund, in coordination with the Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD, by its acronym in Spanish), will organize periodic meetings and exchange events between CMPAs to share lessons learned.



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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



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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 (ESCAP). 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 (ESAP).



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: <https://marfund.org/en/esms/>

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