



WISE USE OF CARIBBEAN WETLANDS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION OF THEIR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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Land use changes in the Caribbean have led to ecosystem degradation as well as the loss of biological diversity and ecosystem services. This is also true of the Caribbean wetlands, which urgently require effective policies for sustainable use and management. The project is therefore carrying out vulnerability assessments for selected Ramsar Sites and providing regional governments with the additional know-how they need to avoid negative changes to their wetlands. The results of these assessments as well as the implementation of integrated coastal zone management and maritime spatial planning will lead to improvements in legislation and regulation. Planning and management tools will also be integrated to improve the management of Caribbean wetlands. The assessments of vulnerability to climate change provide examples that can also be applied to other Ramsar Sites. The same applies to the implementation of integrated coastal zone management, monitoring and other insights.

State of implementation/results

- The project is in the starting phase of implementation. The main activities have been focused on virtual meetings with the implementing partners to discuss the project objectives and outcomes.
- A side event has been organized by the Ramsar Secretariat to take place on the 4th November 2021 at the UNFCCC COP26 on the importance of investing in wetlands for climate change where the contribution of the project will be highlighted.

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Antigua und Barbuda, Belize, Dominikanische Republik (Dom Rep), Grenada, Jamaika, Kuba, St. Lucia, Suriname

Implementing organisation:

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) - Switzerland

Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Housing and the Environment - Antigua and Barbuda
- Ministry of Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, Disaster Management and Information - Grenada*
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- Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development (MFFSD) - Belize
- Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment (CITMA) - Cuba
- Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change - Jamaica

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