



CLME+ Project
Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems

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TERMINAL EVALUATION REPORT - Rating and Recommendations

CATALYZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF SHARED LIVING MARINE RESOURCES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND
NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS (CLME+)



Catalyzing implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf LME's

TERMINAL EVALUATION PRELIMINARY FINDINGS shared at last PSC Meeting:

- Provided an outline of initial recommendations and conclusions
- [Final report](#) submitted on 31st of March 2021

PROJECT OVERALL RATING: SATISFACTORY

Evaluation Ratings

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Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)	Rating
M&E design at entry	Highly Satisfactory
M&E Plan Implementation	Highly Satisfactory
Overall Quality of M&E	Highly Satisfactory

Meeting reports and preparatory documents, including PSC, can be considered best practice:

Implementing Agency (IA) / Implementation & Executing Agency (EA) Execution	Rating
Quality of UNDP Implementation/Oversight	Satisfactory
Quality of Implementing Partner Execution	Satisfactory
Overall quality of Implementation/Execution	Satisfactory

- See full report for some main findings on each of the categories

Evaluation Ratings

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Assessment of Outcomes	Rating
Relevance	Highly Satisfactory
Effectiveness	Satisfactory
Efficiency	Satisfactory
Overall Project Outcome Rating	Satisfactory

Sustainability	Rating
Financial Resources	Moderately Likely
Socio-political	Likely
Institutional Frameworks and governance	Likely
Environmental	Highly Likely
Overall Likelihood of Sustainability	Moderately Likely

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Sustainability depends primarily on the results of the ongoing process of internalization by countries and IGOs



Recommendations from the Independent TE

- CLME+ entrusted **regional IGOs and CSOs** with the **formulation of plans, strategies, policy reforms and governance mechanisms and tools** called for in the **SAP**, and **delegated their approval/adoption** to their governance bodies and processes 👍
- **However, the role of countries should not be underestimated**
- In order to facilitate **country ownership**, and the **internalization of project outputs**, **future efforts should consider expanding the direct role of countries in project execution**, and putting in place ***effective communication mechanisms with and within countries***, streamlined and implemented according to ad hoc protocols.



PCU comment: draw parallel with transition from ICM (IGO's only) to the new Coordination Mechanism (IGO's + countries, countries = Steering Group)

Recommendations from the Independent TE

- **Aligning marine and coastal environmental protection and sustainable approaches to wild capture fisheries is a key aspect of the blue economy and an innovative contribution of the CLME+ project that should be broadly replicated.**
- Despite efforts on EBM of fisheries, strengthen RFB's fight against IUU fishing, and support more biodiversity friendly fishing practices, the **transition from wild capture fisheries, to “fish farming” and the creation of alternative livelihoods for fisherfolks have not received noticeable attention.**
- The promotion of **sustainable aquaculture** should be a relevant part of **future efforts**
- Need for **broadening the partnership to include multilateral development banks** (CAF, CDB, IDB, The World Bank) and **other potential multilateral and bilateral donors** - could be beneficial for SAP implementation.

Recommendations from the Independent TE

- Project execution modalities have proven successful, and could serve as example for other multi-country projects. Two elements worth noting:
 - the strong PCU, established by UNOPS
 - the Project Executive Group, tasked with monitoring of progress, coordination, coherence.
- The use of virtual meetings and interactions in response to COVID-19 allowed engagement with stakeholders in countries that had not been originally planned for.
- A project executing partner (GCFI) produced an outstanding strategic document: *“Science and Research serving effective ocean governance in the wider Caribbean Region”*. Similar studies should guide all efforts to implement the EAF/EBM approaches.