
**IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CARIBBEAN**

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The participants identify the major roles and functions within a Gap Assessment process, and then they identified the institutions, agencies or organizations which could cover such functions (See attached spreadsheet). In addition, major findings and conclusions were identified as follows:

1. In most of the participant countries, there are roles and functions with no identified specific stakeholders.
2. For some of the roles more than one stakeholder were identified.
3. There are some regional entities like OPAAL who can participate in multiple countries covering one or more roles.
4. It is mandatory to distribute work and responsibilities among the country's stakeholders considering the strong restraints of time and funding to accomplish the Gap assessment.
5. Should be important to consider the use of existing databases already generated by stakeholders.
6. From the early beginning of the process, it is important to include key stakeholders which could play an essential role in implementation if they feel ownership of the process.

Roles/ Functions/ Activities	Bahamas	Dominica	Jamaica	Puerto Rico	St. Kitts	St Vincent/ Grenadines
Process coordination	BNT/BEST	Ministry of Agriculture/ ECU				
Demarcation/ Boundaries delineation of PAs	BNT/ Government of Bahamas	Land & Survey	NEPA / Forestry Department	Surveyors Division DNER/ Land Authority	APP & E	Lands and Surveys Department
Species identification/ Expert review for each species		Forestry Division / Fisheries Division / Regional & International Universities / TNC	NEPA / UWI/ Institute of Jamaica	Academia/ Wildlife biologists		

Terrestrial biodiversity information collection		Forestry Division / Agriculture Division	NEPA, IOJ/ UWI			Forestry Department/ TNC
Data collection on hydrology, freshwater biodiversity		Fisheries Division / Forestry Division / DONASCO Experts	NEPA, IOJ/ UWI	NGOs / DNER data / International Society of Wildlife	OPAAL Eastern Caribbean	
Data on marine biodiversity	D. Mar. Resources (DMR)/COB	Fisheries Division	NEPA, IOJ/ UWI	DNER-Fish Lab / Fishery Association / NOAA		Fisheries Division/ TNC
Field data collection and validation/ Research	COB/DMR/ DOA	Forestry Division / NGOs / CBO / Fisheries Experts / TNC				
Mapping / Modeling species range maps / Establish vegetative associations / Terrestrial mapping	BNGISC/TNC/ BNT	Lands & Surveys Physical Planning / Forestry / NGOs	Fisheries Division / IOJ (Institute of Jamaica) NEPA, UWI	Planning board / Heritage Program / US Forest Service	DPP & Environment	Forestry Department
Monitoring / Monitoring indicators / Monitoring effectiveness / Effective planning and monitoring	COB/BEST/ BNT	Forestry NGO / Agriculture Universities			NICE	
Policy development	BNT/BEST	ECU / Ministry of Agriculture	NEPA / Ministry for Environment		Ministry of Sustainable Development, Government	
Funding/ Financing	MoFinance/ TNC/BNT	Ministry of Finance/ External Funding	GOJ (State)/ Donors/ Private sector	Federal grants/ State tourism tax, State share/ Private sector/ Donors/ NGOs	International funding agencies	
Data quality analysis / Data analysis and processing						
Public awareness	BNT/BREFF/M OE/NGOs	GIS/ Newspapers/ Radio/ TV	NEPA/ IOJ/ Forestry Department		NICE	Ministry of Forestry, etc, Media
Buffer zone establishment	Physical Planning Dept/Local Gov. Dept.	Forestry Division/ Lands & Surveys/ Physical Planning/ WEF/ ECU				

Boundaries modification	BNT/ L & Survey	Lands & Surveys Physical Planning / Forestry / NGOs	NEPA/ Forestry	DNER/ Planning Board		
Consultancy work	BNT/DMR/OPM/Community NGO's				OPAAL	
Design of new protected areas/ Declaration of new protected areas		Lands & Surveys / Ministry of Agriculture / Fisheries		PRPB	APP & Environment, government Ministry	Government Cabinet
Land administrators interviews			NEPA	Gap personnel		Lands and Surveys Department
Land acquisition evaluation/ Purchase of land	BNT/TNC/Government of Bahamas	Forestry Division/ Lands & Surveys/ NGOs/ TNC		DNER/ NGOs (PRCT, CDK)/ Private Sector		