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

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1. *What have you done and what are your plans for doing comprehensive system-wide assessment?*

a. Capacity

- i. National capacity assessment has already been done but this was not a good assessment of strengths and weaknesses in protected areas management because it focused too generally on capacity in relation to the implementation of three conventions, including the Biodiversity Convention. Unfortunately the details of capacity to implement the conventions were not analysed e.g. NEPA's role and its capacity to fulfill it were not addressed. This now needs to be done in more detail such as how to define the roles of the various implementing agencies. The exercise should identify priority areas for intervention e.g. critical gaps in terms of implementation of protected areas management and how to fill them. The National Capacity Assessment identified important gaps such as resource valuation and invasive species management. A project was developed for resource valuation but not for invasive species because a regional project is already under development.
- ii. Institutional self assessment has been completed for NGOs. The tool does not work well for government agencies.
- iii. Protected Areas Scorecard
Site consolidation scorecards for PiP sites were completed between 2003-5 for all NGO managed/potentially managed/declared areas? This process included the NGOs identifying limiting factors. The results were reviewed by biodiversity. A comparable process for Government is needed.

2. *What specific barriers are being faced in terms of getting acceptance of PAMP?*

- a. Lack of political will – this will be addressed by sectoral teams and liaison with key persons
- b. Lack of awareness of contribution of protected areas to national development – we need to have someone/materials that can share this information with decision-makers. A meeting or series of meetings with key people including Minister of Development Colin Campbell and the Minister of Tourism as their agencies are driving development often with little consideration of the long-term environmental costs. The best way of doing this is to engage a need a recognized champion. A suitable person has been identified by NEPA.
- c. Gaps on in data re government capacity: this will be addressed though processed described below.
- d. In preparation for the management effectiveness exercise it will be necessary to compile the specific data listed above
 - i. TNC – will compile biological data into a suitable format

- ii. Management assessment – an intern could collate and do some basic data collection where necessary. TOR will be developed in conjunction with Jaime. This can be done by email and conference calls.
Next steps
 - iii. Need to identify capacity needs for administration (all supporting activities) and management (conservation results) of PAs and to prepare for insertion into RPAM. To do this we need to clarify the respective roles of government and NGOs in PA management. Need to look at capacity gaps in the Protected Area Branch and other supporting sections of NEPA and how to address them. Carmen (from TNC) will assist with this process. The process that is used should be closely integrated with site assessment score card process. Are there tools that can be adapted? We need to assess capacity of partners that are not usually considered e.g. JDF and private land holders. We could use model from Mexico and Guatemala (RPAM plus for management – Jaime will send copies to Jamaica.
- e. Preparation for RPAM
- i. Need to define scope and objectives of RPAM and decide tool. This needs to be done between now and September. Someone needs to review the methodologies and look for best fit and gaps.
 - ii. Guidance for working groups to establish baseline, establish thresholds for accomplishment for selected indicators
- f. Threats data need to be reviewed within and outside PAs
- g. Prioritize existing PAs by biological significance and modified based on feasibility. This will help to streamline the workshop.
- h. Biological info is being developed by TNC and needs to be packaged to support this process
- i. Summary of next steps towards the Management Assessment – by September 2006
 - ii. Preparation for workshop (see above)
 - iii. Jaime and Carmen will come in September for 2 days to train the trainers
 - iv. This will be followed by a 2 day workshop with major stakeholders

3. How to integrate the 4 pillars?

This process is already fully integrated into the work plan for the Protected Area Master Plan which is scheduled to produce a document to go to cabinet in December 2006.

