

National ocean strategies/policies and enhanced alignment of ECROP

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Jonathan McCue (via Sustainable Seas Ltd)	Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia, SVG and St Kitts	275,000	50%	1	OECS	World Bank	Jan 2019 to Dec 2019	Howell Marine Consulting Ltd

Detailed description of project

National governments participants in the Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project (CROP), as endorsers of the regional ocean policy or ECROP, have also initiated their trajectory towards developing and/or enhancing their own ocean policies and strategies in support of strengthened ocean governance and the realization of the blue economy. St Vincent and the Grenadines, for example, has developed a National Ocean Policy (NOP) in close connection to the country's National Economic and Social Development Plan 2013 – 2025. Likewise, St Kitts and Nevis has also completed its NOP in 2013. By contrast, while Saint Lucia, Grenada, and Dominica each have overall development strategies and ocean related visions and/or objectives, no formal NOP yet exists for these member states

The objective of this consultancy was to support the OECS Commission in the development of national ocean strategies/policies for 5 Member States (Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Dominica and SVG) and the enhancement of the Eastern Caribbean Regional Ocean Policy (ECROP) to align with the 2030 Agenda and other similar multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) of relevance.

The project required the services of the JV partnership (SSL and HMC) to undertake targeted training and sensitization of decision-makers in the OECS Region for the development and implementation of Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning plus to outline strategic recommendations for conducting South-South exchanges to address integrated ocean governance .

Type of services provided

SSL (as a JV partner to Howell Marine Consulting Ltd) were employed to Team Lead the project and to help produce the final outputs as follows:

- A) Baseline assessment of national policies and policy delivery capacity for national priorities, consistent with the regional policy framework .
- B) Development of national policy vision, goals and objectives for each respective country through engagement of stakeholders in each participating country.
- C) Development of new national ocean policies and strategies for Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Dominica in consultation with respective National Ocean Governance Committee and further stakeholder consultation.
- D) Enhancement of existing national ocean policies and strategies for St. Kitts and Nevis as well as for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, both aligning with the 2030 agenda and the enhanced ECROP.
- E) Alignment of ECROP with the 2030 Development Agenda and updated multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) relevant to developing countries, in particular SIDS