

Anguilla Blue Economy – a Rapid Assessment

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
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Detailed description of project					Type of services provided			
<p>The Commonwealth Secretariat through its Ocean Governance and Natural Resources Advisory Division (ONR) is assisting the Government of Anguilla in the application of blue economy principles towards the development of an Ocean Policy. As a small island nation, Anguilla relies heavily on the marine environment to support its economic development and livelihoods. In recognition of the importance of the marine environment, Anguilla, with the assistance of the United Kingdom Government, has addressed the resolution of its maritime boundaries with Antigua and Barbuda, having previously finalized its internal maritime boundary with the British Virgin Islands, and with the Netherlands and France, respectively. The Oceans Agenda has attained greater prominence during the past five years. Elements existed prior to this timescale and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015 (SDGs), and the UN Ocean Conference in 2016 marked turning points in the visibility of oceans with renewed drive to sustainably protect and preserve our oceans whilst promoting economic growth, social inclusion, and the improvement of livelihoods.</p> <p>Anguilla is now seeking to develop an enabling environment and comprehensive regime for the management of its marine spaces and resources, as well as the promotion of practical measures to transition to a more sustainable ocean-based economy and requested ONR support in May 2016.</p>					<p>SSL provided the following services :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a desktop review of the existing and pipeline national development and relevant sector-level plans for Blue Economy development; highlighting and identifying relevant sectors, priorities, targets and recommendations in development and sectoral strategies, policies, plans, and laws that can be linked to the Blue Economy; • Undertake analysis on the current state of maritime affairs in Anguilla in at least 3 selected priority sectors; • Identify relevant stakeholders, including the National Ocean Governance Committee that need to be involved in Blue Economy development and attainment of the relevant SDG and regional targets • Highlight institutional, legislative, policy and data gaps, capacity constraints and coordination inefficiencies. Recommendations to identify best practices (locally, regionally and globally) to overcome the identified challenges and gaps should be provided. 			