

Rapid Assessment of National Blue Economy Strategies—Barbados, Grenada and SVG

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
Sustainable Seas Ltd	Barbados, Grenada and	25,000	100%	1	UNDP Barbados	UN/FAO	Feb 2021 to June 2021	N/A

Detailed description of project

Since the hurricanes of 2017, the ongoing recovery efforts have revealed some major challenges in the Region with the most critical being the imperative of building climate resilience through economic diversification and the use of innovative approaches that are apt for the region. In this regard, several Governments in the Region have initiated discussions on optimizing the potential of the “Blue” or Ocean economy.

The emerging concept of the Blue Economy presents a promising development opportunity for Caribbean SIDS and the wider Caribbean. This approach is centered on the promotion of economic growth and diversification, social inclusion and securing coastal livelihoods while ensuring environmental sustainability of ocean and coastal areas.

The overall objective of this consultancy is to review existing national planning and development policies, programmes, institutions and interventions to quantify the potential contribution of these blue economy strategies to the achievement of national SDG targets. The exercise will help build a baseline and recommendations for blue wealth and productivity, policy and institutional frameworks, the constraints to developing a more productive blue economy, and assess the potential for generating greater value, creating better blue jobs, and improving climate resilience.

The consultancy is undertaken noting any ongoing relevant activities/initiatives in the 3 participating countries but ensuring the analysis goes beyond these specific Blue Economy documents to include a broad range of national planning documents which will include elements related to the BE space such as, National Development Plans, NAPs/NAMAs, Fisheries Plans, National Energy Transition Plans, Waste Management Plans, Tourism Master Plans etc.

Type of services provided

Jonathan McCue (on behalf of SSL) was Technical institutional specialist to deliver the following activities related to the project.

- Conduct a desk-top review of the existing national development and relevant sector-level plans for Blue Economy development in each of the 3 participating countries. .
- Conduct an analysis to identify relevant stakeholders in each country that need to be involved in the development of a BE and the achievement of relevant SDG targets. This activity will involve the definition of a coordination mechanism/ protocol to ensure all relevant stakeholders are involved in the development of the BE and the achievement of SDG targets in each of the 3 participating countries.
- Conduct a rapid institutional analysis to identify current institutional gaps, capacity constraints and coordination inefficiencies. This analysis will include the definition of recommendations to overcome the identified challenges and gaps.
- Undertake a gap analysis (policy, regulation, capacity) of the existing plans, policies and programmes identified .