

### National Ocean Policy (NOP) for Barbados

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (US\$)	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	\$50,000	100%	1	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	IDB	May 2023 to February 2024	N/A

#### Detailed description of project

The blue economy as an economic sector remains underdeveloped, fragmented and unexplored. To this end, a new policy direction is being sought for Barbados that embraces resiliency and long term sustainability of its terrestrial, and marine resources and assets. This is critical as being a small island developing state (SIDS) with an ocean space that is 425 times its landmass, covering 183,436 km<sup>2</sup>, Barbados needs to now start looking at sustainably managing its extensive maritime area, including all significant living organisms, inorganic and organic materials that may be found here.

This consultancy was designed to support the Government of Barbados, through the Ministry of Environment and National Beautification (MENB) to draft an Ocean Policy for Barbados that is aimed at safeguarding and maintaining the ecosystem services derived from the country’s marine resources while allowing for sustainable national growth and development.

The NOP development for Barbados was designed to take account of all areas of government that have policy interests in the oceans, from energy to environment and maritime transport to tourism. In many instances there were existing policies in place, and the NOP was structured to provide the framework for integrated delivery across these policy areas and help to establish priorities in all areas across the Blue Economy, marine nature conservation and the societal value that the oceans have for all.

#### Type of services provided

Jonathan McCue on behalf of Sustainable Seas Ltd was Team Leader to produce the National Ocean Policy and delivered the following tasks:

- Review of the institutional framework, and assess the best structure for the Ocean Policy including Physical Development Plan, and synergies to foster with draft Ocean policy, CZMU key strategies and guidelines and other MENB documents to be shared.
- Provide a brief summary of the background to the issue and outline the potential advantages of an Ocean policy for the island;
- Suggest an objective for, and define the potential scope (including geographical) of a comprehensive Ocean Policy (OP);
- Briefly describe those components of existing Ocean policies in place worldwide, taking account of initiatives under UNCLOS, UNCED, and other international instruments and any purely Regional initiatives;
- Define a potential process for elaborating, engaging appropriate stakeholder involvement and consultation, and reaching agreement on, a national Ocean Policy;
- Estimate the resources necessary to implement this process, including OP agency involvement in overseeing the process and providing specialist support within their areas of expertise.