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**CARI'MAM
CARIBBEAN MARINE MAMMALS PRESERVATION NETWORK**

**STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MARINE
MAMMALS WITHIN THE CARIBBEAN REGION AND BEYOND**

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CARI'MAM

Caribbean Marine Mammals Preservation Network

Strengthen regional cooperation for the conservation of marine mammals within the Caribbean Region and beyond



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An initiative from the Agoa Sanctuary for a
Marine Mammal Protected Areas Network



Project genesis

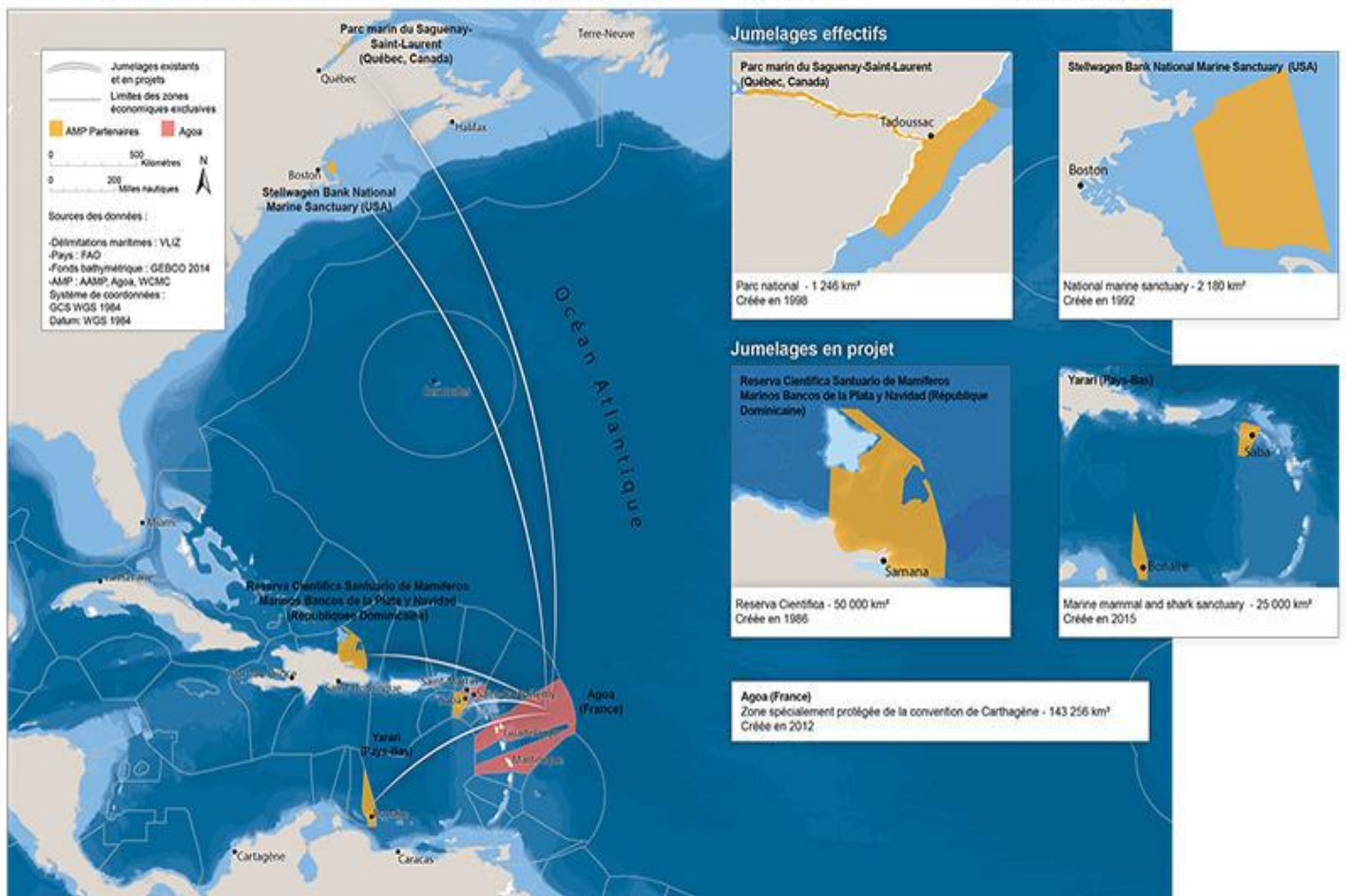
The Agoa Sanctuary was formalized in 2010 and recognized as a *Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife* from the SPAW protocol since 2012. Since then, the purpose of the Agoa Sanctuary was to protect marine mammals and their habitats. A recurrent management issue lies in the home range of cetacean, which can travel for long distances. Indeed, despite the fact that the Agoa Sanctuary is a large protected area (143 256 km²), its territory is divided. Furthermore, some matches of cetacean were done between the Agoa Sanctuary and other countries of the Caribbean and the North Atlantic.

The Agoa Sanctuary is already member of the North Atlantic Humpback Whale Sister Sanctuary Program (NAHW-SSP). Furthermore, the Agoa Sanctuary's Management Committee judges important to extend the collaboration to others species frequenting the Caribbean waters. Therefore, in 2015 a Committee for international cooperation was created with the aim at defining and implementing a strategy for the collaboration between marine protected areas managers and stakeholders from different countries.

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CARI'MAM objectives

The CARI'MAM project will aim at networking within marine protected areas dedicated to the conservation of marine mammals in the Greater Caribbean and beyond. Furthermore, this network also aims at strengthening managerial skills and the development of common tools for management and evaluation. The network includes a focus issue on the development of a durable and respectful commercial offer for the observation of cetaceans across the Caribbean.

The French MPA Agency in charge of managing the Agoa Sanctuary is gathering a broad partnership and targets submitting an application at the end of 2016 to the CARIBBEAN Interreg programme, a European Union's funding for regional cooperation.

Cooperation Strategy for a Caribbean Marine Mammals Preservation Network



Scientific research challenges aiming at knowledge improvement.

MPAs

Challenges on technical cooperation aiming at improving the management efficiency within a marine protected areas network .

CARI'MAM

Geopolitical challenges aiming at the promotion and the diffusion of conservation initiatives for the marine mammals in the Caribbean.

Gathering and involving partners

Building the partnership for the future CARI'MAM network relies on the dynamic sister sanctuary partnerships in the Caribbean and also of the Marine Mammal Sanctuaries Network Workshop held in 2015 in Sint-Marteen.

This important regional initiative is supported by the SPAW-RAC and meets the objectives of the SPAW Regional Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals in the Wider Caribbean (MMAP) adopted in 2008.

A call for interest has been spread among numerous countries representatives in order to be involved and participate to this network. The Action Plan for the implementation of the CARI'MAM network is under construction and designed through a collaborative process among the partnership.

The following territories and organizations have already shown an interest to be involved in the CARI'MAM network: Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy, Sint-Marteen, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Bonaire, British Virgin Island, Turks and Caicos Islands, USA, Dominican Republic, Cuba.



CARI'MAM Action Plan

Under construction...



A 4-years Cooperation Project
About a 3 - 4 million € budget for the CARI'MAM Partnership

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