



GULF AND CARIBBEAN FISHERIES INSTITUTE

Activity 1: Develop a set of criteria in collaboration with the Cartagena Convention Secretariat for the implementation of the small grants

a) Launch of grants programme

The Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) through its MPACoast and GPML-Caribe Initiatives supported the development of criteria for a small grants programme in partnership with the Cartagena Convention Secretariat. Through this interactive process, Calls for Proposals were developed and advertised by MPACoast in support of capacity building at site-specific marine protected areas (MPA) within the Wider Caribbean Region and also by GPML-Caribe in support of marine litter prevention and reduction within the Wider Caribbean Region. MPACoast offered grants of up to US\$8,000 in support of capacity building at site-specific marine protected areas whilst GPML-Caribe offered grants of up to US\$15,000 in support of marine litter prevention and reduction. Hybrid grants of up to US\$20,000 were offered to support marine litter prevention and reduction work in marine protected areas in the Wider Caribbean Region.

b) Advertise for proposals

The Calls for Proposals were distributed by GCFI, the Cartagena Convention Secretariat and other relevant partners. Email distribution lists (e.g. GCFI-Net and GPML-Caribe) and social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) were also utilized. An in depth PDF containing eligibility criteria, funding priorities, funding information and the proposal format was distributed with visually attractive graphics (See Annex 1.1). This content was first advertised on July 5th, 2022 with a deadline extension to August 10, 2022.

c) Selection of Grants

A total of 26 proposals were submitted with 15 proposals being shortlisted and 9 proposals being selected for funding (See Appendix 1.2). GCFI together with the Cartagena Convention Secretariat reviewed proposals and participated in interviews with shortlisted proposals for ultimate selection of funded proposals

Grant Type	Submitted	Shortlisted	Selected
Marine Protected Areas	6	4	3
Marine Litter	9	6	3
Hybrid	11	5	3
Total	26	15	9

Annex 1.2: Submitted Proposals

	Project Title	Project Location	Name of Implementing Agency	Status
MPAs	Financial sustainability through an Eco Friendly Store promoting behavior change in single use plastics	Roatan, Bay Islands Honduras	Bay Islands Conservation Association, Roatan Chapter	Selected
	Evaluating sites to confirm SCTLD presence and for treatment and monitoring prioritization activities within the Cayos Cochinos Archipelago Natural Marine Monument	Cayos Cochinos Archipelago Bay Islands, Honduras	Honduras Coral Reef Fund - Fundación Cayos Cochinos	Selected
	Incremento de las capacidades de manejo del Parque Nacional Cayos de San Felipe con énfasis en especies amenazadas y en peligro crítico	Provincia de Pinar del Río. Cuba	Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre (FANJ)	Selected
	Strengthening management capacity in marine protected areas for improved biodiversity conservation outcomes	Belize	Wildtracks	Shortlisted but not selected
	Fortalecimiento de la Reserva Ecológica Canasí - Puerto Escondido, en la costa Norte de la Provincia Mayabeque, Cuba.	Provincia Mayabeque. Cuba	ONG Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre (FANJ)	Not Selected
	Evaluating stakeholder capacity in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS): Drivers impacting stakeholder views and concerns on marine zoning	Florida Keys, southeast Florida	Marine & Coastal Research, Corp.	Not Selected
Marine Litter	Citizen science as a management strategy for marine litter in the biosphere reserve of Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta, Colombian Caribbean	Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta, Colombian Caribbean	Institute for Marine and Coastal Research (INVEMAR)	Selected
	Plastics Solutions Academy	Belize City, Belize	Sea of Life Caribbean Inc	Selected
	Reduit Beach Marine Litter Prevention Research Project (RBM/LPR Project)	Gros Islet, Saint Lucia	Greening the Caribbean Inc.	Proposals combined and selected
	Vigie Beach Litter Prevention Initiative (VBLP Initiative)	Vigie Beach - Castries, Saint Lucia	Greening the Caribbean Inc.	
	Abandoned, Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) in Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago	The University of the West Indies	Shortlisted but not selected
	Trashy Arts	Guyana	University of Guyana	Shortlisted but not selected
	For my Community; I Separate my Waste	Guanaja, Bay Islands	Bay Islands Conservation Association, Guanaja Chapter	Shortlisted but not selected
	Krin wi sesyoro (Clean our coast)	Braamspunt & Galibi Nature Reserve	Green & Clean Crew Suriname	Not Selected
	Radio program project as part of an information campaign on the prevention and reduction of marine litter in Haiti	Haiti	ACLEDD	Not Selected

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Hybrid	Community Based Conservation at Cuba's Guanahacabibes National Park	Guanahacacabibes National Park and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Western Cuba	The Ocean Foundation	Selected
	Bluefields Bay MPA Marine Litter Research, Education and Multi-Site Cleanup Event	Bluefields Bay Special Fishery Marine Protected Area and Surrounds, Bluefields, Westmoreland, Jamaica, W.I.	Bluefields Bay Fishermens Friendly Society (BBFFS)	Selected
	Waste, People and Reef Health	Bay Islands, Honduras	Bay Islands Conservation Association (BICA)	Selected
	Marine litter mitigation at the Amazon coast: from research to capacity building	Brazilian Amazon coast	CEPNOR - ICMBio, Brazil	Shortlisted but not selected
	Waste to Profit: Using communications and marketing to reduce marine litter	Roatan	Roatan Marine Park International Inc.	Shortlisted but not selected
	Manejo Ambiental de la Ensenada de Bacuranao	Ensenada de Bacuranao	Proyecto de desarrollo local "Manejo Ambiental de la Ensenada de Bacuranao"	Not Selected
	Fortalecer las capacidades para la protección y conservación de áreas marino costeras protegidas incluyendo la prevención y reducción de la basura marina en el Caribe Nicaragüense.	Costa Caribe de Nicaragua, específicamente en la Reserva Biológica y sitio Ramsar Cayos Miskitos, Paisaje Terrestre y Marino Protegidos Corn Island y el Humedal de Importancia Internacional Sitio Ramsar Bahía de Bluefields.	Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT)	Not Selected
	Mangrove Conservation through Solid Waste Reduction at Gunboat Beach, Kingston Harbour	Gunboat Beach, Kingston Harbour, Jamaica	Mona GeoInformatics Institute	Not Selected
	Reducción de residuos sólidos generados en el área de uso público de la Isla Saona, Parque Nacional Cotubanamá	República Dominicana	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales	Not Selected
	Implementing solutions for marine litter prevention through mitigation, education awareness and recovery. (ALDFG)	Gouyave, Grenada	Gouyave Fishermen Co-operative Society Ltd	Not Selected
Determining the population size and enhance environmental conservation measures of the West Indian manatee on the east coast of Trinidad.	Trinidad and Tobago	Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries, Forestry Division, Wildlife Section	Not Selected	