

The Sixth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean

DRAFT AMEP WORKPLAN 2023/2024

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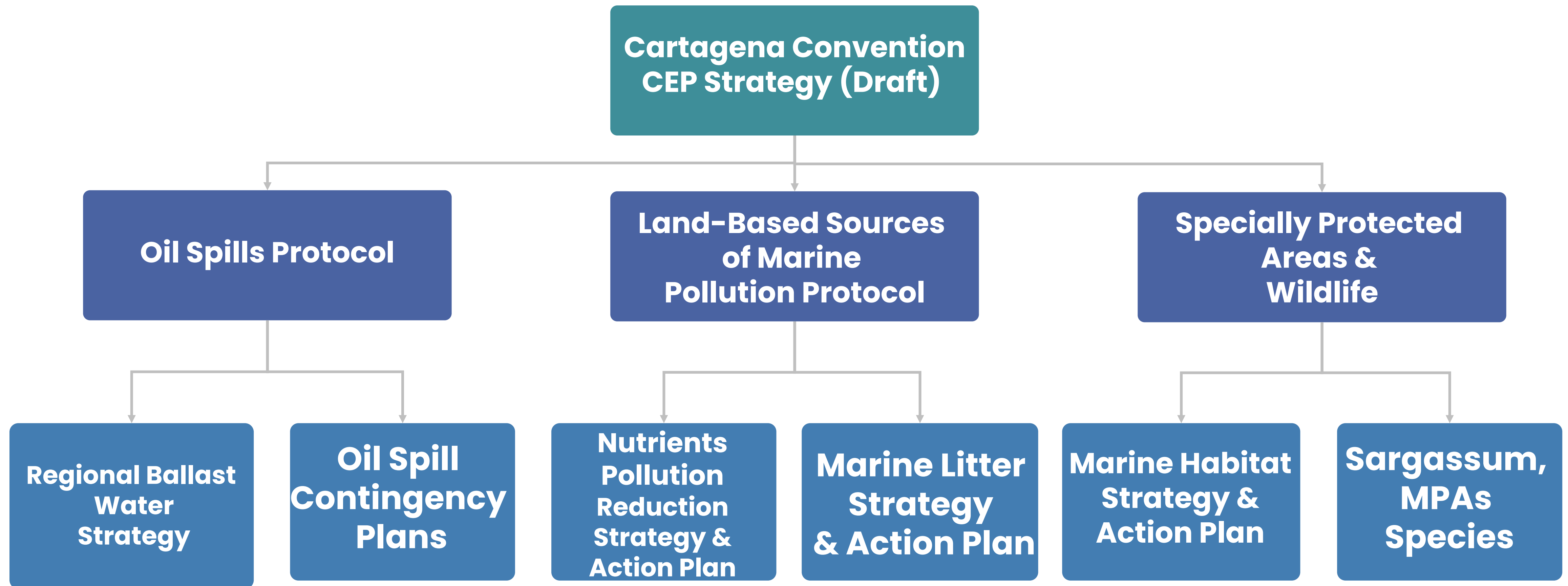
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Integrated Implementation of Sub-Programmes & Strategies



Consultative Process for Work Plan Development

Previous LBS STAC Recommendations & LBS COP Decisions

Recommendations of State of Convention Area Report

Recommendations of Regional Marine Litter Strategy

Project Steering Ctee Meeting Decisions (ACP MEA III, IWEco & CReW+)

Recommendations of Regional Nutrients Pollution Reduction Strategy

Recommendations from Technical Reports

Draft AMEP Work Plan 2023/2024

Input from LBS Focal Points

Open-Ended Working Group Recommendations

Global MEA Decisions

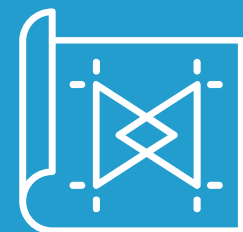
Regional Seas Strategic Directions

LBS RACs/RAN

Features of 2023/2024 Work Plan



01



PROJECTS

- Project Implementation
- RAC/RAN Support
- New Partnerships
- Overseas Territories
- New Projects Guided by new CEP Strategy (TBA)

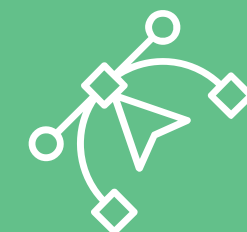
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RATIFICATION

- Support to Non-Contracting Parties for ratification
- Support to Contracting Parties for meeting obligations
- Increased Focal Point & Political Engagement

03



STRATEGIES

- Marine Litter & ADLFG
- Nutrients Pollution Reduction
- Regional Data Platform – GEMS Oceans, UN Oceans
- Integrated implementation with SPAW

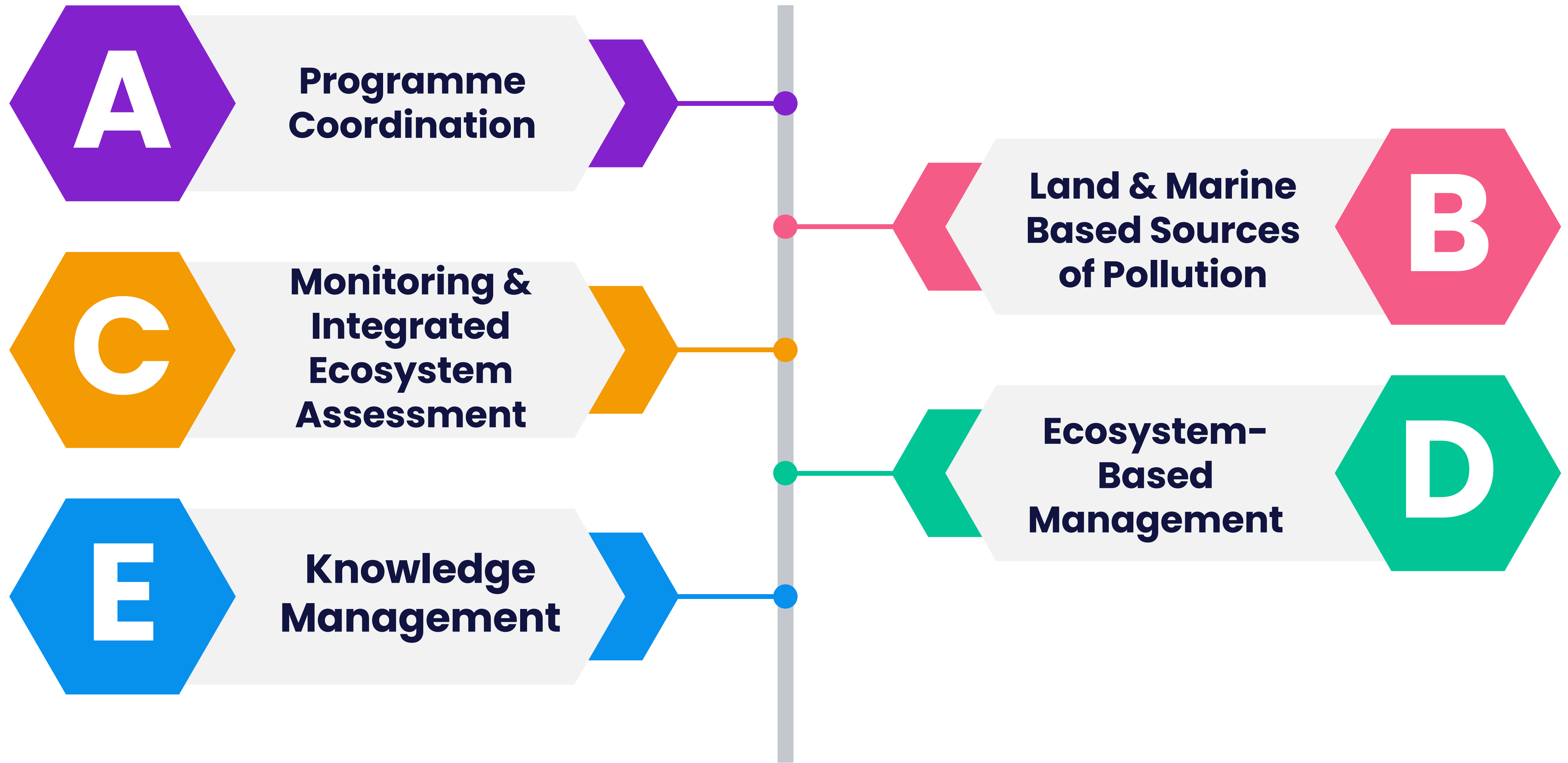
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LBS PROTOCOL

- Open Ended Working Group & Sub-Groups
- Country Experts
- Possible Amendments to LBS Protocol
- New SOCAR
- Linkages to other Global commitments

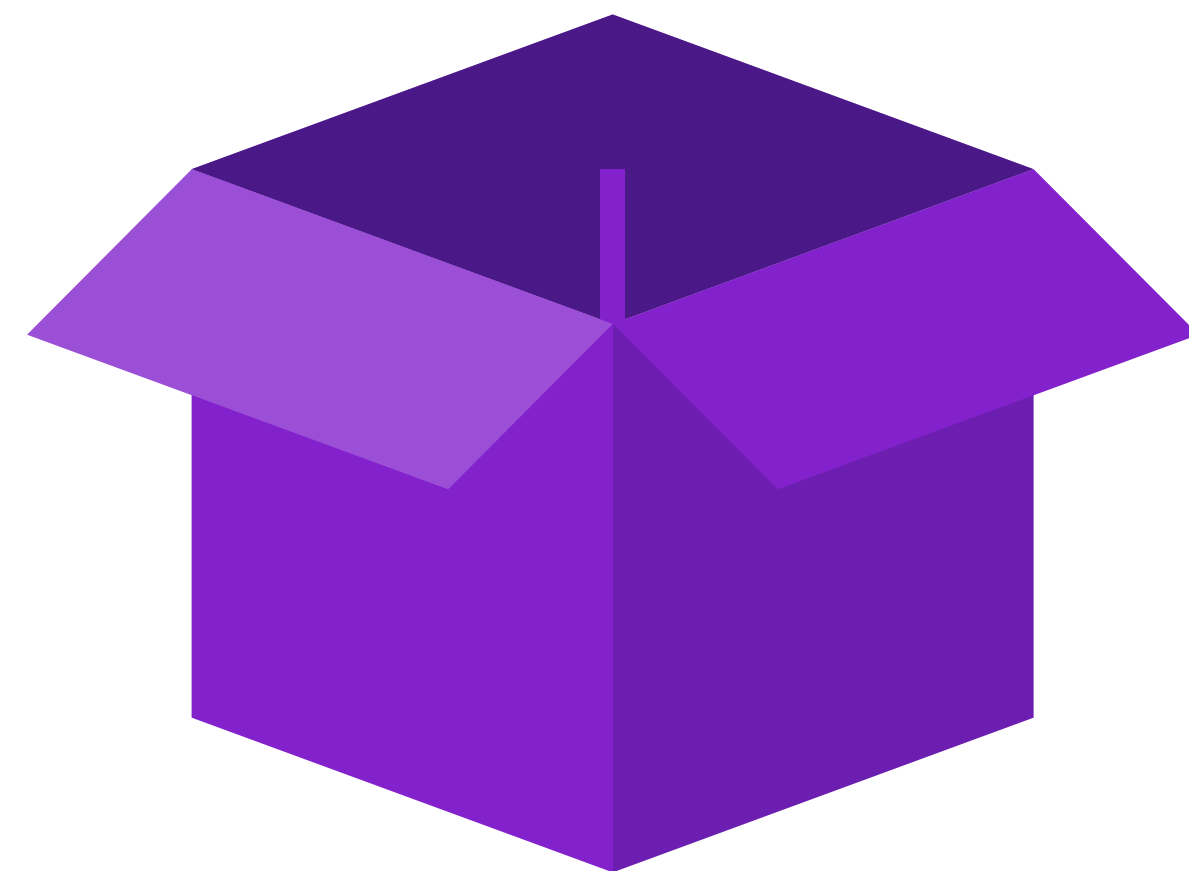
Thematic Approach



Projects



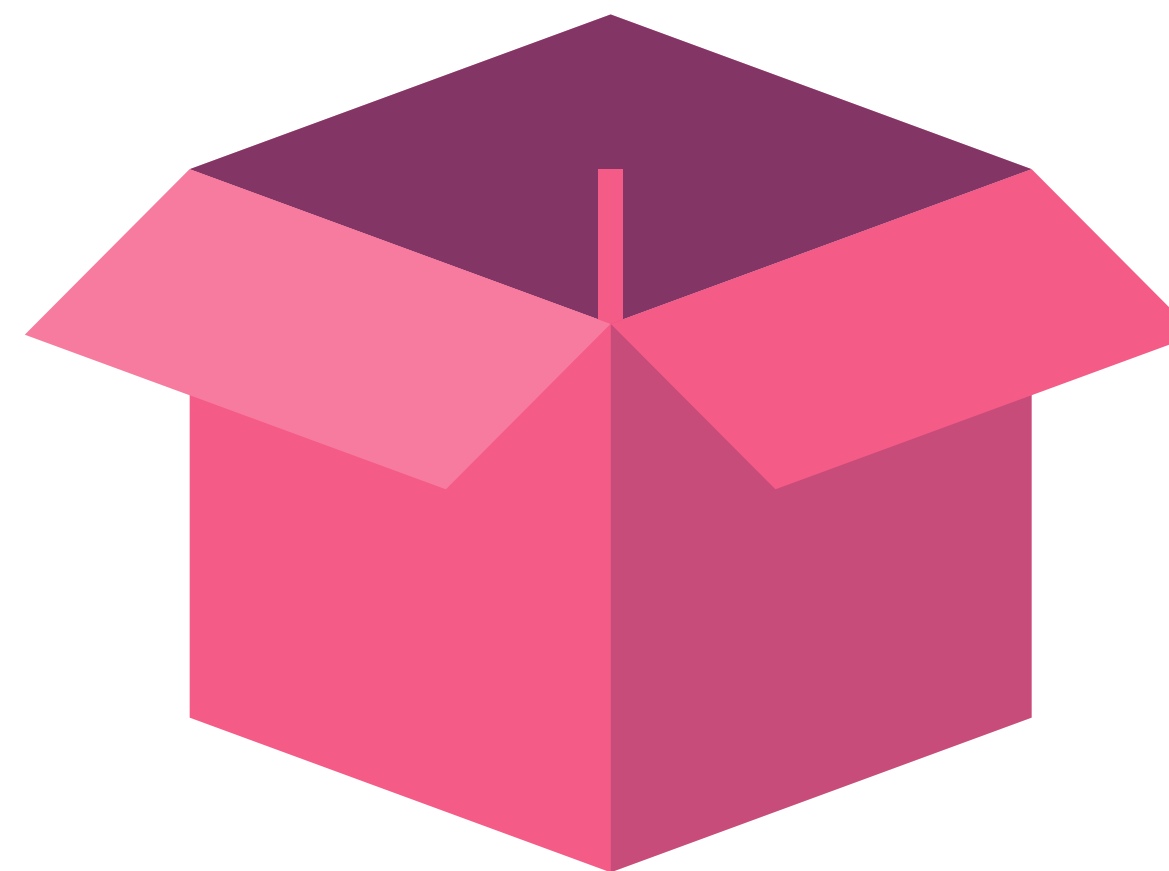
GEF CReW+
GEF IWEco
EU ACP MEA 3



ONGOING

* Ends in 2023

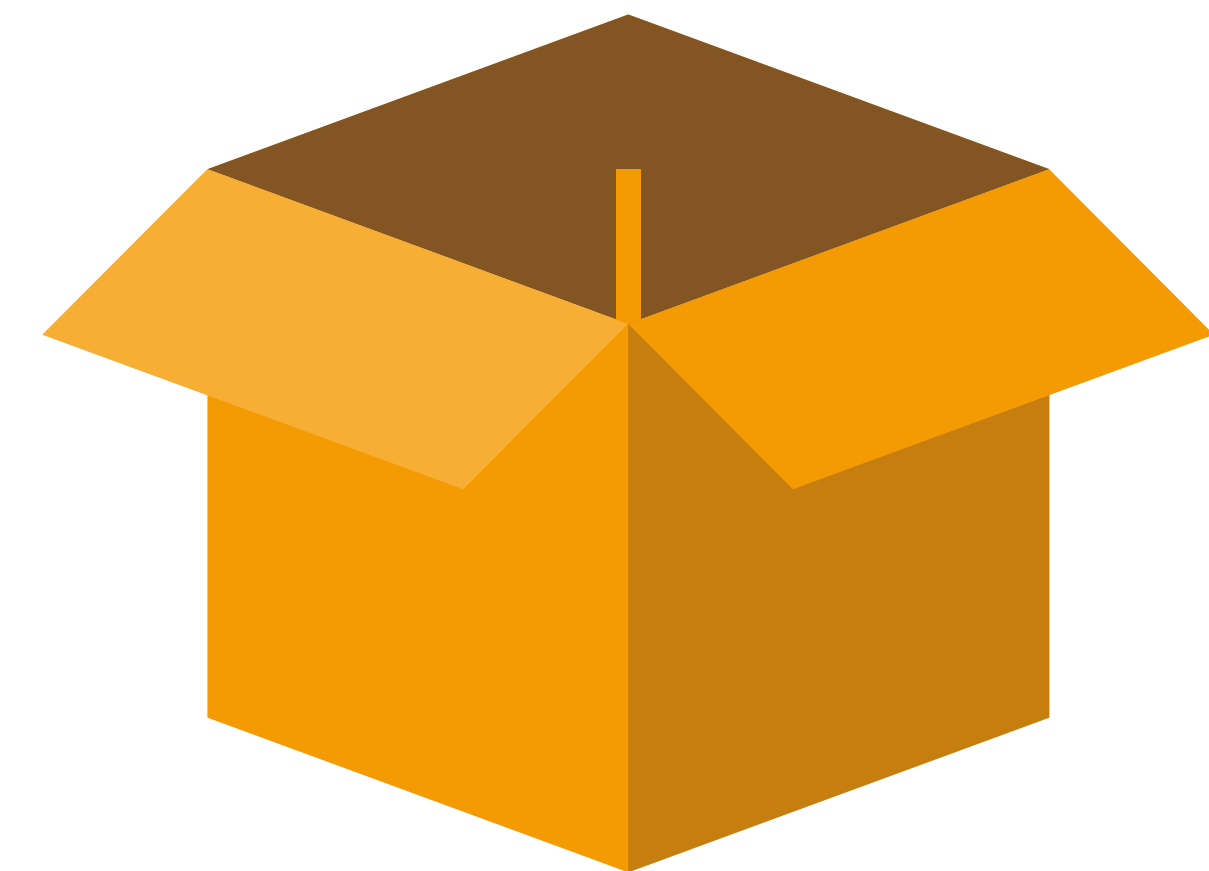
**PROMAR – Plastics
Management in SIDS**
GEF LAC Cities
GEF IW Learn 5
GEF Procaribe+



NEW

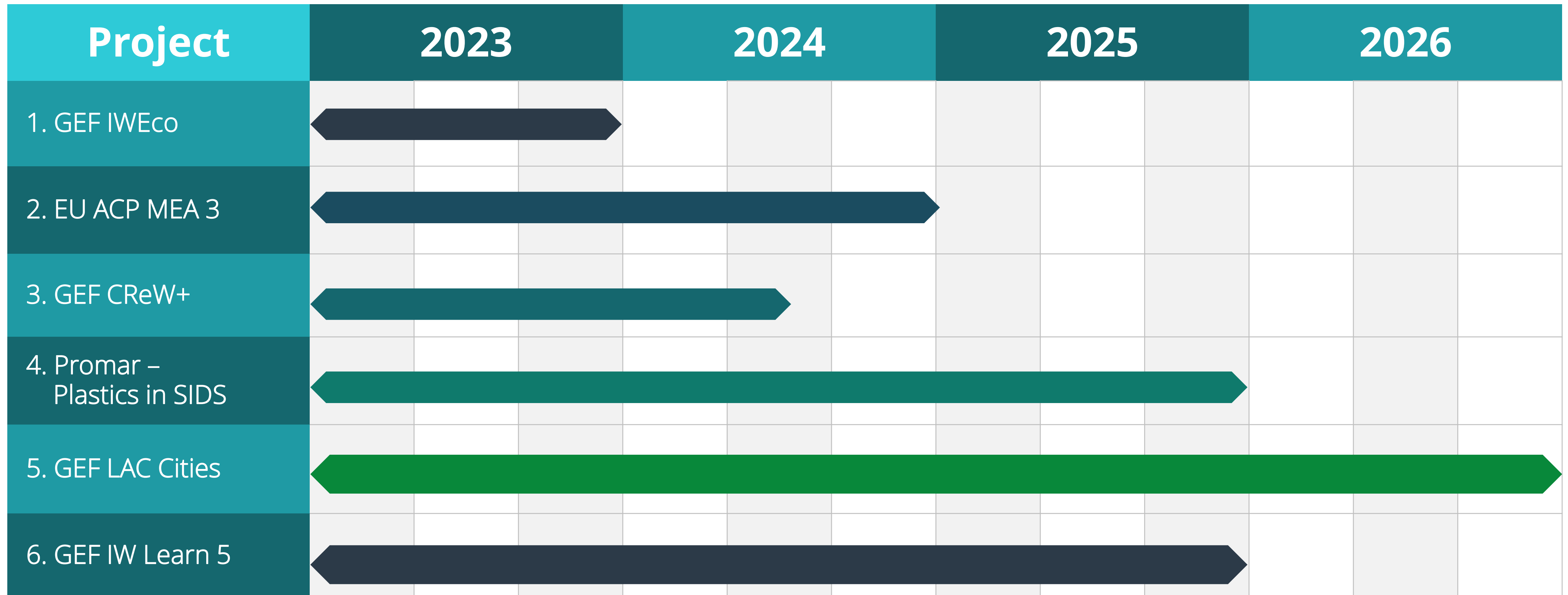
Implementation
Starting in 2023

**GEF 8 (Integrated
Programme): Plastics,
Blue/Green Economy;
GEF Biodiversity &
International Waters**
GEMS Oceans



**UNDER
DISCUSSION**

Indicative Work Plan



A. Programme Coordination:

Decisions & Recommendations of LBS STAC 6, LBS COP 6 & Cartagena Convention COP



1

Strengthen regional & national governance mechanisms, resource availability, & capacity for the implementation of & compliance with the Cartagena Convention, Oil Spills & LBS Protocols, & approved national & regional strategies & action plans for pollution prevention, reduction & control

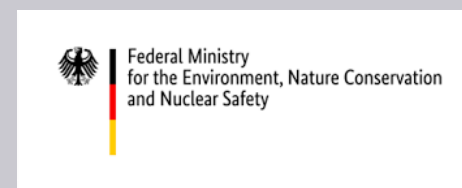
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Mobilize additional resources for implementation of unfunded projects & activities

3

Strengthen synergies & collaboration among RACs, international & regional partners, donor organizations & projects active in the Wider Caribbean region & enhance broad stakeholders' participation

PROGRAMME COORDINATION



INDICATORS 2023/2024

No. New Ratifications

No. joint capacity building activities

TARGETS 2023/2024

Four new ratifications

Ten joint capacity building activities

Programme Coordination



Unfunded Activities



Convene
LBS STAC 7,
LBS COP 7



Enhance cooperation
with Regional Seas
Programmes & Hosting of
Annual Regional Seas
Meeting



Enhance linkages with
Regional and Sub-
Regional IGOs



B. Land & Marine-Based Sources of Pollution



1

Control, prevent & reduce marine pollution from land & marine-based sources

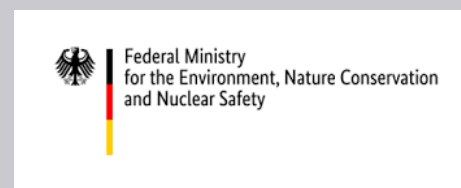
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Pollution from Land & Marine-Based Sources cause no significant impact on coastal & marine ecosystems & human health

3

New & emerging land-based pollution related problems are identified & tackled

LAND & MARINE-BASED POLLUTION



INDICATORS 2023/2024

No. Countries with updated policies, laws etc.

No. New Guidelines

No. LBS Parties with Action Plans

No. of training workshops on pollution

TARGETS 2023/2024

Ten countries

Four guidelines

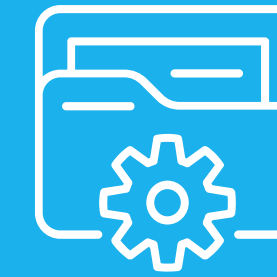
Five Parties with Action Plans

Six Workshops

2.1 Strengthen implementation of the obligations under the Land-Based Sources of Marine Pollution and Oil Spills Protocols & related regional strategies on Marine Litter, Wastewater & Nutrients



2.2 Develop, and/or update and/or implement new/existing regional strategies, action plans including guidelines, standards & criteria & possible amendments to the LBS Protocol & its Annexes



2.3 Enhance national marine pollution prevention & control policies, legislation & regulations.



2.4 National & Pilot projects implemented on marine litter, nutrients, wastewater.



2.5 Identify & tackle new and emerging issues, as appropriate



Land & Marine-Based Sources of Pollution



Unfunded Activities



Classify recreational/receiving waters in selected countries



Regional Strategies & Action Plans implemented at national level



Land & Marine-Based Sources of Pollution



Develop & implement policy & regulatory measures for enforcement of plastics bans & identification of alternatives



Develop criteria for Landfill selection & other treatment/disposal options



Pilot national projects on pre-treatment of industrial discharges into domestic wastewater systems implemented



LBS STAC 7 & COP 7

Nutrients Standards Roadmap



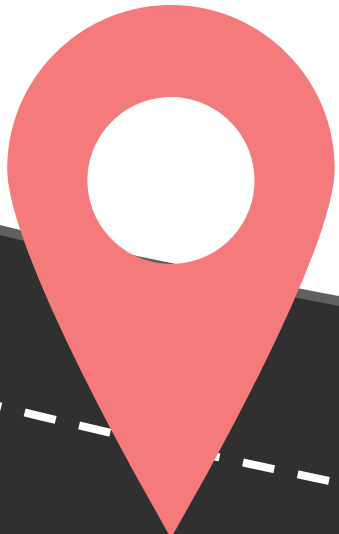
Country Verification



OWEG technical oversight

LBS STAC 6 & COP 6

Initial Findings Presented
for discussion

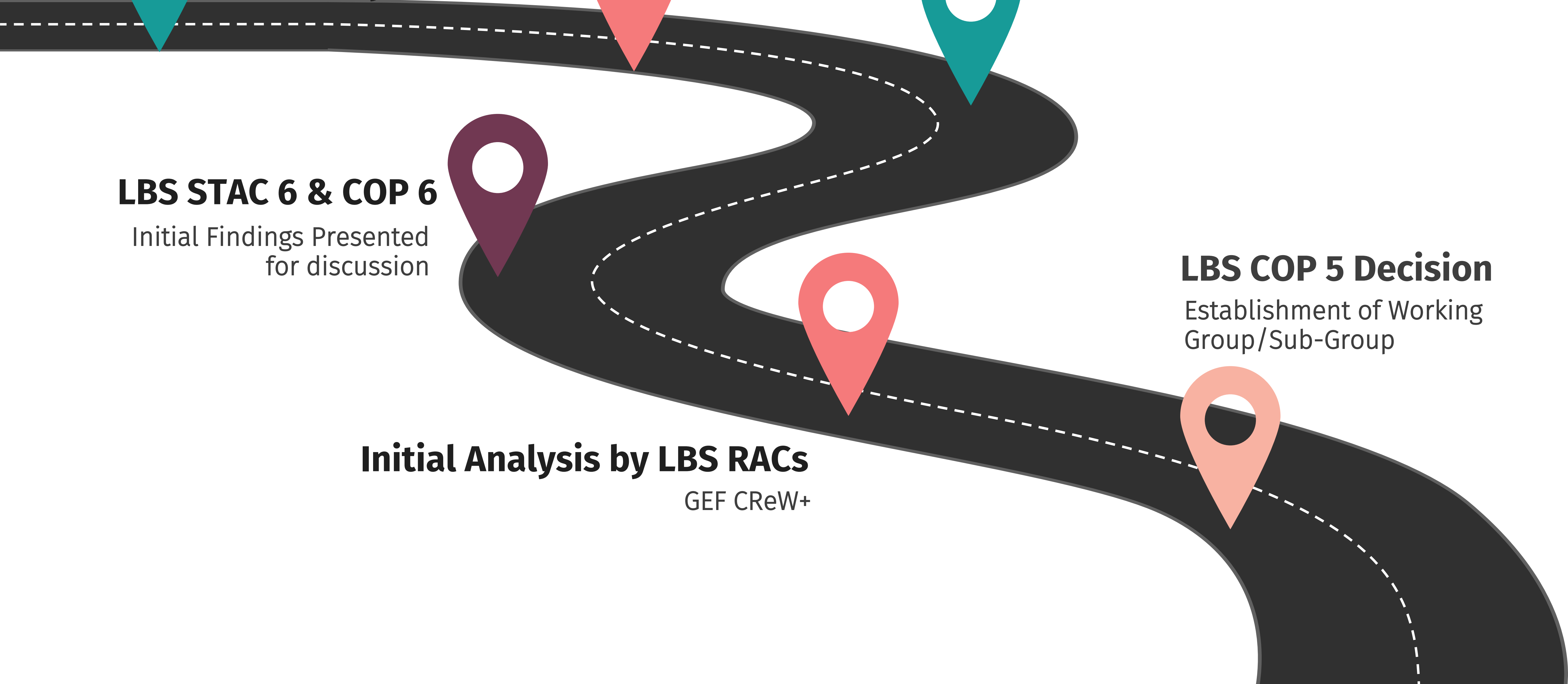


LBS COP 5 Decision

Establishment of Working
Group/Sub-Group

Initial Analysis by LBS RACs

GEF CReW+



Freshwater Roadmap

LBS STAC 5 Recommendation

Encourage broader engagement of focal points at LBS COP5



IWRM Sub-Regional Strategy

Promote upscaling and Implementation



Consultations

GEF CReW+ and RAC support



LBS STAC 6 & LBS COP 6

Present Initial Findings & decide on Next Steps



C. Environmental Monitoring & Integrated Ecosystem Assessment





Periodically assess, using a DPSIR approach, status quality of marine & coastal environment (SOCAR)

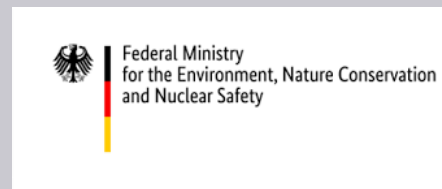


Enhance Capacity for design & implementation of National Water Quality Monitoring Programmes including classification of receiving waters



Strengthen national, sub-regional & regional data bases & information systems for pollution including improved national reporting & science-based decision making

MONITORING & INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT



INDICATORS 2023/2024

No. Countries with improved monitoring programmes

No. Countries with system for classification of receiving waters

No. of training workshops

TARGETS 2023/2024

Six countries

Four countries

Three Regional Workshops

2.1

National pollution monitoring programmes developed and/or enhanced to include the relevant indicators recommended by the SOCAR Report on Marine Pollution

2.2

Marine pollution assessment tools (including maps, infographics and factsheets) developed and/or updated for key pollutants

2.3

Enhanced capacity at regional, sub-regional & national levels including technical assistance, training & capacity-building

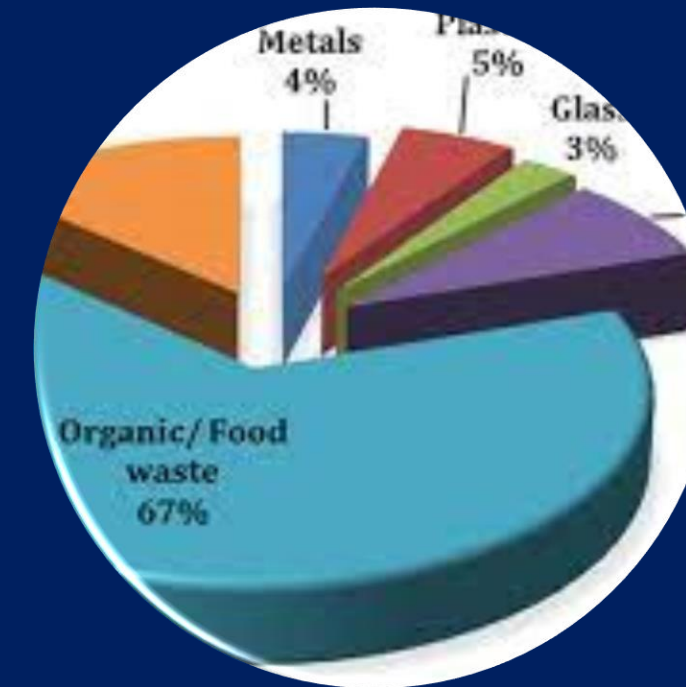
Monitoring & Integrated Assessment



Unfunded Activities



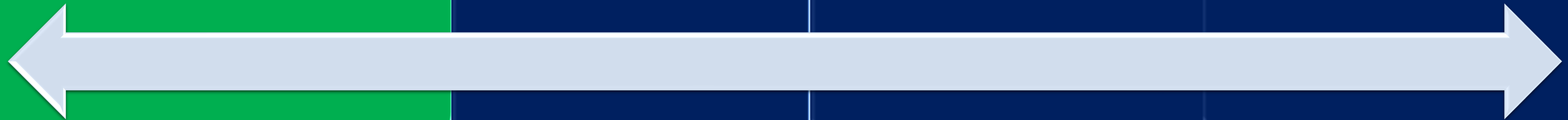
Field Verification of
Nutrient Discharges
for Nutrients Use
Efficiency Modelling



Regional Training
Workshop on
Microplastics
Monitoring



Regional Workshop on
monitoring impact of run-
off & poor land-use
practices



Monitoring & Integrated Assessment



Regional Workshop on the identification & tracking of priority pollutants



National and/or Regional Workshops on (a) Ballast Water; (b) Ship-Generated Wastes; (c) Antifouling Paints and (d) Off-Shore Dredging

D. Ecosystem-Based Management



Ecosystem- Based Management Approaches

Strategic objectives:

Reduce anthropogenic pressures/pollution on coastal & marine areas in order to prevent and/or reduce their degradation

Ensure preservation of the integrity of coastal & marine ecosystems through the control, reduction & prevention of marine pollution

Adopt measures to reduce the negative impact of natural hazards and in particular of climate change which may exacerbate polluting impacts

Ensure that activities in terrestrial, coastal & nearshore marine areas do not increase marine pollution

1

Implementation of CReW+ Projects in Panama, Costa Rica, Cuba, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, 10 countries

2

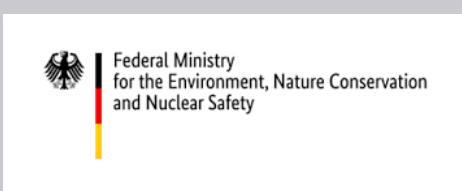
Completion of GEF IWEco Projects in Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Preparation and dissemination of case studies.

3

Implementation of EU ACP MEA 3 EBM Projects in Suriname & Guyana

ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT



INDICATORS 2023/2024

No. of countries – EBM /community projects

No. of case studies

No. countries using EBM tools in Decision making

No. of training courses on EBM

TARGETS 2023/2024

4 countries with projects

2 case studies

4 countries apply EBM tools

2 regional workshops/webinars



E. Knowledge Management & Communications

1

Strengthen knowledge & awareness on best practices, lessons learned & appropriate technologies for the control, reduction & prevention of marine pollution

2

Compile, analyze & present pollution related data & information for informing policy & decision-making in the Wider Caribbean Region

Ensure visibility of the LBS Protocol, its role & achievements, & the work of the Secretariat, LBS RACs, RAN & Regional Nodes

3

Improve national reporting on sources, status, impacts & responses on marine pollution in the Wider Caribbean Region

Facilitate greater engagement & networking with Governments, Civil Society, Donors, Youth, Private Sector & General Public on marine pollution issues

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



Our Oceans Conference 2023 Panama 2nd to 3rd March

INDICATORS 2023/2024

No. New Reports, Fact Sheets etc.

No. press releases & news stories

No. promotional events

TARGETS 2023/2024

10 new reports, fact sheets

6 online press releases & 15 news items

10 events/side events

Knowledge Management & Communications



Unfunded Activities



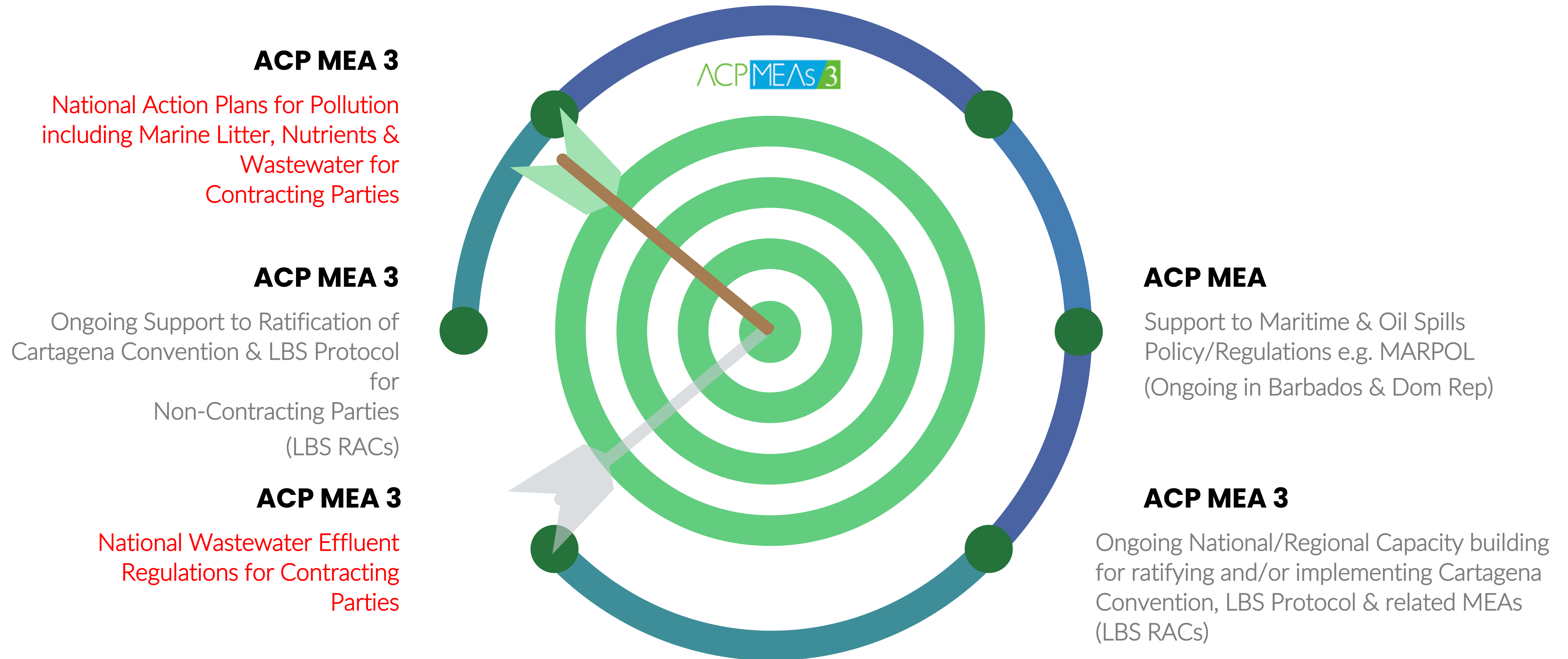
Enhancement of Regional Platform
in collaboration with GEMS
OCEAN



Development and sharing of
Knowledge Management Products



Resources are available to support Parties



ACP MEA 3: Community Based Projects on Marine Litter & Wastewater Management through Small Grants Programme with GCFI (Regional Node) and GWP Caribbean – LBS Contracting Parties

United Nations Environment Programme Cartagena Convention Secretariat

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programme



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Cartagena Convention Secretariat

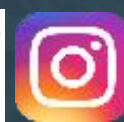
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