

# REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC10) TO THE SPAW PROTOCOL

UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.43/4

## Twelfth Conference of Parties to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) of the Wider Caribbean Region



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# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Recommendation IV (7)

*Contingent upon intersessional review and positive advice by the STAC, SPAW COP12 include Parke Marino Aruba in the list of protected areas under the SPAW Protocol. (withdrawn until next SPAW STAC and COP)*

## Recommendation I (3)

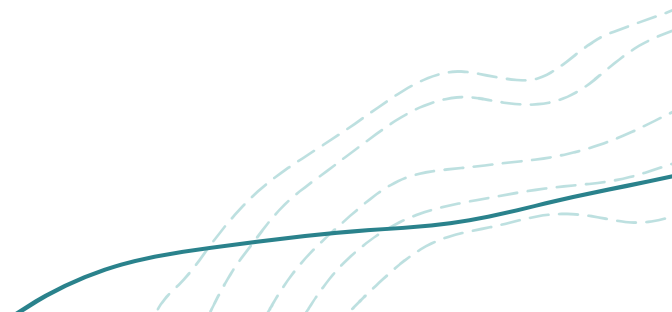
Contracting Parties provide comments on the “SPAW Regional Activity Centre Strategic Plan 2023-2028” (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.43/INF.7) to the SPAW-RAC by, 28th February 2023, to be addressed prior to the **submission of the Strategic Plan to SPAW COP12 for approval.**



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## Recommendation IX (11)

The updated Marine Mammal Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals in the Wider Caribbean Region, taking into account comments made during STAC10 and during the subsequent review period referenced in recommendation I, **presented to SPAW COP12 for adoption** as a set of recommended actions and compilation of relevant resources to address the priority threats to marine mammals in the region.



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## Recommendation II (1)

SPAW STAC10 notes the SPAW Consortium Concept Brief as presented in (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.43/CRP.1) and recognize the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Cartagena Convention, in particular to the SPAW Programme, and **further recommends SPAW COP12 notes the same.**

## Recommendation II (2)

SPAW COP12 notes with interest the Information Paper on Protecting Blue Corridors (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.43/CRP.1) and the importance of the information for the Wider Caribbean Region.




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## Recommendation III (1)

SPAW COP12 acknowledge the involvement of the SPAW-RAC in the CAMAC project (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.43/INF.36), which promotes the implementation of the SPAW programme and the achievement of the SPAW objectives.

## Recommendation III (2)

SPAW COP12 encourage the SPAW-RAC to include interested Contracting Parties to the extent possible and identify opportunities for CAMAC to support such interested Contracting Parties in achieving SPAW objectives, including those outlined in the Update of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals in the Wider Caribbean Region.



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## Recommendation V (1)

**SPAW COP12 endorse** the recommendations of the Report of the Exemptions Working Group (UNEP(DEPI)/CAF WG.43/INF.33).

## Recommendation V (2)

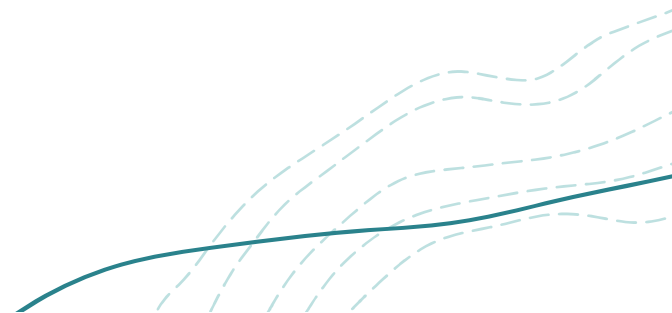
The Secretariat and SPAW-RAC support capacity building for improved reporting of exemptions including through Peer-to-Peer exchanges and assessments of Contracting Parties' needs.



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## Recommendation IX (2)

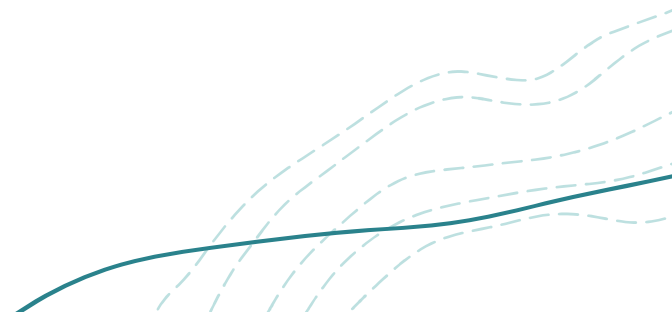
SPAW COP12 adopt the recommendations for the conservation of Sawfishes (Pristidae) in UNEP (DEPI) CAP WG.43/INF.25, paragraphs 6-11, and requests the Species Working Group to assist the Secretariat and SPAW-RAC with implementation of the recommendations, as appropriate.



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## Recommendation IX (4)

SPAW COP12 adopt the recommendations in UNEP(DEPI)CAR WG.43/INF.26, paragraphs 12-14, for the conservation of Nassau Grouper (*Epinephelus striatus*), and invite Contracting Parties, the Secretariat, and SPAW-RAC to report on progress implementing these recommendations to STAC 11.





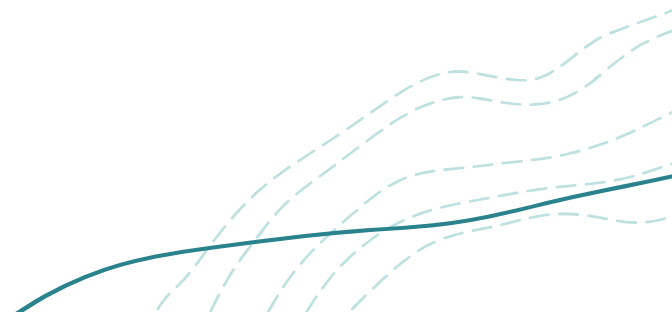
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## Recommendation IX (6)

**SPAW COP 12 adopt the recommendations** in UNEP(DEPI)CAR WG.43/INF.24, paragraphs 4-12, and request the Secretariat and SPAW-RAC to work with WIDECAST and other experts, as appropriate, to implement the recommendations, subject to availability of resources.

## Recommendation IX (8)

**SPAW COP12 adopt the endorsed submitted proposals** on the uplisting of the Oceanic Whitetip Shark and Lesser Antillean Iguana from Annex III to Annex II and the inclusion of all Parrotfishes and the Caribbean reef shark in Annex III.




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## Recommendation IX (10)

The Secretariat work with Contracting Parties, with input from the SPAW-RAC as appropriate, to further elaborate and evaluate the legal and institutional mechanisms to establish a potential Marine Mammal Regional Activity Network (RAN), taking into consideration the various options outlined in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.43/INF.32 including the proposed RAN architecture described in section 3.2.

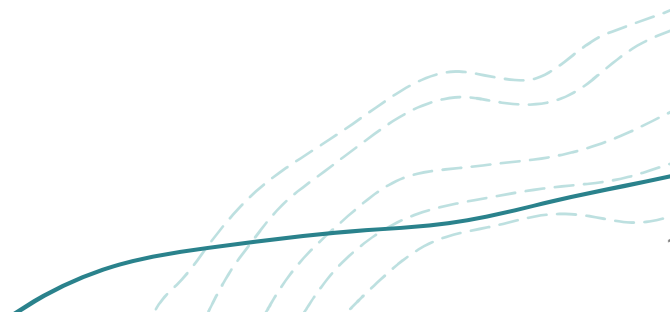
The resulting report should be prepared within one year of SPAW COP12 and should include a review of the legal and institutional considerations related to a potential RAN's governance structure.



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**SPAW COP12 decide on the proposals** for the uplisting of the whale shark, giant ray manta and hammerhead sharks from Annex III to Annex II of the SPAW Protocol, noting the lack of consensus of the Contracting Parties on the submitted proposals



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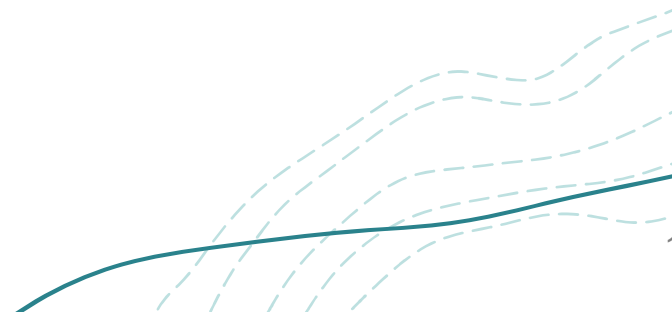
The Species Working Group **develop a set of prioritized recommendations** for the conservation and management of parrotfish in the Caribbean, using UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.42/INF.15 as the basis for such recommendations, and that SPAW COP 12 invite the Secretariat and SPAW-RAC to support interested Contracting Parties in the implementation of conservation and management measures for parrotfish, as appropriate. In the development of recommendations and implementation of conservation and management measures, the Secretariat, SPAW-RAC and Species Working Group could consider, inter alia:



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- The possible development of a regional management plan for parrotfish in the Caribbean.
- Developing recommendations to protect and enhance existing populations by reducing the negative effects of overexploitation and unsustainable fishing methods.
- Developing recommendations to improve the status of the marine habitats on which parrotfish depend and prevent further degradation of these habitats.
- Opportunities to improve the understanding of the status of parrotfish by supporting fisheries-independent research into the physiology, life history and ecology of parrotfish.
- The possible creation of a fishery-dependent data collection programme to better record fisheries and landings data to determine the effects of fishing on parrotfish populations.
- Conducting socio-economic assessments to understand the role of parrotfish in local economies.
- Opportunities to strengthen outreach, communication and public awareness.
- Opportunities to support programmes to facilitate the transition of fishers to alternative livelihoods.



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