

'Supporting the development of an effective National MPA structure in Grenada: from training MPA Wardens, Managers, and Board members, to raising community awareness and developing alternative livelihood skills'.

The Grenada Fisheries Division implemented the mid-size grant project supported by a UNEP-CEP/CaMPAM grant with funding from the Italian Cooperation Agency to assist the countries associated to the Caribbean Challenge.

The project was focused on two of Grenada's MPA - the Sandy Island / Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area (SIOBMPA) and the Moliniere /Beausejour Marine Protected Area (MBMPA).

The following were achieved under the project:

1. MPA awareness –raising activities in 5 primary and 3 secondary schools

- Activities were conducted by MPA staff in primary and Secondary schools where two of the MPA's are located.
- Students were taken on a glass bottom boat to see the reefs in the MPA.

2. Develop MPA Communication Materials:

- Flyers and brochures were developed and disseminated to communities and users of the two MPA's.
- A large MPA billboard (16' x8') was produced and erected in the center of St. George's town highlighting the need for marine conservation.
- Bumper stickers were produced and disseminated.
- Brochures targeting kids in primary schools were developed, printed and disseminated to students in schools adjacent to the MPA's.
- Large MPA maps were produced and displayed.

3. MPA Board Effectiveness Training

- Two Board Effectiveness training were conducted for the 'Stakeholder Management Board' of the MBMPA and SIOBMPA

4. MPA awareness-raising activities in conjunction with existing outdoor events in key villages

National MPA image for billboard and stickers

- Outdoor activities were conducted in all villages adjacent to the SIOBMPA and the MBMPA. A large outdoor screen was erected and videos and presentation on the MPA were presented in addition to quiz for kids with prizes given away. Audio equipment



Students in glass bottom boat



provided under the project enhanced this activity as villagers for miles around were able to hear what was happening.

5. Provide operational equipment for MPA monitoring, enforcement and management.

- Critical hardware was provided for the MPA program which included a patrol boat, outdoor audio equipment and office related equipment.



MPA Patrol Vessel for SIOBMPA

6. Prepare Management Plan for Woburn Clark's Court Bay MPA

- The project assisted with the preparation of the Woburn / Clark's Court Bay MPA Management Plan, and the condensing of the Sandy Island / Oyster Bed MPA Management Plan.



Brochures for kids

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