CaMPAM-ECMMAN Project 2015 Activities in St. Kitts & Nevis

From the assistance of the ECMMAN project The Narrows Marine Managed Area is underway to be established and deemed as St Kitts and Nevis' first marine managed area. The development of The Narrows Management Plan is focused to empower communities, local fishers and other stakeholders to participate in decision making process for The Narrows Marine Managed Area (NMMA) and the Narrows Fishing Priority Area (NFPA), thus promoting sustainable activities and livelihoods.

Public awareness and outreach

- Outreach Coordinator hired
- Organized awareness booth at major public events:
 - 1. Nevis Blues Festival
 - 2. Booby Island Regatta
 - 3. WINFEST
 - 4. Indian Castle Bay Fishing Tournament
- Conducted Grade Six Awareness Workshop on June 29–July 3
- Organized New Castle Bay Fisher Family Clean Up and Fun-Day
- Participated in stakeholder meetings and workshops on both Islands
- Participated in first New Castle Bay Fishers Association meeting (this Fishers Association was established through the Fisher Family Clean Up and Fun-Day)
- Organized Green Flash Sunset Cruise for fisher families
- Held Grade Six Awareness sessions from September to December (more will be conducted in 2016)
- Drafted ECMMAN-NMMA Essay Competition (Launched in January 2015)
- Development of The Narrows brochure for public awareness
- Organized four (4) fisher meetings to assist short term consultant for Fishing Priority Areas Management Plan

Build local capacity

- Education and Compliance Officer hired
- Ongoing training for the Education and Compliance Officer is conducted by the Department of Marine Resources (project national implementing agency)
- Education and Compliance Officer attended several fishers meeting

Management plan and framework

- Short term consultant hired
- Stakeholder and focus group meetings are ongoing
- First draft of community based Fishing Priority Areas Management



New Castle Bay Clean Up and Fun-day



Association Meeting





Fishers Meeting in Nevis

plan completed for revision

The following activities will be carried out in relation to establishing the NMMA and the NFPA:

- Boundary demarcation
- Education and training
- Purchase of fishing equipment
- Reduction of land based sources of pollution.

For more Details on the projects progress:

Nevis Historical and Conservation Society Web Site: <u>http://www.nevisheritage.org/</u> Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Nevis-Historical-and-Conservation-Society-NHCS-</u> 225632597638320/

Department of Marine Resources Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/DMRSKN/</u> Web Site: <u>http://dmrskn.com/</u>