

ECMMAN Project Activities Update – 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 empowering communities, local fishers and other stakeholders to participate in decision making processes for the Narrows Marine Managed Area (NMMA) and the Narrows Fishing Priority Area (NFPA), thus promoting sustainable activities and livelihoods.

Public Awareness / Outreach

Awareness activities include: schools visits, boat cruises, community and school competitions are still being carried out in St. Kitts and Nevis and will extend to the year 2017 due to the positive response and growing interest in the project. Also paraphernalia and handmade prizes have been used to attract and keep the attention of the various target audiences.



*Primary School
Awareness
Session*



*New Castle Bay
Clean Up and
Fun-day*



*Green Flash
Sunset Cruise*



*Grade Six Work
Shop*

Through additional funds from the project, the following activities are approved to be carried out in relation to establishing the NMMA and the NFPA:

Boundary Demarcation

- Installation and maintenance of demarcation buoys for the NMMAs are intended to be under the supervision of the local Scuba Safaris Dive Shop (support to purchase necessary equipment and specialist training will be provided).

Education and Training

- Planning, management and conservation training sessions are intended to be provided to local fishers and to new and existing coastal officers which will in turn engage stakeholders and others users of the Narrows.

Fishing Equipment

- GPS/Chart plotter and Hand Held VHF Radio to help establish a sustainable communication network among: fishermen, coast guards, enforcement MPA officers and other pertinent agencies.

- The fender buoys to help the fishers remove their boats from the water with less effort and with less damage to the boat.



Reduction of Land based sources of pollution.

- More waste receptacles are intended to be provided and the fishermen will donate their labour to construct an enclosure for the bins to ensure that the garbage is kept secure prior to being collected by the Solid Waste Management Authority.

More Information:

Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (Lead Organisation):

<http://www.nevisheritage.org/>

Department of Marine Resources (Cooperating Organisation):

<https://www.facebook.com/DepartmentOfMarineResourcesStKittsAndNevis/>