



Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project (P159653)

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Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 25-Sep-2017

Effectiveness Date: 18-Oct-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 08-Jan-2020

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 30-Jan-2020

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2021

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2021

Project Development Objective (PDO)

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective is to strengthen capacity for ocean governance and coastal and marine geospatial planning in the participating countries.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Strengthening Ocean Governance:(Cost \$4.00 M)

Strengthening Knowledge and Capacity:(Cost \$1.99 M)

Project Management, Monitoring and Assessment:(Cost \$0.31 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project (CROP), approved on September 25, 2017, continues to move in the right direction. The Project was officially launched in the region on March 5, 2018 with the participation of the 5 countries and the OECS Commission.

To date, the Project has disbursed 78.83% (US\$ 4.97 M) of the total grant of US\$ 6.3M. CROP continues to partner with various stakeholders on the ground in the implementation of the activities. Disbursements will continue throughout 2021 as contractors across components deliver key outputs, including the coastal and marine spatial plans and supporting materials. Several key milestones have been reached ahead of schedule



contributing towards the timely achievement of project indicators and ultimately, the realization and sustainability of project outcomes. The CROP implementation team has demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to meeting the project objectives.

Component 1: All activities are on track. The CROP is currently holding consultations for the development of the five national Coastal and Marine Spatial Plans (CMSPs). A Regional Marine Spatial Plan Framework is currently under development as well. Three National Ocean Governance Committees (NOGCs) have been established (St. Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada) which are essential to guide the development of CMSPs. CROP has successfully assisted the OECS Commission and participant countries in the development of national ocean policies and strategies as well as towards enhancing the Eastern Caribbean Regional Ocean Policy (ECROP).

Component 2: All activities are on track. Regional training workshops on marine data tools and uses have been conducted by The Nature Conservancy under the auspice of the OECS Commission. A series of three webinars were prepared and conducted in June 2020 – these were titled: “Delivering Good Ocean Governance in the OECS”; “Looking After Our Oceans in the OECS”; “A Blue Economy for the OECS.”

The OECS Commission continues working closely with The Nature Conservancy on strengthening data and information part of the Mapping Ocean Wealth (MOW) tool. Similarly, the CROP has delivered an impressive array of education products on the blue economy and the Caribbean Sea including an ocean education board game titled ‘Ocean Explorer’ for primary education; a digital (‘edu-tech’) game, also titled ‘Ocean Explorer’ (available on the google play store (Android)); and a series of webinars on the blue economy and on Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). Work on the development of the e-learning course on the blue economy continues. Please visit the OECS Commission hosted project website: <https://oeecs.org/crop>

The CROP delivered the Blue Economy Investment Round Table event on September 22, 2020 as part of the OECS’ [virtual] Sustainable Development Movement (SDM) 2020. An estimated 400 people attended this session where the OECS Commission unveiled the OECS Blue Economy investment portfolio which was, in part, informed by preliminary findings of the CMSPs under CROP.

Component 3: The institutional arrangements for the OECS CROP Project Implementation Unit (PIU) are performing well. CROP has also made progress towards generating knowledge partnerships, including the signed MOU with the Virtual Educa Foundation and the European Space Agency. Partnerships with the Government of Norway and with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO) have also been established. Additionally, the PIU is active on public awareness and promotion of CROP.

The project has successfully delivered the regional Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA); the Indigenous Peoples Policy Framework (IPPF) for Dominica; the Process Framework (PF); and the Involuntary Resettlement Policy Framework (IRPF). These instruments were developed in a participatory manner and have been made publicly available here: <https://oeecs.org/crop>

CROP’s Grievance Redress Mechanism is active and can be found here: <https://oeecs.org/grievance-redress>

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Macroeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
Fiduciary	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Environment and Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
Other	--	--	--
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate



Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Strengthen ocean governance				
▶ Marine spatial plans (a) developed in a participatory manner. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	5.00	6.00
Date	03-Oct-2018	09-Oct-2020	02-Nov-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>Draft Marine Spatial Plans (MSPs) have been prepared for Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.</p> <p>The participatory approach for developing the MSPs has progressed with great success over time culminating with a final round of consultations in November 2020. Beyond the initial delivery of the MSPs, the plans will then undergo validation by selected key stakeholders members of government towards their timely endorsement at ministerial level by June 2021 at the latest.</p> <p>The development of the Regional MSP Framework is currently underway informed by the overall results of the national MSPs. The Regional MSP Framework will be finalized in the first trimester of 2021 on time for validation and endorsement.</p>			
▶ Marine spatial plans (b) endorsed at ministerial level by participating member states, and by the OECS Commission. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	0.00	6.00
Date	03-Oct-2018	--	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>Validation session for the 5 National Marine Spatial Plans will be undertaken early 2021 (tentatively January 2021) and thereafter submitted formally to the countries towards ministerial endorsement at the OECS Council of Ministers in the first semester of 2021. The Regional Marine Spatial Plan framework will also be finalized and validated on time for formal endorsement.</p>			
▶ Coastal master plans (a) developed in a participatory manner. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>Draft Coastal Master Plans (CMPs) have been prepared for Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.</p> <p>The participatory approach for developing the MSPs has progressed with great success over time culminating with a final round of consultations in November 2020. Beyond the initial delivery of the CMPs, the plans will then undergo validation by selected key stakeholders members of government towards their timely endorsement at ministerial level by June 2021 at the latest.</p>			
▶ Coastal master plans (b) endorsed at ministerial level by participating member states. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	--	0.00	5.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	--	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021



Comments:	Draft Coastal Master Plans (CMPs) have been prepared for Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The participatory approach for developing the MSPs has progressed with great success over time culminating with a final round of consultations in November 2020. Beyond the initial delivery of the CMPs, the plans will then undergo validation by selected key stakeholders members of government towards their timely endorsement at ministerial level by June 2021 at the latest.			
Strengthen knowledge and capacity				
► Improved OECS ocean data coverage and access to ocean education on existing platforms. (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	09-Oct-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	The CROP has developed a number of ocean education products and made them available on existing platforms, namely the OECS Commission's CROP website. OECS Ocean data coverage is being generated through the spatial planning process.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Strengthen ocean governance				
► 1.1- Share of stakeholder groups participating in consultations (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	90.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	CROP has successfully engaged a total of 1437 stakeholders across groups including Community, Academia, Private Sector, Public Sector, NGO, and Indigenous Peoples. Community: 110 (7.65%) Academia: 299 (20.81%) Private Sector: 181 (12.60%) Public Sector: 731 (50.87%) NGO: 76 (5.29%) Indigenous people: 40 (2.78%) Male: 791 (55.05%) Female: 646 (44.95%)			
► 1.2 - Coordinating bodies formed and actively oversee the development of the national and regional level marine and coastal spatial plans (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	On June 19, 2018 Saint Lucia informed that the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the expansion of the Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee to include matters relating to ocean governance. As such, this committee has been renamed National Ocean Governance Committee (NOGC). In January 2019, the Cabinet of Ministers in St Vincent and the Grenadines approved the establishment of an NOGC. The Grenada NOGC was approved by cabinet on September 2019. Efforts continue by the Project PIU to engage with Dominica and St. Kitts and Nevis for the establishment of their National Ocean Governance Committees (NOGCs) or equivalent. Baseline: OECS Ocean Governance Committee.			



► 1.3 National policies developed in support of ocean governance. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3.00	6.00	6.00	5.00
Date	01-May-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>National ocean Policies and strategies were prepared for Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Lucia. The draft national policies and strategies for St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines were updated as well as the Eastern Caribbean Region Ocean Policy and Strategic Action Plan to align with the SDG 2030 agenda.</p> <p>Baseline policies: Eastern Caribbean Regional Ocean Policy (ECROP); draft St Kitts and Nevis ocean Policy; and draft St Vincent and the Grenadines Ocean Policy.</p>			
Strengthen knowledge and capacity				
► 2.1 - Decision makers sensitized on how to transition to the Blue Economy. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	33.00	39.00	75.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>High level meetings were held with permanent secretaries, OECS ambassadors, and Chiefs to inform on the CROP and Blue Economy matters. Decision makers were present at inception meeting and at the national MSP seminars. Further, issues related to CROP were on the agenda of the COMES and OECS Authority at their annual meetings in 2018 and in the 2019 meetings.</p> <p>A webinar on the Blue Economy for the OECS was prepared under CROP 2.2 and aired at the 7th Meeting [June 2020] of the Council of Ministers of Environmental Sustainability Blue Economy RoundTable – Chair and key Speakers (GND and SVG ministers).</p> <p>On September 22 to 24, 2020, the OECS Commission hosted the Sustainable Development Movement (SDM) with support from the CROP. The SDM brought together – via virtual means – decision makers from across the OECS countries to engage on discussions related to the Blue Economy; sustainable finance mechanisms for the blue economy; and key issues across sectors. The number of decision makers attending the SDM will be integrated in this indicator, when data becomes available.</p> <p>For this indicator, decision makers are defined as officials from Offices of the Prime Minister; OECS Ambassadors; Head/Chiefs of Government Departments/Divisions; and Ministers and Permanent Secretaries of ministries with responsibility for fisheries, sustainable development, economic development, physical planning, security, climate change, natural resources, health, maritime affairs/administration, legal affairs, energy, finance, ports, customs and excise, tourism, waste management, education, social transformation</p>			
► 2.2 - Knowledge partnerships formed to develop and/or deliver training and data on the blue economy. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>In 2018, an MOU was signed between OECS and Virtual Educa to facilitate knowledge sharing and capacity building on the blue economy.</p> <p>In November 2019, an MOU was signed between the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) and OECS to support work under CROP 1.1 through the European Space Agency (ESA) initiative, Earth Observation for Sustainable Development (EO4SD).</p> <p>A Grant Agreement was signed on October 2, 2019 with the Government of Norway to implement a project on marine litter. This project includes the development and implementation of a public awareness</p>			



campaign to sensitize the OECS citizenry on the impacts of waste, including plastics and Styrofoam on the health of marine environment and resources therein; and promote the concept of a circular and blue economy. This is a parallel project and partnership to complement the work developed under CROP and other related initiatives.

A partnership with FAO for the development of communication products on the blue economy was also established in 2019.

► 2.3 - Learning products developed on the blue economy (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	21.00	25.00	4.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	09-Oct-2020	02-Dec-2020	13-Aug-2021

Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non edu tech [board] game: <i>Ocean Explorer</i> 2. Edu-tech [app] game: <i>Ocean Explorer</i> [uploaded to Google Play Store Nov. 2020] 3. Webinar 1 – <i>Delivering Good Ocean Governance in the OECS</i> 4. Webinar 2 – <i>Looking After Our Oceans in the OECS</i> 5. Webinar 3 – <i>A Blue Economy for the OECS</i> 6. E-book 1: <i>The Marine Environment</i> 7. E-book 2: <i>Ocean Threats</i> 8. E-book 3: <i>A Blue Economy</i> 9. E-book 4: <i>Integrated Ocean Governance</i> 10. E-book 5: <i>Integrated Ocean Management and Marine Spatial Planning</i> 11. CROP jingle 12. Communication Strategy and Implementation plan for the Blue Economy Programme [FAO facilitated product] 13. Blue Economy poster [FAO facilitated product] 14. Marine Spatial Planning poster [FAO facilitated product] 15. Technical Brief 1: Good Ocean Governance [FAO facilitated product] 16. Technical Brief 2: Marine Spatial Planning [FAO facilitated product] 17. Technical Brief 3: Coastal master Plans: Case of Grenada [FAO facilitated product] 18. Technical Brief 4: Ocean Governance - Case of the OECS [FAO facilitated product] 19. OECS CROP re-designed web page - https://oece.org/crop 20. CROP 1.1 Video 1: <i>the Caribbean Blue Economy</i>- https://youtu.be/n3K1kF2t-xc 21. CROP 1.1 Video 2: <i>OECS CROP</i> - https://youtu.be/0lwzHVkd_7A 22. CROP 1.1 Video 3: <i>OECS IRPF</i> - https://youtu.be/t3BFeyL7U0w 23. Publication (case study): '<i>We Are Large Ocean States</i>': <i>Blue economy and ocean governance in the Eastern Caribbean</i>' 24. CROP video: <i>Towards a Blue Economy</i> - https://youtu.be/4bsPt-VS0W4 25. 1 Blue Economy Course (Final Draft) (10 modules)
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Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

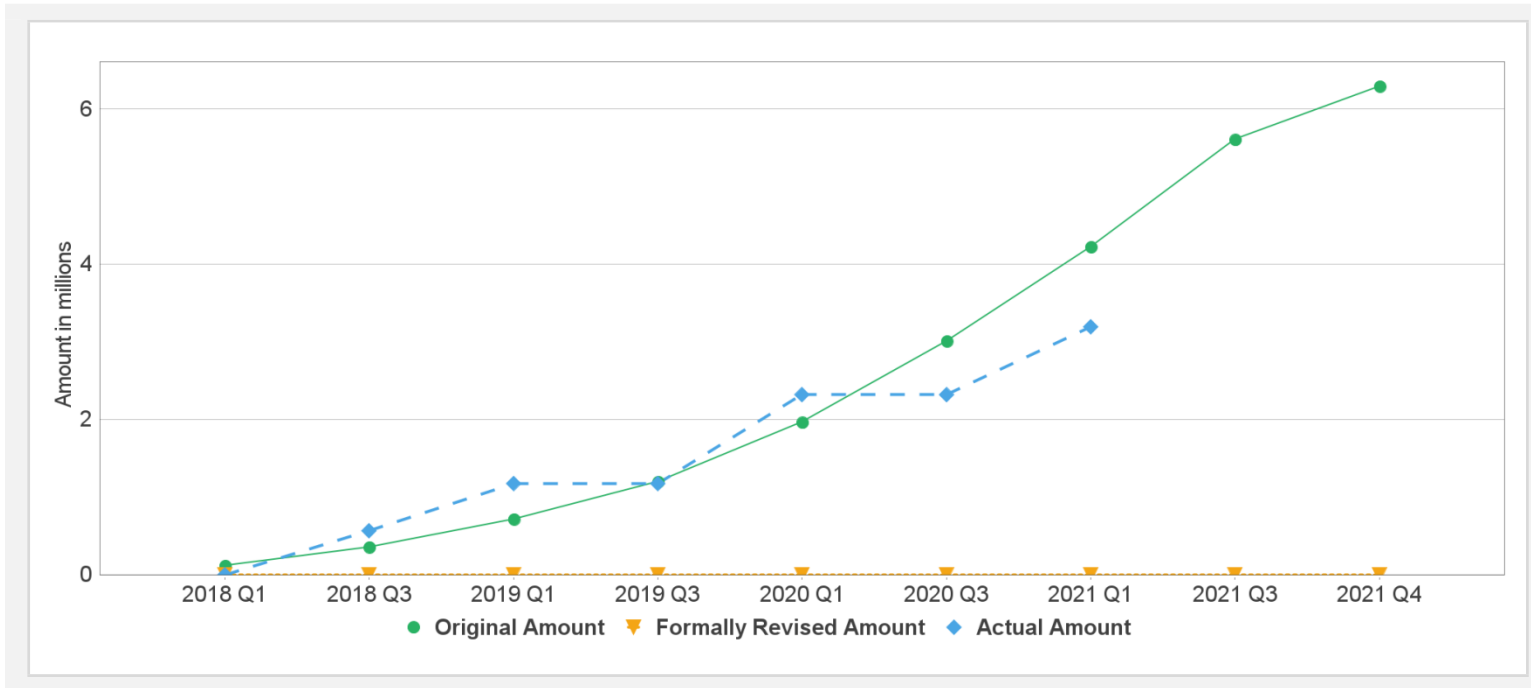
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P159653	TF-A5428	Effective	USD	6.30	6.30	0.00	4.97	1.33	79%

Key Dates (by loan)



Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P159653	TF-A5428	Effective	25-Sep-2017	14-Oct-2017	18-Oct-2017	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2021

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.