

Recognizing the priority given by the Caribbean Countries to preserve marine areas, Mexico and the OAS, within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the GS/OAS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), announce a Project to contribute to the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in Caribbean countries.

The objective of the project is to improve capacity of participating countries to value and measure ecosystem services and strengthen frameworks for coastal zone management.

By accounting for coastal marine and coral reef ecosystem economic values in management decisions, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) can sustain their flow of goods and services in the interest of current and future generations.

In this context, countries seek technical assistance to achieve the commitments laid out in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the Convention on Biological Diversity targets.

The ReefFix project has been designed to be replicated throughout the SIDS by providing the building blocks for stakeholder involvement, socio-economic and bio-physical analysis, and lessons learned.



This project also counts with the participation of the Princely Government of Monaco.

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

1. **Ecosystem Services Valuation:** Countries will generate data on the value of ecosystem services of selected sites utilizing ecosystem valuation methodologies.
2. **Capacity Building:** Civil society, coastal communities' stakeholders, and government officials will be trained in ecosystem valuation methodologies and marine protected area management.
3. **Dissemination of Results and Lessons Learned:** Conclusions and lessons learned will be disseminated to a wide audience throughout the Americas.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

- Digital maps generated on tourism, fisheries, and bio-physical goods and services derived from 7 Marine Parks or areas.
- Capacity Building of representatives from civil society, marine protected areas staff and government officials.