



Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project (P159653)

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Implementing Agencies: The World Bank, OECS Council, OECS

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.

The Midterm Review conducted on January 29 – 30, 2020, confirmed that the Project has disbursed 36.8% (US\$ 2.316 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. A Mid Term Review Independent Evaluation confirmed that the CROP is laying the foundation as an important and transformative process fostering ownership and sustained engagement towards a blue economy in the region. More specifically, the CROP aims to strengthen the policy and regulatory frameworks for enhanced ocean governance. This 'up-stream' regulatory framework is embodied in the Coastal and Marine Spatial Plans (CMSPs), the regional



and national ocean policies, and the cabinet approved National Ocean Governance Committees (NOGCs), all of which are the foundation for the blue economy. Because of CROP, the specific 'down-stream' investments and projects will encounter the institutional support, backed by ocean policies, and even the physical space (outlined in the CMSPs) to be successfully executed to deliver results and further advance the blue economy agenda in the region.

Component 1: All activities are on track. Consultations are currently underway for the development of Coastal and Marine Spatial Plan (CMSPs). Three National Ocean Governance Committees (NOGCs) have already been established (St. Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada) which are essential to guide the development of CMSPs. To bring wide visibility to CROP activities, a 5-minute video to inform on CMSP and on the blue economy more generally has been developed. This video has been distributed via the OECS YouTube and Facebook channels and a shorter version of the video has been placed on OECS Twitter. The full-length video can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sJhhe9oIK9bxnxlmyij6C4Sv0hpegWrN/view>.

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. Additionally, work on the 'Think Blue' platform for ocean literacy, in partnership with Virtual Educa Foundation, continues. CROP is fostering a collaborative synergy amongst sectoral ministries, and resource users (stakeholders at all levels) in-country, across the region, and with other island states including the Seychelles.

Component 3: The institutional arrangements for the OECS CROP Project Implementation Unit (PIU) are in place and performing well. The major consultancy services contracts under CROP components 1 and 2 are in effect. 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 regional Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), the Indigenous Peoples Policy Framework (IPPF), and the Process Framework (PF) for the project are available here: <https://www.oecs.org/en/crop-about>.

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

Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) Status

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Macroeconomic	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	☐ Low	☐ Low	☐ Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Fiduciary	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Environment and Social	☐ Low	☐ Low	☐ Low
Stakeholders	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Other	--	--	--
Overall	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes



Strengthen ocean governance				
► Marine spatial plans (a) developed in a participatory manner, and (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	0.00	6.00
Date	03-Oct-2018	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021
► Coastal master plans (a) developed in a participatory manner, and (b) endorsed at ministerial level by participating member states (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021
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	No	No	Yes
Date	15-Aug-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021

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	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	CROP has successfully engaged a total of 1221 stakeholders across groups including Community, Academia, Private Sector, Public Sector, NGO, and Indigenous Peoples. Community: 68 (5.57%) Academia: 244 (19.98%) Private Sector: 153 (12.53%) Public Sector: 652 (53.40%) NGO: 73 (5.98%) Indigenous people: 31 (2.54%) Male: 657 (53.81%) Female: 564 (46.19%)			
► 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	3.00	4.00	6.00



Date	15-Aug-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>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. Baseline: OECS Ocean Governance Committee (part of the total count at MTR)</p>			
► 1.3 National policies developed in support of ocean governance. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	3.00	3.00	6.00	5.00
Date	01-May-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021
Comments:	<p>National ocean Polices 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. 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	26.00	26.00	75.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-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. 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	3.00	4.00	4.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-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. 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). 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 campaign to sensitize the OECS citizenry on the impacts of waste, including plastics and Styrofoam on</p>			



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	7.00	8.00	4.00
Date	15-Aug-2017	18-Sep-2019	25-Feb-2020	13-Aug-2021

Under CROP 2.2, a non-tech game on ocean targeted at primary school students has been developed and is in the process of being printed.

Comments:

In addition, support from FAO, facilitated the development of 7 products:

- Communication Strategy and Implementation plan for the Blue Economy Programme
- Two Posters (1: Blue Economy; and 2: Marine Spatial Planning)
- Four technical Briefs:
 1. Good Ocean Governance
 2. Marine Spatial Planning
 3. Coastal master Plans: Case of Grenada
 4. Ocean Governance - Case of the OECS

Data on Financial Performance

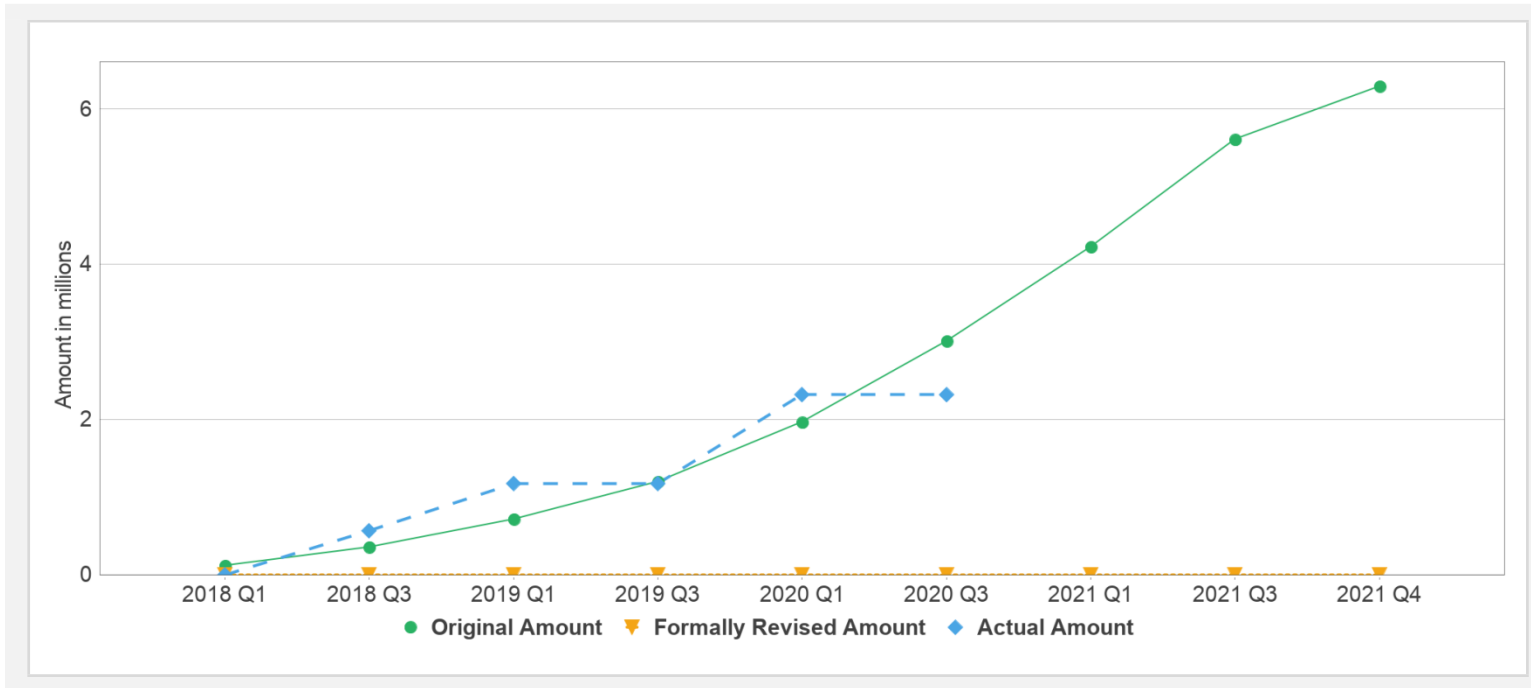
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P159653	TF-A5428	Effective	USD	6.30	6.30	0.00	2.32	3.98	37%

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.