

ReefFix: An Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Ecosystem Services Valuation and Capacity Building Project for the Caribbean





Recognizing the priority given by the Caribbean Countries to preserve marine areas, the OAS and Chilean OAS Permanent Mission 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 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 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 biophysical analysis, and lessons learned.



PROJECT COMPONENTS:

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

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

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