Cartagena Convention

Framework for Sustainable Development of the Wider Caribbean

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Caribbean Environment Programme

1974 UNEP initiates Regional Seas Programme
1976 UNEP urged to launch Programme for Caribbean
1981 Action Plan for Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) adopted at 1st IGM
1983 Legal framework (Cartagena) for CEP adopted
1986 Cartagena Convention on Oil Spills enters into force
1990 SPAW Protocol Adopted in Jamaica
1999 LBS Protocol Adopted in Aruba
2000 SPAW Protocol enters into force
2003 Panama & Trinidad & Tobago accede to LBS
2010 3 more ratifications needed for LBS to enter into force

NEWS FLASH
One (1) more accession needed for LBS Entry into Force
18 Regional Seas Programmes
140 Countries

Regional Seas

Wider Caribbean

West to East: North-East Pacific South-East Pacific Wider Caribbean Upper South-West Atlantic West & Central Africa Mediterranean Black Sea Eastern Africa Red Sea & Gulf of Aden ROPME Sea Area South Asian Seas East Asian Seas North-West Pacific South Pacific Partner programmes: Arctic North-East Atlantic Baltic Caspian Antarctic
Caribbean Environment Programme

**Mission**

"To promote regional co-operation for the protection and development of the Wider Caribbean Region"

**Objective**

"To achieve sustainable development of marine and coastal resources in the Wider Caribbean Region through effective, integrated management that allows for economic growth and sustainable livelihoods"
Ships

Land Based

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Biodiversity

Air

Dumping

Sea/River-Bed
The Protection & Sustainable Development of the Caribbean Sea
Cartagena Convention
Adopted in 1983
Entry into Force 1986

Pollution from Oil Spills
Adopted in 1983
Entry into force in 1986

Specially Protected Areas & Wildlife (SPAW)
Adopted in 1990
Entry into force in 2000

Land Based Sources of Pollution (LBS)
Adopted in 1999
What are the Objectives of the Oil Spills Protocol?

• Protect marine & coastal environment from oil spill incidents

• Establish & maintain means to respond to oil spill incidents & to reduce the risks associated with such incidents
What are the Objectives of the SPAW Protocol?

- Protect, preserve & sustainably manage fragile areas & threatened or endangered species of flora & fauna

- Regulate &/or prohibit activities having adverse effects on protected areas & wildlife (biodiversity)
What are the Objectives of the LBS Protocol?

- **Reduce pollution** through establishment of effluent & emission limitations and/or best management practices

- **Exchange information** on land-based pollution through cooperation in monitoring & research
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The Caribbean Action Plan:

**Environmental Assessment** - Causes, Magnitude & Impacts of environmental pollution and degradation

**Environmental Management** - Tools for prevention, reduction, control & mitigation of existing and future negative environmental impacts

**Environmental Legislation** - Regional Convention, elaborated by specific technical protocols & supported by national enabling legislation.

**Institutional Arrangements** – National Focal Points

**Financial Arrangements** – Donor, Voluntary or obligatory national contributions to Trust Funds;
Capacity Building

Policy & Legislative Reforms

Environmental Assessments & Monitoring

Best Management Practices & Technologies

Environmental Education & Awareness

Sustainable Financing
Our achievements

- Improved Baseline Data & Information
- Leverage of Donor funds through Projects
- Improved Coordination & Collaboration
- Increased Awareness & Country Ownership
- Strengthened Partnerships with NGOs, Academia, MEA Secretariats: MARPOL Special Area
Our challenges

- Lack of coordination – overlap, duplication
- Government commitment
- Resource Constraints: Technical, Financial
- Linkages between environment, economic and social development agendas;
- “Science” – “Policy Response” Disconnect
- “Local Community” – “National/Regional” Disconnect
Supporting Governance Arrangements

- Saint Georges Declaration for OECS
- Barbados SIDS POA
- Johannesburg POI
- Mauritius Strategy for SIDS
- ACS - Caribbean Sea Commission
- Millennium Development Goals
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements & Resolutions
What can CEP provide?

- Data & Information
- Policy & Technical Advice
- Decision-Making Framework
- Networking & Partnerships: Focal Points, RACs & RAN
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