National level interactions with regional organisations

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What interests us

- The Caribbean Sea Commission and other regional organisations inevitably hold meetings at which genuinely national representation is expected, but
  - (How) is genuine national representation generated?
  - Who are the players and what are the processes?
  - How resilient are national representation routines?
  - Why do patterns of preparation and feedback change?
  - What learning from research guides improvements?
Regional organisation invitation

Receipt by National Focal Point

Participate in meeting

Brief for meeting

Meeting report

Feedback to interested parties

Multi-stakeholder multi-level forum for consultation

Local notification

Consultation participation invitation
Multi-stakeholder multi-level consultation

focal point

national

local
Regional organisation invitation

Receipt by National Focal Point

Multi-stakeholder multi-level forum for consultation

1. go without interaction

2. avoid the stakeholders

Brief for meeting

Participate in meeting

Meeting report

Feedback to interested parties

invitation consultation participation notification
Let's do a small study to get some answers!
Methods

**Preliminary assessment:** Telephone survey solicited 3 expert opinions per country (39 countries) on national delegates' preparatory and feedback communication regarding meetings of intergovernmental agencies and/or regional projects dealing with marine matters.

**Detailed case studies:** Belize, BVI, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Grenada, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Colombia visits.

Face-to-face interviews with a selection of government, NGOs and private sector agencies.

Questions regarding preparation and feedback relevant to the two most recent meetings of the UNEP IGM and the CLME project or other relevant regional meeting of a similar stature.
Preliminary assessment of communication arrangements

**Pre-meeting preparation arrangement**

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**Post-meeting feedback arrangement**

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**Level of communication: national Governmental**

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**Level of communication: local/national civil society & private sector**

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Preliminary assessment of means and frequency of communication

**Pre-meeting preparation pathway**

- Frequency
  - Personal Direct
  - Personal Indirect
  - Both
  - Impersonal
  - Undetermined

**Post-meeting feedback pathway**

- Frequency
  - Personal Direct
  - Personal Indirect
  - Both
  - Impersonal
  - Undetermined

**Pre-meeting preparation frequency of communication**

- Frequency
  - Regular
  - Occasional
  - Seldom
  - Undetermined

**Post-meeting feedback frequency of communication**

- Frequency
  - Regular
  - Occasional
  - Seldom
  - Undetermined
Example of national interaction/communication

- UNEP/IGM
- CLME
- Others

Preparation as needed

Feedback as needed

Formal and Ad Hoc committees.
Representation mainly from government

NGOs/Private Sector

National focal Point Min/Dept
The case of Jamaica

NCOCZM
- Environmental Management Division
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- Attorney General’s Chambers
- Ministry of Energy and Mining
- Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Ministry of Tourism
- Jamaica National Heritage Trust
- Planning Institute of Jamaica
- Port Authority of Jamaica
- National Land Agency
- National Commission on Science and Technology
- UWI/ Marine Geology Unit
- Caribbean Maritime Institute
- Northern Jamaica Conservation Association

GLOBALLAST National Task Force
- Maritime Authority rep.
- NEPA rep.
- GLOBALLAST National Task Force
- MOH Min Transport
- Maritime Authority
- NEPA
- JDF-Coast Guard
- UWI/CMS
- Shipping Association

Regional Task Force GLOBALLAST

National Level

UNEP/IGM

Maritime Authority rep.

NEPA rep.
Some findings

- Sectoral/fragmented approach reduces effectiveness
- Ad hoc (in)formal committees hold infrequent meetings
- Multi-stakeholder arrangements recognized as promising
- Inadequate civil society/private sector representation
- Narrow forum agendas restrict input into marine meetings
- Post-meeting feed-back and communication is irregular
- Weak NGOs and CBOs make communication challenging
- Inappropriate representative = ineffective representation
- Informal relations/social networks key for communication
- Patterns of interaction are typically dynamic and complex
- We are still extracting learning from the key findings