

Updates from the GCRMN Caribbean node



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WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION (WCR)

Only Legally Binding, Regional Agreement for the protection and sustainable development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region

Cartagena Convention
Secretariat based in Kingston,
Jamaica



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Protecting Our Caribbean Sea, Sustaining Our Future
Website: <https://www.unenvironment.org/cep/>

Cartagena Convention

Adopted : March 24, 1983
Entered into force : October 11, 1986



Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combatting Oil Spills

Adopted : 1983
Entered into force : 1986



Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW)

Adopted : 1990
Entered into force : 2000



Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS)

Adopted : 1999
Entered into force : 2010



RATIFICATION OF CARTAGENA CONVENTION & OIL SPILLS PROTOCOL



*Caribbean Netherlands: Special Public Bodies of the Netherlands. Alternatively known as Bonaire, St Eustatuis and Saba, BES Islands.

Cartagena Convention and Oil Spills Protocol: 26 Contracting parties

Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol (SPAW): 18 Contracting parties

Land-based sources of Marine Pollution Protocol (LBS): 15 Contracting parties



Status of Coral Reefs of the World

GCRMN Regional Report for the Caribbean

GCRMN-Caribbean Report Elaboration:

- Fundraising for the GCRMN-Caribbean Report (support from the UNEP-GFCR, ACP-MEA III and the GEF Gulf of Mexico projects)
- Coordination of report elaboration (SPAW-RAC)
- Recruitment of consultant for data collation & analysis (SPAW-RAC).
- Calls for data submission
- Coordination with the steering committee on the report elaboration
- Data gathering and signature of Data Sharing Agreements.



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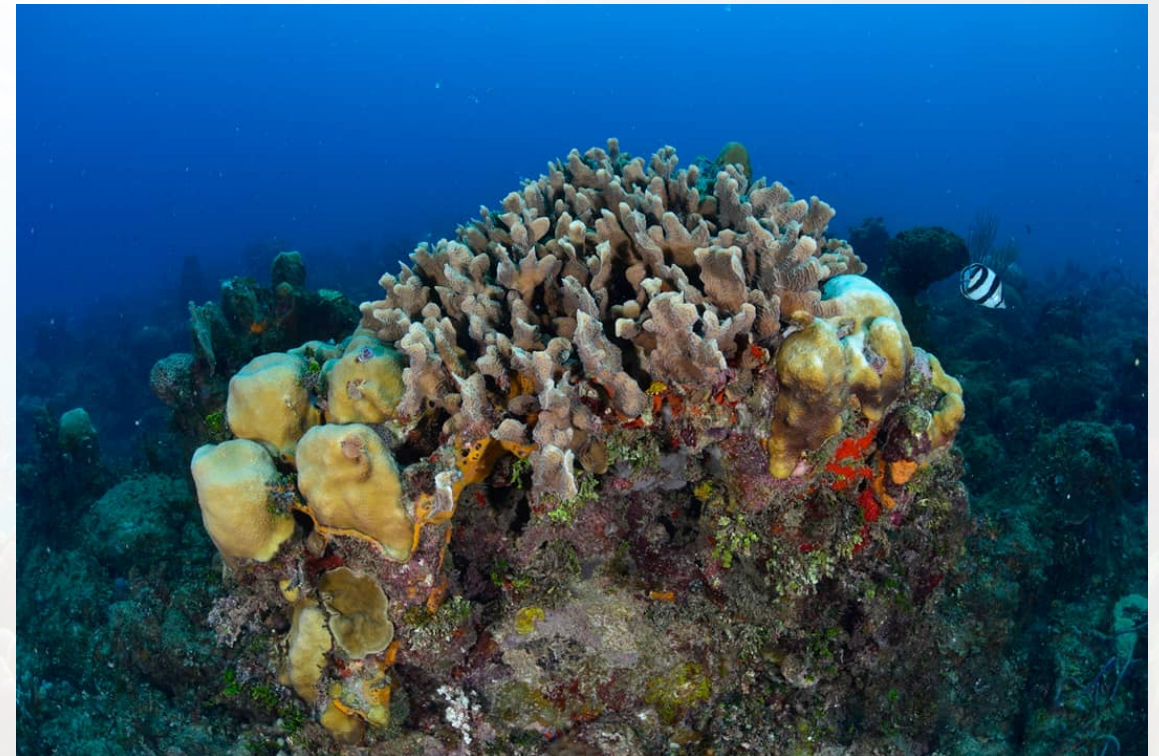
Coordination of the Caribbean Coral Reef Monitoring Network – SPAW-RAC

Coordination of the Network:

- Organized GCRMN-Caribbean node SC meetings (November 2023 and April 2024)
- Online surveys conducted (network coordination, monitoring, capacity-building, and coral bleaching).

Participation and Support:

- Attended 2023 GCRMN Steering Committee and ICRI 37 Annual meetings (Hawaii, September 2023).
- Supported:
 - The Coral Reef Breakthrough
 - The *ad hoc* committee on integrating coral reefs into NBSAPs.
 - The extension of the *ad hoc* committee for coral reef restoration and adaptation.



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Coordination of the Caribbean Coral Reef Monitoring Network

Special Session Coordination:

- Coordinated session on "MPA Networks as Tools for Ecosystem Monitoring" for effective monitoring in Caribbean MPAs.

Data Management:

- Ongoing discussions on GCRMN-Caribbean data platform hosting options.
- Data Task Force

Awareness Raising:

- Raised awareness of threats like coral bleaching and diseases through webinars, social media, and campaigns.



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Upcoming activities

GCRMN-GFCR Data Workshop, Oct 2024, Puerto Morelos, Mexico

- Data Integration and Identification of data gaps.
- Data Analysis and first results Interpretation
- Standardized Methodology
- Work Plan Proposal

CBD COP16, Cali, Colombia, Oct 2024

- ICRI #ForCoral Pavilion
- PROCARIBE+ side event Blue Zone Colombia Pavilion
- CBC-WCS-UNEP-CCS 30x30 side event
- NatureXPairs 30x30 side event
- CBF 30x30 side event

GCFI77, Guadeloupe, France Nov 2024

- Preliminary results on the 2025 GCRMN Caribbean report

UNOC3, Nice, France Jun 2025

- Publication and promotion of the 2025 GCRMN Caribbean report



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