



FACT SHEET 1

COASTAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Updating the ICZM Plan, Legislation and Regulations to embrace Climate and Disaster Resilience

Falling within the IDB funded “Coastal Risk Assessment and Management Program” (BA-L1014/2463/OC-BA; CRMP), a 9 month consultancy has been awarded to IHCantabria (Spain) to support the Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU) to update the existing ICZM Plan, Legislation and Regulations to better embrace climate and disaster resilience (see Fact Sheet 2).

This work shall focus on the following core activities:

Update of the National ICZM Plan and producing a policy document for the coastal zone that is able to address the existing bottlenecks and problems in land use development and planning within the coastal zone. This shall involve mainstreaming of comprehensive disaster management and climate change adaptation into decision making for the coast.

Intended outputs: Updated management guidelines and implementation procedures shall be produced which public agencies and private individuals can draw upon to achieve sustainable coastal zone use and development.

Prepare recommendations for the amendment to the Coastal Zone Management Act (1998), Draft Order and prepare regulations under this Act which would provide the legal basis under which the CZMU could carry out its functions to effectively manage the resources of the coastal zone while incorporating DRM and CCA.

The pioneering new baseline data that has been collated over the past few years, from the IDB funded Coastal Risk Management Programme - CRMP is now being used to best effect to move forward the ICZM agenda for Barbados.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE PROJECT

Intended outputs:

By the end of the 9 month project, the following outcomes are expected:

- An **updated Draft Integrated Coastal Zone Management Policy framework and associated Plan**, that has learned from the bottlenecks of current ICZM plan implementation and from this, re-defined boundaries of the coastal management area (embracing DRM and CCA issues including onshore hazard limits and offshore blue economy “potential”).
- A **Draft Policy Paper and Legislative Order** detailing updates and amendments to the CZM Act, amendments to other legal instruments as appropriate and delimiting details for the coastal management area.
- **Required regulations** to accompany the proposed amendments to the CZM Act.
- **Updated list** of primary coastal management functions, with responsible agencies and appropriate legislative framework.



Key initiatives (past and present) that are pivotal towards steering this consultancy include:

- **New coastal risk related information** acquired through diagnostic surveys (Component 1 of CRMP) since 2017;
- **The Revised National Physical Development Plan (2017)** and the proposed amendments, policies and plans proposed for the East Coast National Park;
- **New and emerging Government and non-Government initiatives** (including Blue Economy discussions);
- **Global best practices** in planning for the coastal zone management and the promotion of coastal ecosystem resilience within the Plan.



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