



COASTAL AND MARINE HABITAT CONSERVATION PROJECT

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Prime Implementer	:	Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine - FoProBiM
Partners	:	National Protected Areas Agency (ANAP), Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Local Mayors' Offices.

OVERVIEW

The overall goal of USAID'S Coastal and Marine Habitat Conservation (CMHC) project is to improve the management and conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems in general, and biodiversity in particular, within the Port Salut / Aquin Marine Protected Area (PSA/MPA) by providing educational and training activities, and best practices linked to concrete actions in order to increase local environmental and economic resilience and reduce vulnerabilities within local coastal communities.

GOALS

The goal of CMHC is to support the Haitian government, local authorities and civil society in the management, protection, and monitoring of coastal and marine resources while providing environmentally friendly and sustainable income generation.

RESULTS

- Education/sensitization in order to ensure long-term conservation impacts
- Strengthening of local governance structures in order to manage and conserve biodiversity for the long term

- Increasing local resilience through the examination and initiation of alternative livelihood activities linked to environmental restoration/rehabilitation in order to reduce the underlying threats to coastal and marine resources (diversification of income and increasing community resilience)
- 500 stakeholders having participated in 3 days of classes/workshops on basic environmental concepts.
- 36 stakeholders having participated in 5 days of capacity building activities for managers, decision-makers and monitoring teams to better undertake their roles and responsibilities towards the PSA MPA in particular and all of Haiti's MPAs in general.
- 10 new members of the Gad Ekolojik team will participate in the upper-level activities as well as 7 days of more specialized field training and 41 days of on-going training.
- 50 fishers (total) from 2 fishing associations engaged in sustainable fisheries training, and a gear swap activity in which better, legal, gear is exchanged for more sustainable gear in order to protect coral reef ecosystems and fisheries
- 30,000 plants established in 3 nurseries (2 mangrove with 20,000 plants (total), and 1 fruit with 10,000 plants)
- 10 days of mangrove/agroforestry classes for a total of 200 local stakeholders engaged in project plant nurseries and reforestation activities
- 50 hectares of mangrove forest rehabilitated (restoring the capacity of the forests to provide at least some, if not all, of their original ecosystemic services in part through reforestation)
- 36 total days of training in apiculture provided (40 stakeholders; 10 each from 4 coastal communities: 2 groups of 20 each trained for 18 days) and provided with 80 beehives (20 per association) and 20 complete sets of apicultural equipment
- 50 coral fragments established at a pilot project nursery site on A-Frames or other structures within the protected area and allowed to grow out.

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