GEF IWEco Project – Mainstreaming Gender in IWRM for DRR

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The Integrating Water, Land and Ecosystems Management in Caribbean Small Island Developing States is a five-year multi-focal area regional project.
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Meaningful Stakeholder Participation
Strategic Communication
Selection of Indicators and Development of a Monitoring & Evaluation Framework
Good Data & Information Management
Enabling Legislation
Partnerships
Public Education and Outreach
Capacity Building
Mainstreaming

Adaptive Management

Actual demonstration of Environmental Stress reduction &/or immediate benefits to community
• **More funding for each country** - Eight national projects provided with greater proportion of total project funds; 55% i.e. $11,303,414. out of a total of $20,772,572.

• **Alternative livelihoods** - Enhanced livelihood opportunities and socio-economic co-benefits for targeted communities from improved ecosystem services functioning. The GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP).

• **Dedicated funding for information and knowledge management** – for development of awareness-raising programmes & resources; development of targeted knowledge networks and dissemination of information.
Participating Countries:

National Projects:
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Jamaica
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago

Regional contribution:
- Barbados
- Grenada
To contribute to the preservation of Caribbean ecosystems that are of global significance and the sustainability of livelihoods through the application of existing proven technologies and approaches that are appropriate for small island developing states through improved fresh and coastal water resources management, sustainable land management and sustainable forest management that also seek to enhance resilience of socioecological systems to the impacts of climate change.
Project Objective

I. Component
- Develop and foster implementation of targeted innovative, climate-change resilient approaches

II. Component
- Strengthen water, land and ecosystems resources monitoring and indicators frameworks

III. Component
- Strengthen policy, legislative and institutional reforms and capacity building

IV. Component
- Enhance knowledge exchange

V. Component
- Project management

VI. Component
- Mid term review and terminal evaluation for the project
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems
Gender Mainstreaming in all steps of a planning cycle.
The importance of gender mainstreaming in environmental and poverty eradication policies is recognized in a wide range of global agreements.
Sustainable Development Goals cannot be achieved in isolation
The IWEco project:

- Promote equitable gender participation in project implementation and replication
- Places emphasis on advancing gender mainstreaming within policy and capacity building in support of all the components
- Gender audits and targeted analyses to ascertain derived benefits by stakeholders will be conducted
- Training to strengthen gender-equitable access to ecosystem services, safe and adequate water, sanitation, food security and other benefits derived from project implementation
- Produce “How to Manual” on gender mainstreaming within project to the region
- Assist in developing national and regional frameworks to respond to the policy directions in the Food, Water, Energy and Ecosystems nexus
The Project

Addressing problems of land degradation and ecosystem degradation in the upper reaches of the Soufriere Watershed in Saint Lucia

IWEco Project focus: Land Degradation

Amount of GEF grant: $729,685 USD
Amount of Co-financing: $1,475,761 USD
Total funding: $2,205,446 USD
### Challenges and issues:

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<td>Making the community understand the link between their farming practices and denuded slopes, siltation and coral reef degradation;</td>
<td>IWEco, Department of Forestry</td>
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<td>An aggressive communication awareness campaign targeted at the residents within the watershed</td>
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<td>Privately owned farms</td>
<td>Chief Forests Officers, National Project Coordinator</td>
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Agroecological approach
• Considers the entire food system
  • ecological, economic and social dimensions)
• Promotes gender equality
• Reduce environmental impacts of agriculture
• Promote participation and decision-making by women and men
• Contribute to both food security and food sovereignty
St Vincent & the Grenadines

IWEco Project focus: Land Degradation

Riverbank rehabilitation/ Watershed restoration investments in the St. Georges watershed.

Amount of GEF grant: $999,685 USD
Amount of Co-financing: $1,608,875 USD
Total funding: $2,608,560 USD
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<td>Mode of execution to be agreed upon</td>
<td>Director of Forestry in collaboration with Planning Office and Ministry of Finance and UNEP/PCU</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>Project inserted in Capital Estimates since 2016</td>
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<td>Access to funding</td>
<td>Director of Forestry, Accountant General</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>Awaiting transfer of funds</td>
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The Project

Reduce and reverse land degradation at select quarry site(s) in the North East Trinidad by employing an integrated water, land and ecosystem approach.

IWEco Project focus: Land Degradation

Trinidad and Tobago

Amount of GEF grant: $643,658 USD
Amount of Co-financing: $768,875 USD
Total funding: $1,412,533 USD
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<td>Initial project area rehabilitation reduced from 100 ha to 40 ha</td>
<td>National Executing Agency (NEA)</td>
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<td>National Quarries Company Limited (NCQL) agreed in principle to provide minimum of 10 ha over project duration</td>
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<td>Further site identification (both private and state owned)</td>
<td>National Executing Agency (NEA)</td>
<td>As soon as possible</td>
<td>Carib Glassworks Ltd. (Matura) expressed interest in allocating 5 ha for project</td>
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Jamaica

IWEco Project focus: Biodiversity

The Project

Biodiversity
Mainstreaming in Coastal Landscapes within the Negril Environmental Protection Area

Amount of GEF grant: $3,114,685 USD
Amount of Co-financing: $10,217,073 USD
Total funding: $13,331,758 USD
Jamaica

The Project

Biodiversity Mainstreaming in Coastal Landscapes within the Negril Environmental Protection Area
IWEco Project focus: Land Degradation

Targeting land degradation and effective land management through the development of Innovative Financing methodologies.
Research Partnership
• provide technical advice and scientific research contributions particularly in establishment of Monitoring and assessment protocols to track implementation progress based on relevant indicators associated with the GEF tracking tools.

Governance Partnership
• provide technical back-stopping to assist strengthen and mainstream policies and strategies drawing on the knowledge-base of these agencies

Public Awareness / Public Education Partnership
• provide close support through application of innovative tools and methods for expanding buy-in and driving behavioural change around the implementation of the national sub-projects.

Research Partnership established on 27 November 2018
Governance Partnership established on 19 March 2019
Communications Partnership established on 28 October 2017
Gender-sensitive environmental assessments

Existing commitments followed up & effectively implemented

Collection & Analysis of Gender-disaggregated information

Meaningful inclusion, communication & participation

Gender-disaggregated information

Adequate funding and resources
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