

# The Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Network and Forum (CaMPAM): a regional mechanism for enhancing communication and building capacity in the wider Caribbean region

R- Regional courses: Saba (Antillas Holandesas, 1999), Parque Nacional del Este (Dom. Rep. 2000); St. Lucia (2002); Florida Keys (2004, 2006); Sian Ka'an (2007)



# CaMPAM network expansion

---

- CaMPAM network was created in 1997, administered by UNEP-CEP, with limited functions
- MPA symposia GCFI (scientists interested in strengthening MPA capacity)
- The expanded **CaMPAM Network & Forum** was launched during the White Waters to Blue Waters meeting (Miami, March 2004)
- Partnership with several organizations: GCFI, WRI, WCPA-Marine, NOAA Intl., TNC, ED, FKNMS, etc.

# CaMPAM Network and Forum objectives

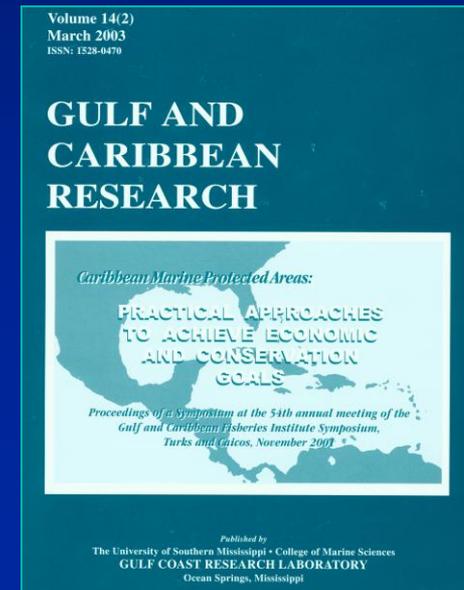
---

- Build synergy from existing efforts
- Provide and exchange expertise
- Provide a forum for emerging issues
- Identify and provide resources

# Partnerships

Since 1947, the GCFI has met annually to

- A forum for the exchange of information and perspectives among decision-makers, scientists, managers, educators, students, and resource users
- Since 1997, conducted annual MPA sessions interpreted into English/Spanish culminating in 2001 two-day MPA symposium and publication
- Publish results of sessions in the annual Proceedings of the GCFI (next meeting Nov. 2010 in Puerto Rico)



# Partnerships



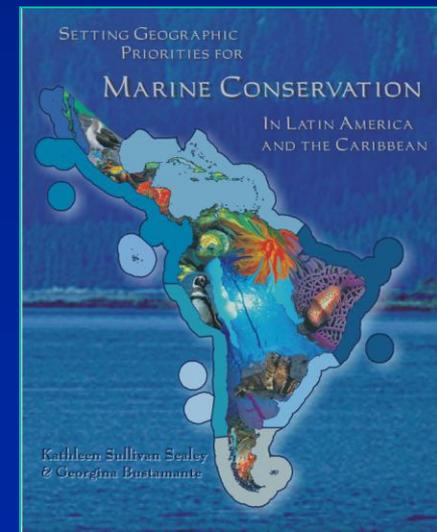
- Administration of the SPAW protocol
- Implementation of CaMPAM
  - MPA Training of Trainers (through ICRAN)
  - MPA database development and updates
  - Small Grants Program



# Partnerships

---

- Supporting partners (GO and NGO) to develop capacity and help manage MPAs (e.g., Sian Ka'an, Belize; East End of St. Croix; BVIs)
- Resilience as a principle of MPAs design
- Ridges to Reefs
- Learning centers
- Parks in Perils program



# Partnerships



ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

finding the ways that work

- Working directly with MPA managers
- Outreach to the fishing communities to development management plans
- Leverage MPAs to achieve stronger habitat protection through advocacy



# Where we are now

- Steering committee and strategic plan
- MPA database updating
- SPAW MPA listing process (participate in
  - Development of guidelines)
- Training the trainers program
- MPA program evaluation
- Build/expand partnerships
  - List server
  - Use GCFI Annual Meetings as a forum and proceedings for publication
  - Fundraising

# Workplan

---

- Expand programs and projects
- Encourage membership contribution
- Build bridges and solid partnerships with other regions or initiatives
- More resources (active members & \$)
- Contribute to MPA network creation commitments
  - Enhance communications and
  - Information dissemination
  - Exchanges
- Build capacity among network leaders