



Strengthening the stewardship of an economically and biologically significant high seas area –

The Sargasso Sea

*Project Inception Workshop
October 18th 2022
Costa Rica*



Project Objectives

“This Project aims to undertake a detailed diagnostic analysis which will identify science-based evidence of threats and potential impacts and will then further provide a concrete demonstration of how cooperation and associated partnerships can play a leading role in sustaining and restoring the health, productivity and resilience of such an area beyond the jurisdiction of any one country but encompassed by the regime established within the mandate of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, consistent with the associated precautionary approach and the concepts of duty and cooperation of States to adopt measures for the conservation and management of living resources in the area beyond national jurisdiction.”





Time	Time allowed	Agenda Item	Facilitator/Presenter
8:00 am	5 min	Welcome and Introduction – Broad objectives of the Project and the Inception Meeting	David Freestone
8:05	5 min	Role of the Implementing and Executing Agencies	Julian <u>Barbieri</u>
8:10	15 min	Tour de Table	
8:25	20 min	Links between GEF Sargasso Project, Common Oceans Programme, and FFEM SARGADOM	David Freestone
8:45	20 min	Summary of the GEF Sargasso Project – Components, Activities and Expected Outcomes (+ incl question time)	David <u>Vousden</u>
9:05	15 min	Expected Deliverables including Results Framework	
9:20	15 min	Questions	
9:35	20 min	Work-Plan for first year	
9:55	15 min	Questions	
10:10	30 min	Coffee break	
10:40	10 min	Composition and role of the Steering Committee	David <u>Vousden</u>
10:50	10 min	Monitoring and Evaluation	David <u>Vousden</u>
11:00	10 min	Stakeholder Involvement and Participation	David Freestone
11:10	20 min	WMU Capacity Building	Ronan Long
11:30	10 min	Discussion	Facilitated by Ronan Long
11:40	20 min	Recommendations and Next Steps	David Freestone
12:00	Up to 1 hour	Closure and Time-Table for Report	David Freestone

Key Components



- 4 year project for US \$3million
- Child Project under FAO Common Ocean Program
- UNDP Implementing /UNESCO IOC Executing agency

1. **An Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis (EDA) for the Sargasso Sea**
Baseline for monitoring adaptive management/stewardship
2. **A road-map and budget for the adoption of an Ecosystem**
Based Approach to governance and conservation
3. **Strategic Action Programme defining the management or**
stewardship measures
4. **Knowledge Management, Monitoring and Evaluation**



NOTE D'ENGAGEMENT PROJET

Contribuer à une gouvernance hybride pour protéger et gérer des aires remarquables en haute mer Océans Pacifique Est tropical et Atlantique Nord-Ouest





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SARGADOM Project

- **5 Year Project starting 2021**
- **€3 million to three main partners:**
 - **Sargasso Sea Project Inc. € 961K**
 - **MarViva € 1,403k**
 - **Ocean University of Brest (OBO) €636k**
- **Partners: UBO and OFB; VIVA Trust and Central American Institutions; Sargasso Sea Commission and its signatory countries; GEF; Global Fishing Watch; NASA (Coverage project); MGEL; WMU; Imperial; BIOS; Edinburgh University; Others**

to “contribute to hybrid governance to protect and manage two remarkable areas of the high seas: The Thermal Dome and the Sargasso Sea



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1. *Coordination and steering:*

2. *Socio-ecosystem analysis-diagnosis:*

Defining the socio-ecosystem,

Identifying sustainability issues,

**Characterizing the pressures and their impacts and the
Strategies to improve the sustainability**

**Innovative component on the issue of data acquisition
(new observation technologies) and**

Data management (big data, *visualisation*).



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3. Governance models for ecosystem-based management:

Diagnosis to build a hybrid and participatory governance model , based on the BBNJ instrument.

4. Capacity building and communication:

**Lessons learned from two sites,
Capacity building and
Dissemination of know-how**



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*Muchas gracias
por vuestra atencion*

