

## STRENGTHENING THE STEWARDSHIP OF AN ECONOMICALLY AND BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT HIGH SEAS AREA – THE SARGASSO SEA

### WORK PLAN FOR FIRST YEAR

OVERALL PROJECT ACTIVITIES & DELIVERABLES FROM PROJECT OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS	YEARLY QUARTER			
<b>OUTCOME 1.1: QUANTIFIED THREATS AND IMPACTS IDENTIFIED ALONG WITH THEIR IMMEDIATE AND ROOT CAUSES ESTABLISHING A BASELINE FOR ON-GOING MONITORING AND COLLABORATIVE ECOSYSTEM-BASED STEWARDSHIP.</b>				
1.1.1: A Detailed Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis (EDA) for the Sargasso Sea Collaboration Area providing a baseline to guide the long-term collaborative monitoring and stewardship of the natural resources of Sargasso Sea by the relevant partners				
Confirm Terms of Reference and work-plan for the Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis	X			
Identify the stakeholders and partners that need to be involved (drafting or reviewing) in the EDA drafting process through an appropriate workshop(s) and dialogue that also catalogues the available data	X			
Establish a Technical Development and Review body for the EDA and agree on the system boundary for stewardship/management purposes	X	X		
Capture the Baseline Environmental Status (oceanography, productivity, fisheries, biodiversity, etc.)		X	X	
Capture Baseline on socioeconomics (Fisheries, tourism, dependent livelihoods, shipping, etc.) - Also through the various partnerships and stakeholder arrangements.		X	X	
Capture any other risks, threats and emerging concerns (including gender mainstreaming, climate change, ocean acidification, etc.)		X	X	
Compile a list of existing institutional arrangements relating to the Sargasso Sea Geographical Area of Collaboration including relevant legal instruments and treaties, RFMOs, adjacent RSPs, LOS, etc. and including available funding mechanisms for stewardship		X	X	
Development and approval of a more detailed Causal Chain Analysis arising from the DPSIR/EDA process		X	X	
Drafting of the Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis Report		X	X	
Adoption of draft EDA by Technical Board and submission for Peer Review		X	X	
Final EDA approved by SSC, Commissioners, participating GEF beneficiary countries and Signatories to the Hamilton Declaration			X	X
<b>OUTCOME 1.2: ANALYSIS OF THE GLOBAL VALUE OF THIS UNIQUE ECOSYSTEM (WITH ACCURATE FIGURES AND CONCLUSIONS WHERE POSSIBLE) TO FURTHER JUSTIFY AND MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR COLLABORATION</b>				
1.2.1: An Ecosystem Valuation and a value-chain analysis delivering a detailed global economic assessment of the actual and potential value of goods and services provided by or falling within the Sargasso Sea ecosystem along with a cost-benefit analysis of the various ecosystem approaches				
Confirm Terms of Reference and Work-plan for an Ecosystem Valuation process	X	X		
Establish an Ecosystem Valuation Technical Team (partners)	X	X		
Identify the various goods and services that the Sargasso Sea provides globally (e.g. provisioning, regulating, habitat, cultural) for both Market (e.g. fisheries, tourism) and Non-Market (e.g. carbon sequestration, nutrient cycling, etc.)		X	X	
Capture information on the value that the individual goods and services provide over a fixed period			X	X
Calculate the value-chain i.e. the linkages between the various components, species, habitat types etc. in the ecosystem and the overall value that these provide at both Market and Non-Market level				X

Outcome 1.3: Knowledge and Information capture and analysis to support effective stewardship				
1.3:1: Filling of Priority Information and Knowledge Gaps arising from the Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis along with a Road-Map and Programme under implementation for Monitoring of the Ecosystem				
Prioritising the gaps in data and information needs				X
identification of weaknesses in capacity to support long-term monitoring of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem and training and infrastructure requirements needed to rectify				X
Undertake capacity building and training workshops and training courses to support data and information capture, analysis and management; resource mobilization to fill gaps in monitoring infrastructure				X
Outcome 2.1: Priority immediate and long-term actions identified in order to a) address or mitigate the impacts of threats and b) strengthen collaborative stewardship and conservation.				
2.1.1: A list of priority immediate and long-term actions needed along with identified partnerships and responsible entities for delivering on these priority actions.				
Data capture to analyse ecological sensitivity of Sargasso Sea and environmental impacts from shipping including from abandoned, discarded or otherwise lost fishing gear and the need for improved marking and tracking of such				X
Data capture to feed into regional environmental planning at the International Seabed Authority				X
Outcome 4.1: Knowledge Capture and Management through Identification of Best Lessons and Practices (All of the knowledge management approaches will be coordinate with the Global Coordination Child Project (GCP) in order to ensure consistency in messaging and branding)				
4.1.2: Information packages developed and disseminated through a communications strategy coordinated with and related to the strategy developed by the Global Coordination Project and which inform appropriate government bodies and regional entities.				
Recruit/identify a Communications Officer for the Project	X	X		
Adopt a Communications and Knowledge sharing strategy that liaises with and interacts with the GCP, and which also identifies various information packages needed to support the Project as well as to inform partners and stakeholders		X	X	X
Conference on the use of data analytics and use with associated peer-reviewed publications	X	X	X	X
Specific information documents prepared for senior managers and policy makers on the ecosystem value of the Sargasso Sea and the Cost-Benefits of the ecosystem approach			X	
High-quality contributions from the Project partners to the scientific literature as well as the popular press and shared with other global partners and stakeholders via the GCP knowledge management and communications strategy			X	
4.1.3: Project support to and engagement with IW:LEARN activities with allocated (1% plus) budget.				
Establish linkages between the Sargasso Sea Project website and the IW:LEARN website	X			
Attendance at various appropriate International Waters Conferences and other GEF-related workshops and meetings (e.g. LME workshops)				X
4.1.4: Effective ongoing Project Monitoring and Evaluation				
Adoption/formation and functioning of a Project Steering Committee	X			X
Recruitment of Project Staff/Lead Consultants	X	X		
Quarterly and Annual reviews of progress (Quarterly Reports and PIRs) with main focus on RF Indicators and Targets	X	X	X	X
UNDP 'on-site' Project review meetings				X