Overview

Piloting of Marine and Coastal Natural Capital Accounts and enhancement of environmental data management system for Costa Rica

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Open

Purpose and scope

UNOPS is the executing agency for the UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ Project, and this grant supports activities under PROCARIBE+. The call's programme country is Costa Rica. Its focus is national-level work to develop Ocean Accounts and strengthen environmental information management in Costa Rica, with lessons from the work intended for wider Caribbean application.

The grant supports the development of Ocean Accounts in Costa Rica and strengthening the country's environmental information management system. The National Government of Costa Rica is the main beneficiary; participating Wider Caribbean countries are secondary beneficiaries, and people benefiting from Costa Rica's coastal and marine ecosystem services are indirect beneficiaries.

Funding

The total amount available under the call is USD 190,000. The expected implementation period is 12 months.

Who can apply

Applicants from all countries may apply; this is open with respect to both the applicant's country of registration and individual applicants' nationality. Eligible applicant classes include academic and research institutions, public authorities, private companies, individuals, international NGOs, national and local NGOs, including community-based organisations, intergovernmental organisations and UN entities.

At preliminary screening, proposals pass or fail against the eligibility requirements, including the Instructions to Applicants' Article 1 ineligibility conditions. The proposal package must be complete and include all requested documentation. Applicants must accept the applicable agreement conditions, with acceptance evidenced in Annex 1: Declarations.

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Priorities

Partners must develop methodological frameworks and compile pilot Ocean Accounts from design and drafting through first-edition publication. These comprise a Governance Account, a Pilot Social Account and an Ecosystem Service account for coastal and marine ecosystems. Partners must also build technical staff and local stakeholder capacity in data collection, processing, account compilation and potential account use.

Where needed, partners may design and conduct primary data collection in priority ecosystems, including field campaigns, permanent monitoring sites and laboratory analysis. Partners must support national institutions to identify, prioritise, collect, standardise and validate environmental, social and economic data for preparing and periodically updating Ocean Accounts. They must adapt collection tools, administrative records, monitoring protocols, data structures and metadata to national standards and accounting methods.

Partners must develop and implement technical, administrative and inter-institutional mechanisms for provision, exchange, access, integration and use of required information. This includes data-sharing agreements with public institutions, universities, research centres and other data holders. They must pilot artificial intelligence to support a preliminary State of the Marine Environment report linked to Costa Rica’s Ocean Accounts and State of the Environment Report. Strengthening MINAE’s capacity to operate and sustain the Ocean Accounts data-exchange model must include training, knowledge transfer, documentation, operational testing and systematisation of practices for replication and sharing.

Sources

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