

REPORT FOR NBSAP AND BIODIVERSITY POLICY WORKSHOP



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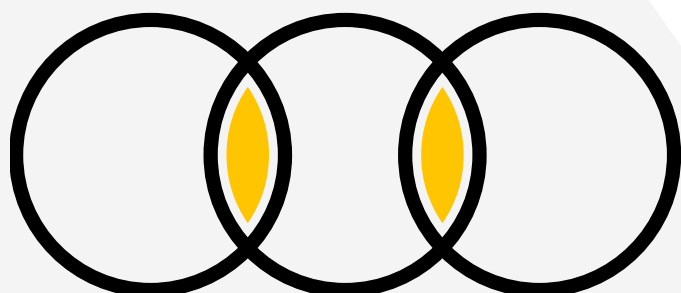
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Senior Environmental Officer Ms. Kim Downes Agard commenced the workshop by welcoming the attendees of the workshop. She specially welcomed the Honorable Minister Trevor A. Prescod, J.P., M.P. and the Permanent Secretary Daphne Kellman of the Ministry of environment and National Beautification. She noted that the consultants would present the revised NBSAP and the Biodiversity Management policy.



The Honourable Trevor Prescod, Minister of Environment and National Beautification, gave brief remarks. The Minister highlighted that Barbados is a rich hotspot of biodiversity with high levels of native animals and plants, which makes their conservation one of our government's highest priorities. He stated that the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has provided funds for the Ministry to undertake the process of revising its NBSAP, updating the core policy decisions taken in 2002 to the context in which we currently live, and aligning them with Barbados' current fiscal and policy environment. Following the Minister's address, Ms. Kim Downes Agard thanked the Minister for his words which set the tone for the workshop.



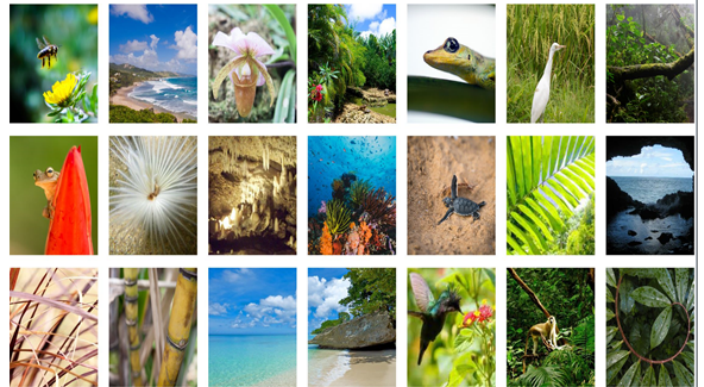
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REVISED NBSAP

Dr. Wendy Hollingsworth gave an overview of the revised NBSAP. She identified the various targets and explained how they will be achieved through their strategic objectives and strategic actions. The targets were redeveloped to fit Barbados' circumstance. The action plan further expands on each individual target, identifying the objectives and actions, indicators, means of verification, risks/constraints and the agency responsible for the various activities. In addition, comments were made that addressed the various gaps that were previously identified.

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NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2020



NBSAP COMMUNICATION STRATEGY



Dr. Hollingsworth went on to highlight the communication Strategy. She stated that the Communication strategy's primary goal is to strengthen the Ministry's capacity to integrate key elements of the NBSAP.

The primary objectives of the communication strategy include:

- To educate national stakeholders at all levels.
- To raise awareness about the NBSAP and key issues related to biodiversity conservation and management at the national level among a wide but defined group of audiences and user groups.
- To increase the participation of stakeholders in relevant data collection and dissemination, the development of key indicators and in biodiversity conservation.

NBSAP BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Dr. Derrick Oderson presented the Biodiversity Management Policy for the NBSAP. He stated that the goal of the policy is to set the national biodiversity agenda and integrate biodiversity as central to decision-making to enhance sustainable economic, social and cultural development. The policy's purpose is to conserve Barbados' biological diversity and to ensure that its components are utilized in a sustainable manner for the continued progress and socio-economic development of Barbados. One of the guiding principles of the policy was the conservation of biological diversity, including the existence of all living forms is consistent with the cultural values of all barbadians.

One essential component of the policy highlighted was its implementation. This was addressed with the recommendation of the establishment of a Biodiversity Unit/Biodiversity Management Unit. This unit will be responsible for coordinating activities related to the implementation of the NBSAP and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and related matters.

The proposed unit would consist of:

- A Biodiversity officer MEAs
- A Biodiversity officer Projects
- Two Research officers
- An Education officer
- and a Field assistant



NBSAP RESOURCE MOBILISATION STRATEGY

The NBSAP resource mobilization strategy provides recommendations for expanding the resource base of the Ministry of Environment and National Beautification's proposed Biodiversity Management Unit. It relies on collaboration and partnership to achieve the objectives of the NBSAP within the given time frames.

The strategy also addresses the mobilization of resources under the following key areas:

- National Expenditure,
- Tapping Existing Funding Mechanism,
- Partnerships and Collaborations,
- Technical Cooperation.

In addition, it takes a look at all of the targets and the resources are required under each section.

