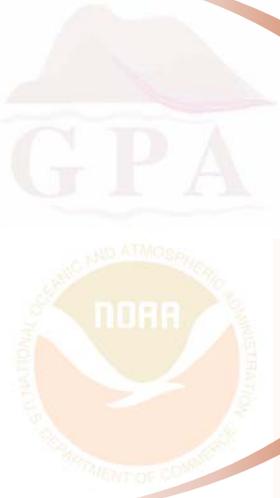


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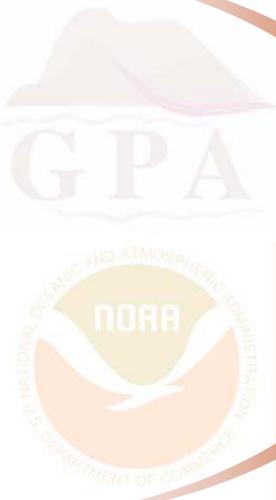
Implementing National Programmes of Action (NPAs)



Background

The GPA/NOAA node office will promote collaboration in different areas, including:

- **Demonstration Projects**
- **Promotion of BMPs**
- **Promotion of GPA activities among U.S.-based donor institutions**
- **Outreach regarding GPA activities**
- **Coordination of NOAA staff and technical support**
- **Planning and implementation of partnership initiatives, especially design and development of NPAs**



Background

National Programmes of Action (NPAs) are based on a recognized priority to address land based sources of pollution (LBSP) and to regulate watershed and coastal development in the Wider Caribbean Region. Issues include:

- increasing population in coastal areas;
- increasing tourism facilities development;
- modification and destruction of essential coastal habitats and buffer zones;
- coastal pollution and waste disposal;
- land-use practices;
- global warming and sea level rise; and,
- natural hazards.



Summary 2004-2007 Activities

Activity	Task
1. Formulate NOAA GPA Node office operational plan	- Development of the plan for 2004-2006 (covering main focus areas of GPA, e.g., NPA, SAP ...etc.)
	- Dissemination of the plan and securing partnership for implementation
	- Facilitate implementation of the Plan in close collaboration with stakeholders in the region (CARICOM, ROLAC, RONA, CAR/RCU, WW2BW)
	- Educational and out-reach support to countries on issues of concerns
	- Review of implementation progress and plan accordingly
2. Coordinate and integrate GPA activities to promote the WW2BW initiative	- Represent GPA in the Steering Committee and Sub-committee meeting and establish linkages between GPA activities and WW2BW initiative
	- Represent GPA in the WW2BW donor meetings
	- Identify portfolio of projects with partners particularly the US government, US based institutes and private sectors having interest in the Caribbean region
	- Explore possibilities and secure funding in implementing the projects post-WW2BW meeting of March 2004
	- Fund raising and donor coordination
3. Enhance stakeholders capabilities to address LBAs	- Promote the development of NPA's / Watershed Management in selected countries in the wider Caribbean
	- Promote Capacity building at the local and national level in application of best management practices
	- Production of out-reach materials
	- Translation and dissemination of BMPs and various GPA guiding principles and checklists.
	- Review of pilot experiences
	- Documentation and sharing of the pilot experiences in the region
	- Collation of information and production of a synthesis regional report
4. Develop and maintain a GPA-NOAA NA Node Clearing House Web-Site	- Establish a web-based "clearing house" capability within the NOAA North American Node Office
	- Develop and publish an electronic quarterly newsletter describing GPA activities and meetings in the wider Caribbean area
	- Develop an online NPA tool box for managers

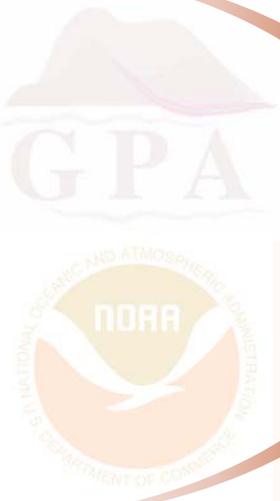
Promote the development of NPAs & Watershed Management in selected countries in the Wider Caribbean



What is an NPA?

A management and policy framework/plan “custom made” to fit a country’s specific developmental policies, programs and plans for the protection of the marine environment.

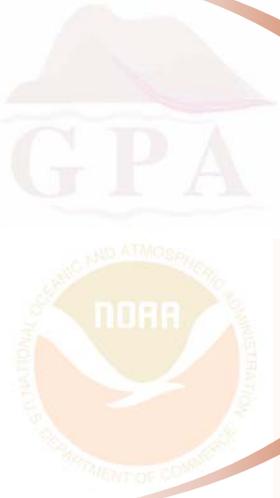
An NPA is an instrument developed to address specific needs of each country. The implementation process (technical and financial) requires, through parallel planning, developing collaborative partnerships and securing the necessary resources.



Partners

The GPA/NOAA node office will partner with regional institutions to work with regional countries interested in starting the process to design an NPA. Initially, these include:

- **UNEP-GPA coordinating office**
- **UNEP-ROLAC**
- **UNEP-RCU CEP**
- **UNEP-RONA**
- **NOAA (NOS, OAR)**
- **CATHALAC**
- **CEHI**



Country Partners

National partners and other funding agencies to develop NPAs may include:

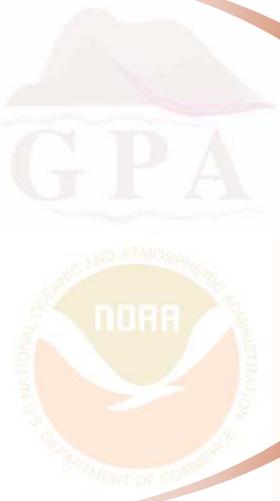
- **Ministries of Environment / Planning**
- **Coastal / Land Authorities**
- **Regional Universities**
- **Regional NGOs**
- **Regional development banks**
- **US-based institutions**
- **Private sector (i.e., tourism, agriculture, shipping)**



Proposal

The proposal to develop new NPAs will:

- Use a collaborative approach for the design of an integrated watershed management strategy based on local issues and needs.
- Implement the UNEP-GPA guidebook for the development and implementation of NPAs -- with the addition of protection planning against natural hazards.
- Use previous regional experience to develop NPAs (e.g., Brazil).
- Develop pilot studies as demonstration NPAs.
- Develop, based on the pilot cases, an step-by-step protocol for designing NPAs with regional characteristics.
- Promote country to country collaboration within the region.



NPA Scope

The NPA provide a framework to foster:

- **Planning actions to address specific causes of environmental degradation or threats from land-based activities.**
- **Designing flexible mechanisms to identify and address priority problems through partnerships and consensus among stakeholders.**
- **Strengthening public sectors' ability to effectively respond to these causes and to ensure the sustainability of the actions and projects undertaken.**
- **Mobilizing resources and partners, including the private sector, to implement specific projects.**
- **Promoting awareness and understanding of the value, benefits and vulnerability of strategic coastal and marine environments.**



Sources of Support for the Initiatives

- GPA
- Regional Funding Organizations
- NGO Community
- Private Sector



Initial Expected Results

- **GPA-National Programmes of Action for selected countries (first step)**
- **Protocol for developing NPAs in the Caribbean Region**
- **NPA-related network (government, NGOs, donors)**



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