

Open Webinar: Main Findings and Lessons Learned from the National Ecosystem Assessment of Grenada

18 June 2024

15:00 – 16:30 BST

10:00 – 11:30 AST

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Co-organised by the National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative at UNEP-WCMC, The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and the Ministry of Climate Resilience, The Environment & Renewable Energy of Grenada

Concept Note and Agenda

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Background

As part of the global initiative, “Supporting decision-making and building capacity to support the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) through National Ecosystem Assessments”, in 2019 a multidisciplinary team of experts from across Grenada embarked on a 4-year journey to undertake a national ecosystem assessment. This research process involved extensive collection, analysis, and synthesis of existing knowledge, including Local and Traditional Knowledge, on the status and trends of biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people in Grenada. The assessment was completed in December 2023, and has resulted in a first-of-its kind, comprehensive and up to date evidence base that is intended to support national policies and actions related to biodiversity and its benefits for people. The findings of the assessment are available in a [Technical Assessment Report](#), with a summarised version of key messages available in the [Summary for Policy Makers](#). Financial support for the National Ecosystem Assessment of Grenada was provided by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection, with technical support from

the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) Initiative at the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The Grenada National Ecosystem Assessment was produced by CANARI on behalf of the Government of Grenada.

The *Summary for Policymakers Report* is a crucial outcome of the Grenada National Ecosystem Assessment. This report draws on the Grenada National Ecosystem Assessment Technical Report. The Summary for Policy Makers is a synthesis document that summarises key findings on the status and trends in biodiversity and nature's contributions to people in Grenada, as well as policy-relevant recommendations for the sustainable management of nature in Grenada. Moreover, [a regional workshop](#) was held in Grande Anse, Grenada on October 26, 2023 to discuss the main findings, lessons learned, and challenges faced during the national ecosystem assessment process.

This webinar aims to share the key takeaways from the regional workshop as well as present the main findings and policy-relevant recommendations from the Summary for Policy Makers.

Objectives

The webinar aims to bring a wide range of audiences together to:

- Present an overview of the Grenada's national ecosystem assessment process and assessment outcomes.
- **Highlight policy relevant recommendations as outlined in the Summary for Policy Makers.**
- Share important insights, lessons learned and best practices from Grenada's national ecosystem assessment experience that are transferrable and relevant for other ecosystem assessments and research at the science-policy interface.

Target Audience

This event is relevant to researchers, government representatives, policy makers, representatives of private sector, media, civil society organisations, and other experts from around the globe. The webinar is open to the general public, anyone with an interest in nature and biodiversity conservation.

In the spirit of communicating the assessment's important findings to broad audiences and promoting peer-to-peer knowledge exchange between a global network of ecosystem assessment practitioners, this event is open to public audiences who are

interested to learn more about the biodiversity of Grenada and its contributions to people's wellbeing, as well as to audiences who are interested to hear lessons and insights from Grenada's experience of conducting a national ecosystem assessment.

Date and Time

Tuesday, 18 June 2024 from 15:00 – 16:30 BST / 10:00 – 11:30 AST

Event format and registration

This virtual webinar will be held on Zoom and delivered in English with French and Spanish translation available. Access to the online event will be provided to all pre-registered participants. Please register for the event here:

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The webinar will be live streamed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/dSvqjCOly3o>

Proposed Agenda

90mins (Total session time is 85mins with 5mins extra allotted for time overrun)

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
5'	Welcome and Housekeeping	Pratik Tandon (Moderator – UNEP-WCMC)
5'	Opening Remarks	Dr. Thiago Uehara, Head of Policy Innovation, UNEP-WCMC
5'	Introduction to the Webinar	Pratik Tandon
15'	Overview of the Grenada National Ecosystem Assessment process	Ms. Aditi Thanoo, Contributing Author and Technical Officer at CANARI
15'	<i>Session Title: Opportunities for Knowledge-Sharing and Reflections</i> Main Findings, Lessons Learned and Best Practices	Dr. Natalie Boodram, Grenada NEA Project Manager and Senior Technical Officer at CANARI

10'	<p><i>Session Title: Opportunities for Knowledge-Sharing and Reflections</i></p> <p>Weaving Indigenous and Local Knowledge in the Grenada National Ecosystem Assessment</p>	Mr. Hayden Redhead, External Reviewer, Local Knowledge Contributor and Civil Society Representative
15'	<p><i>Session Title: Mainstreaming holistic analysis of biodiversity and ecosystem services in national decision-making in Grenada</i></p> <p>Highlighting policy relevant recommendations outlined in the Summary for Policy Makers</p>	Ms. Aria St.Louis, Head of the Environment Division at the Ministry of Climate Resilience, The Environment & Renewable Energy of Grenada
10'	Question & Answer session	Moderated by UNEP-WCMC
5'	Closing Remarks	Ms. Juanita Chaves, Senior Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC

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