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## Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway: Linking data to better decisions

**A global programme:** the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme (2017-2023).

**A long-term objective** to improve the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in **African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries**, in protected areas and surrounding communities.

**A global partnership:** BIOPAMA is implemented by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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**Regional implementation in the Caribbean** coordinated by IUCN's Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean working closely with the University of the West Indies, JRC, protected area authorities, and other key stakeholders.

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**BIOPAMA** aims to **reinforce the management and governance** of protected and conserved areas in all the 79 ACP countries. By providing unique and tailored support to protected area authorities at the local, regional and global level, it supports them in achieving their conservation objectives and to report more accurately their progress on relevant multilateral environmental agreements.

- **The Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway (caribbean-rris.biopama.org)** coordinates data collection, analysis, monitoring and reporting and develops the capacities of staff and organisations to make optimal use of this information to address specific needs.

- **Capacity building activities** support protected area management and governance, and enable conservation practitioners, national agencies and protected areas managers to improve decision-making and prioritization of resource allocation.

- **Site-based targeted actions** support local and regional activities for biodiversity conservation on the ground, by enabling protected area agencies, NGOs and other key actors to effectively implement their field projects.

BIOPAMA delivers **tools and services** for better biodiversity conservation and protected area management and provides **expertise in geospatial information systems** and **remote sensing**.

- Each **Regional Reference Information System (RRIS)** provides **secure online access** to biodiversity information and knowledge easily accessible and usable by all stakeholders interested in biodiversity, ecosystems, species, habitats, pressures, threats, management, governance, vulnerability to climate change, etc.

- The RRIS includes tools such as **IMET (Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool)** – an example of a **protected areas management effectiveness assessment tool** – and integrates with others.

BIOPAMA aims to complement and align with existing platforms and initiatives in the region.

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