

SPAW RAC

REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE FOR THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION

OBJECTIVES AND MISSIONS



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THE CARTAGENA CONVENTION

UN Environment established the Caribbean Environment Programme in 1981 as one of its Regional Seas Programmes in recognition of the importance and value of the Caribbean's fragile and vulnerable coastal and marine ecosystems including endemic plants and animals.

Subsequently, Countries of the region adopted an Action Plan that led to the development and adoption of the Cartagena Convention on 24 March 1983.

The Cartagena Convention is the first and only regionally binding treaty of its kind. It promotes the protection and development of the marine environment of the Region and provides a legal framework for the Caribbean Environment Programme. In 2021, 26 countries had ratified the Convention.

It is supported by three technical protocols on oil spills, biodiversity and land-based sources of marine pollution.

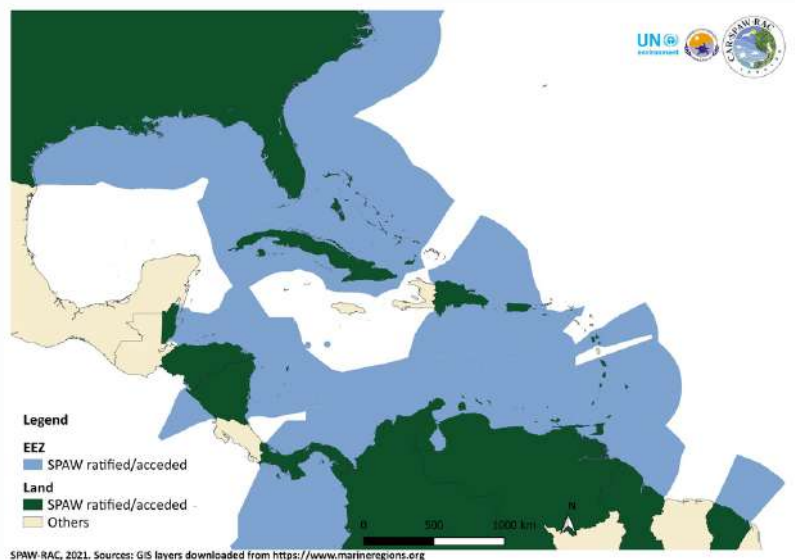
THE SPAW PROTOCOL

Signed in January 1990 and currently endorsed by 18 countries, the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) Protocol is a unique legal framework for the conservation of regional biodiversity.

The SPAW Protocol is also recognized as a significant tool to meet global agreement's objectives (Convention on Biological Biodiversity, Ramsar Convention..).

It has two main goals:

- The protection, preservation and sustainable management of areas that present particular ecological value;
- The protection, preservation and sustainable management of threatened wild species as well as their habitats.



The SPAW protocol is open for accession by new contracting parties. The Secretariat of the Convention, provided by the UNEP Regional Coordination Unit, based in Kingston, Jamaica, is available to countries wishing to join.

THE SPAW REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE

Every two years, the Contracting Parties elaborate the SPAW workplan during the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee and validate it during the Conference of the Parties .

The SPAW-RAC provides scientific and technical support the Contracting Parties to fulfill their commitments under the SPAW Protocol, and to assist them as well as the Secretariat of the convention to implement the workplan,

Located in Guadeloupe, the SPAW-RAC is hosted and funded by the French government.

To respond to its missions, the SPAW-RAC :

- Collects the relevant scientific and technical informations as well as usefull feedbacks and disseminates them in the Caribbean networks;
- Collects data on top technologies and expertise on wildlife and protected areas' management in the Caribbean;
- Develops training programmes;
- Cooperates with UN's agencies, with intergovernmental, governmental or non-governmental qualified organizations involved in Caribbean biodiversity conservation;
- is directly involved in many cooperative projects and networks dedicated to biodiversity conservation;
- Connects the dots by promoting the regional cooperation between experts, decision-makers, and practitioners for the protection and the development of the Wider Caribbean Region;
- Encourages the harmonization of approaches and methods used on a regional level;
- Supports the inscription of Protected Areas under the SPAW Protocol. The objective is to identify particularly important areas for the Wider Caribbean Region, and to incorporate them to this network that is dedicated to the scientific research and to regional cooperation.
- Financial supports organizations dedicated to the protection of the Caribbean natural heritage, through periodic calls for projects.

SPAW Contracting Parties

18

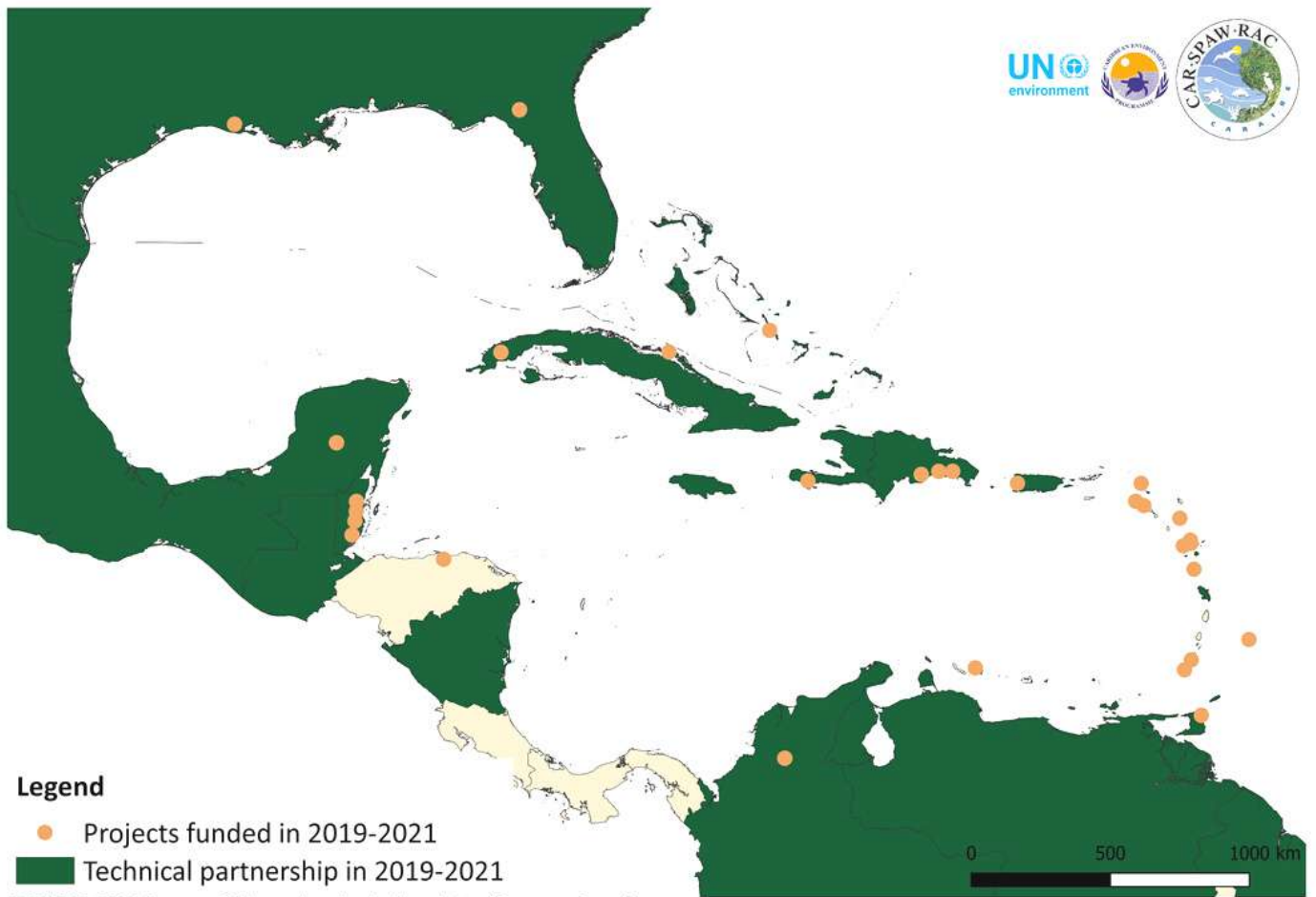
Wild species protected under SPAW

200 +

Protected areas listed under SPAW

35

To continue action in favor of the biodiversity conservation in the Caribbean, SPAW-RAC is looking for fundings, co-funders and partners.



+ 25 regional organizations supported through the Caribbean in 2020 and 2021
Cooperation projects implemented in 32 territories



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