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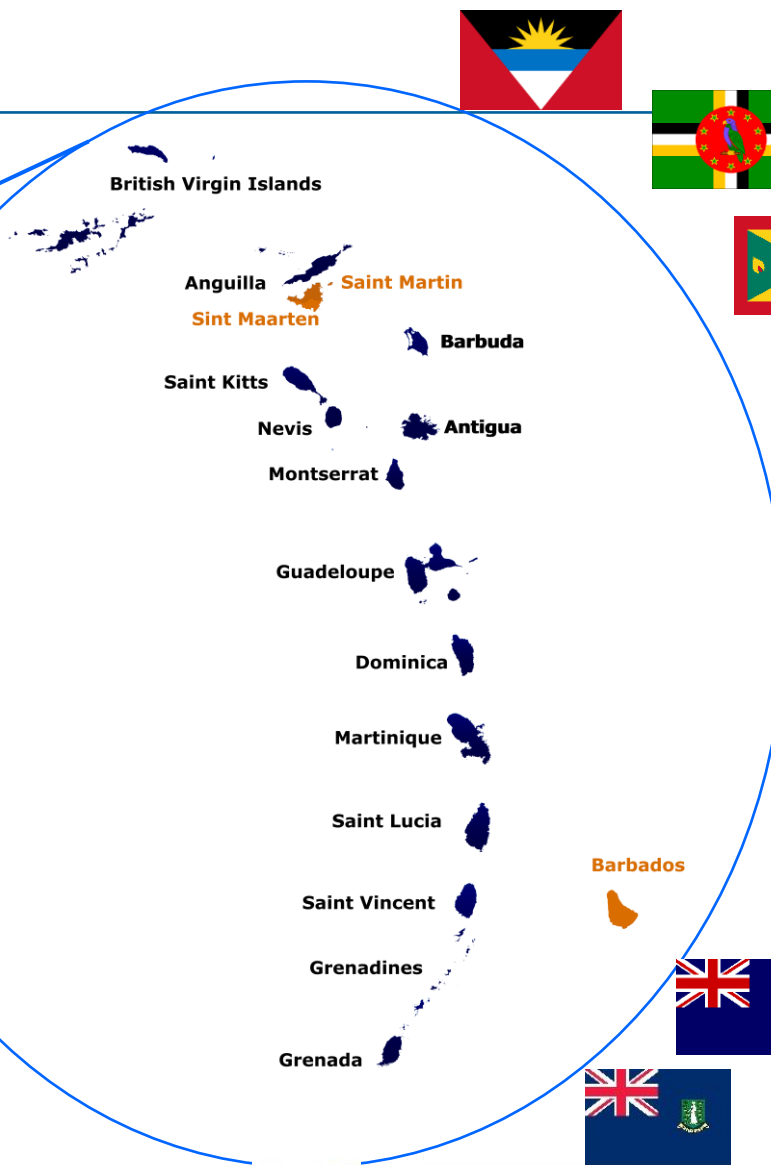
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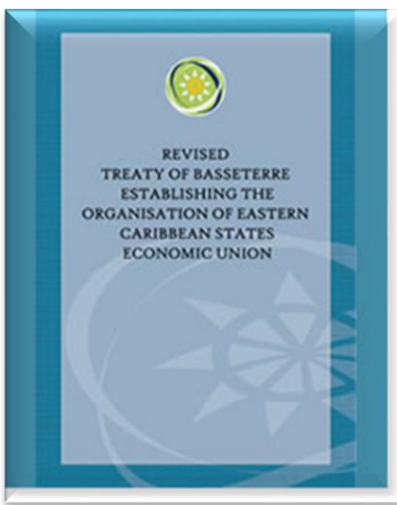
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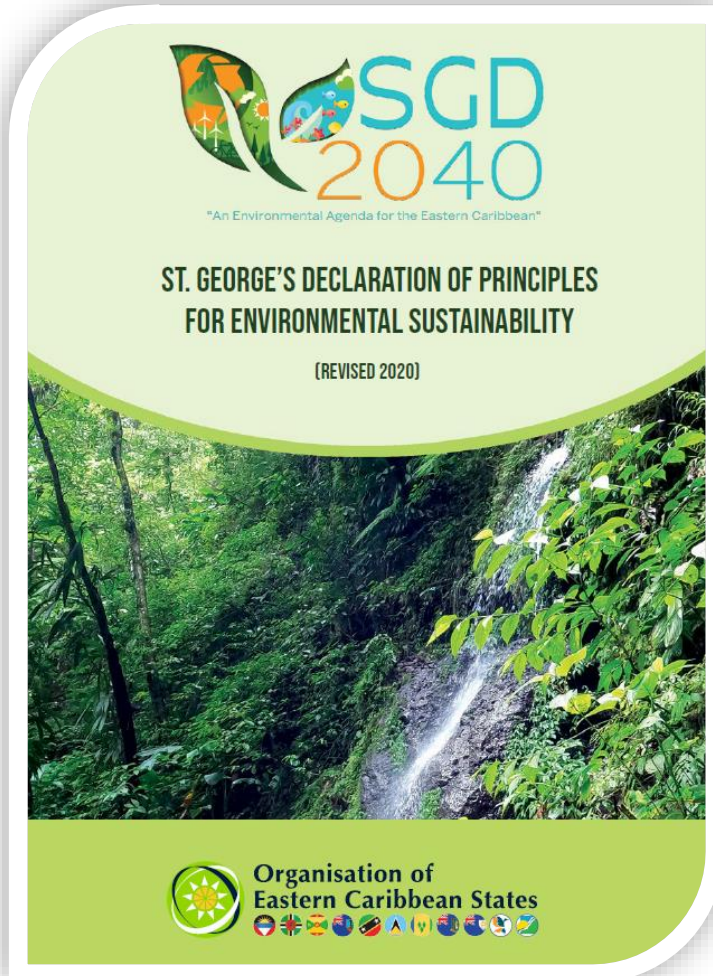
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 Anguilla;
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RTB Art 4.2 ... Member States shall ... co-ordinate, harmonise and undertake joint actions and pursue joint policies particularly in ...
(o) matters relating to the sea and its resources;



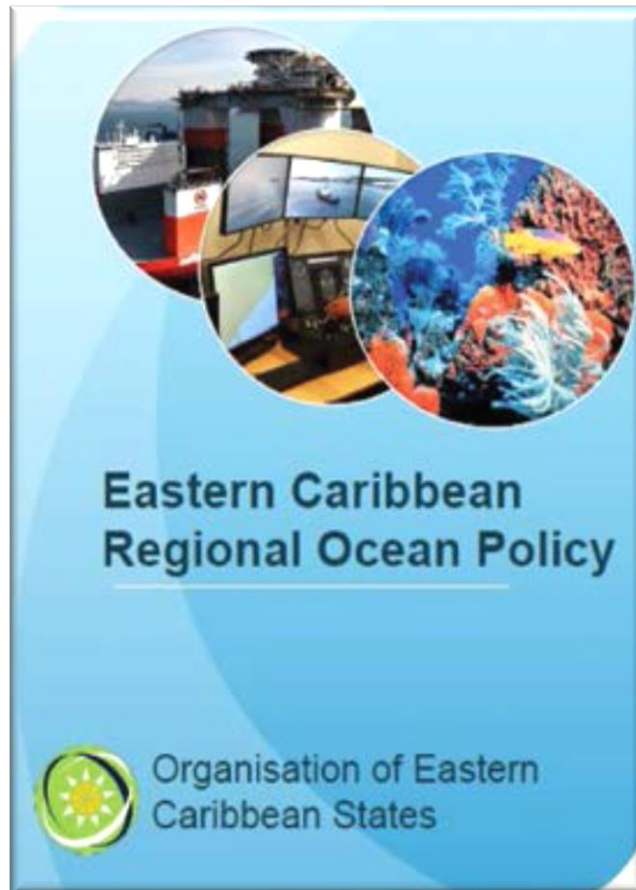
Protocol: Article 24 – Environmental Sustainability



Island Systems Management (ISM)

- To attain **sustainable management** and use of all-natural resources;
- To **reduce vulnerability** and **build resilience** of the entire island and its inhabitants to natural and anthropogenic hazards; and
- To **maintain essential ecological processes**, life support systems and biological diversity

in the area extending from the **ridge to the outer limits of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**



VISION

Healthy and richly biodiverse Eastern Caribbean marine environment, sustainably managed in an integrated way to promote socio-economic development and support the livelihoods and aspirations of current and future generations.

(Approved by the 57th OECS Authority, June 2013)

ECROP Outcome 5:

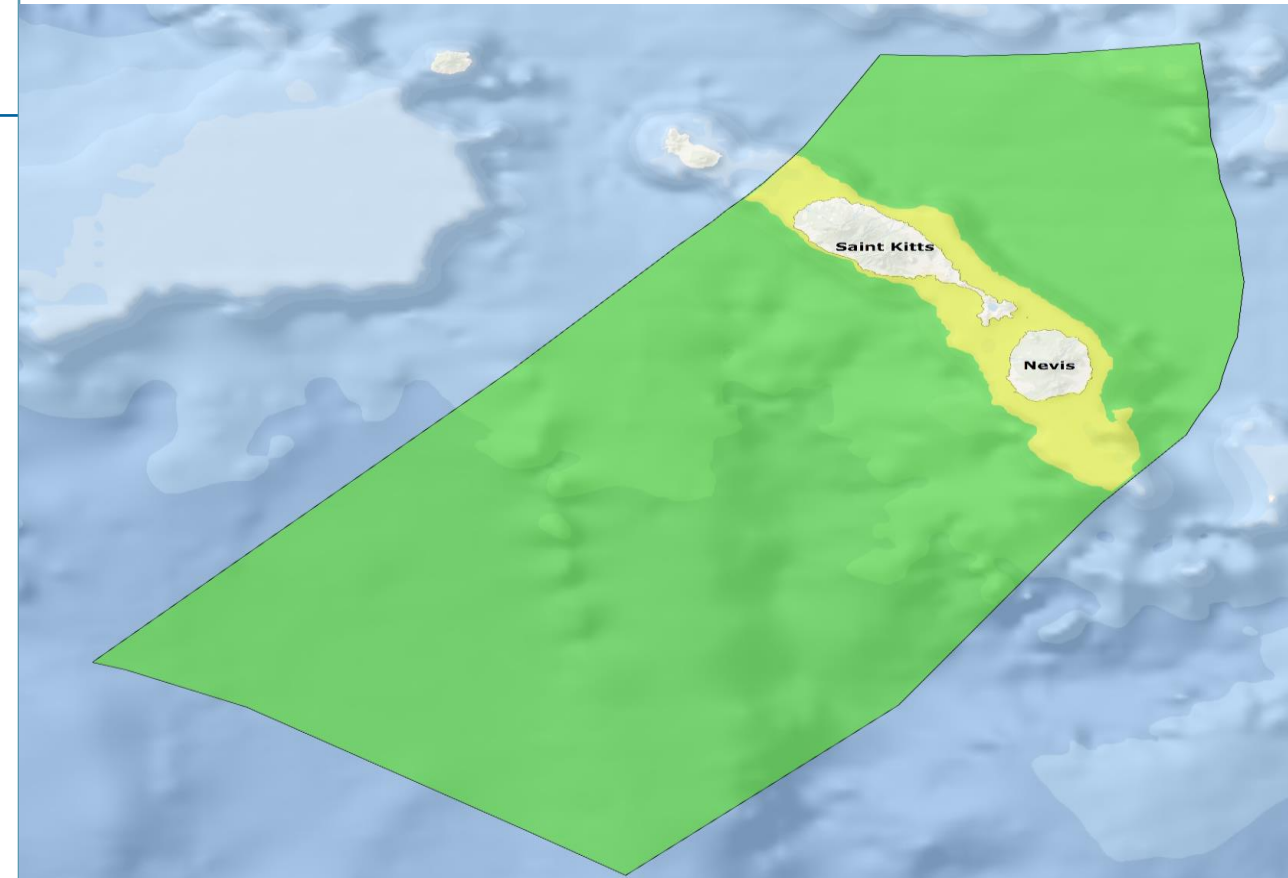
Coastal and marine spatial planning and integrated management of marine and coastal resources are adopted

Marine Spatial Plans

- Provide a spatial framework for nearshore and offshore marine areas.
- Serve as a management tool to mitigate conflicts between uses, manage land-water interactions, and mitigate risks associated with investment opportunities in the coastal and marine space.

Scope of national MSPs ...

From coastal area to outer limit of EEZ



Nearshore



Offshore



Nearshore Coastal Area

Baseline coastal boundary to 200 metre contour depth (or three nautical miles, whichever is further).

Five categories of marine zones are defined as follows:

Conservation Zone;

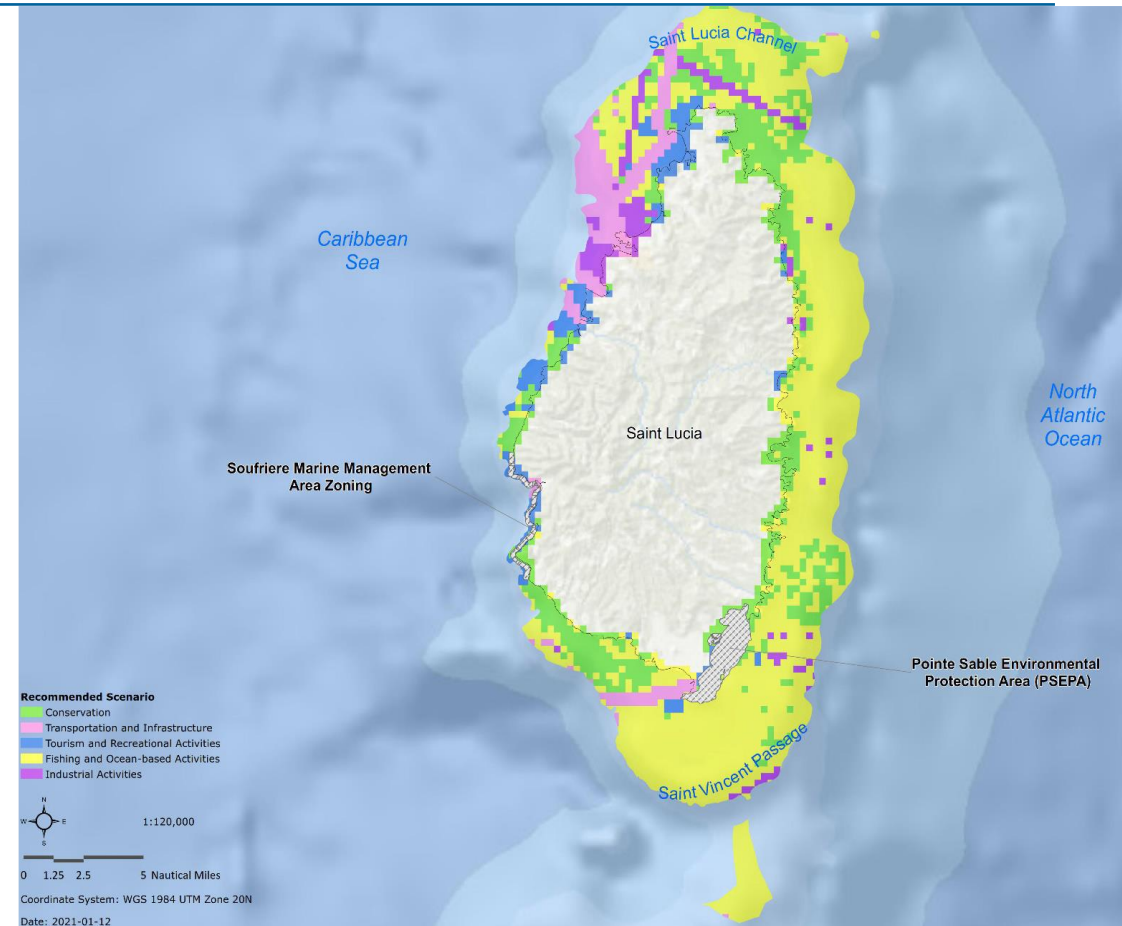
Transportation and Infrastructure Zone;

Tourism and Recreational Activities Zone;

Fishing and Ocean-based Activities Zone; and,

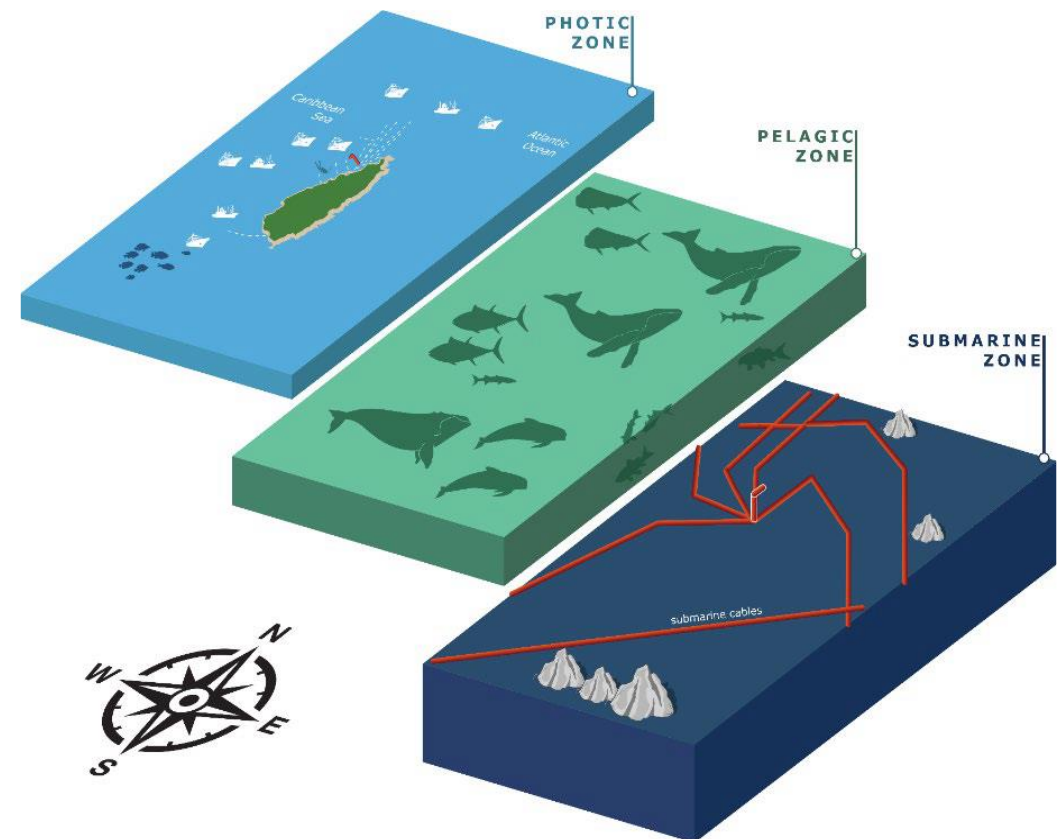
Industrial Activities Zone

The zone designation denotes a priority use and not an exclusive use.



The proposed offshore marine zoning framework is composed of two components:

- 1. Oceanic zoning:** divides the ocean into three zones based on depth from the surface to identify the types of uses and activities that are likely to be compatible within each zone; and,
- 2. Conceptual marine zoning designations** - describe the general intent for a series of marine zones that would apply in a similar fashion as the approach used for the Nearshore Coastal Area.



Conceptual depiction of offshore oceanic zone boundaries

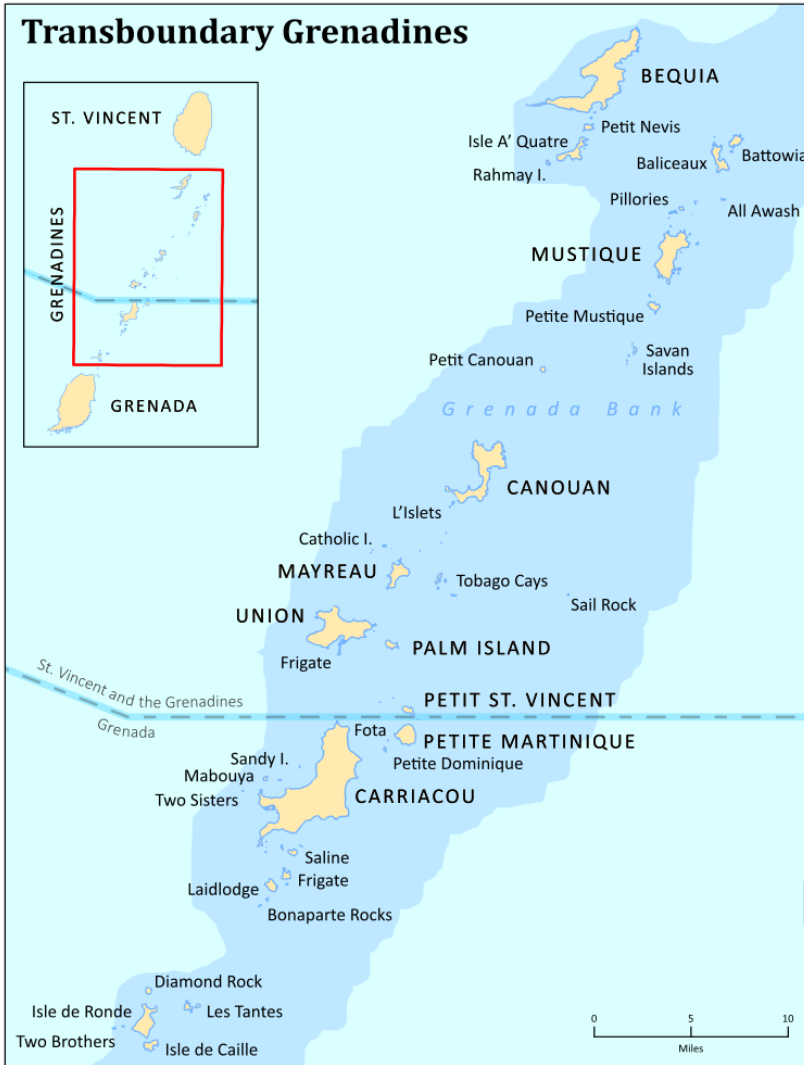


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Subject to delimitation of maritime boundaries in accordance with international law. Transnational negotiations to formally delimit the EEZ boundaries of certain States remain ongoing; there is no implied acceptance on boundaries that have not been negotiated.





Study (2012) by Sustainable Grenadines Inc. included a draft multi-use marine zoning configuration applicable to the Grenadine islands of **St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada** territories of Carriacou, Petite Martinique and Ronde Island.

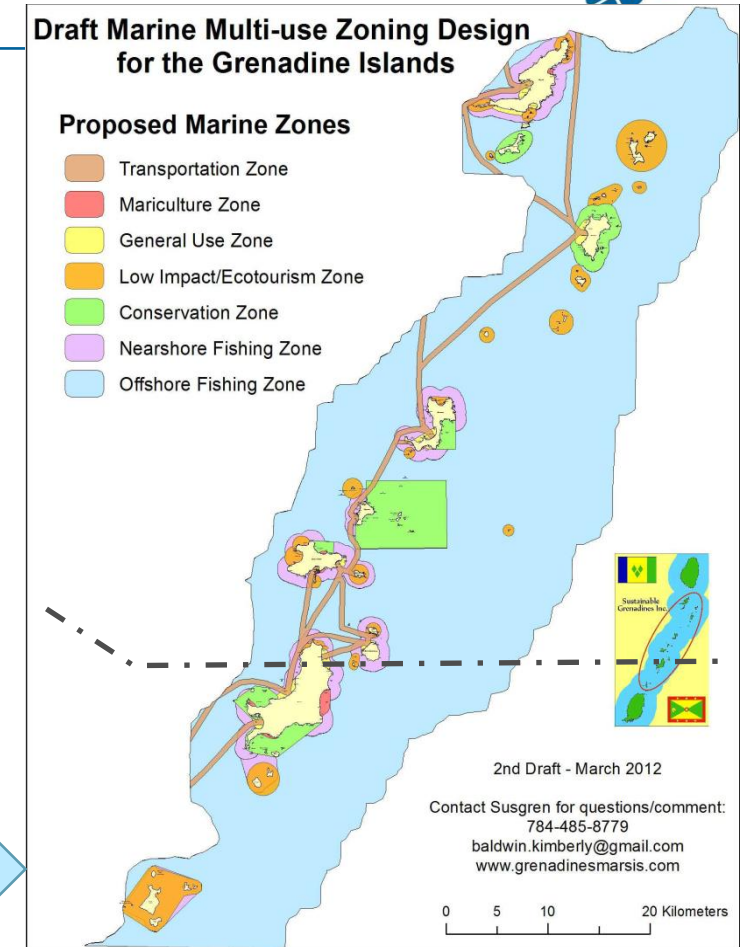
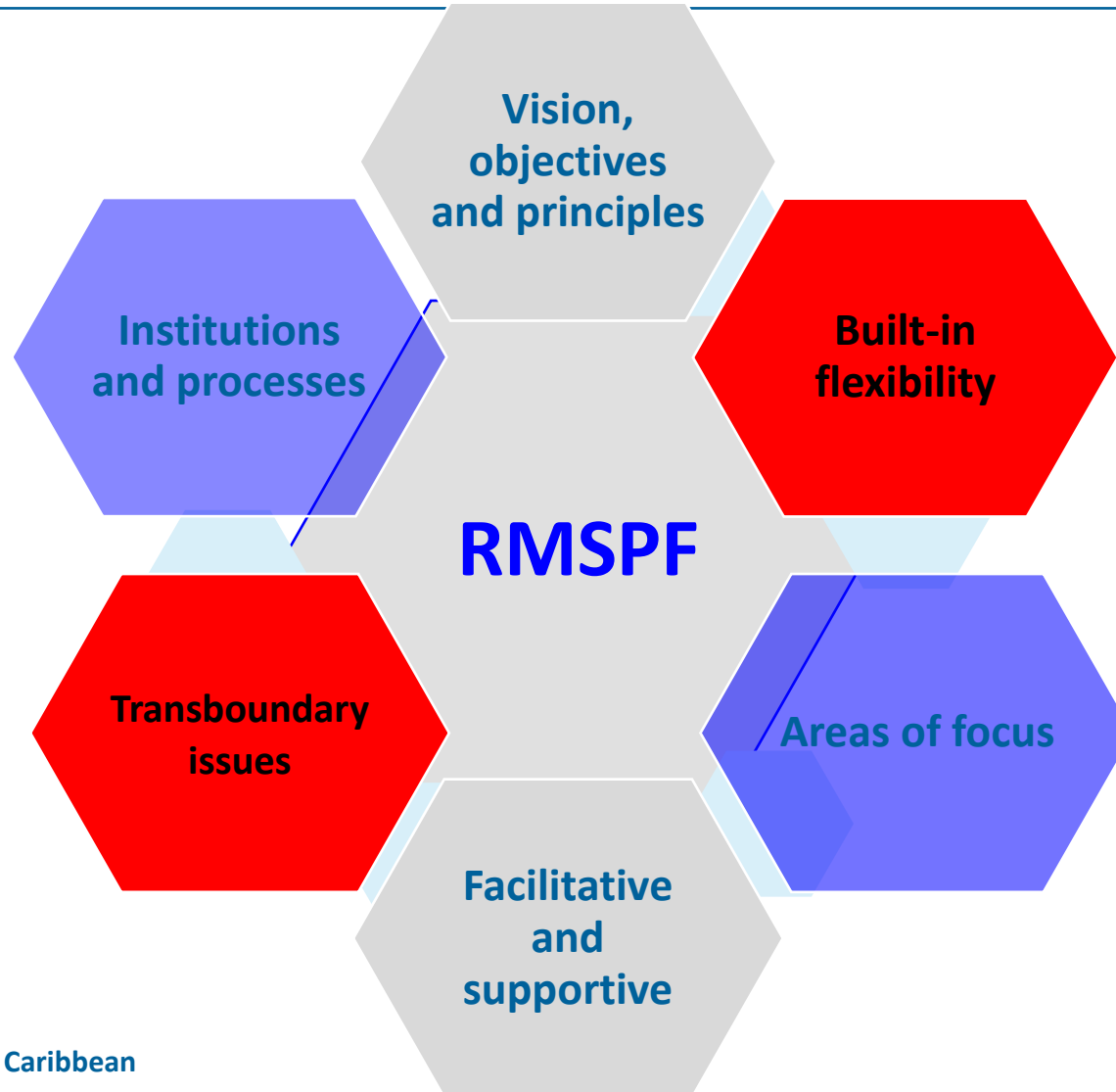


Figure B3-1: Draft SusGren marine zoning design

OECS Regional Marine Spatial Planning Framework



Marine pollution, research, fisheries, transportation, conservation, exploration, offshore infrastructure, monitoring, control, and surveillance



Dialogue, information and data exchange, stakeholder consultation strategic approaches, enhancing informal cooperation processes.

Eastern Caribbean Regional Policy: Structure



National Ocean
Governance
Committees

Multi-Sectoral

OECS Ocean
Governance
Team

Multi-State

Council of
Ministers

Council of Ministers:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Agriculture and Fisheries
- Trade
- etc

OECS Authority

Heads of State

Other existing systems that facilitate transboundary cooperation:

- OECS Assembly
- Caribbean Regional Fisheries mechanism
- Regional Security System
- Generally Intergovernmental Forums, Regional Working Groups and Advisory Committees, and partners with common interests such as research institutions.



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Case Study: "We are Large ocean States: Blue Economy and Ocean Governance in the Eastern Caribbean:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/108pJTSTKnBeRG1in15tWPotDhzpnAyvtf/view>

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