



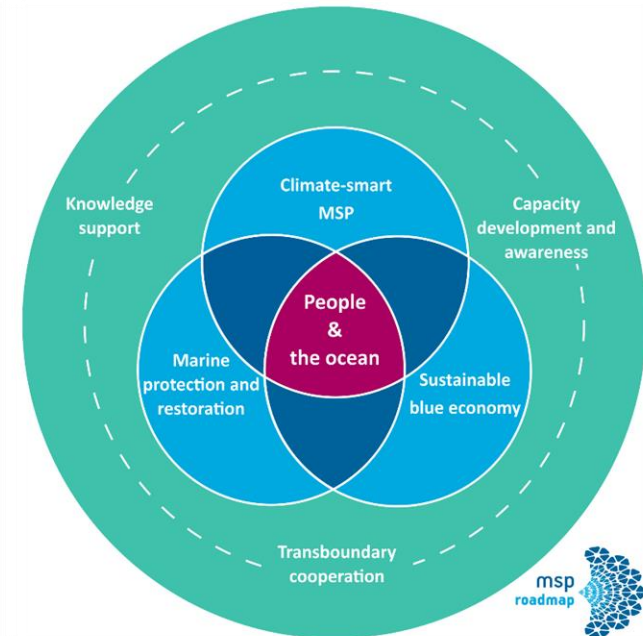
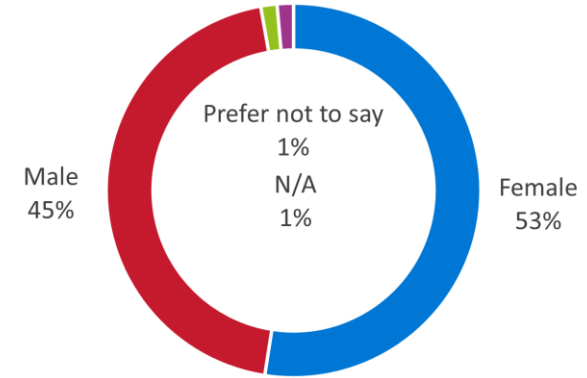
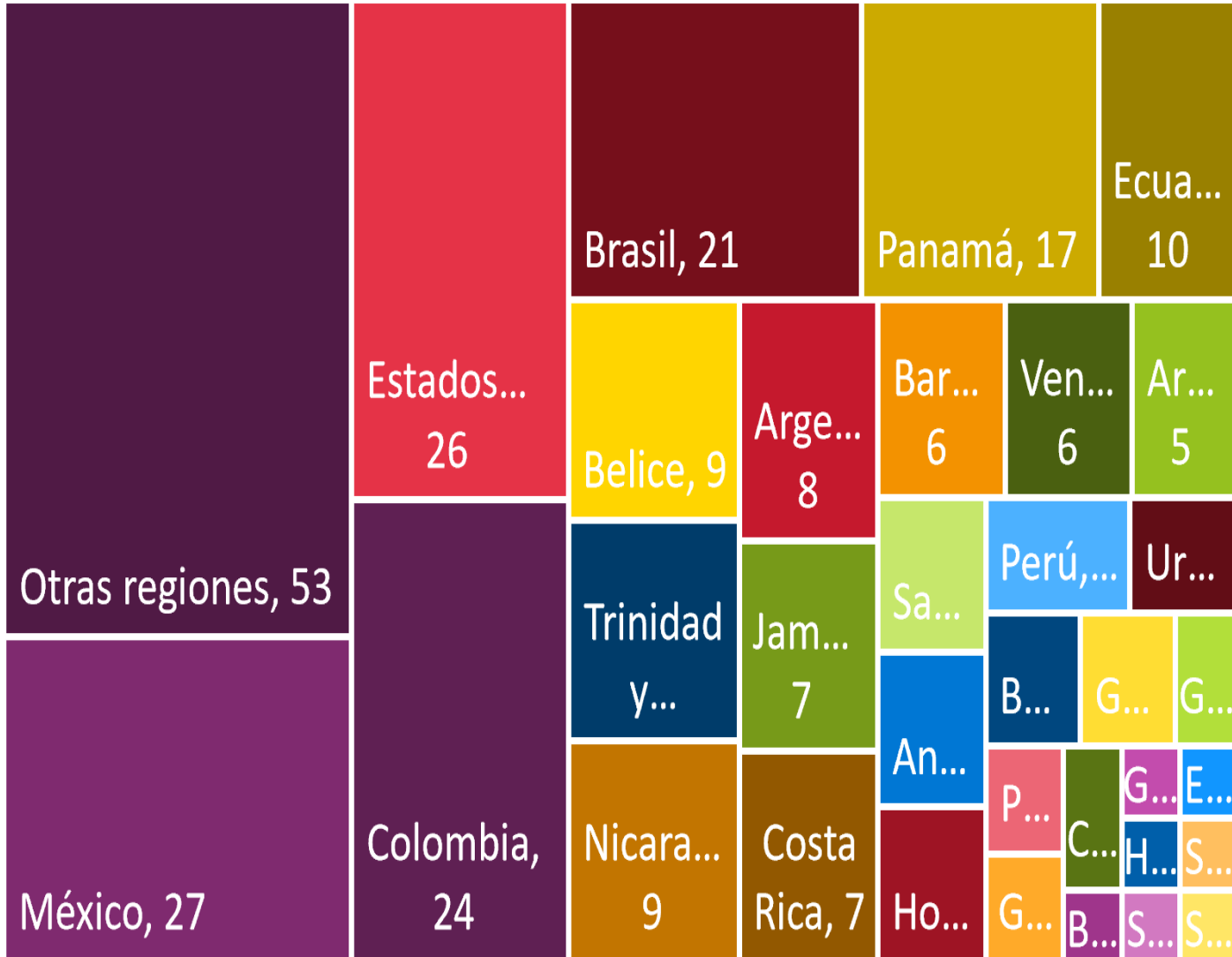
Regional MSPforum for Latin America and The Caribbean – 1st edition

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The Regional MSPforum for Latin America – More than 250 participants per day



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Four Sessions to drive MSP change in LAC

❖ Session 1: Regional Initiatives & Regional Cooperation

- GEF IW: LEARN5, Ocean InfoHub – LAC, CLME+ (UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ project)

❖ Session 2: Capacity Development and Awareness

- priority in the Ocean Decade, the Blue Planning in Practice, the Ocean Teacher Global Academy (OGTA, by IOC/UNESCO), the Regional Training Centre INVEMAR-Colombia, MSP Challenge Board Game

❖ Session 3: Marine Protection and Restoration

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management initiative to protect 30% of Barbados marine ecosystems
- Marine Spatial Planning process in the Belizean coastal zone

❖ Session 4: Next Steps Towards Building a Regional Network and Platform for MSP Practitioners

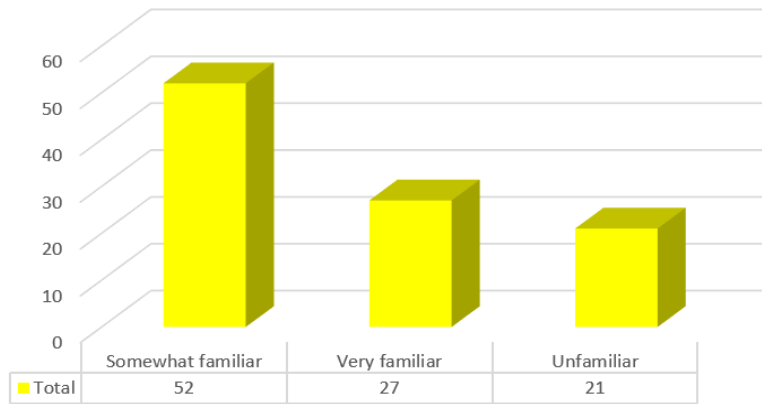
- Regional network of MSP Practitioners



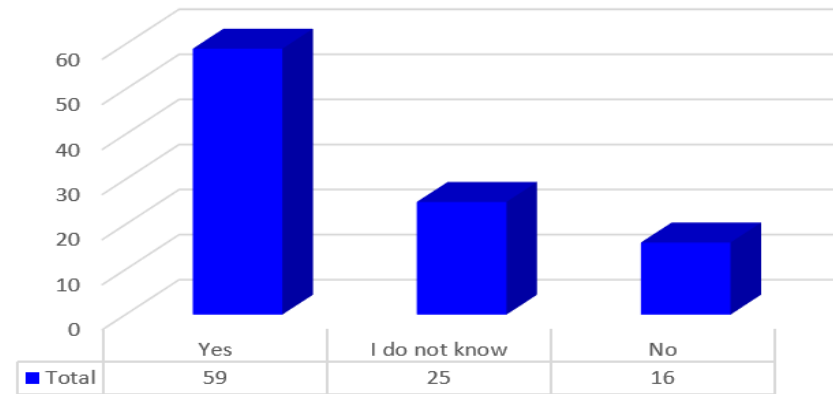
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Towards a more effective engagement in MSP

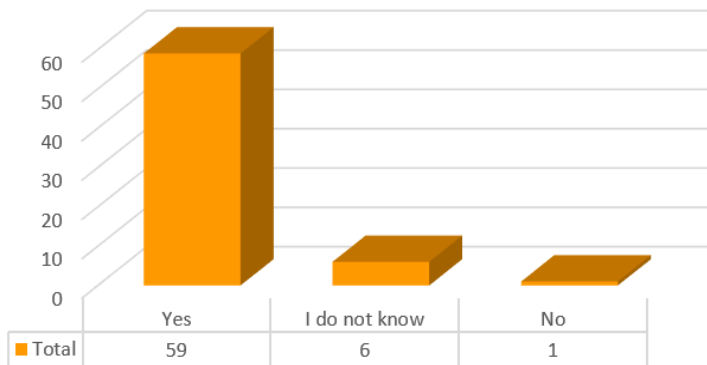
Question 1: How familiar are you with the MSP process?



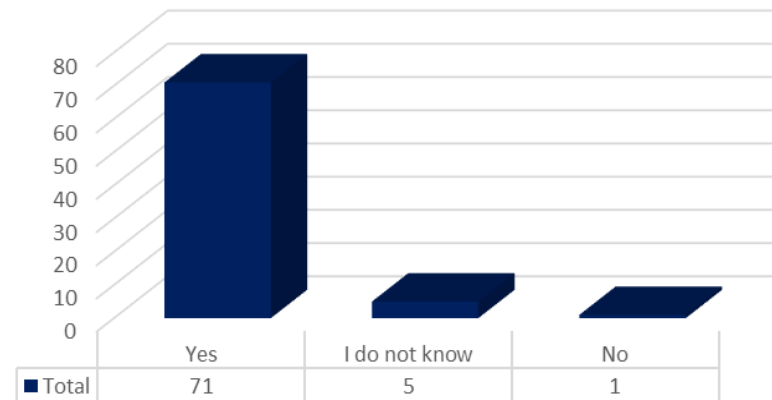
Question 2: Have MSP considerations been used in your country/ territory?



Question 3: Will MSP help coordinate the multiple and sometimes conflicting uses of the marine space and resources ?



Question 4: Interested in training courses in MSP for the Western Tropical Atlantic Caribbean region?



Main Outcomes/Findings from the Regional MSPforum LAC

- ❖ Various levels of MSP implementation within the Caribbean and Latin American

Recommendations

- ❖ Increased accessibility to evidence-based data to guide the decision-making process in MSP
- ❖ Need for a support group in terms of guiding the MSP process regionally (**85% of the participants wished to take part in a MSP Working Group**)
- ❖ Need for enhancing knowledge dissemination through increased stakeholder engagement and capacity development while prioritizing MSP related initiatives at the grass-roots level
- ❖ Need for developing a supportive framework through regional mechanisms; and the Regional MSPforum can be one of them in order to facilitate information exchange and to develop a supportive network of best-practices.
- ❖ IOCARIBE Secretariat to make available resources through documents and a best practices compilation which can help practitioners in the MSP process.
- ❖ Establishment of the Regional MSPforum for Latin America and Caribbean, which will amplify MSP efforts in the region

Muchas Gracias, Thank You!

