



# Cartagena Convention

## Framework for Sustainable Development of the Wider Caribbean

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# Caribbean Environment Programme

**1974 UNEP initiates Regional Seas Programme**

**1976 UNEP urged to launch Programme for Caribbean**

**1981 Action Plan for Caribbean Environment  
Programme (CEP) adopted at 1st IGM**

**1983 Legal framework (Cartagena) for CEP adopted**

**1986 Cartagena Convention & Oil Spills enter into force**

**1990 SPAW Protocol Adopted in Jamaica**

**1999 LBS Protocol Adopted in Aruba**

**2000 SPAW Protocol enters into force**

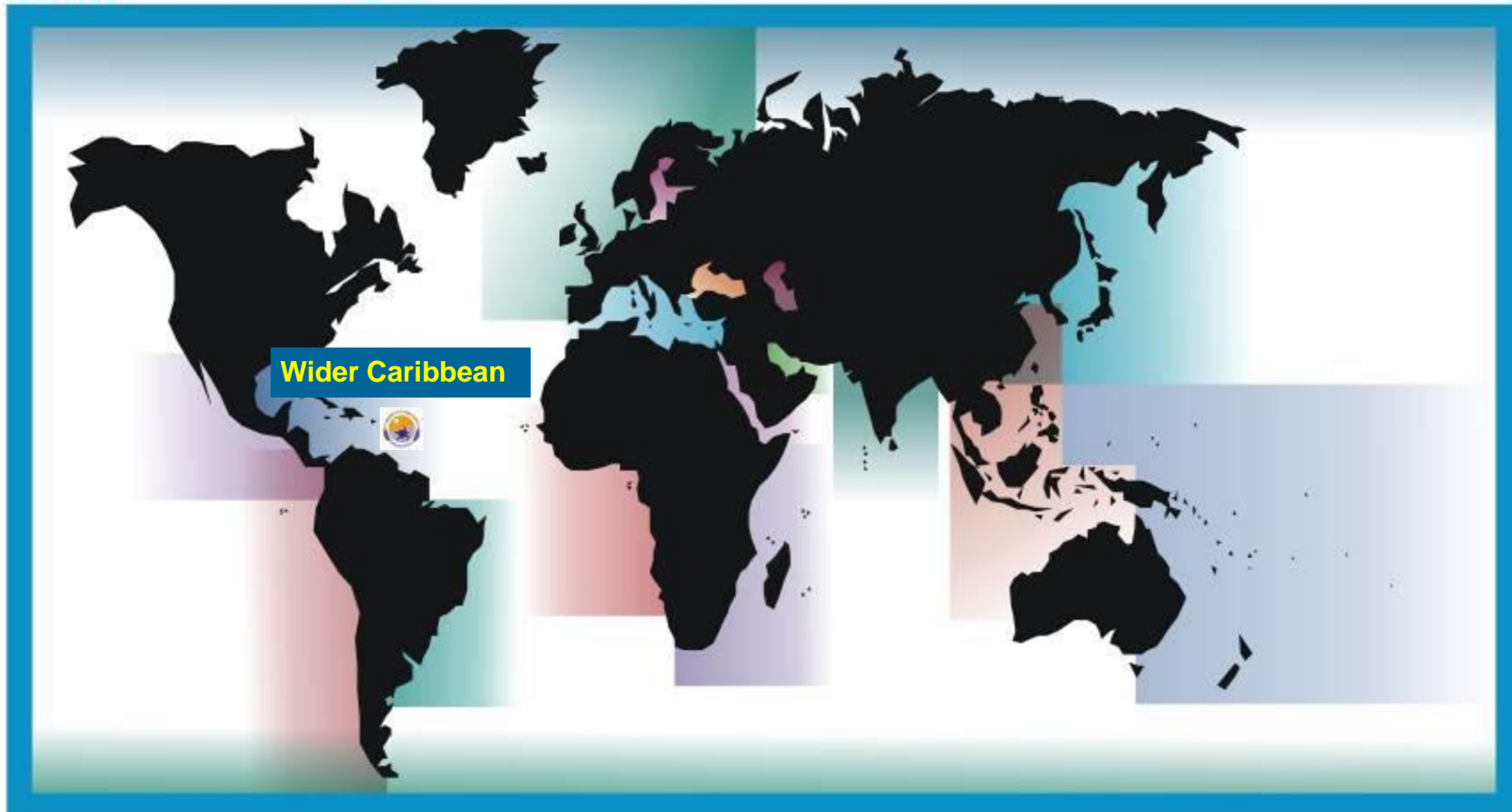
**2003 Panama & Trinidad & Tobago accede to LBS**

**2010 3 more ratifications needed for LBS to enter into force**

# 18 Regional Seas Programmes 140 Countries



## Regional Seas



West to East: North-East Pacific South-East Pacific Wider Caribbean Upper South-West Atlantic West & Central Africa  
Mediterranean Black Sea Eastern Africa Red Sea & Gulf of Aden ROPME Sea Area South Asian Seas East Asian Seas  
North-West Pacific South Pacific Partner programmes: Arctic North-East Atlantic Baltic Caspian Antarctic

# Caribbean Environment Programme

## Mission

**"To promote regional co-operation for the protection and development of the Wider Caribbean Region"**

## Objective

**"To achieve sustainable development of marine and coastal resources in the Wider Caribbean Region through effective, integrated management that allows for economic growth and sustainable livelihoods"**

**Ships**



**Land Based**

**Dumping**



**CARTAGENA  
CONVENTION**

**Biodiversity**



**Air**

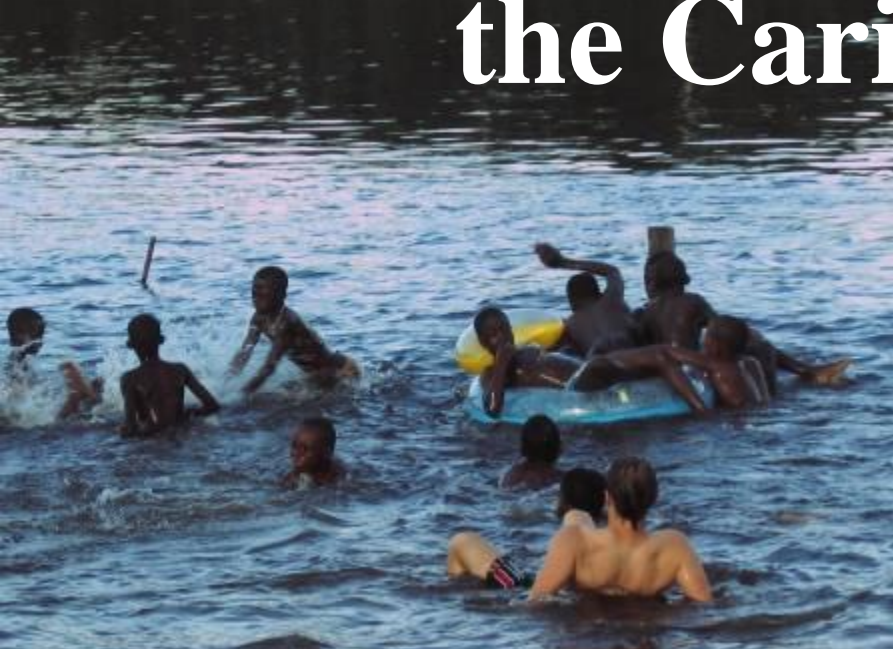


**Sea/River-  
Bed**





# The Protection & Sustainable Development of the Caribbean Sea





Adopted in 1983  
Entry into force in 1986



Adopted in 1990  
Entry into force in 2000



*Adopted in 1999*



# What are the Objectives of the Oil Spills Protocol?

- Protect marine & coastal environment from oil spill incidents
- Establish & maintain means to respond to oil spill incidents & to reduce the risks associated with such incidents





# What are the Objectives of the SPAW Protocol?



- Protect, preserve & sustainably manage fragile areas & threatened or endangered species of flora & fauna
- Regulate &/or prohibit activities having adverse effects on protected areas & wildlife (biodiversity)





# What are the Objectives of the LBS Protocol?



- Reduce pollution through establishment of effluent & emission limitations and/or best management practices
- Exchange information on land-based pollution through cooperation in monitoring & research



States	Oil Spill		SPAW		LBS	
Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention	Signature	Ratified / Acceded	Signature	Ratified / Acceded	Signature	Ratified / Acceded
Antigua and Barbuda		√	√			√
Barbados	√	√		√		
Belize		√		√		√
Colombia	√	√	√	√	√	
Costa Rica		√			√	
Cuba		√	√	√		
Dominica		√				
Dominican Republic		√		√	√	
France	√	√	√	√	√	√
Grenada	√	√				
Guatemala	√	√	√			
Jamaica	√	√	√			
Mexico	√	√	√			
Netherlands	√	√	√	√	√	
Nicaragua	√	√				
Panama	√	√	√	√		√
St. Kitts and Nevis		√				
Saint Lucia	√	√	√	√		√
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		√		√		
Trinidad and Tobago		√	√	√		√
United Kingdom	√	√	√			
United States of America	√	√	√	√	√	√
Venezuela	√	√	√	√		
Non-Contracting CEP Member States						
Bahamas						
Guyana						
Haiti						
Honduras						
Suriname						

# MEMBER COUNTRIES OF CEP



# The Caribbean Action Plan:

**Environmental Assessment** - Causes, Magnitude & Impacts of environmental pollution and degradation

**Environmental Management** - Tools for prevention, reduction, control & mitigation of existing and future negative environmental impacts

**Environmental Legislation** - Regional Convention, elaborated by specific technical protocols & supported by national enabling legislation.

**Institutional Arrangements** – National Focal Points

**Financial Arrangements** – Donor, Voluntary or obligatory national contributions to Trust Funds;





# Capacity Building

## Policy & Legislative Reforms

## Environmental Assessments & Monitoring

## Best Management Practices & Technologies

## Environmental Education & Awareness

## Sustainable Financing



# Our achievements

- Improved Baseline Data & Information
- Leverage of Donor funds through Projects
- Improved Coordination & Collaboration
- Increased Awareness & Country Ownership
- Strengthened Partnerships with NGOs, Academia, MEA Secretariats

# Supporting Governance Arrangements

- **Saint Georges Declaration for OECS**
- **Barbados SIDS POA**
- **Johannesburg POI**
- **Mauritius Strategy for SIDS**
- **Caribbean Sea Commission**
- **Millennium Development Goals**
- **Multilateral Environmental Agreements**





# What can CEP provide?

- **Data & Information**
- **Policy & Technical Advice**
- **Decision-Making Framework**
- **Networking & Partnerships: Focal Points, RACs & RAN**





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Source of pleasure!**



**Source of living!**

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