



The role of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in regional ocean governance



OECS

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT UNIT (ESDU)**

OECS mandate for Oceans governance

In the original OECS Treaty of 18 June 1981

Article 3.2: Member States (agree to) endeavour to co-ordinate, harmonise and undertake joint actions and pursue joint policies.

OECS mandate for Oceans governance

In the original SGD of 2001

Principle 11 states that each Member State agrees to ... manage terrestrial, marine and atmospheric resources, organisms and ecosystems

OECS mandate for Oceans governance

States also agree to take all necessary conservation and management measures within their legal and policy frameworks

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In the revised SGD of 2006

Member States commit themselves to developing, adopting, and monitoring the implementation of comprehensive national policies and strategies.

OECS mandate for Oceans governance

To this end, agreed supportive actions include:

establishment of legal and institutional structures

adoption of co-operative measures to conserve and restore natural resources

in areas under the jurisdiction of more than one State,

or that are fully or partially beyond the limits of a country's national jurisdiction

OECS mandate for Oceans governance



New OECS Treaty, signed on 18 June 2010





This chronology of agreements shows Member States' commitment to giving effect to a sustainable oceans governance programme

OECS Sustainable Ocean Governance programme



Overall objective:

to promote OECS maritime cooperation arrangements as a framework for the sustainable management of ocean resources, and for the protection of the marine environment.

Current programme focus:

1. OECS Secretariat creates institutional framework for regional cooperation in trans-boundary oceans management

2. Strengthening capacities for development and implementation of ocean law and policy within sub-regional cooperation framework

3. Facilitating the provision of technical services in sustainable ocean resource and marine environmental management

Issues for consideration in SOG

**International shipping
activities**

People at sea

Law and policy

Maritime security

Marine Science and Technology

Fisheries Conservation and Management



**Marine Genetic
Resources**

Marine Biodiversity

Protection of the Marine Environment

Climate change

Capacity building



Other issues within SOG

Maritime Delimitation Matters



Trade and Fisheries



Energy



Mining



The basis for OECS ocean governance



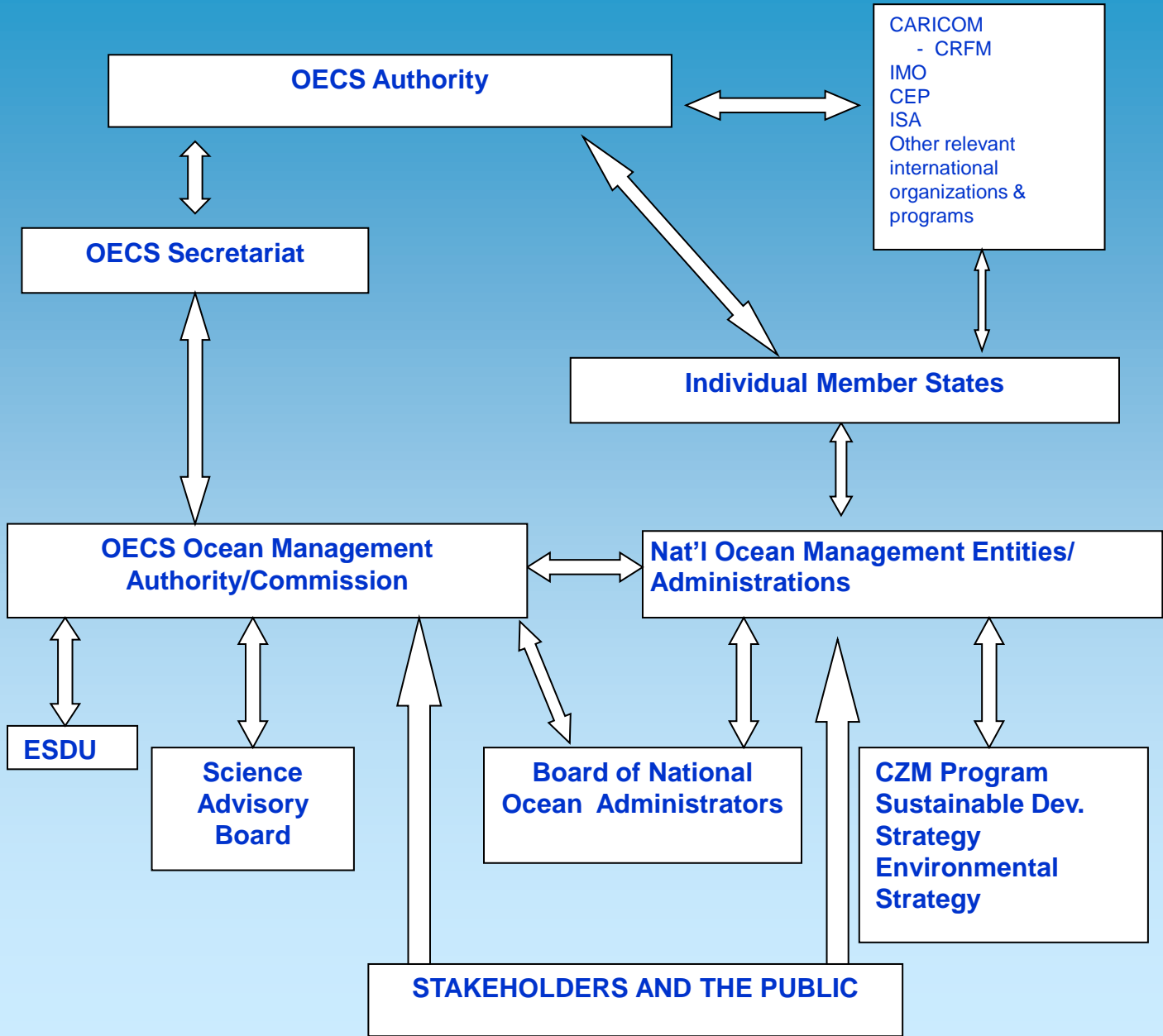
participatory decision-making

evolving attitudes

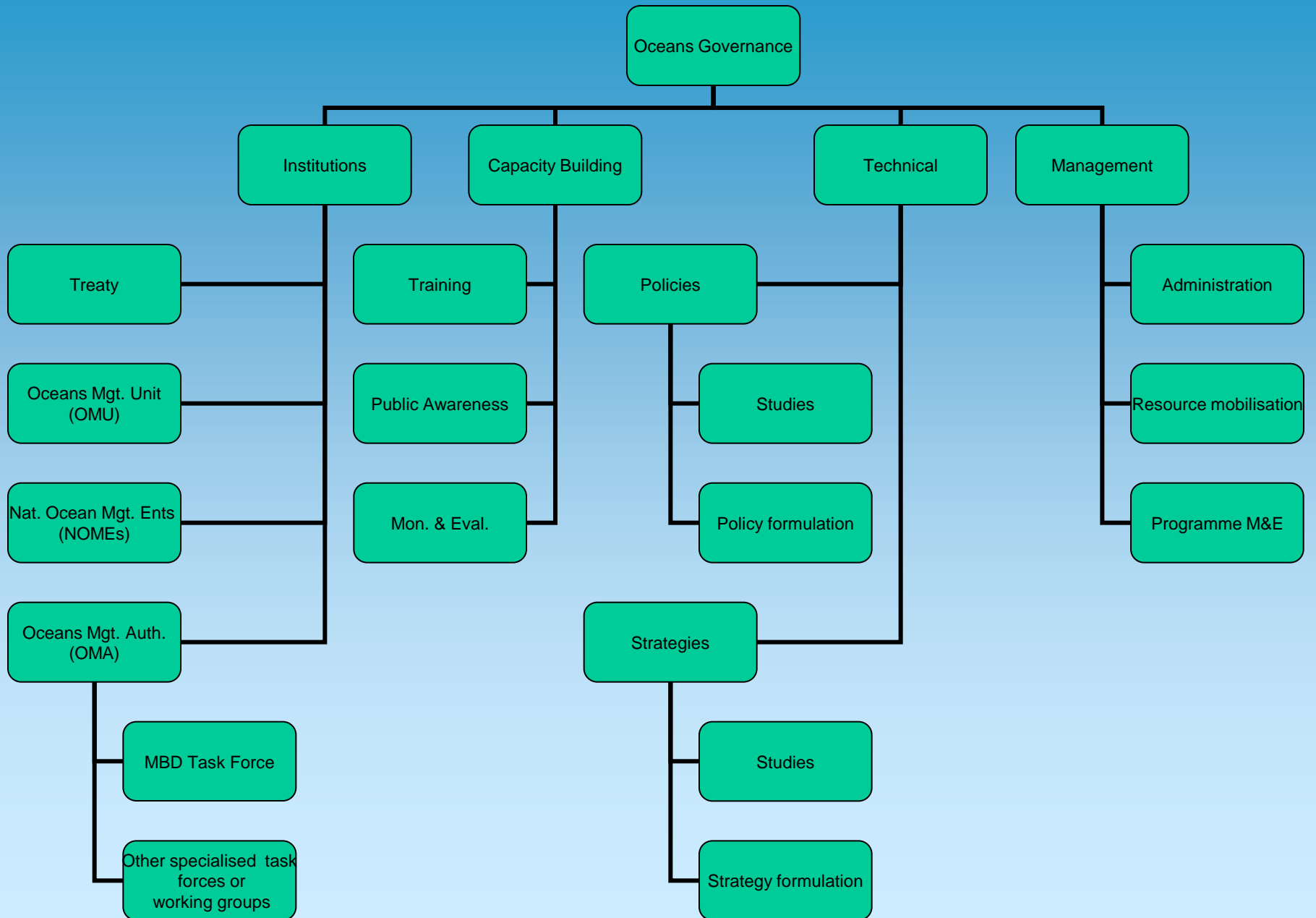
changing behaviour

**A governance framework for the collective
OECS marine space is currently under
consideration**

A Framework for OECS Ocean Governance



The OECS SOG work programme



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***Thank you for
your kind attention***