The Escazú Agreement: Empowering Environmental Governance in the OECS
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Supporting Environmental Governance

- 11 Member Organisation
- St. Georges’ Declaration of Principles for Environmental Sustainability
- Vision: A Better Quality of Life for the People of the OECS
- Recognised need for strengthened Data Management
- Proposed Regional Environmental Information System (REIS) in collaboration with UN ECLAC
Role of Effective Data and Information Systems

Decision-making

Assessment & Monitoring

Reporting

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030

Convention on Biological Diversity

PARIS Agreement

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Escazu Agreement
Vision of OECS REIS

- **Aim:** To enhance national and regional accessibility to data, improve coordination and promote data sharing and co-production of information. Will build on existing systems, networks, databases and platforms.
- Provide a comprehensive platform to access data for planning, impact assessments and risk analysis.
- Display information publicly to support policy and decision-making dialogues on environmental management, social and economic issues; and facilitate validation by public and special interest groups.
- Identify trends that can be categorized for prioritization of actions.
- One-stop-shop and searchable portal for environmental information.
CLUSTER

Content (availability and inventory)

Structure and Governance Arrangements

Logistics (Implementation)

PROPOSED REIS ROADMAP

ESSAT is one of many tools derived from the FDES

- Framework for the collection and compilation of environmental data
- Proposed REIS Roadmap
- Logistics (Implementation)
Landscape and Linkages: Regional Data Portals and Information Systems

- Other upscaled initiatives
- National databases
- OECS Data Portal
- OECS Scorecard
- U-Report

- CREW+ Water and Wastewater information systems and other regional systems
- OECS Geospatial Information Portal
- OECS EIS
- GeoHUB
- REMDAP
- CPAG

Upscaling of REMDAP
ESSAT information
BioSPACE support
Regional Environmental Information Eco-System

Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway

Caribbean Risk Information System

Global Green Growth Institute

Green Growth Index

The Caribbean GeoPortal

Inspiring communities through geography

Caribbean Marine Atlas

CEPALSTAT

Statistical Databases and Publications

OECS GeoHUB

Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

World Environment Situation Room

Data, Information and Knowledge on the Environment

Cartagena Convention
Objective of the REMDAP

To contribute to the preservation of Caribbean ecosystems and natural resources through the improvement of data availability by developing a web-based portal which will serve as a clearinghouse mechanism to strengthen the process of regional environmental monitoring and assessment.
• Web based

• Hosted by the OECS Commission and based on OECS’s existing ArcGIS Online system capability, used by the GeoHUB

• Uses a variety of interoperability protocols to integrate data from external national and regional portals

• Data and information for decision-making

• Availability of web maps to visualise all spatial data for each territory

• Environmental dashboards for indicator monitoring

• Includes scope for the creation of future story-maps
Data Governance

Data access and usage policies: This considers how data can be used, shared, or accessed. In some cases, data may be openly available via OGC or REST services or may need to be requested based on a data sharing agreement or protocol.

Access control: This considers which groups of individuals, organisations, or conditions can have access to various types of data. Acknowledging that some datasets are commercially sensitive, or otherwise need to be controlled access due to national, security, or other conditions which require restriction to access.
Sustainability Considerations

- BioSPACE expansion of the REMDAP to Dominica, Anguilla, Virgin Islands, Montserrat
- Additional capacity building
- OECS Commission will host the CPAG and capitalize on synergies
- Continued collaboration with partners and synergistic projects
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Regional Environmental Monitoring Data Portal