

Commonwealth Marine Economies Programme

Enabling Safe and Sustainable Marine Economies across Commonwealth Small Island Developing States

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United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO)

Providing hydrographic and geospatial data to mariners and maritime organisations in the defence and commercial shipping industry, UKHO helps ensure Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), protects the marine environment and supports the efficiency of global trade.

The UKHO is responsible for serving the wider government by supporting the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's (MCA) obligations to the SOLAS treaty, by ensuring that marine data relating to the UK coastal waters is accurate and up-to-date. It also advises government on hydrographic policy and represents the UK in the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO).

This expertise will be applied through the CME programme in order to enhance the hydrographic status of each SIDS. Together with local and regional stakeholders, the UKHO will support the development and implementation of plans that enable SIDS to achieve hydrographic governance and meet their international obligations on maritime safety information, hydrographic surveying and the updating of navigational charts and publications.

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas)

Cefas is a world leader in applied marine science and technology, providing innovative solutions for the aquatic environment, biodiversity and food security. Cefas is the UK's largest, most diverse centre for marine and freshwater science and research. Cefas' science is central to supporting sustainable marine economies for a diverse customer base, including the UK government and UK Overseas Territories, international governments, public and private sector organisations, educational and research institutions, as well as non-governmental organisations.

Through the CME programme, Cefas will provide expertise in sustainable fisheries management; fish and shellfish health and hygiene; aquaculture; marine biodiversity and habitats; climate change impacts and adaptation; marine special planning, socio-economic assessments of policy and natural assets; pollution and litter; and emergency response.

Research, monitoring, and advice will be provided in the areas of interest to each state, enabling them to manage and adapt their marine resources and environments and to develop safe and sustainable ecosystems and marine economies.

National Oceanography Centre (NOC)

The NOC is the Natural Environment Research Council's centre of excellence for marine sciences and technology. As the UK's foremost oceanography centre, the NOC provides leadership and national capability in the marine sciences, operating from coasts to deep ocean environments. Advances in marine science are led through world-class, multi-disciplinary research on a global scale and include the innovation and development of new ocean measurement technologies, plus the assimilation and transfer of those technologies and knowledge into real impact for marine industries and economies.

The NOC will develop the marine science research capacity of SIDS through the provision of expertise and state of the art monitoring techniques and instrumentation in key themes such as ocean acidification; sea level rise; marine ecosystem health; ocean system modelling; biodiversity and habitat mapping and marine resource characterisation.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

The FCO is the commissioning body for the Commonwealth Marine Economies Programme on behalf of the UK Government.



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