

Caribbean Gateway Insights

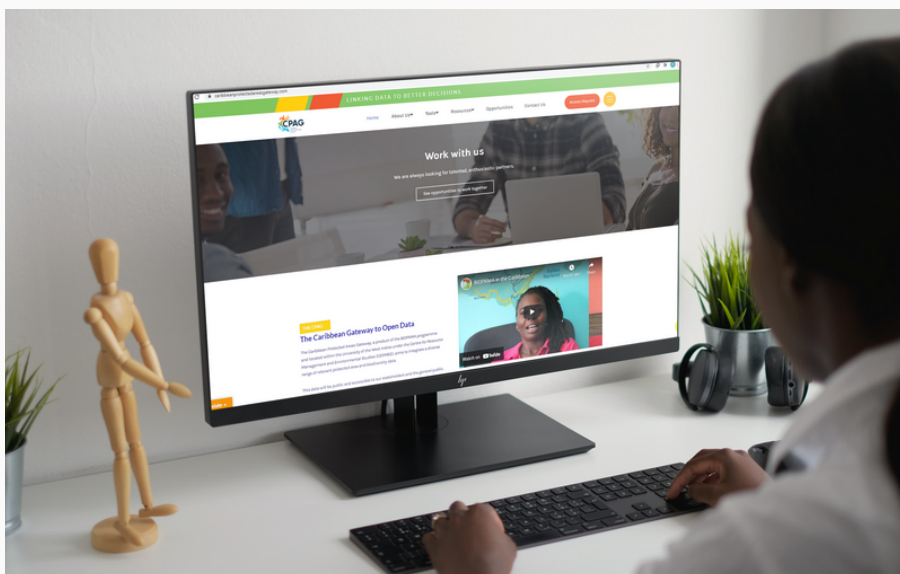
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Year in Review 2021

The goal of this annual review is to share with you some of the program's highlights. This year has been unlike any other, but thanks to great teamwork and the willingness of various stakeholders, we were able to accomplish more than we had anticipated. Thank you to everyone who helped make the program a success this year!

Launch Events

Soft launch of updated CPAG platform (3 March 2021) - included new visual identity (logos, colours) <https://caribbeanprotectedareagateway.com/>.



Tools and Resources

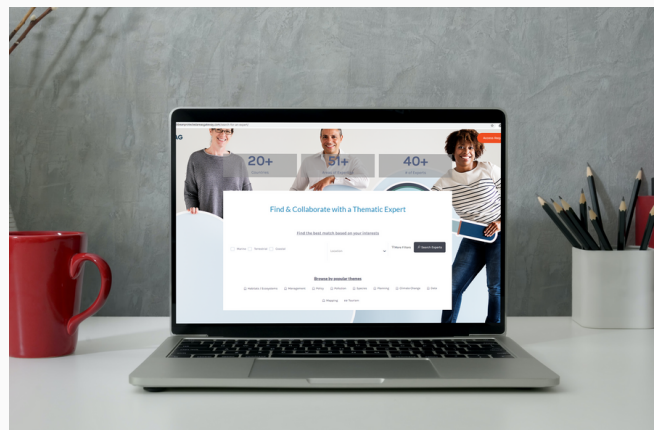
Directory of Experts (DoE) (August 2021) - created to host a diverse listing of individual experts across multiple areas of expertise from various countries. Users are able to filter and search across several fields provided for each expert. DoE accessible [here](#) and a case study video available [here](#).

CPAG Data Cloud - Recognising the lack of data storage and back up facilities throughout the region, CPAG launched a [cloud-based infrastructure](#) to allow organisations to be able to store and/or back up their data in a highly secure, yet easy to use environment. The CPAG Data Cloud for each organisation is completely managed by the organisation and allows for the easy sharing of data within and outside of organisations based on permissions set.

Data

CPAG provided data to support various projects and country initiatives such as the Sargassum adaptation ([SargAdapt](#)) project (UWI-CERMES), the development of Grenada - Management and the provision of MPA data to Montserrat to aid in the legislating of a marine spatial plan for its coastal waters.

CPAG continued to work closely with the UN Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to update country data in the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) for Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti, Jamaica



“Linking data to better decisions”





Capacity Enhancement

Regional - CPAG collaborated with the UN Environment - Caribbean Environment Programme (UNEP-CEP) to develop guidelines on how to conduct PAME assessments. Guideline accessible [here](#).

Antigua and Barbuda - Technical support provided to the National Parks Authority in the development and update of the management plan for the Nelson's Dockyard National Park.

Events

- Introductory regional webinar to Other effective area-based conservation measures (OECM) (18 May 2021) - CPAG collaborated with UNEP-WCMC and the IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) to organise this regional webinar. Link recording and presentations can be accessed [here](#).
- Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission virtual event 'Eighth Council of Ministers on Environmental Sustainability' (COM-ES-8) (20 – 21 May 2021) - CPAG participated in the virtual event via the submission of a paper and inclusion of a virtual booth providing information on CPAG.
- World Oceans Day virtual webinar (8 June 2021) - CPAG participated in the 'Partnerships at the Marine Science-Policy Interface' webinar organised by CERMES to deliver a short presentation on how CPAG is part of the solution regarding bridging the science-policy interface gap. Presentation can be accessed [here](#).

“A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.”

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON



Events

- IUCN World Conservation Congress (3 - 11 September 2021) - CPAG participated virtually and in person (via IUCN Technical Assistant – Justin Springer) to host two events, a 30 minute session on 6 September to showcase key features of the CPAG platform and a one hour session on 7 September to highlight the work being conducted by CPAG. IUCN article on the CPAG session at the IUCN World Conservation Congress can be accessed [here](#).
- Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) 74 - by way of an oral presentation (Insights into Marine Protected Area management throughout the Wider Caribbean Region). The pre-recorded oral presentation was made available to participants from 1 November 2021. A live session was held on 9 November 2021, where a 3 minute summary of the presentation was given during the Marine Protected Areas session, which also included a panel discussion component. The presentation abstract can be accessed [here](#), while the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

“CPAG is well placed to support countries in the management and use of biodiversity related data and information to inform decision making at national, regional and global levels.”

ÚRSULA PARRILLA,
Regional Director for
Mexico, Central America
and the Caribbean, IUCN

Communication/ Information Products

Social media platforms - CPAG launched its Facebook ([@theCPAG](#)), Instagram ([@the_CPAG](#)) and YouTube ([cpagmedia](#)) social media platforms.



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Video production -

- World Oceans Day featuring ocean practitioners/professionals and scientists (Dr. Shelly-Ann Cox, Dr. Holly Trew, Ms. Shari Samuel, Mr. Roger Hurley and Mr. Anthony Thompson) - <https://www.facebook.com/104300071843669/videos/864990514097303>.
- Developing the Saint Lucia Protected Area Management Effectiveness PAME Tool - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpege0n_Mno
- CPAG Directory of Experts Testimonial- <https://youtu.be/lei8FePn3nw>
- Educational tour for 2021 World Bee Day- <https://youtu.be/oalhykaunRw>
- What is the Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway | CPAG - <https://youtu.be/s8hQ1HnK2zk>
- Understanding Data and Mapping | CPAG Demo- https://youtu.be/M9yT4QU0T_E
- Saint Lucia National Trust | CPAG Users Testimonial- https://youtu.be/62sTID_a_Jo
- 2020 Latin America and Caribbean Protected Area Day- <https://youtu.be/JMrZl1btgsQ>
- Marine Protected Areas session Insights into MPA management throughout the WCR- Dr. Walcott Julian - <https://youtu.be/bgTHZueaOfk>

“You can’t force people to care about the natural environment, but if you encourage them to connect with it, they just might.”

JENNIFER NINI



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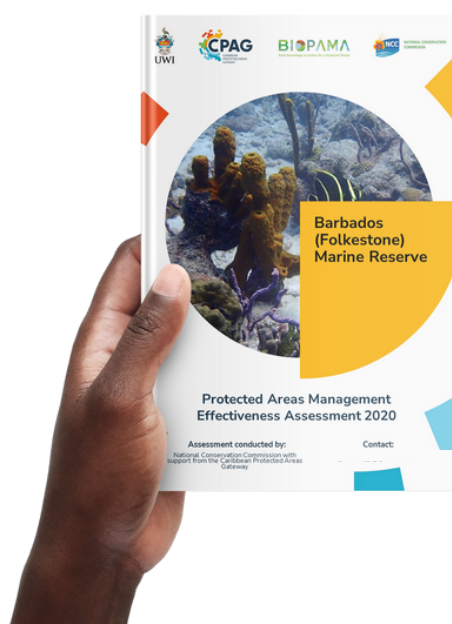
Podcast -Mapping Coral Reefs using Machine Learning’ - Blue Bot Project.
<https://caribbeanprotectedareasgateway.com/the-blue-bot-project-saving-coral-reefs/>.

Newsletter - CPAG e-newsletter (Gateway Insights) issues 3 and 4 produced. Issue 3 available [here](#), while Issue 4 available [here](#).

Brochures/flyers - CPAG developed brochures catered to specific target audiences including the [general public](#), [PA practitioners](#) and [decision-makers](#). These can be accessed using the link provided.



Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) Report card - Following the facilitation of a PAME assessment at the Barbados Marine Reserve, CPAG began work on developing a PAME report card. The idea is that this report card will provide management and stakeholders with a visual representation of the PA's management status and guide them toward better management practices. Feel free to [contact us](#) if you would like to utilise our PAME report card.



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CPAG supported BIOPAMA in the development of a [PAME guideline](#) - this is in addition to the PAME assessment conducted in 2021 and the development of the PAME report card. The analysis from this guideline will aid in determining how well management is performing and which areas require improvement. The findings of this study will lead to adaptive management in order to preserve the protected area's values while meeting the site's objectives.

Antigua and Barbuda WDPa update - CPAG recently worked with the WDPa and the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Environment to ensure that Antigua's WDPa data is accurate and up to date. Users will be able to produce better outputs if the data quality is high and accurate. With reliable outputs, users can improve their entire decision-making process.

Before we close the curtains on 2021, we want to remind you of who we are

Mission

- To improve the long-term conservation and sustainable use of natural resources by reinforcing the management and governance of protected and conserved areas through better use and monitoring of data and information and via the enhancement of capacities throughout the Caribbean region.


Objectives

- To collate the most up-to-date, accurate and salient data and information from international, regional, national and local levels
- To provide access to the most up-to-date, accurate and salient data and information, via an easy to use online user interface, to facilitate informed (data driven) decision making and policy formulation

“My mission is to add value. My attitude is of active curiosity and my method is through relationship of trust.

FRANCOIS BIARD



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- To develop and provide/deliver tools (assessment / survey-based tools, socioeconomic monitoring, marine analysis) and services to facilitate improved conservation and sustainable use of natural resources
 - To build and enhance capacities relevant for improving management, governance, and data analysis, interpretation and application, where feasible throughout the Caribbean region
 - To foster collaboration and facilitate networking and sharing amongst constituents

Values

- Transparency
- Community
- Expertise

Personality

- Collaborative
- Open and friendly
- Distinctively Caribbean
- World standard
- Experts



WISHING YOU A BRIGHT

2022

