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Grant Cycle	Date of Application	Organization	Project Title	Protected Area	Island Focus	Amount Awarded (USD)	Date of Contract Execution	Date of Contract Expiration	Estimated Timeline for Implementation (months)	Project Summary	Grant Priorities Addressed	Project Status	Contact Person	Position	Contact Email	Contact Phone #
Cycle 1	5-Sep-25	Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization	Evaluating Marine Mammal Presence and Resource Conditions in Southern Bahamas Marine Protected Areas and Surrounding Waters	Conception Island (close proximity)	Southern Islands	$ 50,000.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	This project aims to expand marine mammal research and conservation efforts to the southern Bahamas, a region critical to biodiversity but lacking comprehensive data. The initiative will focus on conducting large and small vessel surveys to collect baseline data on marine mammals and other key species, such as sharks, turtles, and Nassau Grouper, while assessing their habitats and critical areas like breeding grounds. The project will integrate community-based conservation, stakeholder engagement, and citizen science to foster local stewardship and promote sustainable use of marine resources, including eco-tourism and fisheries. It will also incorporate climate-smart management strategies to address the impacts of climate change. The anticipated duration is 12 months.	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Climate-Smart Management Planning and Implementation Blue Economy and Sustainable Use of Marine Resources Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Grants for NGOs and Communities Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing	In-Progress	Felice Major	Deputy Director and Field Scientist	fmajor@bahamaswhales.org	12428054585
Cycle 1	6-Sep-25	Bahamas National Trust	Baseline Marine Assessments and Community-Driven Park Management Enhancement for the San Salvador Marine Protected Areas	San Salvador National Parks	San Salvador	$ 50,000.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	The project, titled "Baseline Marine Assessments and Community-Driven Park Management Enhancement for the San Salvador Marine Protected Areas," aims to conduct comprehensive baseline assessments of marine ecosystems within the San Salvador National Park system. Despite extensive studies of the island's terrestrial environment, its marine ecosystems have not been thoroughly assessed. The project will focus on collecting data on key species and ecosystems, including coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds, using standardized methodologies like the Atlantic & Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment (AGRRA) protocol. The data collected will serve as a baseline for updating and developing Climate-Smart Management Plans and zoning strategies for the parks. Researchers will document species presence, ecosystem health, and threats such as diseases and bleaching events. The findings will be analyzed and shared with stakeholders, including co-managers and local communities, to inform adaptive management and promote sustainable management practices. The project will also promote adaptive management strategies to address emerging threats and ensure the long-term stewardship of San Salvador's marine resources. The anticipated duration is 12 months	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Grants for NGOs and Communities Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing National Mangroves Management Plan	In-Progress	Lindy Knowles	Senior Science Officer	lknowles@bnt.bs	12423931317
Cycle 1	6-Sep-25	Bahamas Reef Environmental Educational Foundation (BREEF)	Marking Our Reefs: Signage, Buoys, and Awareness for the BREEF Coral Reef Sculpture Garden & Coral Nursery within the Southwest Marine Managed Area	Southwest Marine Managed Area	New Providence	$ 50,000.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	This project proposes the installation of durable, informative signage both on land and underwater, the placement of a snorkel route and permanent mooring buoys, and the introduction of lighted navigation poles to mark underwater sculptures. Coupled with community-focused outreach, training, and educational materials, these interventions will promote safe navigation, enhance visitor experiences, and encourage climate-smart, sustainable management of this important area within the MPA. Objectives - Visibility and Awareness: Improve the visibility and recognition of the area within the SWMMA through on-land, underwater, and navigational signage. - Sustainable Use: Reduce anchor damage and unsafe boating practices by installing mooring buoys and clearly marking snorkel routes. -Community Engagement: Educate local communities, captains, and visitors through posters, maps, signage, and participatory activities. -Climate-Smart Management: Provide infrastructure that supports eco-tourism, reduces environmental impacts, and aligns with zoning and management plans.	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Climate-Smart Management Planning and Implementation Blue Economy and Sustainable Use of Marine Resources	In-Progress	Nadia Morris	Grants & Projects Manager	nadia@breef.org	12424454772
Cycle 1	5-Sep-25	Bahamas Undersea Research Foundation	MPA management planning For Abaco - Identifying and addressing climate and other threats through Rapid Ecological Assessments and stakeholder surveys	Fowl Cays National Park, Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park Crab Cay Marine Reserve and No Name Cay Marine Reserve.	Abaco	$ 50,000.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	There are four MPAs on BPAC's priority list for developing climate smart management plans for Abaco – two national parks managed by the Bahamas National Trust, Fowl Cays National Park and Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park, and two marine reserves, the Crab Cay Marine Reserve and No Name Cay Marine Reserve. The Bahamas Undersea Research Foundation/Perry Institute for Marine Science (hereafter referred to as PIMS) has led data collection on coral reefs in both National Parks over the past 20 years through 2023, but data on off-reef habitats and other ecosystems in the MPAs is extremely limited. There has been no data collection within either Marine reserve. Thus, there is a data needed for MPA management planning. Furthermore, there have been no recent community consultations for any of these areas. Here we propose addressing these ecological data needs and collecting social science data from stakeholders that will be analyzed and used to formulate site-specific management recommendations to be incorporated into management plans that address climate change and other threats. 1. Comprehensive data on the distribution, abundance and status of ecosystems, habitats, biodiversity, and key species within the selected MPAs 2. Comprehensive social data from users and communities adjacent to the selected MPAs as well as visitation for two of the areas 3. Development resource and habitat maps for each area using an available online GIS platform (ArcGIS Online) to facilitate MPA management planning and public access to these datasets 4. Development of management plans that incorporate climate change and other threats. 5. Training MPA management personnel in hands on assessments	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Climate-Smart Management Planning and Implementation Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Grants for NGOs and Communities Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing Blue Economy and Sustainable Use of Marine Resources	In-Progress	Craig Dahlgren	Executive Director	cdahlgren@perryinstitute.org	18024962715
Cycle 1	6-Sep-25	Blue Action Lab	Coral Restoration to Enhance Peterson's Cay National Park	Peterson Cay National Park	Grand Bahama	$ 36,995.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	This project aims to restore the degraded coral reef ecosystem at Peterson's Cay, Grand Bahama Island, which has lost over 70% of its reef due to climate change and storm events. The initiative will reintroduce native coral species to recover ecological functions, attract marine life, and enhance biodiversity. It will also integrate education and sustainable tourism by collaborating with the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) and Coral Vita. The restoration will complement the planned underwater sculpture garden, blending art, conservation, and education to revitalize marine life, support local economies, and raise awareness about coral reef protection. The project includes community engagement through a Citizen Science Reef ID program and subsidized field trips to educate Bahamians about reef conservation. The anticipated duration is 12 months.	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Blue Economy and Sustainable Use of Marine Resources Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing	In-Progress	Ann-Marrie Carrol	Program Manager	annmarie@blueaction.eco	1 (242) 442 4485
Cycle 1	4-Sep-25	Friends of the Environment	Abaco Coastal Stewardship: Education and Engagement	Abaco MPAs	Abaco	$ 47,025.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	This project aims to build capacity and improve community engagement in the Abaco communities for environmental projects. The main activities associated with this project include: Engage ages 3–17 in MPA themed after-school club programming in Spring 2026 (potential reach 80 students), incorporating scientific method where appropriate Conduct Earth Week presentations and assemblies across Abaco, covering MPAs, ecosystem services, and sustainable livelihoods Lead classes from three local high schools on mangrove restoration field trips to connect with activities of the Bahamas Awareness of Mangroves Project and the Northern Bahamas Mangrove Restoration Project Engage community members in mangrove propagule collection and nursery care to provide plants for restoration activities. Increase mangrove nursery capacity, and provide signage for new sites Partner with Dolphi Club and other ecotourism stakeholders to implement a sustainable livelihood apprenticeship program in Ecotourism/Fly-fishing Raise awareness of opportunities in sustainable livelihoods by engaging with upper high school students and recent graduates (high school visits, career fairs, community service groups) Develop a two-day conservation workshop program for sustainable livelihood apprentices and other community stakeholders to improve environmental literacy and ambassadorship. Conduct 5 iterations of the workshop over a year Develop, update, and print/produce outreach materials including stickers, posters, brochures and social media posts to raise awareness on MPAs, natural resources, and environmental best practices. Materials will be provided to participants in the conservation workshop, as well as targeted eco-tourism businesses across Abaco. Create exhibits and activities for FRIENDS' Explorotorium to raise awareness of MPAs, and current research and conservation projects, and how the community can be involved	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management National Mangroves Management Plan Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing	In-Progress	Olivia Patterson Maura	Executive Director	olivia@friendsoftheenvironment.org	12426992721
Cycle 1	5-Sep-25	Imagination Ink in association with Black Tide Media	Marking Our Reefs: The Last Barrier: Paradise in Peril	Various	Various	$ 35,000.00	9-Mar-26	6-Sep-27	18	The Last Barrier: Paradise in Peril is a feature-length documentary and environmental education initiative led by Imagination Ink in association with Black Tide Media. The project explores the interconnected crises of coral reef decline, mangrove deforestation, and shoreline erosion in The Bahamas—ecosystems that together form the nation's first line of defense against climate change. This project will capture these efforts through cinematic storytelling, community-based education, and targeted outreach. By combining scientific expertise with compelling human narratives, the documentary will: Raise awareness of the urgent need to protect and restore marine ecosystems Provide accessible educational resources, including school toolkits and community screenings. Inspire youth and the wider public to engage in conservation through creative campaigns such as the #ProtectTheBarrier challenge. Amplify the work of local organizations and connect The Bahamas' challenges to the global climate discourse. Impact The Last Barrier will create impact on three levels: Education – Equipping schools, NGOs, and communities with engaging tools to strengthen environmental literacy. Engagement – Inspiring behavioral change by showcasing practical solutions like reef restoration and mangrove planting. Advocacy – Elevating Bahamian conservation efforts onto regional and global platforms, positioning The Bahamas as a leader in climate resilience. By blending art, science, and community voices, this project ensures that the fight for The Bahamas' fragile ecosystems is not only documented but transformed into a movement for lasting change.	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Climate-Smart Management Planning and Implementation Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Grants for NGOs and Communities Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing	In-Progress	Rashad Cartwright	Executive Director	inkster@imagination.ink.org	12425651897
Cycle 1	5-Sep-25	ORG Bahamas Foundation	Strengthening Environmental NPO Capacity for Marine Conservation and Coastal Resilience in The Bahamas	No Specific area	General	$ 50,000.00	9-Mar-26	9-Mar-27	12	This project aims to equip 8–10 core environmental NPOs with the skills, knowledge, and organizational capacity needed to manage Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), implement community-led conservation programs, and advance climate resilience. The program will also open select sessions to a wider group of environmental and associated organizations, expanding sector-wide reach and fostering collaboration. The initiative will also contribute to achieving SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), ensuring that civil society plays a transformative role in protecting marine ecosystems and advancing sustainable development. The anticipated duration is 12 months.	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Climate-Smart Management Planning and Implementation Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Grants for NGOs and Communities Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing	In-Progress	Matthew Aubry	Executive Director	maubry@orgbahamas.com	12424773134
Cycle 1	21-Aug-25	Waterkeepers Bahamas	Youth Environmental Ambassadors/Cadets	Various	Grand Bahama	$ 36,400.00	9-Mar-26	9-Oct-26	7	This project aims to expand their two existing programs: The YEA Program, launched over a decade ago, has become a cornerstone of our outreach efforts. To date, it has engaged more than 200 students, many of whom have advanced into university studies or conservation careers. Targeting students in grades 7–9, the program combines interactive workshops, on- and off-island field trips, and a curriculum focused on marine conservation, climate change, and advocacy. It not only fosters environmental literacy but also equips students with leadership skills and a sense of agency to drive change in their communities. With limited capacity and resources and communities with growing demand, we are seeking to expand enrollment from 12–15 students per session to 2-3, ensuring more young Bahamians benefit from this transformative experience. The Cadets Program builds on this foundation for older students (grades 10–12), offering a more advanced pathway into conservation leadership and stewardship. The Cadets engage in hands-on research projects, including water and soil quality monitoring, plastic pollution studies, mangrove restoration, and Queen Conch surveys. A unique feature of this program is that all cadets earn SCUBA certification, allowing them to actively participate in marine research and conservation work. Despite its demonstrated success, capacity is limited to 6–8 students per session. With additional support, we aim to double enrollment to 15 participants, broadening access to these vital experiences. Additionally, we plan to expand our course curriculum by incorporating a maritime course for senior-level cadets to gain practical boating experience. This portion of the curriculum will be aimed at Cadets who have already gained their SCUBA certification and intend to further their practical knowledge in addition to the previously mentioned skills.	Community-Based Marine Conservation Management Capacity Development and Technical Assistance Grants for NGOs and Communities Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Sharing	In-Progress	Taylor Ferguson	Communications/Grants Coordinator	taylor@waterkeepersbahamas.org	12428212021
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