

WHAT WE DO

- Convene regular meetings of members and experts for discussion of emerging issues, joint programming, and partnership opportunities.
- Provide support to the institutions and Contracting Parties implementing the SPAW Programme, which could include expertise, capacity building, and knowledge-sharing. The support focuses mainly, but not exclusively, on the biennial workplan of the SPAW Programme and its key thematic areas.
- Support implementation of the SPAW Protocol at the national and regional levels, including through monitoring, assessments, capacity building, and policy development.

WHO CAN JOIN

All organisations/experts that are committed to protecting the quality of the Caribbean Sea are welcomed as members of the Consortium. Potential members are asked to sign and submit a statement of commitment to the objectives and obligations of the Consortium, using the form provided by the Consortium for that purpose. Download the commitment statement at monitorcaribbean.org/commitment-form.

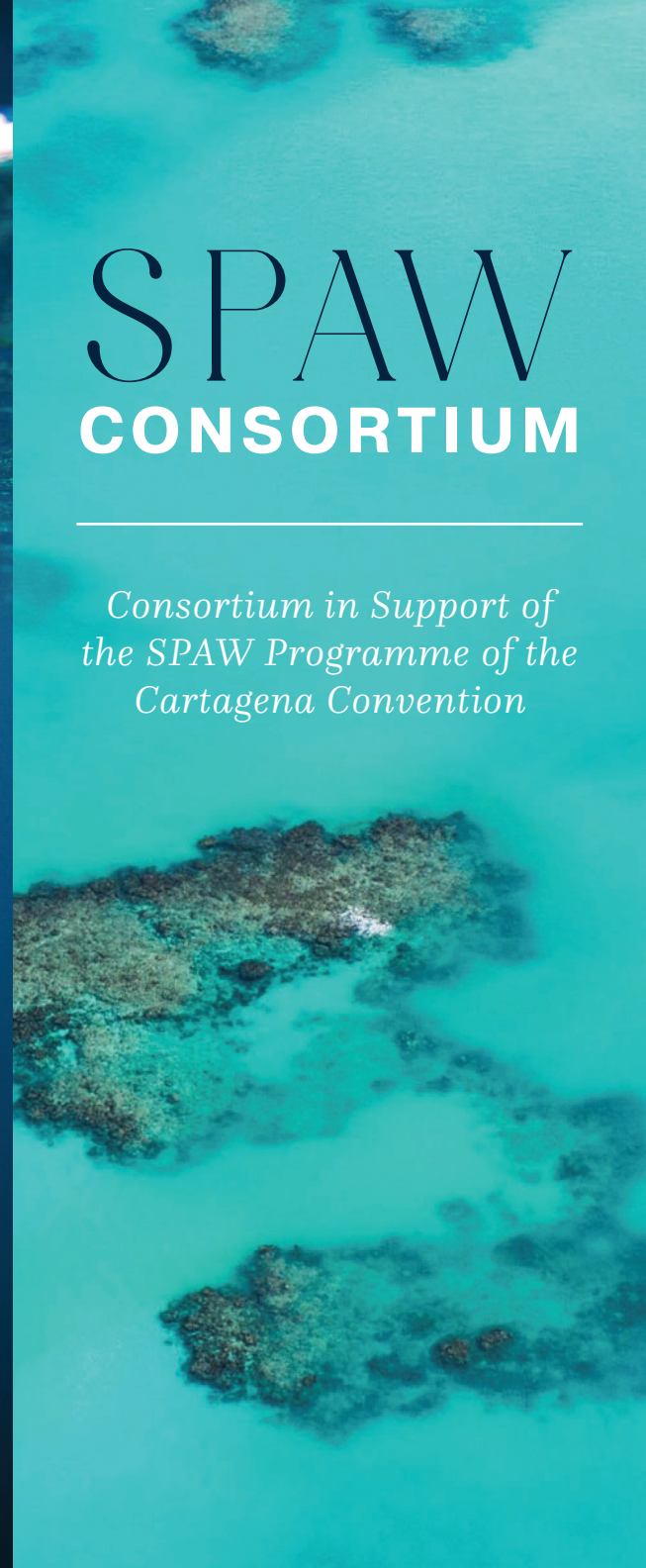


SPAW CONSORTIUM

*Consortium in Support of
the SPAW Programme of the
Cartagena Convention*

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WHO WE ARE

- The SPAW Consortium is an independent alliance supporting the successful implementation of the Cartagena Convention, and in particular the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol) and its associated SPAW Programme.
- The SPAW Consortium seeks to enhance the role of non-governmental organisations and civil society by optimizing their participation and engagement to strengthen the effective implementation of the SPAW Protocol.
- Composed of institutional members of major groups and stakeholders (as currently defined by the United Nations Environment Programme) and individuals with expertise, experience, and interest in advancing the objectives of the SPAW Programme.

Building Partnerships in Support of the SPAW Protocol and Programme

- up-scale best practices
- share lessons learned
- enhance synergies among members
- recruit commitments from civil society
- support capacity building

STRUCTURE OF THE CONSORTIUM

ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

- The biennial assembly of members is the policy making body of the Consortium, where policies and new initiatives are presented.

STEERING COMMITTEE

- Elected biennially by consensus among members and coordinates the work of the Consortium.
- Convenes regular meetings of members, including a “Forum” for open discussions on various issues.
- Coordinates/consolidates inputs and documentation from the Consortium to the various meetings of the SPAW Protocol and/or Conference of the Parties, identifying emerging issues and opportunities, for integration, as appropriate, into the overall SPAW Workplan.
- Forms *ad hoc* working groups as necessary.

INAUGURAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Founding Members of the Consortium

Coordinator: Monitor Caribbean

Members: Animal Welfare Institute, Foundation for Development Planning Inc., Lightkeepers Foundation, Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network-WIDECAS, Olga Koubrak (Senior Advisor to SeaLife)

