



**BARBADOS**  
MARINE SPATIAL PLAN



# THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BARBADOS MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING PROCESS

# INTRODUCTION



The Barbados Marine Spatial Plan (BMSP) is a marine management process being undertaken by the Government of Barbados (GoB) as an integral element to its commitment to sustainable development through the development of its blue economy.

It aims to create balance between users, and uses of the marine space, giving due consideration to the importance of the ocean and its resources to our communities, to sustaining lives and livelihoods, to preserving our cultural heritage patrimony and to our way of life in Barbados.

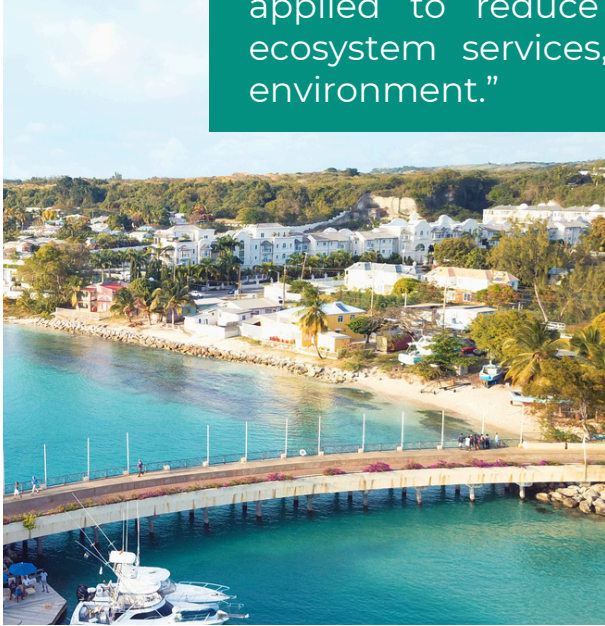
Through the design of a sustainable marine management plan informed by a stakeholder-driven process, the BMSP aims to foster the responsible use of marine resources, facilitate the enjoyment of the marine space, and nurture a profitable blue economy to benefit all Barbadians.

The BMSP is a commitment under the Debt for Nature Transaction between the GoB, the Inter-American Development Bank and The Nature Conservancy.

# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## GOAL 1

“Sustainability principles and management practices are applied to reduce threats to marine natural capital and ecosystem services, ensuring the protection of the marine environment.”



Objectives:

- Complete the Marine Spatial Plan by 2027
- Legally declare 30% of ocean space as protected biodiversity zones by 2027
- Apply sustainability practices to the remaining 70% of ocean space using adaptive zoning methodologies
- Support environmental stewardship engagement by 2028

## GOAL 2

“Sustainable and equitable national socio-cultural and economic development is promoted through adaptive and responsive use of the ocean space.”



Objectives (Short term):

- Develop curricula and courses to address 3–5 priority areas for short-term ocean uses
- Build a qualified cadre to manage these priorities within the first five years of implementation

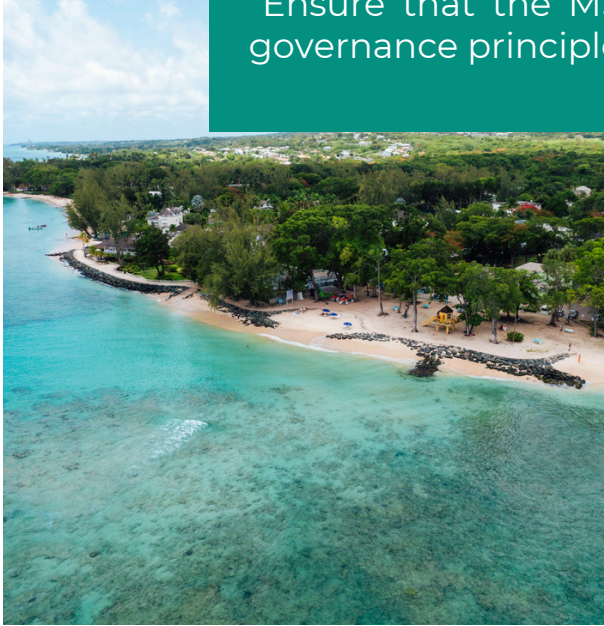
Objectives (Long term):

- Establish partnerships and internships for innovation, technology use, and entrepreneurship
- Engage diverse stakeholders to promote sociocultural and economic development

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## GOAL 3

“Ensure that the MSP process, and its outcomes, apply good governance principles, practices, and rights-based ethics.”



### Objectives:

- Develop and implement the necessary mechanisms, processes and procedures to ensure the MSP process is functional, effective and in accordance with the MSP governance framework