

EU BEST PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

Subject	Summary	Scope	Potential/partners	SPAW RCU feedback	Conclusion
Aruba Marine Park	There has been interest for many years in the establishment of a Marine Park on Aruba. One of DCNA's primary directives is to support the creation of one land and one marine park on each island. Many of the players are in place but the political support for this is unclear at this time	Aruba	Park management organisations	The project is good and one of the targets of the EU is the creation of new protected areas however it would be difficult to demonstrate partnership building and a collaborative approach. Might be a better candidate for a small grant fund application to the EU BEST 2.0	Scope out Aruba government position regarding MPA establishment. Consider small grant funding application
Caribbean Birding Trail	All islands have shown interest in the development of Birding Trails, which can also be use to build alternative livelihood opportunities on island through the training of Bird Guides and the creation of birding trails. Birds Caribbean have a full blown programme which they have piloted on 2/3 islands. They are keen to partner with us.	Dutch Caribbean, UK OCTs, St Barts	BirdsCaribbean	Risky! RSPB are likely to put in a funding application and it would not be wise to compete with them. It is highly unlikely that the EU will fund more than one 'bird' project	If RSPB put in a proposal it seems likely that they will receive funding. This proposal looks like a long shot.
Coral propagation	Coral propagation +/- creating coral nurseries is seen as a good conservation move in the Windward Islands. Bonaire/Curacao have existing programmes. CNSI/Steve Piontek have application in for Nature Funds. SCF and Nature Foundation both have a strong interest. Coral Restoration Foundation has been working on this for some years now and has quite some experience with their methodology. Would combine well potentiall with education/volunteer programme development.	Dutch Caribbean	Coral Restoration Foundation, Bonaire; CNSA/Steve Piontek, IMARES	Interesting! Would fit well with several coral monitoring programmes and restoration work underway on Guadeloupe. The combination of initiatives enhancing effects of sexual reproduction (SECORE) with coral nursery/ transplatation projects is interesting. IMARES have been in contact with SPAW RCU and may submit a proposal.	IMARES might/might not apply for funding as EU BEST requires a 5% match and only covers 7% overhead above salaries (where IMARES charges xxx). IMARES might respond well to requests for support from park management organisations. If DCNA were to take the lead it might end up in a project bigger than our actual needs. Coral restoration could also be a good topic for the small grant fund call due next year
Emilio Wilson Estate Foundation	The Government of St Maarten recently purchased the Emilio Wilson Estate. One of DCNA's primary directives is to support the creation of one land and one marine park on each island	St Maarten	Park management organisations	The project is good and one of the targets of the EU is the creation of new protected areas however it would be difficult to demonstrate partnership building and a collaborative approach. Might be a better candidate for a small grant fund application to the EU BEST 2.0	St Maarten is not ready for this project at this time.

Invasive species management	All islands have issues with invasive species.	UK OCTs	RSPB	It would not be wise to compete with RSPB.	RSBP is considering a proposal which would focus only on the UK OCTs. They are unwilling to expand beyond the UK OCTs due to the funding limitation of Euro 400,000 (invasive species control work is expensive !) but there might be room to network with them or join any regional meetings they organise.
Nature Education	All islands have confirmed the need for nature education and full time staff to fill this position. DCNA has developed a regional programme of afterschool activities which is ready to roll out. This topic has been the subject of two unsuccessful Special Project applications to the Dutch Postcode Lottery	Dutch Caribbean	IVN	Possible, but would need to be linked to direct conservation action such as coral propagation or mangrove replanting to make it tangible	Seems like this might be a stretch as we would have to do quite some window dressing. Could be a good topic for the small grant fund call due next year.
Shark Conservation	All islands are working on "Save our Sharks" the end game of which is the establishment of Shark Sanctuaries (extensions of the current Yarari Sanctuary). Extending our existing project to neighbouring islands could substantially increase the size of shark protected areas in the Caribbean which from a conservation perspective would be invaluable.	Dutch, English, French Caribbean	Pew Trust ?	Interesting! Strategic, truly multi island. Clear partnership building. No competing organisations. However, DCNA could not apply for funding for any work already being funded by the Lottery	It would be an excellent opportunity to promote shark conservation, and the establishment of shark sanctuaries in the Caribbean region - but might not benefit DCNA financially