

Ocean Coordination Mechanism

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Recently, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (UNESCO-IOC) announced the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) enabling the creation of the Ocean Coordination Mechanism (OCM).

About Ocean Coordination Mechanism

- It was conceived under the **10-year CLME+ Strategic Action Program** (CLME+ SAP), endorsed by countries in the Wider Caribbean in 2014.
- Its purpose is to establish a collaborative governance framework for the **sustainable management of marine resources**.
- **Aim:** To coordinate and streamline actions **addressing critical marine issues** such as sustainable fisheries, ecosystem restoration, pollution control, blue carbon development, marine spatial planning, and the establishment of marine protected areas.
- It solidifies a transformative effort to **enhance integrated ocean governance** in the Wider **Caribbean region**, including the **North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystem**.

- It is designed to foster collaboration among countries, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and key stakeholders.
- **Funding:** It will receive funding from the **Global Environment Facility** (GEF) through the \$15 million UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ Project for the **period 2024-2028**.

Significance of Ocean Coordination Mechanism

The OCM is pivotal in addressing the Ocean-Climate-Biodiversity nexus by facilitating cross-country and cross-institutional collaboration. It ensures the **sustainable development of the blue economy** while prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable communities.

Ocean Coordination Mechanism FAQs

Q1: What does UNESCO stand for?

Ans: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Q2: Where is the headquarters of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission?

Ans: Paris, France

Q3: What is the global environment facility?

Ans: The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is a multilateral family of funds dedicated to confronting biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution, and supporting land and ocean health.

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