

Planning the Future of Marine Resources in the Grenadines: Marine Multi-use Zoning Project Update, March 2012

Introduction: Multi-use Zoning Project

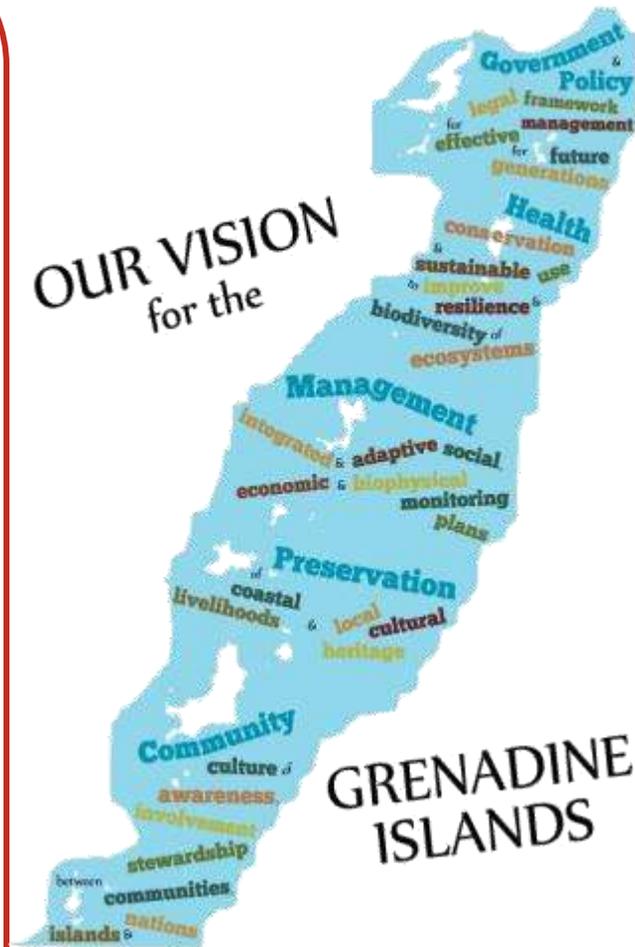
This project aims to develop a plan for the management of marine resources of the Grenadines. This plan will map activities such as tourism, fishing, conservation, transportation etc. into different zones in an attempt to reduce conflicts between different marine users. The project spans the entire Grenadines from Bequia in the North to Isle de Rhonde in the South.

There are three project objectives:

Objective 1. develop a draft multi-use zoning plan for the Grenadines. This plan can be used to increase Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines capacity to use and conserve the marine resources of the Grenadines.

Objective 2. Identify policies and laws required to support the implementation of the marine and coastal zone management.

Objective 3. Design an awareness campaign to promote the use of the zoning plan, and to educate people on the value and importance of marine resources.



Participants at Workshop 3, Carriacou GR, Feb. 17

This project has been ongoing for the past 18 months and has involved over 150 people from St. Vincent, Mustique, Bequia, Canouan, Mayreau, Union Island, Petite Martinique, Carriacou and Grenada.

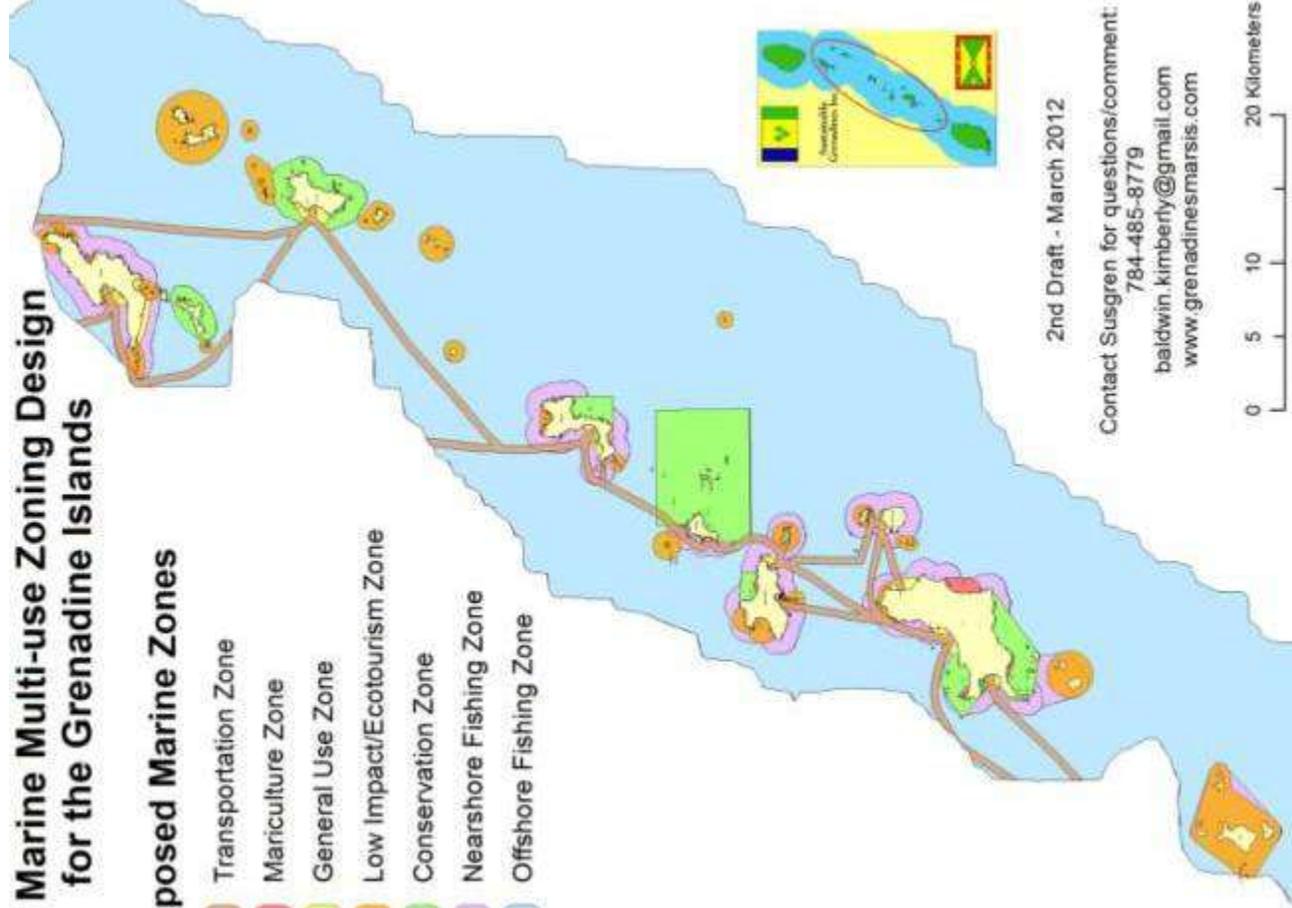
Fishers, water taxi operators, yachters, dives operators, universities and government ministries have all been involved.

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Draft Marine Multi-use Zoning Design for the Grenadine Islands

Proposed Marine Zones

- Transportation Zone
- Mariculture Zone
- General Use Zone
- Low Impact/Ecotourism Zone
- Conservation Zone
- Nearshore Fishing Zone
- Offshore Fishing Zone



Proposed Zones

Conservation: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), (no-take) non-extractive uses. e.g. Tobago Cays Marine Park, Sandy Island & Oyster Bed MPA.

General Use: Planned development with limited restrictions. e.g. Clifton, Hillsborough, etc.

Low impact/ Ecotourism: Very limited land development, recreational uses and local fishing allowed. e.g. Balliceaux, Petit Canouan.

Nearshore Fishing: Fisheries management area. Some gear restrictions and other fisheries management tools TBD.

Offshore Fishing : For use by local fishers only.. No commercial fishing, no dredging.

Transportation: Shipping lanes, seaports, landing sites, marinas.

Mariculture: Seamosss farming (no fish farming).

We want your input and feedback!

An effectively designed zoning plan requires input from all stakeholders.

Maps and other information can be accessed on the MarSIS website: <http://www.grenadinesmarsis.com/>

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