

Ramsar in Antigua and Barbuda
**Implementation of the Convention
and
Priorities for This Year /Triennium**

A Synopsis

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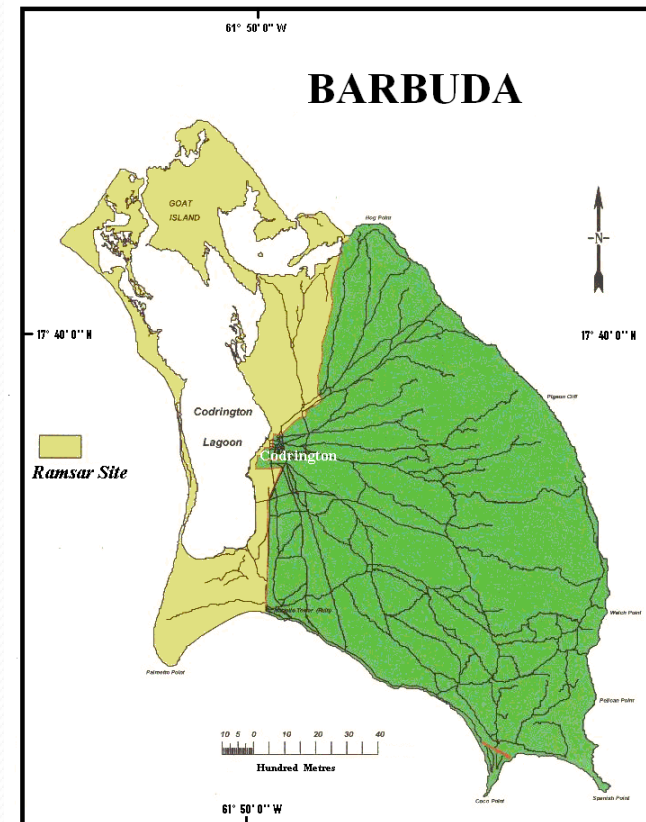
Presentation Outline

- Introduction and Context
- Wetlands Management Objectives
- Simplified Management Structure
- Convention Implementation Strategy
- Priority Issues for 2010 / Triennium
- Conclusion : Challenges for the future



Introduction and Context

- Codrington Lagoon designated Ramsar Site
- Variety of Wetland Uses
- Management of Wetlands shared by several agencies
- Protected Areas Projects contribute to Ramsar Activities

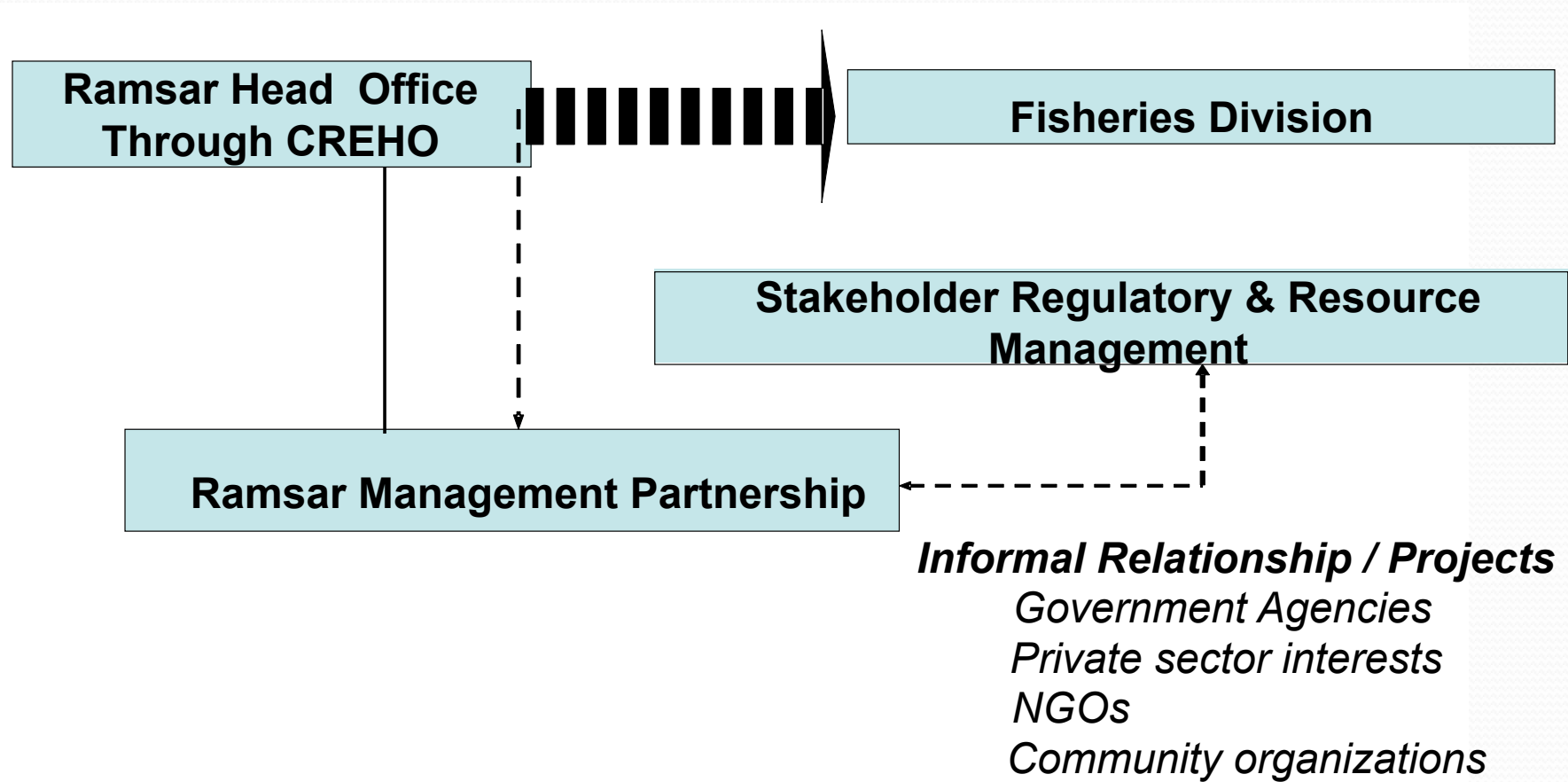




Wetlands Management Objectives

- Maintain biodiversity and preserve coastal water quality, scenic and natural beauty
- Promote scientific and socio-economic research and monitoring
- Public education and awareness
- Promote and manage tourism and recreational uses as well as the economic and social benefits at the community and national levels
- Sustain traditional uses and livelihoods and appreciation of the heritage of wetland areas

Simplified Management Structure





Convention Implementation Strategy

Programme areas designed to help realize the objectives (2010 and the Triennium) include:

- Conservation
- Education and Public Awareness
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Sustainable use

Each programme area may have associated sub-programmes and activities which may vary over time



Priority Issues for 2010 / Triennium

- 2010
 - Legal deficiencies in the implementation of Protected Areas (PAs) management objectives
 - Education and Public Awareness
 - Finalize Pas Systems Plan for Antigua and Barbuda
 - Finalize Wetland Inventory for Antigua and Barbuda
 - Regional cooperation
- Triennium
 - Additional Ramsar Sites
 - Education and Public Awareness
 - Regional cooperation



Conclusion : Challenges for the future

The major challenge will be for agencies to maintain focus on protecting wetlands for the future.

This will require:

- Appropriate legislation and associated administration
- Continued funding
- Applied research