

*Facilitating capacity-building with technical assistance and technology transfer for managing mercury in the Caribbean Region*

### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of this project is to establish a regional laboratory network for mercury contaminant analyses to serve the Caribbean Region.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

There is a great need and interest by multiple countries and government ministries in the Region to establish a regional laboratory hub to assist in the assessment of mercury in the environment and the food that people depend on, and to guide policies to address mercury risks. This project will respond to this by organizing workshops to consolidate expertise and providing a forum for communication, networking and collaboration of relevant stakeholders including technical personnel (laboratory and field) and policy makers (ministries related to environmental monitoring, international trade, commerce, and human health). The project will facilitate equipping a laboratory and conducting relevant regional training. Furthermore, standardized biotic sampling that will help with national and regional mercury monitoring will be established.

#### BUDGET



USD 210,000  
Applicant  
contribution:  
USD 117,000

#### DURATION



13 Oct 2020 -  
12 Jan 2023  
(27 months)

#### RELEVANT ARTICLES



Article 12 - Contaminated sites  
Article 14 - Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer  
Article 16 - Health aspects  
Article 17 - Information exchange  
Article 18 - Public information awareness and education  
Article 19 - Research, development and monitoring  
Article 22 - Effectiveness evaluation

#### PARTNERS



Governments of: St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Grenada, Guyana, Dominica, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, Barbados  
  
Biodiversity Research Institute, Harvard University

### PROJECT RESULTS



#### OUTPUT 1

Develop an integrated network of laboratories for the Caribbean Region



#### OUTPUT 2

Develop a regional mercury monitoring program that meets national interests and obligations to the Minamata Convention



#### OUTPUT 3

Develop outreach materials and communicate findings to the public

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The project will be managed by the Department of Analytical Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs, Government of Antigua and Barbuda

### RELEVANT SDGs



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