

# User Observations from the United States and Caribbean Marine Atlas

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# Observations from the US

- Atlases are being developed everywhere
  - 54 sites were found in the last NOAA survey
- No consideration of interoperability
- Lack of knowledge/participation in ICAN

# Facts about CMA

- There are 6 participating countries
- Objectives:
  - Develop regional prototype
  - Develop national atlases
  - Countries identify a IOC member
    - Define technical staff
    - Define the stakeholder community

# Progress

- Training of technical staff
- Develop the regional prototype
- Workshops to engage the user community

Barbados

Trinidad/Tobago

St. Lucia

Jamaica

# Observations from the CMA

- Stakeholder interest is strong
- Stakeholder engagement is not strong
- Defining proper technical point of contact
- Conflicts with priorities
- Conflicts with data exchange/sharing
- Lack of ownership at the national level