



Promoting Community-based Climate Resilience in the Fisheries Sector of Jamaica

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Comment Type	Commenter Name	Commenter Profile	Comment	Date
Comment 1	Katharina Stepping	Germany	Germany highly appreciates the goal of the project, which is to enhance climate resilience among targeted fishing and fish farming communities of Jamaica and welcomes the intended project`s outcomes of increasing access among fishers and fishing farmers to climate-smart livelihoods opportunities and improving sustainable fisheries management including monitoring, control, and surveillance. However, the proposal states: "Aquaculture in Jamaica peaked in 2006 producing up to 8,019 MT, but declined to 646 MT in 2015". Against this background, Germany recommends to include an explanation of whether the proposed measures (with a main focus on demonstration sites and climate-smart sub-projects) are sufficient to address this drastic decline and reach the defined output target (growth of GDP of the aquaculture fisheries sub-sector from about US\$13 million in 2011 to around US\$23 million in 2027).	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	Thank you for the supportive comment. Since the Project period is five years, it aims to build the foundation for production growth by building capacity of vulnerable fishers and fish farmers and targeting "low-hanging" viable aquaculture and mari-culture sub-projects. It is not expected to see substantial production growth until the fifth year. This is because, as empirical evidence shows, capacity building of rural fishers and farmers will take considerable amount of time. The Project will focus on quick organization of the participating communities and fast-track the demonstration sub-projects in the early stage to ensure a timely implementation of the Project. The Project Proposal will clarify these points.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 2	Katharina Stepping	Germany	Germany recommends to add information in the proposal on any existing support projects for the fisheries sector (i.e. to strengthen fisheries-based livelihoods or to address marine and coastal area pollution) in Jamaica and on potential ways of building synergies with these activities (for instance, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism).	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	Thank you. The Team will add more information on other complementary projects including the CRFM.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 3	Katharina Stepping	Germany	Germany appreciates the role of diversification and fisheries-based alternative livelihoods promotion for achieving the project`s objectives. However, Germany kindly asks to include information explaining whether aquaculture is accepted and supported by the local communities or whether non-acceptance is an issue. If the latter was the case, an explanation of how this would be addressed by the project would be very useful.	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	There are existing communities that engage in aquaculture and the Project will work with them instead of encouraging fisherfolk to convert to aquaculture. The Proposal will clarify this point.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 4	Katharina Stepping	Germany	Germany welcomes representation from non-governmental organizations (fisher organization, participants in the culture and capture-fisheries value chain and fisheries management technical experts) in the Project Steering Committee. Along with these organizations, Germany would welcome participation of ecological NGOs involved in coastal ecosystem and marine protection in the Committee.	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	Thank you. The participation of ecological NGOs to the PSC will be considered.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 5	Katharina Stepping	Germany	Germany highly appreciates that the project will develop a demonstration aquaculture farm and a coastal mariculture/ polyculture operation. However, the proposal does not include information on long-term financing and management of these pilots. Germany therefore kindly asks to provide details of how the pilots will be financed and managed in the future to ensure sustainable project	Sep 11, 2017



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Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	Thank you. The sustainability of livelihoods sub-projects lies in its financial viability. Therefore, business plans will be developed during the implementation for each proposed operation to ensure its financial sustainability. Some sub-projects such as the seed stock production are utilizing the existing facilities owned by the Fisheries Division. While some resources will be made available from them, the financial return will be assessed for these operations as well.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 6	Katharina Stepping	Germany	As the project is going to explore artisanal longline fishing for offshore pelagics, Germany would like to stress the importance of including a climate change vulnerability assessment in the project's subcomponent 2.2.	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	Thank you. The proposed stock assessment under sub-component 2.2 will reflect the information related to pelagics which is to be generated by the climate projection under sub-component 3.1.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 7	Katharina Stepping	Germany	The project aims to reach 100,000 people by awareness raising and behaviour change activities. Germany appreciates this and would welcome a brief articulation of the proposed outreach methods.	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	The awareness raising and behavior change strategy will be developed during the implementation, based on the successful campaigns under the SPCR and the ongoing Climate Data and Information Management Project. These projects utilized unconventional vehicles such as reggae musicians and a quiz competition for school-aged children.	Sep 25, 2017
Comment 8	Katharina Stepping	Germany	Germany strongly supports strengthening the regulatory framework to promote climate-resilient fisheries. At the same time, given the described limited institutional capacity for implementation and sustainability due to the lack of resources and experience within the MICAF and the Fisheries Division, it would be desirable to include an explanation of how the enforcement of the updated regulatory framework is going to be guaranteed in the long term.	Sep 11, 2017
Response 1	Alejandra Bustamante	IBRD	Thank you. The lack of resources in government institutions is a common issue in developing countries. Based on the good practices around the world, the Project will strengthen and empower local fishers' organizations and community-based organizations to partner with the Fisheries Division and participate in the sustainable fisheries management including monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) in designated marine areas.	Sep 25, 2017