

# **BUILDING CAPACITY FOR BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT IN CARICOM**

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# Biodiversity in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (Art. 58)

*[T]he Community shall adopt measures for:*

*...the conservation of **biological diversity** and the sustainable use of biological resources of the Member States, especially those of important medicinal and traditional value.*

# Biodiversity in the revised treaty of Chaguaramas (Art. 61)

*The Community shall, in collaboration with competent national, regional and international agencies and organisations, promote the development, management and conservation of the forest resources in the Member States on a sustainable basis...*

*For the purposes of this Article, "forest resources" are those natural assets of forest lands, including timber and other forest products, **biological diversity**, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, wilderness, flora and fauna, air, water and soil.*

# Biodiversity in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (Art. 64)

*COTED shall co-operate with the Member States and competent organisations to devise means of protecting, developing and commercialising local knowledge about the value and use of the Region's **biodiversity** for the benefit of their populations, especially their indigenous peoples*

## Biodiversity in the revised treaty of Chaguaramas (Art. 65)

*The policies of the Community shall be implemented in a manner that ensures the prudent and rational management of the resources of the Member States. In particular, the Community shall promote measures to ensure ... the protection of the life and health of humans, animals and plants*

# Biodiversity in the revised treaty of Chaguaramas (Art. 56)

*The goal of the Community Agricultural Policy shall be:  
...the efficient management and sustainable exploitation  
of the Region's natural resources, including its forests and  
the living resources of the exclusive economic zone*

# Biodiversity Action in CARICOM

- Mainstreaming biodiversity MEAs (CBD, CITES, Ramsar, SPAW Protocol) into national development policies and strategies
- Building capacity for implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing
- Training customs officers to implement CITES

# Biodiversity Action in CARICOM

- Regional preparations for CBD COPs
- Helping countries to integrate the SDGs into their NBSAPs
- Developing a CARICOM Biodiversity Outlook

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- Developing a Caribbean Biodiversity Strategy (in cooperation with UN Environment)
- CARICOM draft Environment and Natural Resources Policy Framework and Action Plan
- Continuing to work to respond to Member States' requests and mandates to support biodiversity conservation, management and sustainable use