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Project and Programme Review Committee
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Agenda Item 5 b)

PROPOSAL FOR COSTA RICA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Background

1. The strategic priorities, policies and guidelines of the Adaptation Fund (the Fund), as well as its operational policies and guidelines include provisions for funding projects and programmes at the regional, i.e. transnational level. However, the Fund has thus far not funded such projects and programmes.

2. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), as well as its Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) and Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) considered issues related to regional projects and programmes on a number of occasions between the Board's fourteenth and twenty-first meetings but the Board did not make decisions for the purpose of inviting proposals for such projects. Indeed, in its fourteenth meeting, the Board decided to:

- (c) Request the secretariat to send a letter to any accredited regional implementing entities informing them that they could present a country project/programme but not a regional project/programme until a decision had been taken by the Board, and that they would be provided with further information pursuant to that decision*

(Decision B.14/25 (c))

3. At its eighth meeting in March 2012, the PPRC came up with recommendations on certain definitions related to regional projects and programmes. However, as the subsequent seventeenth Board meeting took a different strategic approach to the overall question of regional projects and programmes, these PPRC recommendations were not included in a Board decision.

4. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Board heard a presentation from the coordinator of the working group set up by decision B.17/20 and tasked with following up on the issue of regional projects and programmes. She circulated a recommendation prepared by the working group, for the consideration by the Board, and the Board decided:

- (a) To initiate steps to launch a pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, not to exceed US\$ 30 million;*
- (b) That the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes will be outside of the consideration of the 50 per cent cap on multilateral implementing entities (MIEs) and the country cap;*
- (c) That regional implementing entities (RIEs) and MIEs that partner with national implementing entities (NIEs) or other national institutions would be eligible for this pilot programme, and*

- (d) To request the secretariat to prepare for the consideration of the Board, before the twenty-fifth meeting of the Board or intersessionally, under the guidance of the working group set up under decision B.17/20, a proposal for such a pilot programme based on consultations with contributors, MIEs, RIEs, the Adaptation Committee, the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), and other relevant bodies, as appropriate, and in that proposal make a recommendation on possible options on approaches, procedures and priority areas for the implementation of the pilot programme.*

(Decision B.24/30)

5. The proposal requested under (d) of the decision above was prepared by the secretariat and submitted to the Board in its twenty-fifth meeting, and the Board decided to:

- (a) Approve the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, as contained in document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2;*
- (b) Set a cap of US\$ 30 million for the programme;*
- (c) Request the secretariat to issue a call for regional project and programme proposals for consideration by the Board in its twenty-sixth meeting; and*
- (d) Request the secretariat to continue discussions with the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN) towards operationalizing, during the implementation of the pilot programme on regional projects and programmes, the Synergy Option 2 on knowledge management proposed by CTCN and included in Annex III of the document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2.*

(Decision B.25/28)

6. Based on the Board Decision B.25/28, the first call for regional project and programme proposals was issued and an invitation letter to eligible Parties to submit project and programme proposals to the Fund was sent out on 5 May 2015.

7. At its twenty-sixth meeting the Board decided *to request the secretariat to inform the Multilateral Implementing Entities and Regional Implementing Entities that the call for proposals under the Pilot Programme for Regional Projects and Programmes is still open and to encourage them to submit proposals to the Board at its 27th meeting, bearing in mind the cap established by Decision B.25/26.*

(Decision B.26/3)

8. At its twenty-seventh meeting the Board decided to:

- (a) Continue consideration of regional project and programme proposals under the pilot programme, while reminding the implementing entities that the amount set aside for the pilot programme is US\$ 30 million;*
- (b) Request the secretariat to prepare for consideration by the Project and Programme Review Committee at its nineteenth meeting, a proposal for prioritization among regional project/programme proposals, including for awarding project formulation grants, and for establishment of a pipeline; and*
- (c) Consider the matter of the pilot programme for regional projects and programmes at its twenty-eighth meeting.*

(Decision B.27/5)

9. The proposal requested in (b) above was presented to the nineteenth meeting of the PPRC as document AFB/PPRC.19/5. The Board subsequently decided:

a) *With regard to the pilot programme approved by decision B.25/28:*

(i) To prioritize the four projects and 10 project formulation grants as follows:

1. If the proposals recommended to be funded in a given meeting of the PPRC do not exceed the available slots under the pilot programme, all those proposals would be submitted to the Board for funding;

2. If the proposals recommended to be funded in a given meeting of the PPRC do exceed the available slots under the pilot programme, the proposals to be funded under the pilot programme would be prioritized so that the total number of projects and project formulation grants (PFGs) under the programme maximizes the total diversity of projects/PFGs. This would be done using a three-tier prioritization system: so that the proposals in relatively less funded sectors would be prioritized as the first level of prioritization. If there are more than one proposal in the same sector: the proposals in relatively less funded regions are prioritized as the second level of prioritization. If there are more than one proposal in the same region, the proposals submitted by relatively less represented implementing entity would be prioritized as the third level of prioritization;

(ii) To request the secretariat to report on the progress and experiences of the pilot programme to the PPRC at its twenty-third meeting; and

b) With regard to financing regional proposals beyond the pilot programme referred to above:

- (i) To continue considering regional proposals for funding, within the two categories originally described in document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2: ones requesting up to US\$ 14 million, and others requesting up to US\$ 5 million, subject to review of the regional programme;*
- (ii) To establish two pipelines for technically cleared regional proposals: one for proposals up to US\$ 14 million and the other for proposals up to US\$ 5 million, and place any technically cleared regional proposals, in those pipelines, in the order described in decision B.17/19 (their date of recommendation by the PPRC, their submission date, their lower “net” cost); and*
- (iii) To fund projects from the two pipelines, using funds available for the respective types of implementing entities, so that the maximum number of or maximum total funding for projects and project formulation grants to be approved each fiscal year will be outlined at the time of approving the annual work plan of the Board.*

(Decision B.28/1)

10. At its thirty-first meeting, having considered the comments and recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) To merge the two pipelines for technically cleared regional proposals established in decision B.28/1(b)(ii), so that starting in fiscal year 2019 the provisional amount of funding for regional proposals would be allocated without distinction between the two categories originally described in document AFB/B.25/6/Rev.2, and that the funding of regional proposals would be established on a ‘first come, first served’ basis; and*
- (b) To include in its work programme for fiscal year 2019 provision of an amount of US\$ 60 million for the funding of regional project and programme proposals, as follows:*
 - (i) Up to US\$ 59 million to be used for funding regional project and programme proposals in the two categories of regional projects and programmes: ones requesting up to US \$14 million, and others requesting up to US\$ 5 million; and*
 - (ii) Up to US\$ 1 million for funding project formulation grant requests for preparing regional project and programme concepts or fully-developed project and programme documents.*

(Decision B.31/3)

11. According to the Board Decision B.12/10, a project or programme proposal needs to be received by the secretariat no less than nine weeks before a Board meeting, in order to be considered by the Board in that meeting.

12. The following project pre-concept document titled “Improving the adaptive capacity of coastal communities in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic through ecosystem-based adaptation strategies” was submitted for Costa Rica and Dominican Republic by the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), which is a Regional Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund.
13. This is the first submission of the regional project pre-concept proposal using the three-step submission process.
14. The current submission was received by the secretariat in time to be considered in the second session of the thirty-fifth Board meeting. The secretariat carried out a technical review of the project proposal, assigned it the diary number LAC/RIE/EBA/2020/PPC/1, and completed a review sheet.
15. In accordance with a request to the secretariat made by the Board in its 10th meeting, the secretariat shared this review sheet with CAF, and offered it the opportunity of providing responses before the review sheet was sent to the PPRC.
16. The secretariat is submitting to the PPRC the summary and, pursuant to decision B.17/15, the final technical review of the project, both prepared by the secretariat, along with the final submission of the proposal in the following section. In accordance with decision B.25.15, the proposal is submitted with changes between the initial submission and the revised version highlighted.



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PROJECT/PROGRAMME CATEGORY: Pre-Concept for a Regional Project

Countries/Region: **Costa Rica and Dominican Republic/ LAC**
Project Title: **Improving the adaptive capacity of coastal communities in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic through ecosystem-based adaptation strategies**
Thematic Focal Area: **Ecosystem Based Adaptation (EbA)**
Implementing Entity: **Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)**
Executing Entities: **Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación (Costa Rica) and Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Dominican Republic)**
AF Project ID: **LAC/RIE/EBA/2020/PPC/1**
IE Project ID: **<IE to fill out>** Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars): **13,919,202**
Reviewer and contact person: **Alyssa Gomes, Martina Dorigo** Co-reviewer(s): **Jason Spensley**
IE Contact Person: **<IE to fill out>**

Technical Summary	<p>The project “Improving the adaptive capacity of coastal communities in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic through ecosystem-based adaptation strategies” aims to improve local adaptive capacity to reduce the vulnerability to climate change of Cocos and Catalina islands and the production sectors that depend on their ecosystem services.</p> <p>This will be done through the four components below:</p> <p><u>Project/Programme Background and Context:</u></p> <p><u>Component 1:</u> Reduction of main anthropogenic pressures (USD 6,590,000).</p> <p><u>Component 2:</u> Conservation of coral reefs (USD 525,000).</p> <p><u>Component 3:</u> Insurance tools for emergency action (USD 3,550,000).</p> <p><u>Component 4:</u> Knowledge management (USD 710,000).</p> <p><u>Requested financing overview:</u></p> <p>Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 1,513,150</p> <p>Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 12,888,150</p>
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	<p>Implementing Fee: USD 1,031,052 Financing Requested: USD 13,919,202</p> <p>The pre-concept proposal does not include a request for a project formulation grant.</p> <p>The initial technical review raised several issues, such as: (i) the proposal needs to further articulate the relationship between the current and anticipated climate conditions, and the non-climate related stresses; (ii) further articulate on the specific climate hazards and their set of impacts on the biodiversity and ecosystem services for target populations; and (iii) provide more information on the added value of the regional approach as well as the cost-effectiveness, and the long term financial sustainability of the proposed set of investments, as is discussed in the number of Clarification Requests (CRs) raised in the review sheet below.</p> <p>The final technical review finds that the proposal did not address all of the CRs requests. Namely, a clear articulation of the adaptation rational of the proposal, and particularly component 1, a clearer and more consistent articulation of the impacts of current and predicted climate hazards, clarity on the link between the climate impacts, ecosystem health, management and restoration investments and livelihoods associated with the stated target sectors, an initial indication of anticipated or desired adaptation impacts on people and their livelihoods, as well as an initial indication of feasibility of insurance products.</p>
Date:	3 September 2020

Review Criteria	Questions	Comments on 3 September 2020	Comments in 23 September 2020
Country Eligibility	1. Are all of the participating countries party to the Kyoto Protocol?	Yes.	-
	2. Are all of the participating countries developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change?	Yes. Costa Rica and Dominican Republic are highly vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change. Both countries are highly exposed to sea level rise and will be affected by more frequent and intense extreme weather events such as storms and floods. Rising sea level might generate important economic losses along coastal areas.	-

Project Eligibility	1. Have the designated government authorities for the Adaptation Fund from each of the participating countries endorsed the project/programme?	Yes. LOE for Dominican Republic dated 3 August 2020 and the LOE for Costa Rica dated 18 August 2020 are valid.	-
	2. Has the pre-concept provided necessary information on the problem the proposed project/programme is aiming to solve, including both the regional and the country perspective?	Needs further clarification. At concept stage, the proposal needs to include more information on the specific climate impacts faced by the two countries. The proposal also needs to clearly identify the adaptation challenge that the countries face, and the associated problems. The pre-concept is not sufficiently clear about the extent to which the problem that the project is aiming to solve is due to climate change, or due to weak management of tourism and fishing. Paragraph 1 indicates that "...islands are increasingly threatened by the consequences of global climate change like sea level rise, alterations in weather patterns and more intense extreme weather events". However, paragraph 21 indicates "... the main causes of anthropogenic stress are tourism, fishing...". This paragraph further mentions that tourism, fishing (and invasive species) are limiting the ability of the island ecosystems of the two projected areas to	

		<p>naturally adapt to the new climate circumstances.</p> <p>It is unclear if the main issues that this project aims to address are due to current or anticipated climate change, or to non-climate factors, or some combination.</p> <p>CR1: Please provide further information on the specific climate impacts faced by the two countries and islands. Please also further articulate the relationship between the current and anticipated climate conditions, and the non-climate related stresses in this pre-concept.</p> <p>CR2: Specifically, it is unclear if the problem of invasive species outlined in paragraph 24 is related to climate change, or other non-climate issues. To ensure that the solution is appropriate for climate finance, the climate change rationale needs to be clarified.</p>	<p>CR1: Partially addressed, as per pages 1-2, 4-5 and figure 7.</p> <p>The text explanation of the Theory of Change (pages 4-5) is useful in better defining and focussing the project on the climate pressures (based on hazards and their impacts), and their relationship with ecosystem health and restoration, however it still does not provide a clear adaptation rationale.</p> <p><u>The proposal still needs to improve clarity on the following points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The explanation in the ToC should clearly explain the link between the ecosystem health restoration investments and livelihoods associated with the stated target sectors of tourism and fisheries. - It is important to ensure a clearer and more consistent articulation of the impacts of current and predicted climate hazards for the Cocos Islands and Catalina Island, in both the ToC figure (figure 7), as well as the text explanations on pages 4-5. - The climate problem (involving impacts of current and predicted climate hazards) needs to be further strengthened for maximum climate adaptation and resilience results in the stated target sectors. - The new paragraph 26 is well noted, which indicates that coral bleaching
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			<p>will continue to increase with impacts on weakening corals, making them more sensitive to other pressures. It is unclear to what extent is increased frequency and severity of extreme weather anticipated to have negative impacts that also need to be addressed on tourism livelihoods, fisheries, etc.</p> <p>CR2: Not addressed.</p> <p>The importance of eradicating invasive mammals to enable ecosystems to better provide climate resilience and adaptation services is well noted. However, the causal impact of how these ecosystem services will strengthen livelihoods of the tourism and fisheries activities (or other aspects related to human wellbeing) given current and anticipated climate change impacts is not articulated.</p>
		<p>The pre-concept also does not sufficiently differentiate between the ability of the island ecosystems to adapt to current climate circumstances, vis-à-vis their ability to adapt to predicted future circumstances. This differentiation is important in targeting the interventions that are required now and in the future through this project and on an ongoing basis to address future climate scenarios.</p> <p>CR3: Please outline this differentiation, preferably with specific information on</p>	<p>CR3: Partially addressed, as per page 4.</p> <p>The document does not provide an indication on anticipated future climate scenarios and specific climate hazards, and their impacts on the ability of the natural ecosystems to withstand them and continue providing the ecosystems services (tourism, fisheries and any productive sectors within the scope of this project).</p> <p>For example, do the more severe projected climate scenarios suggest that corals will still be able to withstand bleaching and</p>

		<p>climate hazards and impacts based on different climate scenarios.</p> <p>CR4: Please provide further information on the (current and projected) specific climate hazards and their set of impacts on the biodiversity and ecosystem services for target populations. This is important in order to directly link the proposed solutions to cost effectively addressing these specified climate hazards and their impacts.</p>	<p>extreme whether on certain time horizons? (even with the suggested restoration activities) Or do climate scenarios indicate that increased coral bleaching and extreme weather may reduce or end the certain aspects of the tourism and fisheries, in which case the local economy may require adaptation support through this project to change or alter economic activities? This is important to evaluate the adaptation rationale of the proposal.</p> <p>CR4: Sufficiently addressed at pre-concept stage, as per pages 1-2, 4-6.</p>
	<p>3. Have the project/programme objectives, components and financing been clearly explained?</p>	<p>Needs further clarification.</p> <p>CAR1: Please provide subtotals for each component in the Components and Financing Table</p> <p>CR5: With regards to component 1, it will be useful to explain how the invasive species eradication activities through this project will learn from, be complementary to, and build on related activities supported by the GEF project in Coco Island and the CDB project in the Catalina Island, and other complementary sources of support.</p> <p>CR6: With regards to component 2, it is about direct adaptation actions and restoration, but we note that it is the least funded, component. Please elaborate on why you have opted for a lower investment</p>	<p>CAR1: Addressed, as per page 8.</p> <p>CR5: Sufficiently addressed at pre-concept stage</p> <p>The entity has clarified in the response sheet, complementarity with the GEF and CDB projects. The AF project will build upon the previous projects but will not duplicate the previous projects by concentrating on eradication of cats and rats from both islands. Furthermore, the NGO Island Conservation will provide the technical expertise for mammal eradication. This will facilitate learning exchange among countries and projects. During project implementation the local teams working on eradication will have continuous exchange of lessons and methods.</p>

		<p>in this component. We also note that paragraph 41 indicates “A similar investment will not be necessary in PNIC because corals are in better condition.” Does this mean that component 2 will only focus on Catalina Island in Dominican Republic?</p> <p>CR7: Furthermore, please provide some information on how this component will expand on and complement previous investments in the Dominican Republic.</p> <p>With regards to component 3, we note the plan to develop insurance instruments and policies “reef insurance policies” for climate related impacts including coral bleaching in addition to damage from extreme weather. The inclusion of coral bleaching in this insurance policy is noteworthy and important, as it would result in innovation beyond the experience in Quintana Roo, Mexico, which is only focussed on coral damage due to rapid onset hurricanes events.</p> <p>CR8: Please give an indication on the anticipated feasibility of developing insurance products for the natural assets in the Coco and Catalina Islands, and provide a rational on why this financing strategy has been prioritized over others. Alternatively, please consider feasibility of including other financing strategies beyond insurance.</p>	<p>CR6: Partially addressed.</p> <p>The explanation provided in the response sheet is well noted. However, the anticipated change in this condition over time under different climate scenarios for PNIC are unclear and therefore it's also unclear if the activities and budget from this project should take these anticipated climate impacts into account, including for the economic sectors of tourism and fisheries that are indicated as a focus of this project.</p> <p>CR7: Sufficiently addressed at pre-concept stage.</p> <p>The entity has clarified that the “proposed project actions will build upon the experience from the local NGO FUNDEMAR which has developed together with stakeholders of the tourist sector (e.g., Grupo Puntacana, Grupo Propagas SCUBACARIBE) a coral conservation and restoration programme in the Puntacana area. FUNDEMAR also collaborate with The Nature Conservancy on conservation actions and coral gardening. FUNDEMAR has a laboratory in Bayahibe which will be expanded to support restoration work in the reef system located between Higuamo river and Saona island.”</p> <p>CR8: Partially addressed on page 7.</p> <p>An initial indication of interest in insurance products and some initial consultations with insurance industry is needed to indicate initial interest and potential of developing</p>
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		<p>CR9: With regard to component 4: It would be useful to provide an indication or examples of the types of behaviour-change activities that will be advanced in both islands through this project, and how this will complement with previous and ongoing investments from other sources.</p>	<p>these insurance products within the context of the project.</p> <p>Please include comments provided in response sheet in the proposal, expanding on initial considerations of and indications on issues such as willingness to pay and medium-term impact of climate hazards such as coral bleaching, and the relevance of these to the feasibility of insurance products in the Isla Cocos and Isla Catalina contexts are needed at this stage.</p> <p>It will be important to conduct a robust feasibility analysis during project development stage and consider the results prior to finalising the project proposal.</p> <p>CR9: Partially addressed, as per page 26</p> <p>The entity has clarified a few examples of behavioural change sought by the project. It would be useful to include these details in the main text of the proposal.</p> <p>During project development stage, it will be useful to expand on directly link behaviour change with strengthening climate adaptation and resilience.</p>
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	<p>4. Has the project/programme been justified in terms of how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it supports concrete adaptation actions? - it builds added value through the regional approach? - it promotes new and innovative solutions to climate change adaptation? - it is cost-effective? - it is consistent with applicable strategies and plans? - it incorporates learning and knowledge management? - it will be developed through a consultative process with particular reference to vulnerable groups, including gender considerations, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund? - it will take into account sustainability? 	<p>Needs further justification.</p> <p><u>Related to concreteness of proposed adaptation actions</u> Unclear CR10: Due to limited explanation of the specific climate change hazards and the associated impacts to be addressed by this project, it is not possible to adequately assess if it is justified in terms of supporting concrete adaptation actions. For example, how are the invasive species activities outlined in Component 1 relevant to addressing a specific climate hazard and its impact? Please provide further information.</p> <p>We also note this pre-concept is dated May 2015. Therefore, please ensure all aspects are up to date and relevant for the current needs and context.</p> <p><u>Related to added value through the regional approach:</u> Unclear CR11: Significant learning and replication opportunity exists between the island geographies that are the focus of this pre-concept. However, greater information (budget allocation) is required in the pre-concept on the learning and coordination that will be carried out.</p>	<p>CR10: Partially addressed at pre-concept stage, as per information provided on pages 1-2, figure 7 and pages 4-5.</p> <p>Figure 7 illustrates the relationship between the project investments to be made and ecosystem resilience. However, it only lightly articulates how the ecosystem resilience is a direct impact of climate hazards, and how the project will improve climate resilience and adaptation for the states focus sectors of tourism and fisheries.</p> <p>The adaptation rational for this project remains weak, particularly for component 1 which constitutes nearly half of the budget.</p> <p>CR11: Sufficiently addressed at pre-concept stage, component 4 on pages 7 and 8.</p> <p><u>In the next stage</u>, all knowledge management and learning activities should be detailed in the relevant section of the proposal template.</p>
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		<p><u>New and innovative solutions to climate change adaptation:</u> As indicated above regarding question 3, component 3, the inclusion of coral bleaching that is the first type of insurance policy outlined is noteworthy and important, as it would result in innovation beyond the experience in Quintana Roo, Mexico, which is only focussed on coral damage due to rapid onset hurricanes events. Please see some clarification requested in CR8 above</p> <p><u>Cost-effectiveness:</u> Unclear</p> <p>CR12: To understand the targets, impact potential, and cost effectiveness, it will be useful to include indication of the intended number of people who will directly and indirectly benefit from this project in terms of increased adaptation and resilience to climate change. Additional information should also be included on the number of hectares or other indicators of relevance to climate adaptation and/or climate resilience such as gross income of the tourism and fisheries sectors becoming more resilience to current and future climate hazards and impacts.</p> <p>For example, paragraph 11 indicates tourism in PNIC generated a gross income of USD 8.3 million in 2011. However, there is no indication of the amount of the gross income that is anticipated over a set period</p>	<p>CR12: Sufficiently addressed at pre-concept stage, as per rough estimates provided in the response sheet.</p> <p>Please include these initial estimates in the main text.</p> <p><u>In the next stage of project development,</u> it will be important to conduct this analysis as a part of project development to enable a baseline, focus and track adaptation and resilience impact on the economic impact of the stated focus sectors of the project of the tourism and fisheries.</p>
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		<p>of time as result of the project for either Costa Rica or Dominican Republic. We also note the full amount of gross annual income for PNIC is equivalent to approximately 60% of the total budget of the project.</p> <p>CR13: This pre concept would be strengthened by initial indication of how this project intends to achieve as much impact for the lives and livelihoods of as possible for as many people and hectares as possible.</p> <p><u>Learning and knowledge management:</u> CR14: Component 4 seems to be more than knowledge management. Please consider renaming the component to better reflect its objective.</p> <p>In addition, \$50k for documenting and disseminating lessons learned from a nearly \$14 million project seems very low (just over 1/3 of 1%). The project would benefit from a robust set of activities to fully capitalise on the lessons learned to benefit these and other countries with similarly relevant geographies and contexts.</p> <p><u>With regards to financial sustainability:</u> CR15: It would be useful to expand on the following aspects: Anticipated willingness to pay for the insurance products at the scale needed (see anticipated outcomes 3.1.1 and 3.1.2) as well as provide a brief description of the financial mechanism to sustain implementation of policies (e.g. what this financial mechanism may work, who will pay, etc).</p>	<p>CR13: Partially addressed</p> <p>An initial indication of anticipated or desired impacts on adaptation and climate resilience of people and their livelihoods for the target sectors will be useful. It would also be useful, to the extent possible, to more explicitly indicate these anticipated adaptation and resilience impacts in the ToC.</p> <p>CR14: Sufficiently addressed at pre-concept stage</p> <p>Please refer to recommendation under CR 11 above. Additionally, in the next stage the proposal would benefit from providing details of a robust set of activities to fully capitalise on the lessons learned to benefit these and other countries with similarly relevant geographies and contexts.</p> <p>CR15: Partially addressed</p> <p>Please see the comment on the response to CR8 above.</p> <p>We note that additional detail on possible financial mechanisms will be developed in the following phases of project preparation. Please consider in this analysis the feasibility of project sector actors to pay, including in the target sectors of fisheries and tourism, which will benefit from the creation of the insurance products.</p>
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	5. Does the pre-concept briefly explain which organizations would be involved in the proposed regional project/programme at the regional and national/sub-national level, and how coordination would be arranged? Does it explain how national institutions, and when possible, national implementing entities (NIEs) would be involved as partners in the project?	Yes, sufficient at pre-concept stage.	-
Resource Availability	1. Is the requested project / programme funding within the funding windows of the pilot programme for regional projects/programmes? Has the Implementing Entity requested a Project Formulation Grant?	Yes. Project Formulation Grant (PFG) has not been requested.	-
	2. Are the administrative costs (Implementing Entity Management Fee and Project/ Programme Execution Costs) at or below 20 percent of the total	Yes.	-

	project/programme budget?		
Eligibility of IE	1. Is the project/programme submitted through an eligible Implementing Entity that has been accredited by the Board?		Yes.



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PROJECT/PROGRAMME CATEGORY: Pre-Concept for a Regional Project

Countries/Region: **Costa Rica and Dominican Republic/ LAC**
Project Title: **Improving the adaptive capacity of coastal communities in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic through ecosystem-based adaptation strategies**
Thematic Focal Area: **Ecosystem Based Adaptation (EbA)**
Implementing Entity: **Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)**
Executing Entities: **Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación (Costa Rica) and Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Dominican Republic)**
AF Project ID: **LAC/RIE/EBA/2020/PPC/1**
IE Project ID: **<IE to fill out>** Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars): **13,919,202**
Reviewer and contact person: **Alyssa Gomes, Martina Dorigo (AFSEC)** Co-reviewer(s): **Jason Spensley (GEFSEC)**
IE Contact Person: **<IE to fill out>**

Technical Summary	<p>The project “Improving the adaptive capacity of coastal communities in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic through ecosystem-based adaptation strategies” aims to improve local adaptive capacity to reduce the vulnerability to climate change of Cocos and Catalina islands and the production sectors that depend on their ecosystem services.</p> <p>This will be done through the four components below:</p>
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	<p><u>Project/Programme Background and Context:</u></p> <p><u>Component 1:</u> Reduction of main anthropogenic pressures (USD 6,590,000).</p> <p><u>Component 2:</u> Conservation of coral reefs (USD 525,000).</p> <p><u>Component 3:</u> Insurance tools for emergency action (USD 3,550,000).</p> <p><u>Component 4:</u> Knowledge management (USD 710,000).</p> <p><u>Requested financing overview:</u> Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 1,513,150 Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 12,888,150 Implementing Fee: USD 1,031,052 Financing Requested: USD 13,919,202</p> <p>The proposal does not include a request for a project formulation grant.</p> <p>The initial technical review raises several issues, such as: (i) the proposal needs to further articulate the relationship between the current and anticipated climate conditions, and the non-climate related stresses; (ii) further articulate on the specific climate hazards and their set of impacts on the biodiversity and ecosystem services for target populations; and (iii) provide more information on the added value of the regional approach as well as the cost-effectiveness, and the long term financial sustainability of the proposed set of investments, as is discussed in the number of Clarification Requests (CRs) raised in the review sheet below.</p>
Date:	3 September 2020

Review Criteria	Questions	Comments
Country Eligibility	3. Are all of the participating countries party to the Kyoto Protocol?	Yes.
	4. Are all of the participating countries developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change?	Yes. Costa Rica and Dominican Republic are highly vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change. Both countries are highly exposed to sea level rise and will be affected by more frequent and intense extreme weather events such as storms and floods. Rising sea level might generate important economic losses along coastal areas.

Project Eligibility	6. Have the designated government authorities for the Adaptation Fund from each of the participating countries endorsed the project/programme?	Yes. LOE for Dominican Republic dated 3 August 2020 and the LOE for Costa Rica dated 18 August 2020 are valid.
	7. Has the pre-concept provided necessary information on the problem the proposed project/programme is aiming to solve, including both the regional and the country perspective?	<p>Needs further clarification.</p> <p>At concept stage, the proposal needs to include more information on the specific climate impacts faced by the two countries. The proposal also needs to clearly identify the adaptation challenge that the countries face, and the associated problems.</p> <p>The pre-concept is not sufficiently clear about the extent to which the problem that the project is aiming to solve is due to climate change, or due to weak management of tourism and fishing.</p> <p>Paragraph 1 indicates that "...islands are increasingly threatened by the consequences of global climate change like sea level rise, alterations in weather patterns and more intense extreme weather events".</p> <p>However, paragraph 21 indicates "... the main causes of anthropogenic stress are tourism, fishing...". This paragraph further mentions that tourism, fishing (and invasive species) are limiting the ability of the island ecosystems of the two projected areas to naturally adapt to the new climate circumstances.</p> <p>It is unclear if the main issues that this project aims to address are due to current or anticipated climate change, or to non-climate factors, or some combination.</p> <p>CR1: Please provide further information on the specific climate impacts faced by the two countries and islands.</p>

		<p>Please also further articulate the relationship between the current and anticipated climate conditions, and the non-climate related stresses in this pre-concept.</p> <p>Additional information on climate impacts in both countries has been added in new paragraphs 4 to 6.</p> <p>Additional information on climate impacts in both islands has been added in new paragraphs 24 to 26.</p> <p>A draft theory of change has been summarised in new paragraph 35 and new Figure 7.</p> <p>CR2: Specifically, it is unclear if the problem of invasive species outlined in paragraph 24 is related to climate change, or other non-climate issues. To ensure that the solution is appropriate for climate finance, the climate change rationale needs to be clarified.</p> <p>Invasive mammals need to be eradicated as a measure to contribute to improve ecosystem resilience to a changing climate. The terrestrial ecosystems of both islands did not have mammals. Introduced mammals degrade the habitats (e.g, limit plant growth in cleared areas), affect fauna (e.g., prey on birds and sea turtles) and contribute to coral degradation (i.e., release excess sediments). To endure the new climate scenario, terrestrial habitats need to recover their functioning and capacity. Therefore, eradication of introduced mammals is required to eliminate their impact on the islands. It will also be necessary to ensure that there are mechanisms to prevent introduction of invasive species (currently there are no biosecurity systems). The project also proposes to develop and implement an insurance instrument of cover the cost of rapid response in case of rodent reintroduction. Rats are destructive and there is a high possibility of being reintroduced.</p>
		<p>The pre-concept also does not sufficiently differentiate between the ability of the island ecosystems to adapt to</p>

	<p>current climate circumstances, vis-à-vis their ability to adapt to predicted future circumstances. This differentiation is important in targeting the interventions that are required now and in the future through this project and on an ongoing basis to address future climate scenarios.</p> <p>CR3: Please outline this differentiation, preferably with specific information on climate hazards and impacts based on different climate scenarios.</p> <p>It is known that island flora will undergo substantial reassembly in response to climate change. But there is no detailed information about possible changes in vegetation of the two islands under the projected climate change scenario. Though, it is forecasted that Coco's cloud forest will be seriously threatened, since they will not be able to move altitudinally. A key assumption of the theory of change is that terrestrial habitats will recover after eradication of introduced mammals and therefore the improved condition will facilitate the response to the changes in the climate.</p> <p>In the case of corals, it is known that community composition of reefs change in response to changes in climate¹. Corals resilient to warming seas have been identified² (e.g., <i>Orbicella faveolata</i> found in Dominican Republic) and that management actions are needed to improve recovery resilience, including planting climate resilient corals³. Therefore, another key assumption of the theory of change is that protected reefs will have better opportunity to adapt to the new climate conditions.</p>
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¹ <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0107525>

² <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00338-020-01948-0>

³ <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2019.00265/full>

<https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10586>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0925857418303094>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03629-7>

		<p>We are aware of the page limitation. However, the pre-concept proposal would be strengthened by providing some initial information on anticipated future climate scenarios and specific climate hazards, and their impacts on the ability of the natural ecosystems to provide the ecosystems services (tourism, fisheries and any other productive sectors within the scope of this project).</p> <p>CR4: Please provide further information on the (current and projected) specific climate hazards and their set of impacts on the biodiversity and ecosystem services for target populations. This is important in order to directly link the proposed solutions to cost effectively addressing these specified climate hazards and their impacts.</p> <p>Additional information on climate impacts in both countries has been added in new paragraphs 4 to 6. Additional information on climate impacts in both islands has been added in new paragraphs 24 to 26. Please see paragraphs 23-26 and 35.</p>
	<p>8. Have the project/programme objectives, components and financing been clearly explained?</p>	<p>Needs further clarification.</p> <p>CAR1: Please provide subtotals for each component in the Components and Financing Table</p> <p>Included</p> <p>CR5: With regards to component 1, it will be useful to explain how the invasive species eradication activities through this project will learn from, be complementary to, and build on related activities supported by the GEF project in Coco Island and the CDB project in the Catalina Island, and other complementary sources of support.</p>

	<p>Mammal eradication can not be implemented at once. Therefore, a collaborative strategy was designed. Two complementary projects will undertake initial eradication actions. In Cocos, the proposed GEF project will develop eradication capacities in SINAC and will eradicate pigs. In Catalina, the proposed CBF project will develop eradication capacities in the Ministry of Environment and will eradicate raccoons and rabbits. The present project proposal will build upon the previous exercises and will concentrate on eradication of cats and rats from both islands. In all cases, the NGO Island Conservation will provide the technical expertise for mammal eradication. This will facilitate learning exchange among countries and projects. During project implementation the local teams working on eradication will have continuous exchange of lessons and methods.</p> <p>CR6: With regards to component 2, it is about direct adaptation actions and restoration, but we note that it is the least funded, component. Please elaborate on why you have opted for a lower investment in this component. We also note that paragraph 41 indicates “A similar investment will not be necessary in PNIC because corals are in better condition.” Does this mean that component 2 will only focus on Catalina Island in Dominican Republic?</p> <p>Component 2 will only concentrate on the reef system located between Higuamo river and Saona island in the Dominican Republic (see Figure 5 of pre-concept note). Project actions will build upon the experience developed on the reef system located on the Punta Cana area, where the private tourist sector sustain coral conservation and restoration actions. Currently, similar actions are negligible in the area between Higuamo river and Saona island, despite the intense use of the reef system.</p> <p>The project will only support the development of key instruments to foster long-term conservation and restoration efforts, like multi-stakeholder collaboration platform and the reef conservation and restoration plan for the area. These</p>
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		<p>instruments are not costly, but are strategic to enable long-term efforts.</p> <p>In PNIC, the corals are in better condition and do not require restoration actions. SINAC already has developed capacities to undertake coral restoration when needed. They provide technical advice to Ministry of Environment of the Dominican Republic with support of a GIZ triangular cooperation project.</p> <p>CR7: Furthermore, please provide some information on how this component will expand on and complement previous investments in the Dominican Republic.</p> <p>As indicated in the answer to CR6, the proposed project actions will build upon the experience from the local NGO FUNDEMAR which has developed together with stakeholders of the tourist sector (e.g., Grupo Puntacana⁴, Grupo Propagas⁵, SCUBACARIBE⁶) a coral conservation and restoration programme in the Puntacana area. FUNDEMAR also collaborate with The Nature Conservancy on conservation actions and coral gardening. FUNDEMAR has a laboratory in Bayahibe which will be expanded to support restoration work in the reef system located between Higuamo river and Saona island.</p> <p>With regards to component 3, we note the plan to develop insurance instruments and policies “reef insurance policies” for climate related impacts including coral bleaching in addition to damage from extreme weather. The inclusion of coral bleaching in this insurance policy is noteworthy and important, as it would result in innovation beyond the</p>
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⁴ Grupo Puntacana is a major tourist holding (www.puntacana.com) which invest in nature conservation through its foundation, Fundación Grupo Puntacana (www.puntacana.org).

⁵ Grupo Propagas is a holding of energy companies (grupopropagas.com) which invest in nature conservation through its foundation, Fundación Propagas (www.fundpropagas.com).

⁶ A major international diving operator (www.scubacaribe.com).

		<p>experience in Quintana Roo, Mexico, which is only focussed on coral damage due to rapid onset hurricanes events.</p> <p>CR8: Please give an indication on the anticipated feasibility of developing insurance products for the natural assets in the Coco and Catalina Islands, and provide a rational on why this financing strategy has been prioritized over others. Alternatively, please consider feasibility of including other financing strategies beyond insurance.</p> <p>At this moment of the project proposal development there is no feasibility analysis of the insurance products. From reviewing existing experience on climate risk insurance for nature⁷ and meetings with the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (Principles for Sustainable Insurance initiative), it seems like the two proposed instruments could be practicable. During the preparation of the present pre-concept note, the countries' focal points considered that insurance policies is a familiar instrument used to cover national assets and that the ministries of finance will assimilate the requirement of paying the premiums. CAF has a contingent credit line that can support the countries to cover premiums and deductibles (paragraph 51).</p> <p>CR9: With regard to component 4: It would be useful to provide an indication or examples of the types of behaviour-change activities that will be advanced in both islands</p>
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⁷ Jarzabkowski, P., Chalkias, K., Clarke, D., Iyehen, E., Stadtmueller, D. & A. Zwick. 2019. Insurance for climate adaptation: Opportunities and limitations. Global Commission on Adaptation. Rotterdam and Washington, DC.

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<https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-insights/perspectives/insuring-nature-to-ensure-a-resilient-future/>

		<p>through this project, and how this will complement with previous and ongoing investments from other sources.</p> <p>During the following stages of project preparation specific behaviours that contribute to make vulnerable the island ecosystems or that promote adaptation. Some preliminary examples of the behaviours to promote are (i) to incorporate coral restoration as part of business operations, (ii) respect no take zones to protect fishing biomass spill-over, (iii) use mooring buoys, and (iv) implement preventive measures to avoid accidental introduction of invasive species. Project actions will build upon existing conservation education initiatives like those implemented by Fundación Puntacana and Fundación Propagas in the Dominican Republic. A detailed map of initiatives will be undertaken during project preparation.</p>
	<p>9. Has the project/programme been justified in terms of how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it supports concrete adaptation actions? - it builds added value through the regional approach? - it promotes new and innovative solutions to climate change adaptation? - it is cost-effective? - it is consistent with applicable strategies and plans? - it incorporates learning and knowledge management? - it will be developed through a consultative process with particular reference to vulnerable groups, including gender considerations, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund? - it will take into account sustainability? 	<p>Needs further justification.</p> <p><u>Related to concreteness of proposed adaptation actions</u> Unclear CR10: Due to limited explanation of the specific climate change hazards and the associated impacts to be addressed by this project, it is not possible to adequately assess if it is justified in terms of supporting concrete adaptation actions. For example, how are the invasive species activities outlined in Component 1 relevant to addressing a specific climate hazard and its impact? Please provide further information.</p> <p>Please see response to CR5 and the draft theory of change in Figure 7 of the pre-concept note.</p> <p>We also note this pre-concept is dated May 2015. Therefore, please ensure all aspects are up to date and relevant for the current needs and context.</p>

	<p>The date “May 2015” is in the heading of the pre-concept template, it does not indicate the date of the proposal. To avoid confusion the date has been changed to July 2020.</p> <p><u>Related to added value through the regional approach:</u> Unclear CR11: Significant learning and replication opportunity exists between the island geographies that are the focus of this pre-concept. However, greater information (budget allocation) is required in the pre-concept on the learning and coordination that will be carried out. For coordination there will be a technical committee formed by SINAC, the Ministry of Environment and key partners like Island Conservation, FUNDEMAR and FAICO. To promote project learning there will be exchange visits and joint theme-based working groups (e.g., eradication of mammals, insurance policy development). There is an error in the budget, the allocation for project learning is USD 310,000 which includes monitoring and evaluation actions. Please see the amended budget.</p> <p><u>New and innovative solutions to climate change adaptation:</u> As indicated above regarding question 3, component 3, the inclusion of coral bleaching that is the first type of insurance policy outlined is noteworthy and important, as it would result in innovation beyond the experience in Quintana Roo, Mexico, which is only focussed on coral damage due to rapid onset hurricanes events. Please see some clarification requested in CR8 above</p> <p>Responded, please see CR8 above.</p> <p><u>Cost-effectiveness:</u> Unclear CR12: To understand the targets, impact potential, and cost effectiveness, it will be useful to include indication of the intended number of people who will directly and indirectly</p>
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		benefit from this project in terms of increased adaptation and resilience to climate change. Additional information
		<p>should also be included on the number of hectares or other indicators of relevance to climate adaptation and/or climate resilience such as gross income of the tourism and fisheries sectors becoming more resilience to current and future climate hazards and impacts.</p> <p>Currently there are only rough estimates of direct and indirect beneficiaries. The direct beneficiaries will be the members of the tourism and fisheries supply chains. A rough conservative estimate is about 20,000 persons. The indirect beneficiaries will be the populations of the coastal municipalities directly related to the two supply chains or both islands: about 150,000 people in Costa Rica and 231,000 people in the Dominican Republic (see paragraph 64). In terms of surface, PNIC has 2,011.53 km² and Catalina Natural Monument has 16.24 km². At the moment there is no estimate of the surface of the reef system located between Higuamo river and Saona island (see Figure 5).</p> <p>For example, paragraph 11 indicates tourism in PNIC generated a gross income of USD 8.3 million in 2011. However, there is no indication of the amount of the gross income that is anticipated over a set period of time as result of the project for either Costa Rica or Dominican Republic. We also note the full amount of gross annual income for PNIC is equivalent to approximately 60% of the total budget of the project.</p> <p>At this stage of project preparation there are no estimates of the economic impact of the project. It is foreseen that the project will contribute, at least, to prevent a reduction of the income generated by both island ecosystems.</p>

		<p>CR13: This pre concept would be strengthened by initial indication of how this project intends to achieve as much impact for the lives and livelihoods of as possible for as many people and hectares as possible.</p> <p>Pleas see the response to CR12 above.</p> <p><u>Learning and knowledge management:</u></p> <p>CR14: Component 4 seems to be more than knowledge management. Please consider renaming the component to better reflect its objective.</p> <p>Acknowledged, the component name has been updated.</p> <p>In addition, \$50k for documenting and disseminating lessons learned from a nearly \$14 million project seems very low (just over 1/3 of 1%). The project would benefit from a robust set of activities to fully capitalise on the lessons learned to benefit these and other countries with similarly relevant geographies and contexts.</p> <p>Thanks for highlighting this point. There was a mistake in the budget table. The budget allocation for project learning is USD310,000, including monitoring and evaluation actions. Please see the revised budget. The USD50,000 allocation is for the process of establishing a long-term reporting mechanism that consolidate ongoing efforts.</p> <p><u>With regards to financial sustainability:</u></p> <p>CR15: It would be useful to expand on the following aspects: Anticipated willingness to pay for the insurance products at the scale needed (see anticipated outcomes 3.1.1 and 3.1.2) as well as provide a brief description of the financial mechanism to sustain implementation of policies (e.g. what this financial mechanism may work, who will pay, etc).</p>
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		At this stage of project preparation willingness to pay has not been measured. It is foreseen that the premiums for both policies will have to come from the tourist operations. However, because both protected areas are national assets there were preliminary conversations that the governments would be inclined to cover the premiums and deductibles. SINAC indicated that, if this will be the case, it will take about two years to undertake the process of internalising the cost into the government budget. More detail on possible financial mechanisms will be developed in the following phases of project preparation.
	10. Does the pre-concept briefly explain which organizations would be involved in the proposed regional project/programme at the regional and national/sub-national level, and how coordination would be arranged? Does it explain how national institutions, and when possible, national implementing entities (NIEs) would be involved as partners in the project?	Yes, sufficient at pre-concept stage.
Resource Availability	3. Is the requested project / programme funding within the funding windows of the pilot programme for regional projects/programmes? Has the Implementing Entity requested a Project Formulation Grant?	Yes. Project Formulation Grant (PFG) has not been requested.
	4. Are the administrative costs (Implementing Entity Management Fee and Project/ Programme Execution Costs) at or below 20 percent of the total project/programme budget?	Yes.
Eligibility of IE	2. Is the project/programme submitted through an eligible Implementing Entity that has been accredited by the Board?	The Adaptation Fund Board has approved the Fast Track Re-accreditation of CAF as a Regional Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund. The intersessional Decision B.35.a-35.b /43 is included as reference at the following link

		https://www.adaptation-fund.org/documents-publications/intersessional-decisions/
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PRE-CONCEPT FOR A REGIONAL PROJECT/PROGRAMME

PART I: PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Title of Project/Programme: Improving the adaptive capacity of coastal communities in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic through ecosystem-based adaptation strategies
 Countries: Costa Rica and Dominican Republic
 Thematic Focal Area1: Disaster risk reduction and early warning systems
 Type of Implementing Entity: Regional
 Implementing Entity: CAF Development Bank of Latin America
 Executing Entities: Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación (Costa Rica) and Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Dominican Republic)
 Amount of Financing Requested: 13,919,202 (in U.S Dollars Equivalent)

Project / Programme Background and Context:

1. Tropical islands sustain high-value biodiversity that provides a range of services for human wellbeing (Velmurugan, 2008; Kueffer & Kinney, 2017; Sivaperuman et al., 2018). They have unique ecosystems and an unusual richness of terrestrial and marine endemism (Kier et al., 2009; Tershy et al., 2015). These islands are increasingly threatened by the consequences of global climate change like sea level rise, alterations in weather patterns and more intense extreme weather events such as El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and tropical storms (Angeles et al., 2007; Stephenson & Jones, 2017; Cai et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2019).
2. Cocos Island (Costa Rica) and Catalina Island (Dominican Republic) confront similar adaptation challenges despite being located in different seas and having different socio-economic conditions.
3. Costa Rica and Dominican Republic are vulnerable to climate change (Table 1). Projections indicate that Costa Rica will be affected by an increase in temperature (2°C by 2050 and 4°C by 2080) and irregular precipitation patterns (changes in seasonal distribution, increased precipitation in some regions and decrease in others) (MINAET, 2012; Imbach, 2018; Wold Bank Climate Change Knowledge Portal). The Dominican Republic will also be affected by an increase in temperature (3.0°C by 2050 and 6.0°C by 2070), changes in precipitation patterns and an overall 15% precipitation decrease by 2050 (USAID, 2013; Ministerio Medio Ambiente, 2018). Both countries are highly exposed to sea level rise and will be affected by more frequent and intense extreme weather events such as storms and floods. Rising sea level might generate important economic losses along coastal areas.
4. For Costa Rica the PRECIS climate model projected, under the A2 scenario (IPCC, 2000), an average increase of 1.91°C by 2050 and 3.36°C by 2080 (Table 2). Under the A2 scenario, by 2080, the northern Pacific coast would have a change in the annual temperature pattern, with a peak increase of about 4.3°C in September - October (currently the peak temperature occurs in March - April) (MINAET, 2012). Under the A2 scenario, by 2080, precipitation will greatly decline on the Pacific coast (about 50% of current level). On the contrary, on the Caribbean coast, precipitation will increase. It is projected that the current precipitation pattern will change. A peak of precipitation will develop between June and July with almost double the current level on those months (MINAET, 2012). A more recent analysis by Quesada-Chacón et al., (2020) confirmed a considerable decrease in the yearly total precipitation and a significant increase in temperature.
5. With climate change, the Dominican Republic will become hotter, there will be slightly wetter dry seasons and drier peak rainy seasons, strong variability in rainfall, continuing sea level rise, and more intense tropical storms (USAID, 2013). The projected more frequent and intense ENSO events (Cai et al., 2014; Cai et al., 2015), will contribute to these changes. The analysis of climate models indicates that, by 2050, the minimum and maximum temperatures, will increase between 1°C and 3°C and between 2°C and 3°C, respectively (Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, 2018). By 2070, the minimum and maximum temperatures, will increase between 2°C and 6°C and between 3°C and 5°C, respectively. Strauss. & Kulp (2018) calculated that in Puerto Plata (located on the north side of the country) sea level will increase in the range of 0.25 m to 0.31 m by 2050.
6. The weather patterns in the Eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) and the Caribbean are connected. For example:

1 Thematic areas are: Food security; Disaster risk reduction and early warning systems; Transboundary water management; Innovation in adaptation finance.

1. The primary production of the Pacific Central-American Coastal Large Marine Ecosystem is caused by coastal upwelling which develops as a result of locally intense jets of wind blowing from high pressure systems in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean towards the Pacific Ocean; wind jets flow through four passages (i) the isthmus of Tehuantepec, (ii) the Gulf of Fonseca, (iii) the Lake Nicaragua, and (iv) the Panama Canal (Barton et al., 1993; Trasviña et al., 1995; Martínez Díaz de León et al., 1999; Brenes et al., 2003; Belkin & Cornillon, 2003; Heileman, 2009).
2. The moisture contributions to Cocos island, which allows the development of tropical and moist forests in an oceanic island, come from evaporation over the ETP and the westernmost edge of the Caribbean Sea (Durán-Quesada & Alfaro, 2016).
3. El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) has strong influence in the Caribbean. ENSO perturbs tropical and subtropical circulation and interacts with other climate patterns that influence the development of tropical storms and hurricanes in the Caribbean (Giannini et al., 2001; Tartaglione et al., 2003; Chu, 2004; Klotzbach, 2011). El Niño suppresses hurricane activity in the Atlantic basin, while La Niña enhances it. In addition, ENSO is a main driver of rainfall variability in the Dominican Republic (Giannini et al., 2000; Gamble et al., 2008). El Niño conditions lead to drier and longer mid-summer drought, while La Niña causes atypical wet summers.

Therefore, climate change related alterations of circulation and weather patterns will modify the conditions in both areas.

Cocos Island National Park

7. Cocos Island is an uninhabited oceanic volcanic island located in the eastern Pacific Ocean at about 500 kilometres off Costa Rica's mainland. In 1978, the island was declared a national park – "Parque Nacional Isla del Coco" (PNIC) (Executive Decree 8748-A-MAG, modified afterwards in 1991 and 2001). It includes a land area of 23.3 km² and a surrounding marine area of 2,011.53 km². In 2011 the neighbouring sea (9,649 km²) was declared "seamounts marine management area" (Executive Decree 36452-MINAET), in which trawling, semi-industrial and industrial fishing, and hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation are prohibited. The national park was inscribed in the World Heritage List in 1997, declared Ramsar site in 1998, and designated a Blue Park in 2019. Both protected areas are managed by the "Área de Conservación Marina Cocos" (ACMC) of the "Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación" (SINAC) which is ascribed to the "Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía" (MINAE). A group of park rangers are based on the island to guard the protected areas.
8. The island has unique conditions and remarkable biodiversity inland and underwater. It is the summit of a seamount on the Cocos ridge and is surrounded by a platform about 18 km long. The surface of the island is 23.3 km². The highest elevation is Cerro Iglesias with 575 masl, and the mean annual rainfall and temperature are 7,000 mm and 27°C, respectively. It is the only oceanic island with a tropical rainforest on the eastern Pacific, holds the cloud forest at the lowest altitude in the world, has abundant freshwater and several rivers that drain into the ocean, has a mature reef ecosystem, and assemble large aggregations of large pelagic species like sharks, billfishes, tuna and humpback whales.
9. On land, there is significant endemism. There are 219 native plant species (48 endemic), 362 insect species (64 endemic), two reptile species (both endemic) and 150 bird species (four endemic) (Estrada-Chavarria et al., 2020). Also, PNIC is the only breeding site on the eastern Pacific Ocean of the common white tern (*Gygis alba*).
10. Underwater, there are about 1,688 species, the most diverse groups are molluscs (545 species), fishes (514 species) and crustaceans (ca., 263 species) (Cortés, 2012; Sibaja-Cordero et al., 2013; Fourrière et al., 2015; Fourrière et al., 2017).
11. The reef ecosystem holds 29 species of hard corals; the main reef building species is the lobe coral (*Porites lobata* listed Near Threatened in the IUCN Red List) (Guzmán & Cortés, 1992; Alvarado et al., 2016). Fifty-eight percent of the known fish species are reef fishes. The most diverse groups are groupers (Serranidae, 23 species), moray eels (Muraenidae, 23 species) and wrasses (Labridae, 19 species) (Fourrière et al., 2015; Fourrière et al., 2017). There are several sharks that thrive on the reefs, the most abundant is the whitetip reef shark (*Triaenodon obesus*, listed Near Threatened in the IUCN Red List) which is a resident species (Zanella et al., 2016).
12. The pelagic ecosystem congregates large aggregations of sharks, tuna (mainly the yellowfin tuna, *Thunnus albacares*), billfishes, and jacks (*Caranx* spp.) Large schools of scalloped hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna lewini*, listed Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List) are common. The whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*, listed Endangered in the IUCN Red List), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and sea turtles [leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*, listed Vulnerable in IUCN Red List), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*, listed Vulnerable), green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*, listed Endangered), and hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*, listed Critically Endangered), sea turtles do not nest in the island] are seasonally found in the area (Sibaja-Cordero, 2008).
13. There is important marine endemism. There are (i) an endemic deep water hard coral (*Anomocora carinata*), (ii) two endemic soft corals (*Pacifigorgia curta* and *Leptogorgia tricolorata*), (iii) two endemic lace corals (*Pliobothrus fistulosus* and *Stylaster cocosensis*) (Cairns, 1991; Breedy & Guzmán, 2003; Breedy & Cortés, 2011; Cortés, 2012), and (iii) 15 endemic fish species (Fourrière et al., 2015).
14. The island provides two direct services: tourism and food provision through fisheries.
1. Tourism. The main attraction is diving with large schools of scalloped hammerhead sharks. Liveaboard diving tours embark and disembark on Puntarenas and offer 10-days trips with seven days of diving and three dives per day. During the trip, tourists will have a day visit to the island. One of the diving companies has a three-person submarine that offer up to 300 m dives. About 3,500 persons per year visit the national park. In 2010, tourism in

PNIC generated a gross income of USD 8.3 million (Moreno-Díaz, 2012) for the supply chain mostly based in Puntarenas.

2. Fishing. Before fishing was banned in the area, PNIC was a traditional fishing ground for tuna. The island provides exceptional habitats (e.g., coral reef, seamount) for large pelagic fish (mainly tuna and sharks) which move along the eastern Pacific Ocean and are captured by commercial fleets (overspill from the protected area into the fishery). The Costa Rican longline fleet that capture large pelagic fish is mostly based in Puntarenas (60.9% of the 515 vessels).

Catalina Island

3. Catalina is a small (9.6 km²) uninhabited island located on the southern coast of Dominican Republic, about 2.4 km offshore south of La Romana city. It is one of the three islands located along the country's south-eastern coast (Saona is the largest and Catalinita the smallest; Catalina and Saona islands belong to La Romana municipality). It is a low-lying island (most of the island is 5 masl) with a tropical xeric macrobioclimate (Cano et al., 2012), with mean annual temperature and rainfall of 27.1°C and 980 mm, respectively.
4. In 1995, Catalina was declared a natural monument (General Law on Environment and Natural Resources Law 64-00 amended by the Sectoral Law on Protected Areas Law 202-04). The protected area includes the island and a 500 m band around, with a total surface of 16.24 km². It is administered by the "Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales". In 2009, the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary (SRMS) was created (Executive Decree 571-09), covering a large marine area of 7,862.59 km² which encompasses Catalina, Saona and Catalinita islands (the last two are part of the Cotubanama National Park, established in 1975). For administrative purposes, the sanctuary is divided in two zones (East and South), Catalina is located within the South zone. The sanctuary is administered through co-management agreements with consortiums of local organizations. The management of the South zone has been delegated to the Consorcio Arrecifes del Sur; the agreement was signed on February 2018.
5. Catalina's flora is similar to that found in the mainland. It has three components: coast (vegetation that grows on sand and rocks), salt flats and interior. The interior is covered with subtropical forest on calcareous substrate. Zanoni et al., (1989) reported 216 species of vascular plants, no endemic flora is present.
6. Two-thirds of Catalina's coast are sandy beaches that are located on three distinctive areas on the north, east and west of the island. The west beach (between Punta Pérez and Punta Acuador) is the only area open for tourism and is used for sun and beach day tours.
7. The island is surrounded by fringing reefs followed by a short continental shelf. On the northwest quarter of the island, outward of the fringing reef, there is a spur and groove formation stripe (TNC Dominican Republic Global Airborne Observatory Maps).
8. There are two reef sites: (i) a leeward reef on the west coast, and (ii) La Pared (i.e., "the wall") on the northern tip of the island. The leeward reef has been severely degraded by anchoring of tourist vessels and the installation of a mooring structure to tie cruise ships (Geraldès, 2003). La Pared extends 500 m along the shore and is formed by a dense and healthy coral conglomerate which extends vertically for about 40 m (Geraldès, 2003). In 2016, Cortés-Useche et al., (2017) found that La Pared had the highest live coral coverage (64%) in south-eastern Dominican Republic. This was confirmed in 2018 by TNC which found >12% live coral cover on that site (TNC Dominican Republic Global Airborne Observatory Maps). A main species in La Pared is the staghorn coral (*Acropora palmata*, listed Critically Endangered in IUCN Red List). The corals of Catalina are part of the fringing reef complex which extend along the mainland's coast to Isla Saona.
9. Despite its small size, Catalina Island support valuable biodiversity:
1. Forty-eight fish species have been found in La Pared (32% of the species found in the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary), most of them are reef fishes (Cortés-Useche et al., 2018). Three species are listed in the IUCN Red List: masked goby (*Coryphopterus personatus*, listed Vulnerable), broadstripe goby (*Elacatinus prochilos*, listed Vulnerable), and nassau grouper (*Epinephelus striatus*, listed critically endangered).
2. Two sea turtle species nest in Catalina: the green turtle and the hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*, listed Critically Endangered) (Revuelta et al., 2012). These species also nest in Saona Island.
3. The west Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), which is rare to see, is found in La Pared.
4. The island provides two direct services: tourism and food provision through fisheries.
1. Tourism. The main attractions are (i) sun-and-beach on the west beach and (ii) diving on La Pared (snorkel and SCUBA). Sun-and-beach visitors have day-tours, arriving in the morning and leaving at mid-afternoon. They arrive on small boats from the mainland and in cruise ships. Cruise lines include Catalina Island as a beach-break in their itineraries. In La Romana there is a cruise terminal that can accommodate two ships. Also, in front of the west beach there is a mooring structure where two cruise ships can anchor. On the beach there are concessionaires that provide tourist services to the visitors (e.g., beach chairs, toilets, beverages, souvenirs). About 90,000 tourist per year visit Catalina (Ministerio Medio Ambiente, 2017), they ship from sites in La Romana and Bayahibe.
2. Fishing. Fishing is banned in the protected area, but the island reefs export fish biomass that is captured by local fishermen. The fisheries along the southeast coast are artisanal, fishermen capture reef fishes for household use and selling in the local market.

Need for climate change adaptation

3. Global climate change will impact PNIC and Catalina island by disturbing their valuable biodiversity and therefore its contribution to human wellbeing and the associated human activities (mainly tourism and fishing). It is anticipated that anthropogenic global warming will lead to (i) changes in the structure and dynamics of the terrestrial flora, (ii) coral bleaching, (iii) outbreaks of coral diseases, (iv) more intense and frequent ENSO events (which affects both islands) and (v) more severe hurricanes and tropical storms in the Caribbean. In addition, ocean acidification will limit coral growth and their capacity to overcome natural pressures (e.g., predation), and sea level rise will lead to coastal erosion and flooding. The degradation of both islands will affect the numerous persons associated to the tourism supply chains and will reduce the provision of seafood which in turn will compromise food security.
4. In PNIC, Maldonado & Alfaro (2012) analysed several scenarios and concluded that, by 2080, the island will have an increase of temperature between 1°C and 3°C and there are contradictory projections for precipitation increase and decrease. Maldonado & Alfaro (2012) found that 77% of projected monthly precipitation showed an increase, and 33% showed precipitation decrease. This results in annual variation, with years of increased precipitation and years of reduced precipitation. Meehl et al., (2007) found a slight increase in the average annual precipitation in the area where Cocos island is located. ENSO events have a strong influence in weather conditions in the island, therefore the projected increase in more frequent, intense and stronger ENSO events (Cai et al., 2014; Cai et al., 2015; Cai et al., 2018), will definitely affect the land-based and marine habitats. The increase in surface temperature and the changes in atmospheric circulation will greatly affect the habitat conditions. The cloud forest will be seriously threatened, since they will not be able to move altitudinally and their adaptation may not occur (Porrás-Jiménez et al., 2014). There are no specific projections of sea level rise for Cocos island, but the Climate Central sea level rise simulator shows that the coastal border will be flooded with an increase of one foot (30.48 cm) (Figure 6).
5. As indicated before, with climate change, the Dominican Republic will become hotter. The available information indicates that La Romana province (where Catalina island is located) will have a marked increase in temperature and a reduction in precipitation. In the area where Catalina is located, seven of the eight models analysed project that annual precipitation will reduce 14.1% by 2050 and 21.3% by 2070. As indicated before, there is a teleconnection between ENSO events and tropical storms in the Caribbean, therefore, more frequent, intense and stronger ENSO events will influence the development of tropical storms and their impact in the Dominican Republic. There are no projections of sea level rise for the area where Catalina island is located, but the Climate Central sea level rise simulator shows that the northern part of Catalina will be flooded with an increase of one foot (30.48 cm) (Figure 6). This will be critical for Catalina island which has low lying areas; it could lose the current nesting beaches of sea turtles and the areas used by tourists.
6. Ocean warming will contribute to coral bleaching and to make corals more sensitive to diseases (Bruno et al., 2007; Smith & Liebrock, 2009; Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2017). UNEP (2017) estimated that, under the high-emissions global warming scenario (RCP8.5), by 2039 42% of Dominican Republic corals will be affected by bleaching. For Cocos island, it was estimated that 91% of the corals will be affected by bleaching between 2040 and 2044. In addition, ocean acidification will weaken corals and make them more vulnerable to breaking and susceptible to other pressures (Anthony et al., 2008; Mollica et al., 2018). It will also affect shell forming and calcifying organisms, including plankton and other marine biota (Hendricks et al., 2010; Harvey et al., 2013). All this will probably generate changes in the composition of pelagic and benthic communities.
7. The island ecosystems of the two protected areas can naturally adapt to the new climate circumstances. Depending on conditions, island flora has potential adaptive capacity to changes in temperature and precipitation (Harter et al., 2015). Also, corals may be able to respond to thermal stress and ocean acidification (McCulloch et al., 2012; Comeau et al., 2013; Logan et al., 2014; Palumbi et al., 2014; Baggini et al., 2015; Thomas et al., 2018; Morikawa & Palumbi, 2019). But adaptive capacity in PNIC and Catalina is limited by several local anthropogenic stressors that hinder the natural capacity of these island ecosystems to adapt to the new climate conditions, like pollution from land-based and marine sources, and sediment runoff. But, the main causes of anthropogenic stress are tourism, fishing, and invasive species.
8. Tourism. Careless divers disturb marine fauna on reefs and open waters, stir up sediments and touch corals which may result in skeletal breakage. Also boat anchoring damage reefs and benthic communities. In Catalina, dense aggregations of tourists on the beach degrade the coastal habitat, also sea turtles' nesting sites overlap with the areas used by tourists. In both islands, attending visitors in land is a pathway to inadvertent introduction of pests and invasive species.
9. Fishing. Purse seiners and long-liners illegally operate in Cocos Island National Park. They capture mainly yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) and sharks, mostly the silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) which is listed vulnerable in IUCN Red List (Lopez et al., 2016; Rodríguez & Rosero, 2018). But other species are also affected like the green turtle which has been found trapped on abandoned longlines (Lopez et al., 2016). White et al., (2015) documented decline in the relative abundance of sharks and mantas caused by illegal fishing. Likewise, in Catalina artisanal fishers illegally operate around the island and loot sea turtle eggs (Herrera, 2017). Fishers fish

along the reef system of the South zone of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary and capture species that are vital for ecosystem functioning like the parrotfish (*Scarus* spp.) which regulate algal abundance in coral reefs (Steneck et al., 2014; Williams et al., 2016; Holbrook et al., 2016).

10. Invasive species are present in both islands. PNIC has feral populations of pigs (*Sus scrofa*), cats (*Felis domesticus*), white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) and rats (*Rattus rattus* and *R. norvegicus*) (Sierra & Herrera-Villalobos, 2005; Madriz, 2009). Whereas Catalina is affected by rats, cats, raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) and rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*). These species have profound impact on the island ecosystems. For example, in Catalina raccoons consume sea turtle eggs and hatchlings, and in PNIC it has been estimated that feral pigs root annually about 10 - 20 % of the island surface and generate an erosion rate of about 200 kg ha⁻¹ year⁻¹ (Sierra, 2001). Rats have serious deleterious effects on island ecosystems, they alter the composition of native forests and prey on native fauna like invertebrates, birds and sea turtle eggs and hatchlings (Harper & Bunbury, 2015). In PNIC, rats prey on three endemic species [cocos flycatcher (*Nesotriccus ridgwayi*), cocos cuckoo (*Coccyzus ferrugineus*) and cocos finch (*Pinaroloxias inornata*)], the common white tern, and the endemic anole (*Anolis townsendi*) (Gómez, 2006; Soto, 2015).
11. A number of measures have been implemented to protect the condition of these island, but these have been insufficient to halt their degradation. Under the circumstances of the present scenario the biodiversity of PNIC and Catalina will not be able to adapt to the future climate conditions. Three main barriers that limit the implementation of adaptation measures have been identified:
12. Management instruments. PNIC has a sound suite of tools but does not have sufficient capacity to deter illegal fishing operations. In contrast, Catalina lacks most of the instruments needed to manage the protected area like a public use plan and a surveillance and enforcement plan. In addition, there are no regulations for the use of the surrounding marine area. The first management plan for the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary is just being prepared. Both PNIC and Catalina lack tools to prevent anchor damage and the introduction of invasive alien species.
13. Funding. Both protected areas have financing limitations, specially to undertake major investments or to sustain new initiatives. For example, PNIC and Catalina have not had resources to install buoy signalling and mooring facilities or to eradicate invasive species, nor will have resources to carry out ecosystem restoration measures.
14. Behaviour of user groups and stakeholders. The beneficiaries of the goods and services are not aware of the consequences of their current actions and the future implications of climate change on their business operations. An example is the capture of parrotfishes which are fished in all the Caribbean. In Dominican Republic parrotfishes are sold to fishmongers, tourists, and resorts as cheap food fish. In 2017, the Ministry of Environment imposed a two-year ban on parrotfish fishing. However, despite important communication campaigns there was no behavioural change. Fishers strongly protested the ban and capture of parrotfish has continued (Cid, 2017; Pache, 2018; Alvarez, 2018).
15. In summary, the proposed theory of change is (Figure 7):
 1. Current scenario. PNIC and Catalina island, like other tropical islands, have valuable terrestrial and marine biodiversity (including endemic species) which provides important environmental services for human populations, mainly nature-based tourism and seafood production. Their condition is affected by the impacts from (i) invasive mammals which deteriorate terrestrial and marine habitats and (ii) tourism and fishing activities. Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic have limitations to confront the current impacts.
 2. Climate change scenario. Climate change will have similar impacts in both islands:
 1. Global warming will lead to (i) changes in the structure, composition and distribution of terrestrial habitats, (ii) coral bleaching, (iii) make corals more sensitive to diseases, (iv) more intense and frequent ENSO events, and (v) more severe hurricanes and tropical storms in the Caribbean.
 2. Ocean acidification will limit coral growth and their capacity to overcome natural pressures (e.g., predation) and will affect shell forming and calcifying organism.
 3. Sea level rise will lead to coastal erosion and flooding. Increased sea level together with stronger tropical storms will generate large storm surges.
 4. The changes in marine communities most probably will result in changes in the production of biomass which is used by fishers and a reduction of the natural attractions (e.g., corals) for tourism.
 1. Proposed change. The aim is that PNIC and Catalina island continue to provide valuable ecosystem products and services under the new climate conditions. For this, both islands will have to naturally adapt to the new climate scenario, which requires that terrestrial and marine habitats are healthy and resilient.
 2. Change route. To move from the current scenario to a condition in which both islands have healthy and resilient terrestrial and marine habitats, it is proposed to focus on four lines of work:

1. Ensure that terrestrial habitats recover from their current degraded condition by eradicating invasive mammals, implementing actions to prevent introductions and an insurance policy to cover rapid response in case of rodent reintroduction.
2. Reduce existing pressures from marine tourism and fisheries by strengthening the management of both protected areas.
3. Protect reefs and ensure that there are means to restore corals after external shocks (e.g., bleaching, storm damage) by developing coral restoration capacities, and an insurance policy to fund coral restoration when needed.
4. Promote behaviour change of key stakeholders in support of conservation of island ecosystems to reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change.

All this supported by a long-term reporting mechanism which provides key information to aid decision making and adaptive management.

5. The present project aims to implement strategic measures to confront the main anthropogenic pressures that hinder island resilience in PNIC and Catalina and to develop mechanisms to support long-term action to protect key ecosystems. The exchange of experience and cross fertilization between stakeholders and practitioners of PNIC and Catalina will generate lessons that will be useful for tropical islands worldwide.

Project / Programme Objectives:

6. The project objective is to improve local adaptive capacity to reduce the vulnerability to climate change of Cocos and Catalina islands and the production sectors that depend on their ecosystem services.
7. The project will have four components and six interlinked outcomes. The first component will address the pressures generated by (i) tourism and fisheries activities (outcome 1.1), and (ii) terrestrial invasive species (outcome 1.2). The second component will implement mechanisms for reef conservation and coral restoration in the south region of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary (outcome 2.1). The third component will develop and implement novel parametric policies to cover quick response in cases of coral damage and rodent reintroductions (outcome 3.1). Finally, the fourth component will establish a long-term strategy for behaviour change (outcome 4.1) and will facilitate the exchange and dissemination of lessons (outcome 4.2).

Component 1. Reduction of main anthropogenic pressures.

8. This component will implement the tools needed to better control the impacts that tourism and fisheries are having on the two islands which, in turn, limit their capacity to adapt to the future climate conditions.
9. In PNIC, resources will be invested to advance implementation of the “Plan for Prevention, Protection and Control of Cocos Marine Conservation Area” (SINAC, 2018) (output 1.1.1). The project will also work on the operational inter-institutional arrangements to ensure the long-term operation of the surveillance station. In addition, the project will support implementation of the updated regulation for marine tourism that will issued in 2020 (output 1.1.2). A key element will be to invest in key infrastructure like (i) signalling buoys to aid operations, and (ii) mooring buoys to prevent anchoring damage.
10. In Catalina the project will support the development and implementation of key management instruments: (i) the public use plan for Catalina, (ii) the zoning plan and fisheries and diving regulations for the South zone of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary, and (iii) the surveillance and enforcement plan for Catalina and the sanctuary. These instruments will be developed through a highly participatory process with local stakeholders and contributions from the experience of PNIC on these matters. The project will provide key investments like signalling buoys, mooring buoys and surveillance equipment.
11. The project will ensure eradication of mammals from both islands (outputs 1.2.1 and 1.2.2). All invasive species cannot be eradicated simultaneously, therefore a strategic collaborative approach will be applied to complement eradication actions with two other initiatives.
12. In PNIC, deer will be eradicated through a medium-size GEF funded project². This work will prepare local capacity to undertake the more demanding eradication of feral pigs, cats and rats to be executed with support of the present project. In Catalina, racoons and rabbits will be eradicated through a project that has been proposed to the Ecosystem-based Adaptation Facility of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF), and the present project will eradicate rats and cats.
13. Eradication of rats is crucial for ecosystem restoration, it has been observed that vegetation and seabirds recover rapidly after rat removal (Varnham, 2010; Russel & Holmes, 2015; Le Corre et al., 2015; Wolf et al., 2018). To aid rapid recovery active measures will be implemented like planting in damaged plots in PNIC and in Catalina enrichment planting, seabird attractants and artificial egg incubation of sea turtles.

² Safeguard the biodiversity of Cocos Island National Park by enhancing biosecurity and implementing the first in a series of invasive mammal eradications.

14. To prevent re-infestation (e.g., rats) and further introduction of non-native species biosecurity plans will be prepared and implemented in both islands (output 1.2.3). The project will also invest in key infrastructure and equipment that will be needed.

Component 2. Conservation of coral reefs

15. Coral protection and restoration are a key adaptation measure. The project will support establishing a long-term programme to conserve the reefs between Higuamo river and Saona island. This programme will build upon the experience developed by the Fundación Dominicana de Estudios Marinos (FUNDEMAR) and TNC's Caribbean coral initiative and will be part of the management strategy of the marine sanctuary. FUNDEMAR has a laboratory in Bayahibe and works with coral gardens and facilitated sexual reproduction (larval seeding), and develop participatory conservation and restoration actions together with local stakeholders like diving operators, fishers and resorts.
16. The project will potentiate current actions by:
 1. developing a multi-stakeholder collaboration platform to give social basis to the long-term programme,
 2. participatory development and initial implementation of a detailed reef conservation and coral restoration plan for Catalina and the south region of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary,
 3. designing a financial mechanism to sustain coral conservation and restoration, and
 4. investing in basic infrastructure and equipment to expand coral restoration capacity.
5. A similar investment will not be necessary in PNIC because corals are in better condition.

Component 3. Insurance tools for emergency action

6. The use of insurance instruments for financial protection of natural ecosystems against potential climate-related damages is still a developing field. The project will design two new types of conservation-focused insurance products to increase resiliency:
 1. A policy for climate-change induced damage to coral reefs like bleaching and storm damage to cover coral restoration and maintenance (output 3.1.1).
 2. A policy against rat re-infestation to cover rapid response to prevent population expansion (output 3.1.2).
 3. In collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI), an international insurance company (e.g., Swiss Re, Allianz), and CAF the risk-models and insurance instruments will be developed and implemented in both sites. This development will build upon recent developments like the hurricane-related damage policy that cover the reefs in Quintana Roo (Mexico) that was developed by Swiss Re and The Nature Conservancy (Reguero et al., 2019), and the explorations about considering invasive species an insurable peril (Chin et al., 2018) and applying insurance for adaptation to climate change (Jarzabkowski et al., 2019; PSI, 2020).
 4. Complementarily, the project will develop financial mechanisms to cover the cost of the premiums and deductibles. An existing option is to adapt CAF's "regional contingent credit line for extreme climate events, earthquakes, polluting accidents and epidemics" to provide resources to cover the premiums and deductibles when necessary (M. Velasquez, pers. comm., May 2020). The project will cover the premiums of the first two years until the financial mechanisms are operational.
 5. The GEF medium-size project previously mentioned undertake an initial exploration of partners and will prepare a roadmap for the development of the rat re-infestation insurance instrument for PNIC.

Component 4. Knowledge management

6. A long-term strategy will be developed to improve adaptation behaviour on each site (output 4.1.1). Climate change adaptation is a complex human process that is linked to individual motivation, beliefs and social identity, among other factors (Amel et al., 2017; Van Valkengoed & Steg, 2019a; Van Valkengoed & Steg, 2019b; USAID, 2019). Therefore, this strategy will focus on the generation of information and knowledge for greater appropriation and social empowerment. It will accompany the project's intervention and at the same time, built key stakeholders' capacities so they can empower themselves for future action under the new climate scenario.
7. For each site a long-term reporting mechanism will be assembled based on the existing actions (e.g., forest plot and coral monitoring) and incorporating new indicators about presence of invasive species and social and economic trends.
8. Finally, throughout project implementation knowledge exchange and cross-fertilization between stakeholders of both countries will be fostered. Lessons will be documented and disseminated through executing entities and project partner channels.

Project / Programme Components and Financing:

Project/Programme Components	Expected Outcomes	Expected Outputs	Countries	Amount (US\$)
1. Reduction of main anthropogenic pressures	1.1. Reduction of tourism and fisheries impacts on the islands	1.1.1. Marine surveillance station in Cocos Island National Park	Costa Rica	500,000
		1.1.2. Implemented updated regulations for marine tourism	Costa Rica	150,000
		1.1.3. Implemented public use plan for Catalina Island	Dominican Republic	80,000
		1.1.4. Implemented zoning plan for the south zone of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary	Dominican Republic	400,000
		1.1.5. Implemented fisheries and diving regulations for the south region of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary	Dominican Republic	100,000
		1.1.6. Implemented surveillance and enforcement plan for Catalina Island and the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary	Dominican Republic	150,000
	1.2. Main terrestrial invasive species have been eradicated from both islands	1.2.1. Eradication of rats, cats, and pigs of Cocos Island National Park	Costa Rica	3,310,000
		1.2.2. Eradication of rats, and cats of Catalina Island	Dominican Republic	1,600,000
		1.2.3. biosecurity plans to prevent future introduction of terrestrial invasive species	Costa Rica	160,000
			Dominican Republic	140,000
Subtotal component 1				6,590,000
2. Conservation of coral reefs	2.1. Established long-term mechanism for reef conservation and coral restoration in the south region of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary	2.1.1. Multi-stakeholder collaboration platform	Dominican Republic	25,000
		2.1.2. Reef conservation and coral restoration plan for Catalina Island and the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary	Dominican Republic	300,000
		2.1.3. Financial mechanism to sustain long-term conservation and rehabilitation actions	Dominican Republic	50,000
		2.1.4. Basic infrastructure and facilities	Dominican Republic	150,000
Subtotal component 2				525,000
3. Insurance tools for emergency action	3.1. Insurance policies available and operating	3.1.1. Insurance policy for climate-related damage to coral reefs	Costa Rica & Dominican Republic	2,000,000
		3.1.2. Insurance policy for rapid response to rodent reintroductions	Costa Rica & Dominican Republic	1,500,000
		3.1.3. Financial mechanism to sustain implementation of policies	Costa Rica & Dominican Republic	50,000
Subtotal component 3				3,550,000
4. Knowledge management and behaviour change	4.1. Better adaptation behaviour	4.1.1. Strategy for behaviour change under implementation	Costa Rica & Dominican Republic	350,000
	4.2. Project lessons shared worldwide	4.2.1. Long-term reporting mechanism	Costa Rica & Dominican Republic	50,000
		4.2.2. Project lessons documented and disseminated	Costa Rica & Dominican Republic	310,000
Subtotal component 4				710,000
Subtotal component 1 to 4				11,375,000
5. Project/Programme Execution cost				1,513,150
6. Total Project/Programme Cost				12,888,150
7. Project/Programme Cycle Management Fee charged by the Implementing Entity (if applicable)				1,031,052
Amount of Financing Requested				13,919,202

Project Duration: four years (48 months)

PART II: PROJECT / PROGRAMME JUSTIFICATION

The project / programme components, particularly focusing on the concrete adaptation activities, how these activities would contribute to climate resilience, and how they would build added value through the regional approach, compared to implementing similar activities in each country individually.

9. Costa Rica and Dominican Republic coincided on the advantage of joining efforts towards shared articulated approaches to confront adaptation in important island ecosystems. Green and soft adaptation measures will be applied in both islands. Green measures include strengthening management performance of protected areas, coral restoration and eradication of invasive species. Soft measures include the development of regulations, financial mechanisms, insurance instruments and a strategy for behaviour change.

How the project would promote new and innovative solutions to climate change adaptation, such as new approaches, technologies and mechanisms.

10. The development of insurance tools is a major innovation that could have global benefits. The insurance for climate-related damage to coral reefs will allow to have resources to invest in coral restoration after bleaching events. In addition, having a policy against rodent re-infestation will allow to implement rapid measures to control the plague. Generally, governments do not have the resources to respond to this kind of events.

The cost-effectiveness of the proposed project / programme, explaining how the regional approach would support cost-effectiveness.

11. The project will ensure the cost – effectiveness by (i) allocating funds to strategic activities and outputs with high catalyst potential, and (ii) complement actions with existing national initiatives and complementary projects. The collaborative work and exchange of experience between Costa Rica and Dominican Republic will accelerate the learning process to confront similar adaptation challenges.

How the project / programme would be consistent with national or sub-national sustainable development strategies, including, where appropriate, national or sub-national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, national communications, or national adaptation programs of action, or other relevant instruments, where they exist. If you wish and if applicable, you can also refer to regional plans and strategies where they exist.

12. As the project addresses the core threats to Cocos Islands conservation, it is aligned with Costa Rica's environmental and sustainable development policies and plans. For instance, the project is aligned with the National Climate Strategy and Action Plan, the National Climate Change Policy 2018 – 2020 (axes 3 and 5), the National Policy for the Adaptation to Climate Change 2018-2030 (axis 3), the National Decarbonization Plan 2018-2050 (axis 10), the National REDD+ Strategy (policy 3), the National Biodiversity Strategy 2016-2025 (strategic topic 2), the Development and Public Investment National Plan (goal 15), SINAC's strategic plan 2016-2026 (objectives PPI09 and PPI15), PNIC's management plan 2017-2026 (programmes 2, 3 and 4), among others. Costa Rica is as well in the process of mainstreaming gender into the country's Action Plan of the National Strategy on Climate Change, which is linked to the country's development structure and its Constitution (article 50). Likewise, in Dominican Republic the project is aligned to its main regulations and policy instruments, notably to its Constitution (article 194) and the National Development Strategy 2030 (Law 1-12, goals 3.5, 4.1, and 4.3). With regards to the specific climate change policies and plans the project is in line with the National Adaptation Plan for Climate Change 2015 – 2030 (axes 4, 5, and 6), the National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change in the Agricultural Sector 2014-2020, and the Gender Action Plan for Climate Change, among other key instruments.

The learning and knowledge management component to capture and disseminate lessons learned.

13. At the core of the project is south-south cooperation to address similar adaptation challenges. Actions will include exchange visits, joint working groups, documenting lessons, and integrating information into a reporting mechanism based on a set of agreed indicators.

The consultative process, planned to be undertaken during project preparation, with particular reference to vulnerable groups, including gender considerations, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.

14. The key stakeholder are (i) the local actors of the tourism and fisheries supply chains, (ii) the entities that manage both protected areas and the south zone of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary, (iii) the entities responsible for key actions (e.g., coastguard, fishing authority) and (iv) conservation and development partners (e.g., FAICO, FUNDEMAR). The most vulnerable groups are local fishers and tourist operators with limited capacity to invest in improving their activities and that will be heavily impacted by restrictions to be implemented. At the start of project preparation local workshops with stakeholders will be organized to present the concept and to receive feedback and recommendations. This will be followed by in-depth interviews and focus groups to get a more in-depth perspective of their views, motivations and barriers. A gender analysis will be applied to identify the role of men and women in the fisheries and tourism supply chains. Finally, the draft project proposal will be presented for analysis in local workshops. In all cases the meetings will be designed to be inclusive with gender perspective. CAF will carry out an Environmental and Social Assessment. The results of the assessment will be used to design appropriate measures for risk mitigation and the project's Social and Environmental Management Plan.

How the sustainability of the project/programme outcomes would be taken into account when designing the project / programme.)

15. The sustainability of the outcomes will be guaranteed by the commitment of the pertinent authorities, the financial mechanisms and insurance instruments to be developed, and the improved awareness and engagement of key stakeholders. In addition, the project will include NGOs that have long-term commitments like FAICO and FUNDEMAR which mobilize resources to the sites.

How the project / programme would provide economic, social and environmental benefits, with particular reference to the most vulnerable communities, and vulnerable groups within communities, including gender considerations, and how it would avoid or mitigate negative impacts, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.

16. On each site, the project will provide to the most vulnerable communities different economic, social and environmental benefits. The main benefit for local groups will be to sustain their nature-based economic activities under the new climate conditions. The project will strengthen the capacities of local stakeholders to empower them to implement adaptation actions. Also, the project will contribute to make visible the role of women, to advance gender equality, to incorporate gender-sensitive actions.
17. The most vulnerable populations are those located in coastal municipalities where the employment and income generated by the tourism and fisheries supply chains are extremely important:
 1. In Costa Rica, this is the Puntarenas municipality which has a population of about 150 thousand persons and low levels of development. In 2014, the human poverty index was 20.1% (ranked 54 among 82 municipalities) and in 2017 the social development index was 40.55 (ranked low development) (PNUD, 2016; MIDEPLAN, 2018). In 2017, Puntarenas had the highest poverty and extreme poverty levels of the country, 29.9% and 9.8%, respectively (UCR, 2018). Puntarenas is part of the Central Pacific Region, an area with severe limitations to generate employment (Anon, 2019). In the first trimester of 2020, this region had 9.1% unemployment, 16.3% underemployment and 54.1% informal employment (INEC, 2020).
 2. In the Dominican Republic, these are the coastal municipalities of Villa Hermosa and La Romana (La Romana province) and the Bayahibe municipal district (San Rafael de Yuma municipality, La Altagracia province). In 2010 these localities had (Morillo, 2014; ONE, 2016; ONE, 2018; ONE, 2018a):
 1. Villahermosa had a population of 89,204 persons, 8.1% unemployment and 60.1% of poor households.
 2. La Romana had a population of 139,671 persons, 7.5% unemployment and 33.3% of poor households.
 3. Bayahibe had a population of 2,260 persons and 43.4% of poor households, and the San Rafael de Yuma municipality had 5.8% unemployment.

How the project / programme would meet relevant national technical standards, where applicable, such as standards for environmental assessment, building codes, etc., and comply with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.

18. Contained in the answers to the previous item and the item referring to the consultation process. The implementing environmental authorities will ensure compliance with pertinent standards and regulations.

Duplication of project / programme with other funding sources.

19. In none of cases is there any duplication of funding sources. As indicated before, for eradication of invasive species the project will complement actions with a GEF project in Costa Rica and a CBF proposal in Dominican Republic. In addition, the project will establish synergies with (i) GIZ triangular cooperation actions between both countries and (ii) the programmes of key entities like FAICO, FUNDEMAR and TNC.

Justification for funding requested, focusing on the full cost of adaptation reasoning.

20. Cocos and Catalina islands are rapidly deteriorating and it is urgent to take measures to secure that they can continue to provide key environmental services under the new climate scenario. However, the investments proposed in this project cannot be undertaken by the countries alone, specially under a post-COVID financial scenario. In addition to invest in urgently needed measures, the project will develop the mechanisms that will allow to sustain long-term adaptation activities.

The environmental and social impacts and risks identified as being relevant to the project / programme.

21. At present, the main identified risks are (i) fishers fear that new regulations will jeopardise their activity, (ii) apprehension of national authorities to engage in collaborative undertakings (e.g., fisheries, marine traffic), (iii) stakeholder reluctance to engage in adaptation actions, (iv) change in political directions due to government change, and (v) impacts from ENSO event or tropical storm. In the subsequent development of the proposal this will formally confirmed and the possible existence of pertinent risks from project activities will be evaluated.

PART III: IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

22. The Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación of Costa Rica (SINAC) and the Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales of the Dominican Republic will be the executing entities. CAF Development Bank of Latin America will be the implementing entity. SINAC, the Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales of the Dominican Republic, and CAF will form a regional steering committee to oversee project implementation and to provide strategic guidance. An administrative executing partner (AEP) will be identified during project

preparation, this entity will solely concentrate on project administration, strategic decisions will be taken by the project board. Specialised entities (contractors) will execute local actions under the supervision of SINAC and the Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales of the Dominican Republic, as appropriate. The administrative executing partner will contract the specialised entities and a small project unit which will be responsible for project monitoring, communications and documenting lessons, among other tasks to be defined during project preparation.

PART IV: ENDORSEMENT BY GOVERNMENTS AND CERTIFICATION BY THE IMPLEMENTING ENTITY

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Annex 2. Tables

Table 1. Climate change vulnerability indexes for Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

Index	Costa Rica		Dominican Republic		Source
	Score	Risk level	Score	Risk level	
Climate Change Vulnerability Index 2014 ^[a]	7.70	Low	1.01	Extreme	CAF (2014)
Climate Risk Index for 1999–2018 ^[b]	88.17	95 among 181 countries	58.50	50 among 181 countries	Eckstein et al., (2019)
ND-GAIN Country Index adjusted for GDP 2018 ^[c]	4.2	33 among 177	-3.3	108 among 177	Notre Dame Global Adaptation Initiative (ND-GAIN)

[a] The Climate Change Vulnerability Index evaluates the risk of exposure to climate change and extreme events, with the current human sensitivity to that exposure and the capacity of the country to adapt to, or take advantage of, the potential impacts of climate change. The index has a range between 0 and 10, where values closer to 0 represent higher risk and values closer to 10 represent lower risk.

[b] The Climate Risk Index (CRI) indicates a level of exposure and vulnerability to extreme events, it analyses to what extent countries have been affected by impacts of weather-related loss events like (storms, floods, and heatwaves. The table shows the CRI average for the period 1999 - 2018. Lower values indicate higher risk, higher values indicate lower risk. The country with the highest risk (1 among 181 countries) was Puerto Rico with a CRI value of 6.67.

[c] The ND-GAIN Country Index summarizes a country's vulnerability to climate change and other global challenges in combination with its readiness to improve resilience. The GDP adjusted ND-GAIN is defined as the distance of a country's measured ND-GAIN score and its expected value based on the regression of ND-GAIN and GDP. Positive values reflect better resilience than expected. Higher values are better, lower values are worse. For 2018, the highest score was 14.6 for New Zealand (1 among 177 countries).

Table 2. Projected Increase in mean temperature in Costa Rica using the PRECIS climate model.

Year	Minimum	Mean	Maximum
A2 scenario			
2020	0.55	0.9	1.38
2050	1.18	1.91	2.92
2080	2.07	3.36	5.15
B2 scenario			
2020	0.46	0.61	0.78
2050	0.98	1.29	1.66
2080	1.72	2.27	2.92

Source: MINAET (2012).

Annex 3. Figures



Figure 1. Location of Cocos Island and Catalina Island.



Figure 2. Cocos Island National Park in Costa Rica.

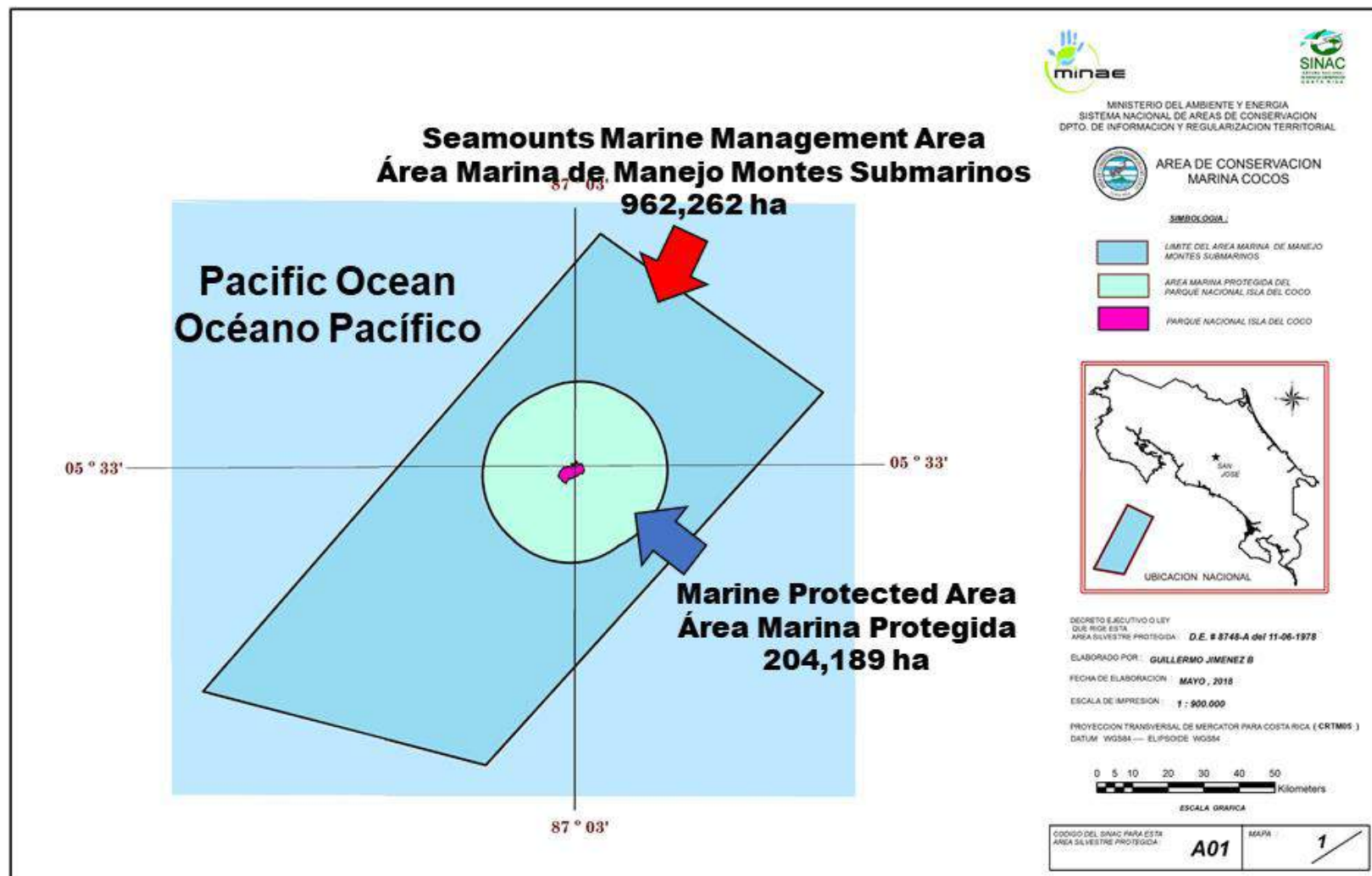


Figure 3. Seamounts Marine Management Area in Costa Rica.

Figure 4. Catalina Island and the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary in Dominican Republic.

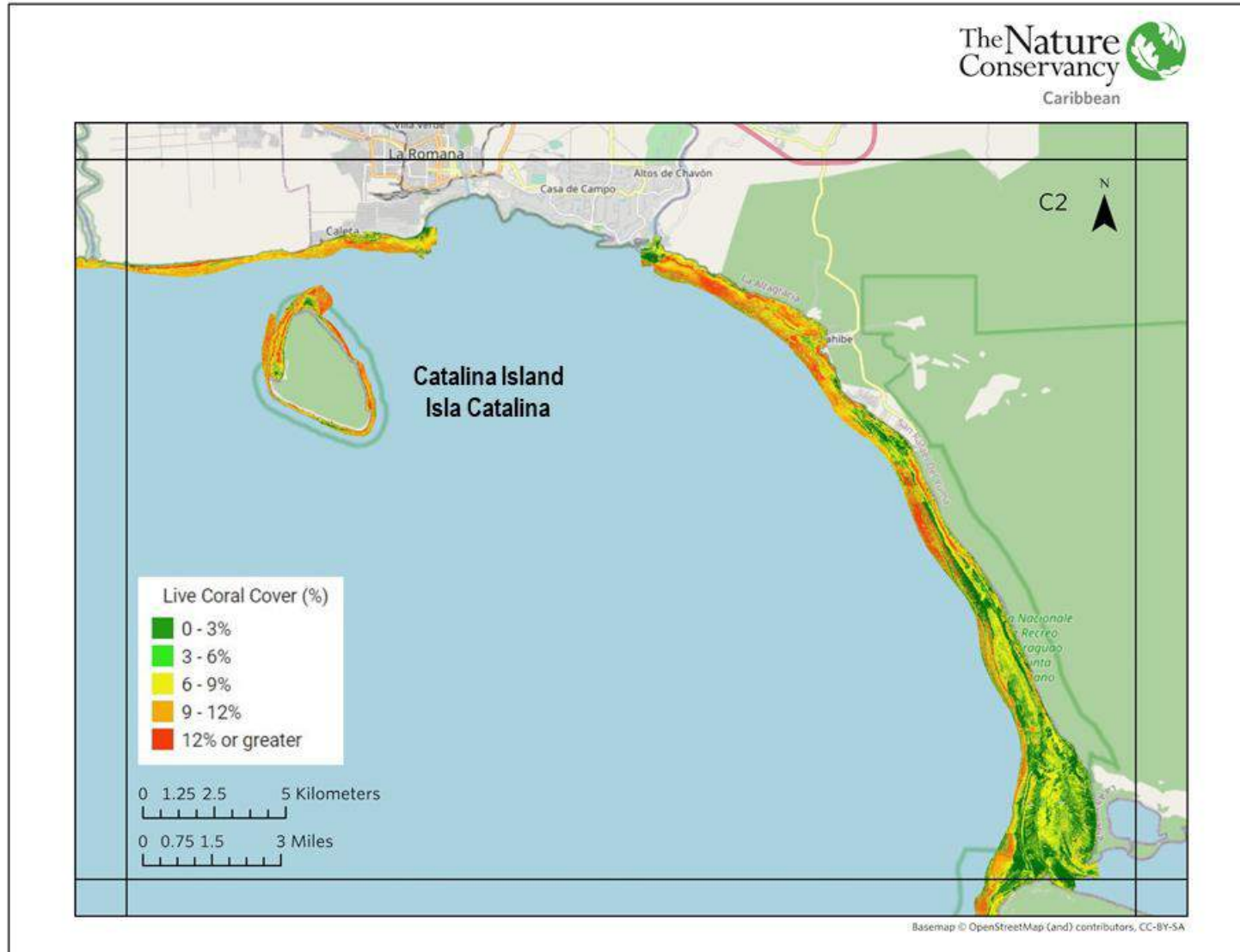


Figure 5. Live coral cover in the reef system South Zone of the Southeast Reefs Marine Sanctuary. Source: TNC Dominican Republic Global Airborne Observatory Maps.

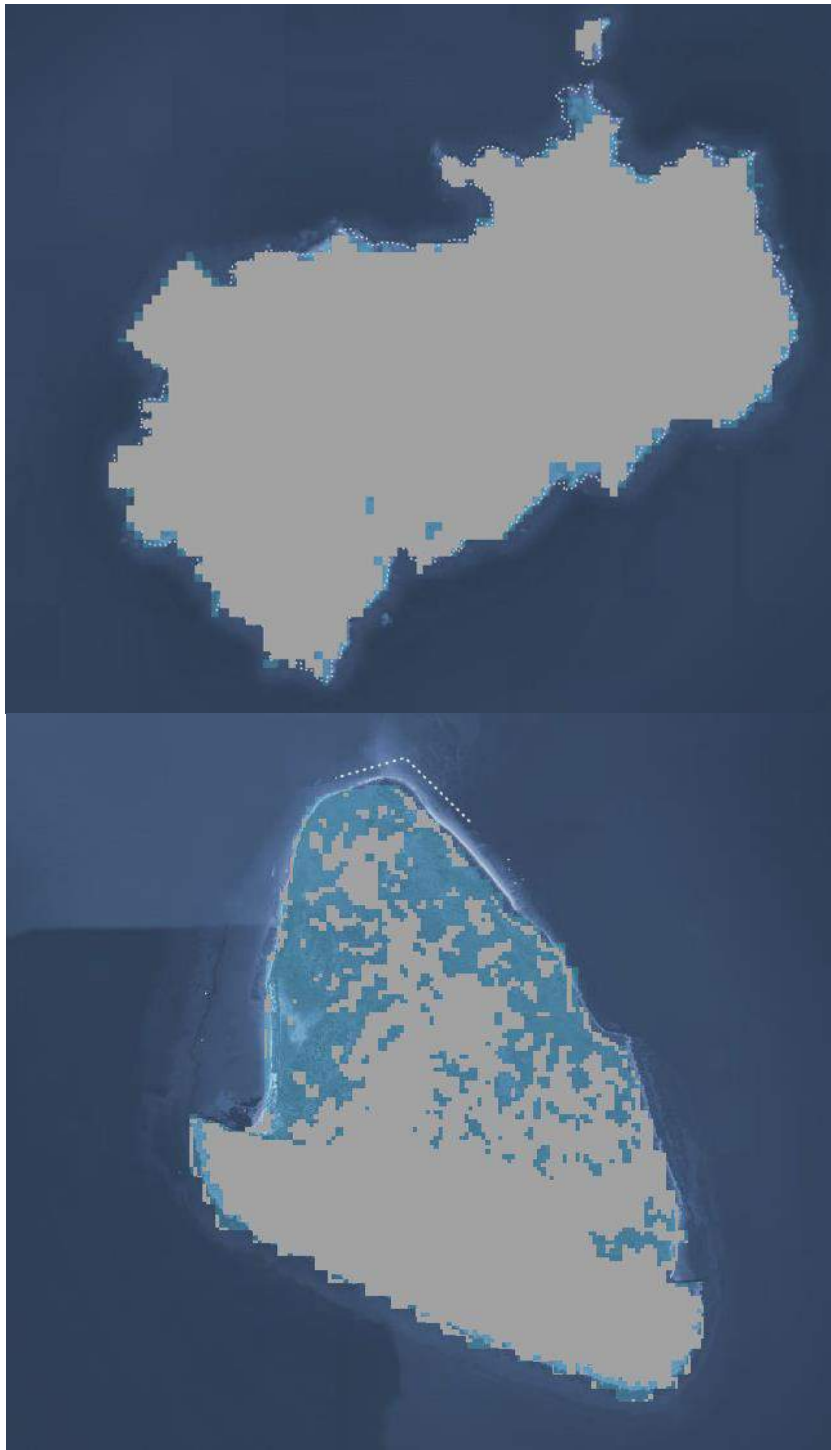


Figure 6. Flooded areas in Cocos (above) and Catalina (below) islands by the increase of one foot (30.48 cm) in sea level. Source: Climate Central.

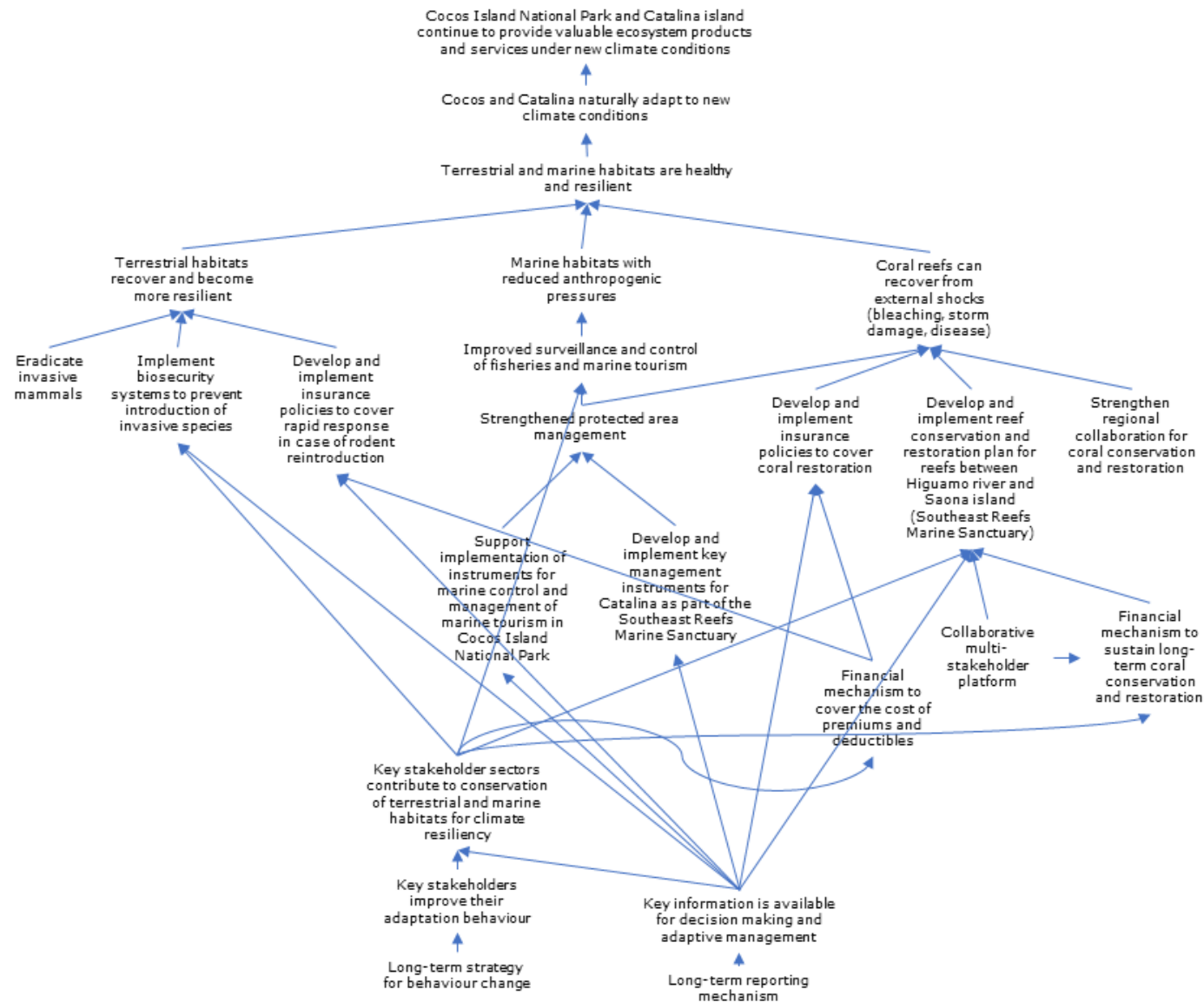


Figure 7. Draft theory of change for the project



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