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Building capacity for participatory, ecosystem-based marine conservation in Central America and Ecuador.

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# Approach

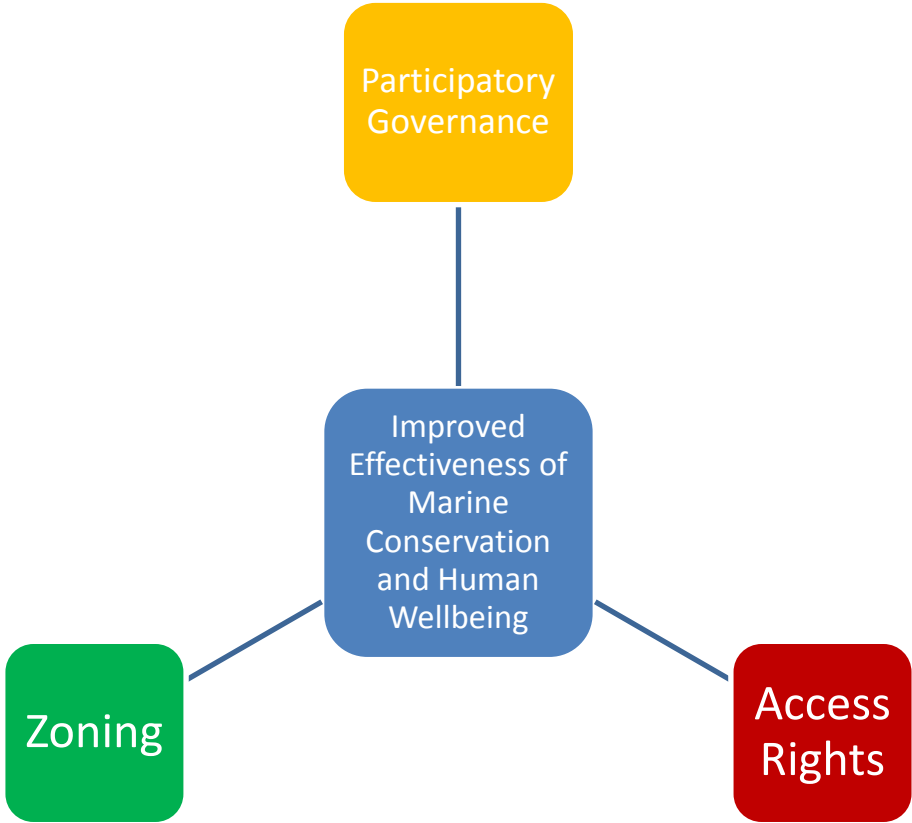


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# Nicaragua FUNDENIC – FFI Nicaragua

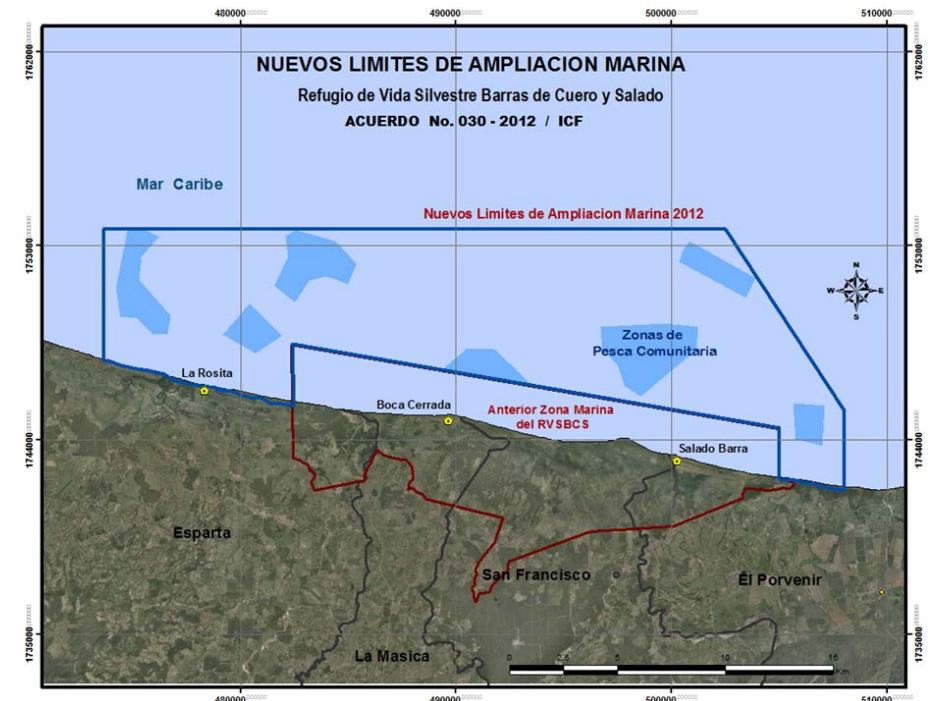
1. Participation in marine protected area decision-making (inter-institutional committees)
2. Strengthened capacities in governance and livelihoods, particularly tourism
3. Awareness and knowledge of responsible fishing practices



# Honduras - LARECOTURH



- 1) Formal recognition of fishers in the co-management system and legal access rights
- 2) Strong local fisher and tourism organizations
- 3) Legal recognition of artisanal fishers and their livelihood (fishing licenses/ID)



# Costa Rica - CoopeSoliDar R.L.



- 1) Marine conservation & human rights focus
- 2) Traditional knowledge & scientific knowledge
- 3) Process of strengthening and acknowledging small-scale fishers
- 4) Negotiation with national authorities in the establishment of protected areas





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# Lessons Learnt



Community Identity &  
Wellbeing



Organizational  
Strengthening



Participation &  
Leadership



Exchanges Across  
Sites/Countries

## Reflections:

- Focus on enabling conditions for participatory governance
- These processes take a long time, beyond the lifetime of a single project
- Inclusion of traditional values and of marginalized groups in the governance systems for marine resources, particularly women and youth
- Flexibility in implementing conservation objectives
- Value of less tangible gains, particularly empowerment and trust

# Gracias!

- **Honduras**

- Cuero y Salado Wildlife Refuge, Atlántida.
- [www.larecoturh.org](http://www.larecoturh.org)



- **Costa Rica**

- Cabuya & Cabo Blanco Strict Nature Reserve, Nicoya Peninsula.
- [www.coopesolidar.org](http://www.coopesolidar.org)



- **Nicaragua**

- Pie de Gigante, La Anciana & The 'Coral Corridor', Rivas.
- [www.fundenic.org.ni](http://www.fundenic.org.ni)

