Saint Lucia Country Presentation: Summary Updates

Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Protected Areas

BE:CLME+ Project Inception Meeting

Wednesday 27th September 2023

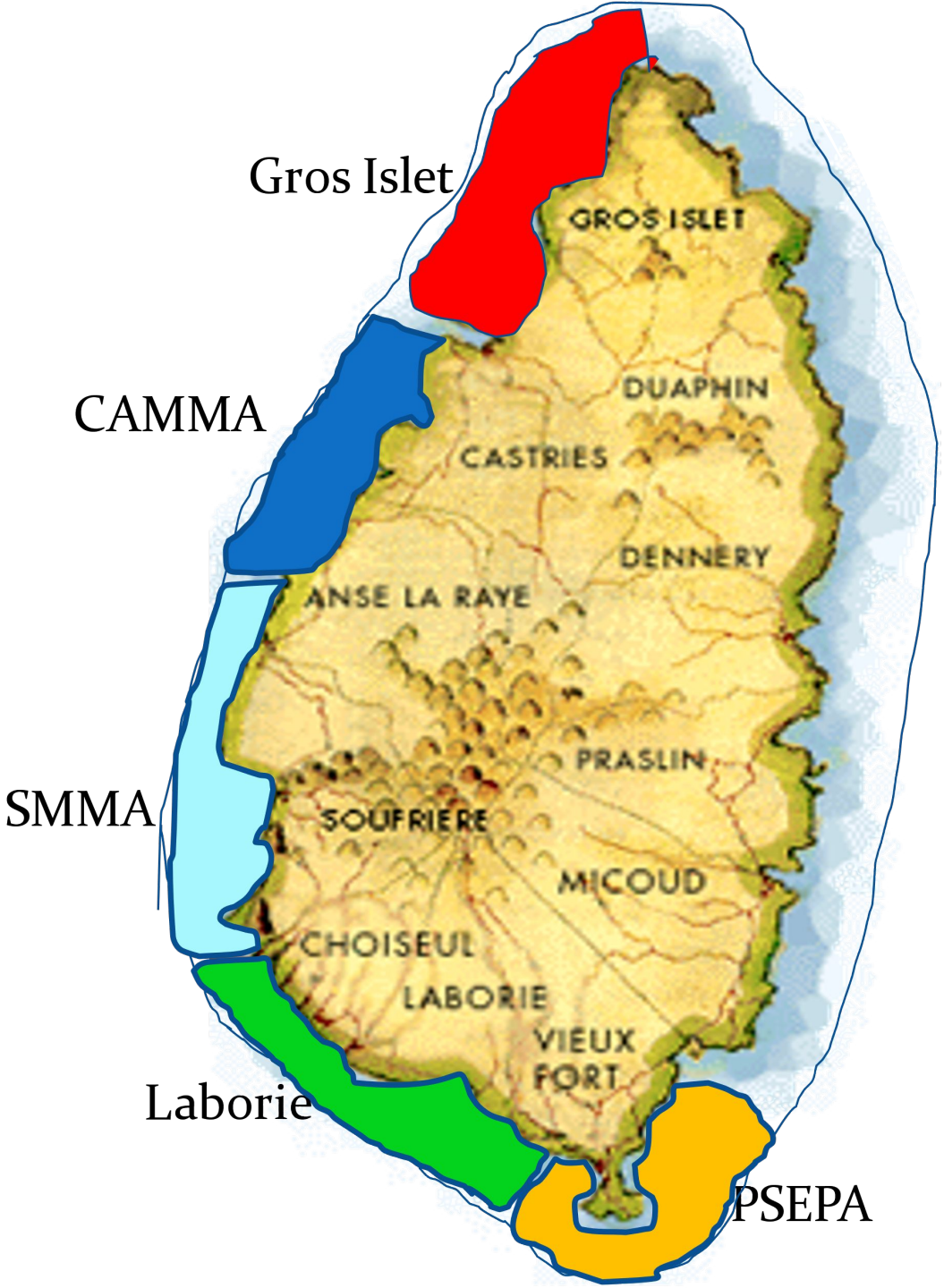
Panama City, Panama

Soufriere Marine Management Area

1. Physical and Digital demarcation of the SMMA (ongoing; next steps: stakeholder validation and publish results in the Government Gazette)
2. SMMA strengthening through establishment of by-laws, capacity building of staff, sustainable financing exploration (ongoing; supported by GIZ and MPAConnect)

Proposed MMA in Laborie

1. Community interest in protection of critical reef areas in Laborie (COASTFISH community consultations; primarily fisherfolk with LDF)
2. Currently drafting a cabinet memo for establishment of marine reserve in Laborie around artificial reefs deployed under COASTFISH (distance suggested and agreed upon during community consultations)
3. Recommendations under SECP to establish a marine reserve at Flatlands Reef (critical wild Elkhorn habitat)



Proposed National Marine Management Area

SLNT has proposed:

- The establishment of MMAs at Gros Islet and Laborie
- The formation of a national MMA 1km from coast, surrounding Saint Lucia
- The establishment of a national marine management organization made up of Ministry responsible for Environment Ministry of Tourism Ministry responsible for Fisheries SLASPA NCA Crown Lands Parliamentary Representative (appointed by Cabinet)