

in ecotourism, and sustainable use planning for the coastal zone.

Quebec is working with the four Atlantic provinces to produce an Atlantic chapter of the NPA. Once established, Quebec will implement program activities that take place within the province.

On Canada's west coast, British Columbia is also participating in the NPA. It is working toward integrating program requirements into the context of integrated coastal zone planning and management. The Coastal Communities Network was established in 1993 to allow for greater community participation in managing oceans-based resources for a sustainable economic future. It currently represents twenty-eight communities, including Aboriginal groups.

In areas of international and regional cooperation, the 1992 British Columbia/Washington State (United States) Environmental Cooperation Agreement established an International Task Force on the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin. This task force coordinates environmental monitoring and research efforts. It covers the sharing of data and information in areas such as minimizing habitat loss, protecting marine species and animals, minimizing the introduction of non-native species, and controlling toxic wastes in marine resources that British Columbia and Washington share.

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Canada provides oceans management and development assistance through the International Development Research Centre and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). CIDA projects have helped partner countries to focus harvesting on underutilized species and reduce postharvest loss. Canada has provided fish food aid to countries in emergency and other special circumstances. CIDA has also assisted in the building of capacity via its training and awards programs in Canada and abroad.