

Component 2: Establishment of Databases and Information Systems

Information Systems Coordinator (ISC)

The ISC supported the Component 3 Inventory of Coastal Resources process through assisting in the oversight and facilitation of the consultants' activities. This responsibility was increased with the transfer of immediate responsibility for the management of C3 to the ISC.

SIDSNET

The ISC and the Technical Support and Communications Research Officer (TSCRO), Ms. Judi Clarke, prepared and submitted a paper to the Islands of the World VI Conference, Isle of Skye, 16-20 October 2000, describing and reviewing the implementation of the SIDSnet/CPACC Internet Training workshops in 10 Caribbean countries. This represents the final SIDSnet overview report.

Systems Procurement

Significant progress was realized in the acquisition of Internet computers for C1 contacts and computers for NFPs or other designated agencies. Computers have been purchased, ordered or at least vendors have been selected for all but three of the twelve countries. Additional information is required to finalize the purchase of computers for those three countries and this should be concluded in January 2001.

Training Program

All funds from this line have been utilized or allocated to other activities including the establishment of the RAC for C1 Data at the UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

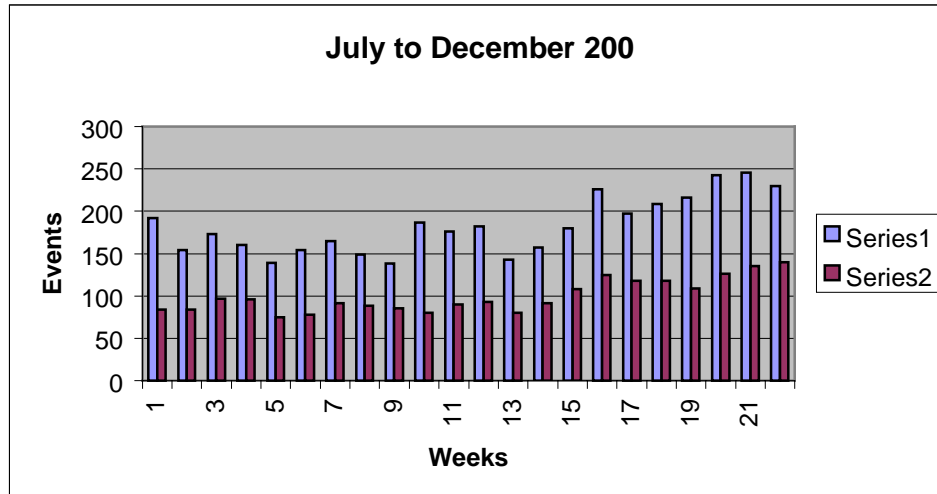
System Implementation, Maintenance and Upgrading

The Website has been kept current with reports and other documentation relating mainly to CPACC activities. Furthermore, country pages have been updated with NFP and component contacts and other country related information.

Generally, the website use has been consistent with the previous reporting period. Reviewing the number of hits per week, the statistics for current and recent past period were as follows (nb. some weekly information was not available):

- January to June 1999: average 84, high 137.
- July to December 1999: average 118, high 169.
- January to June 2000: average 161, high 217.
- July to December 2000: average 161, high 226.

The following graph illustrates number of hits (series 1) and associated hosts (series 2) from July to early December. Some hosts will be responsible for more than one hit.



Ms. Jennifer Watson, students at UWI, who assists the ISC in the maintenance of the website and the RPIU's computer systems continued to work on a part-time basis, although this was reduced due to the commencement of the University semester. General hardware and software maintenance and repair continued during the period. The Accounts Technician's computer had a memory upgrade to facilitate effective participation in the UWI on-line accounting network. Additional software acquired included upgraded virus protection.

An analysis of the RPIU's computer systems was contracted to ensure continued performance until the end of the project. This process has proven quite useful in addressing minor but difficult issues. Also, recommendations for more effective management of the RPIU's information resources were provided.

Replacement of a computer hard-drive from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines NFP system was necessary. This cost was met from the CPACC country allocation for general activities.