



# The CRMMN Concept

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# Improving Data Collection from the Caribbean Region

# ABOUT SIP

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## A Partnership approach

- Primary partnership between Antigua & Barbuda, St Kitts & Nevis and the Biodiversity Research Institute (BRI)
- Catalyzing the establishment of the Caribbean Mercury Monitoring Network. (CRMMN)





# Objectives

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## Scope and Intent of the Network

- The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and their role
- Technical capacity enhancement
- Improved scientific capacity
- Harmonized operating procedures
- Improved national regulatory systems

# Project Outputs

Three main outputs

1

## Develop an Integrated Network of Laboratories

Identify active laboratories through a certification process with the Department of Analytical Services Antigua and the BRI

DAS (Antigua) will be the primary laboratory

2

## Develop a regional mercury monitoring program

Official signing of countries as part of the CRMMN

Program should meet national priorities and obligations under the Convention

Biomonitoring plan will be developed for the region

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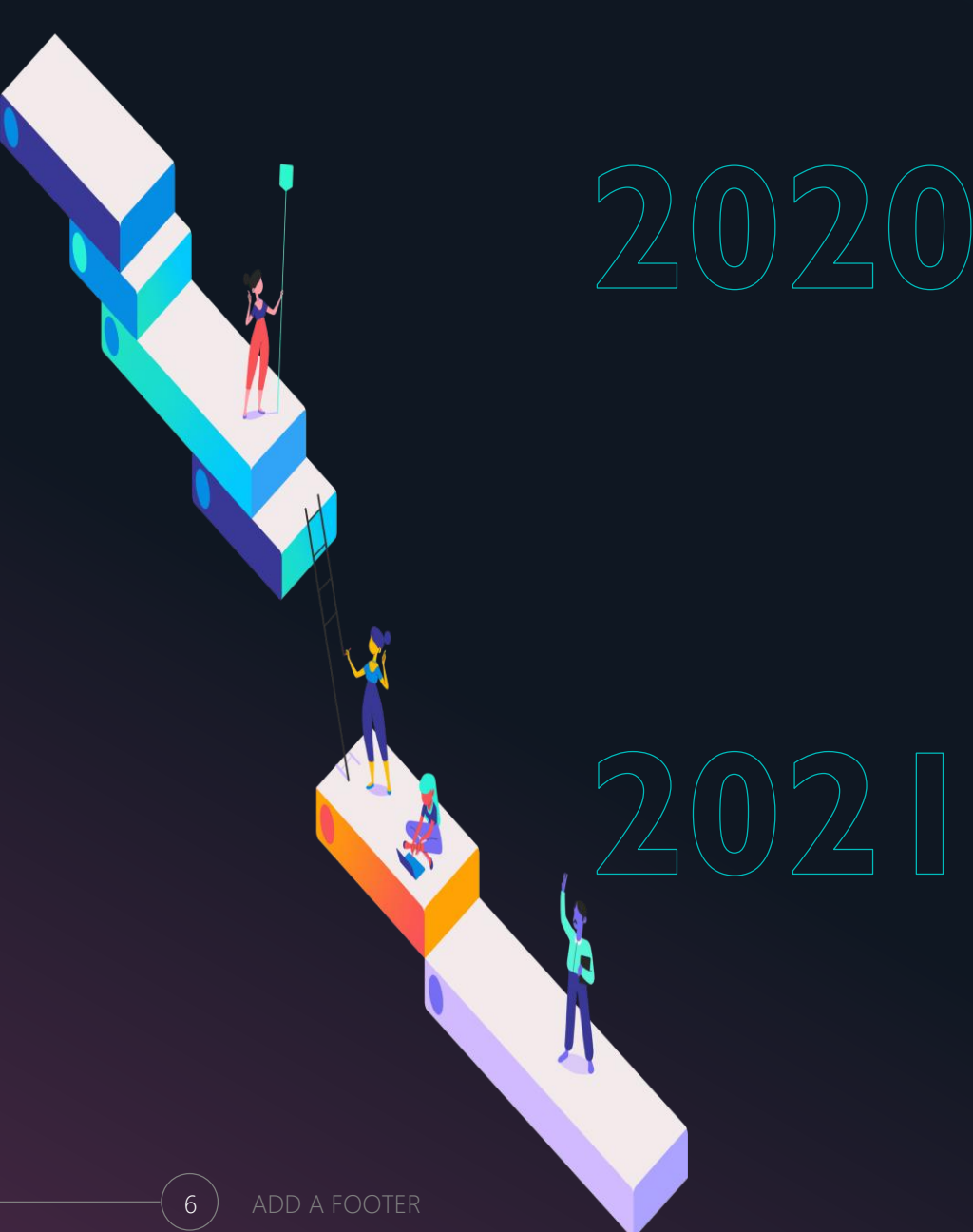
## Develop Outreach Material

Develop interpretive flyer for mercury contaminants In biota by country

Develop fish matrix card

Report to COP4

Building on the MIA and other processes



2020

2021

# TIMELINE

A Two-Year Project

## Develop Integrated Lab Network

- Initiate contact through official channels
- Inception technical workshop

## Develop Biotic Sampling

- Develop SOPs
- Establish sampling logistics

## Develop Monitoring Program

- Second technical workshop
- Finalization of technical documents
- Establish database

## Develop Outreach Program

- Consultation on MIA outputs
- Partnership with other related projects
- Finalization of Fish Cards



**THANK YOU!**

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