

WAITT INSTITUTE BLUE HALO INITIATIVE

What do you want your ocean to look like?
How can we help you get there?

OUR MISSION

Empower communities to restore their ocean, and use ocean resources sustainably, profitably, and enjoyably for this and future generations.



WAITT INSTITUTE PROVIDES THE TOOLKIT

- Policy development
- Community consultation
- Stakeholder survey
- Ecological assessment
- Habitat mapping
- Zoning analysis
- Legal analysis and drafting
- Scientific monitoring
- Enforcement support
- Building local capacity
- Education and outreach
- Financial plan



PARTNER GOVERNMENT PROVIDES THE WILL

- Vocal, non-partisan endorsement from Government
- Active support from Ministries and civil service
- Commitment to developing sustainable ocean policy
- Creation of a dedicated fund to finance implementation
- Leads public consultation process

USE THE OCEAN WITHOUT USING IT UP.

GOAL: Create and implement ocean policies that include sustainable fishing practices and comprehensive ocean zoning.



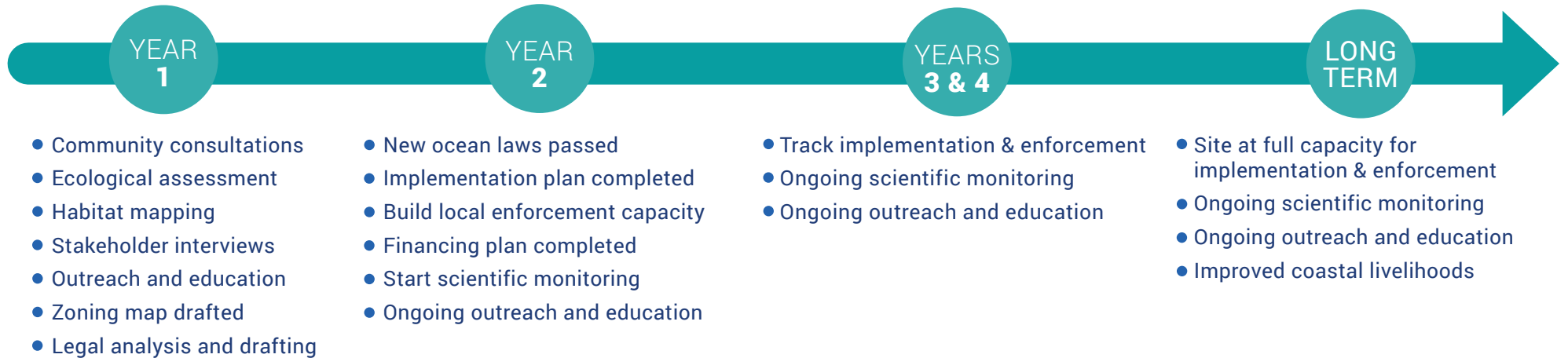
Comprehensive Ocean Zoning
Potential zone categories include fishing, tourism, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, offshore energy, aquaculture, recreation, shipping, boat moorings, etc.

Marine Reserves
No-take zones where all species and their habitats are completely protected, so ecosystems can be restored and fisheries can be replenished.

APPROACH

- ✓ Science-based
- ✓ Community-driven
- ✓ Clear management objectives
- ✓ Transparent decision making
- ✓ Balance economic, environmental, social, and cultural interests

BLUE HALO INITIATIVE: **SITE TIMELINE**



POTENTIAL SITE BENEFITS

- + Healthier coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds
- + More abundant fish, lobster, and conch
- + Improved fishing livelihoods
- + Increase in local tourism and jobs
- + Access to new, high-end fish markets
- + Reputation as international leader in conservation
- + More opportunities for future generations to fish



PILOT PROJECT: **BLUE HALO BARBUDA**

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The Waitt Institute will partner with one new government each year, and make a four-year commitment to each site.