

## Assessment of the area against CBD EBSA Criteria (Grenada)

(Discuss the area in relation to each of the CBD criteria and relate the best available science. Note that a candidate EBSA may qualify on the basis of one or more of the criteria, and that the boundaries of the EBSA need not be defined with exact precision. And modeling may be used to estimate the presence of EBSA attributes. Please note where there are significant information gaps)

CBD EBSA Criteria (Annex I to decision IX/20)	Description (Annex I to decision IX/20)	Ranking of criterion relevance (please mark one column with an X)			
		Don't Know	Low	Some	High
<b>Uniqueness or rarity</b>	Area contains either (i) unique (“the only one of its kind”), rare (occurs only in few locations) or endemic species, populations or communities, and/or (ii) unique, rare or distinct, habitats or ecosystems; and/or (iii) unique or unusual geomorphological or oceanographic features.			X	
<i>Explanation for ranking: Area contains habitat types that are critical to seriously endangered species such as the Leatherback turtles. Because it is an island system the importance to the proposer cannot be overestimated.</i>					
<b>Special importance for life-history stages of species</b>	Areas that are required for a population to survive and thrive.				X
<i>Explanation for ranking: Habitat types such as turtle nesting beaches, mangroves, sea grass and coral; reef ecosystems are necessary for the survival of economically and ecologically important species at various stages of their life cycles.</i>					
<b>Importance for threatened, endangered or declining species and/or habitats</b>	Area containing habitat for the survival and recovery of endangered, threatened, declining species or area with significant assemblages of such species.				X
<i>Explanation for ranking: Nesting sites for endangered marine turtles, associated ecosystems provide protection for coral communities (globally threatened) as well as important species such as spiny lobsters and queen conch (threatened).</i>					

<b>Vulnerability, fragility, sensitivity, or slow recovery</b>	Areas that contain a relatively high proportion of sensitive habitats, biotopes or species that are functionally fragile (highly susceptible to degradation or depletion by human activity or by natural events) or with slow recovery.			<b>X</b>	
<i>Explanation for ranking: Human activity that produces land based sources of pollution, improper fishing and tourism activity threatens habitats within the area.</i>					
<b>Biological productivity</b>	Area containing species, populations or communities with comparatively higher natural biological productivity.		<b>X</b>		
<i>Explanation for ranking: Clear tropical waters are normally comparatively low productivity areas</i>					
<b>Biological diversity</b>	Area contains comparatively higher diversity of ecosystems, habitats, communities, or species, or has higher genetic diversity.				<b>X</b>
<i>Explanation for ranking: Mangroves, sea grass beds and coral reefs typically ecosystems with high biological diversity</i>					
<b>Naturalness</b>	Area with a comparatively higher degree of naturalness as a result of the lack of or low level of human-induced disturbance or degradation.		<b>X</b>		
<i>Explanation for ranking: Human population very dependent on coastal ecosystems, hence no area is untouched.</i>					

**Sharing experiences and information applying other criteria (Optional)**

<b>Other Criteria</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ranking of criterion relevance</b> (please mark one column with an X)			
		<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>High</b>
<i>Add relevant criteria</i>					
<i>Explanation for ranking</i>					

**References**

*(e.g. relevant documents and publications, including URL where available; relevant data sets, including where these are located; information pertaining to relevant audio/visual material, video, models, etc.)*

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