



PROTECT OUR MANGROVE

Mangrove

- Provides livelihood for charcoal burners, fishermen and crab catchers, and a habitat for animals like crabs and fish.
- Stores flood waters, absorbs carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and protects the coastline

DO NOT DUMP ANYTHING IN THE MANGROVE

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We have capacity....

NATIONAL

- National agencies – Fisheries, Forestry, National Parks, Environment, Planning
- National Trusts – BVI, BAHAMAS

REGIONAL

- Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) OPAAL
- University of West Indies
- Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
- Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA)
- Mesoamerican Reef Fund



There is a large and diverse network..

CARIBBEAN WIDE

- CARICOM
- UNEP-Caribbean Environment Program - Caribbean Marine Protected Area Management Network and Forum (CaMPAM)
- UNDP-Regional Office and Country Offices
- NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
- The Nature Conservancy
- Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism (CAST)
- UNESCO – World Heritage Sites - Man and Biosphere
- Caribbean Research and Management of Biodiversity (CARMABI)
- Caribbean Health and Environment Institute (CEHI) – IWCAM
- CaribSave
- NEW PARTNERS - TOURISM, FINANCE, MANAGEMENT, SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS**

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half of the image shows a vast blue sky filled with soft, white cumulus clouds. Below the sky, a strip of land is visible, featuring a mix of green vegetation and sandy areas. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, indicating a shallow reef flat or lagoon. The coastline curves along the bottom left of the frame.

There is access to funding.....

**Numerous developed nations aid agencies –
Japan, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Germany,
France, UK, USA, Canada....**

**Global Environmental Facility – GEF FSP and
the GEF Small Grants Programs**

**European Union
.....and so much more**



And there is so much more to do.....

Capacity Assessments –

**there have been quite a few –Systems Plans,
OPAAL, national level, OAS, CCA, research
institutes (CERMES, WRI)**

**Using different methodologies – RAPPAM, How is
your MPA Doing? etc**

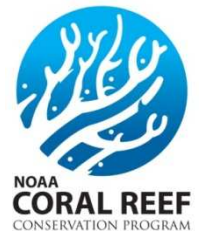
2011 Regional Assessment for MPAs

NOAA and CaMPAM

A Management Capacity Assessment of Selected Coral Reef Marine Protected Areas in the Caribbean



Presented at 64th Meeting of the GCFI
by Dana Wusinich-Mendez,
NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program



An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline, likely in the Pacific Islands, showing turquoise shallow water, white sand beaches, and lush green land. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

The Priority management capacity
needs determined by NOAA study ...

- 1) Enforcement
- 2) Sustainable financing
- 3) Site level management planning
- 4) Bio-physical and socio-economic
monitoring
- 5) Outreach and education

Bottom line...

It is all about the people –

Capacity is about having a committed, motivated work force, supported from ground up and from political level down, with the resources to do their work.

OPPORTUNITIES:

3 countries currently participating in the Caribbean Challenge Initiative





Opportunities

Caribbean Challenge Initiative

1. Political will
2. Funding – sustainable finance mechanisms
3. On-the-ground action – technical support, resources, exchanges, new partners

Funding: New financial architecture

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CARIBBEAN BIODIVERSITY FUND (CBF)

- Independent
- Permanent endowment
- Phase I: \$40M
- \$32M already pledged by Germany, GEF, TNC, Bah
- Grows to > \$100M

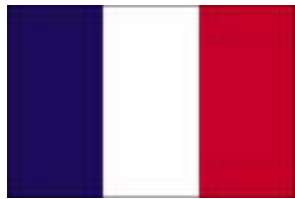
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NATIONAL PROTECTED AREA TRUST FUNDS (8 countries)

- Independent
- Board approves grants
- Grants to NGOs
- Grants to govt agencies
- For on-ground projects

Funding: innovative mechanisms such as debt-for-climate adaptation swaps

Governments pledged funding for climate adaption

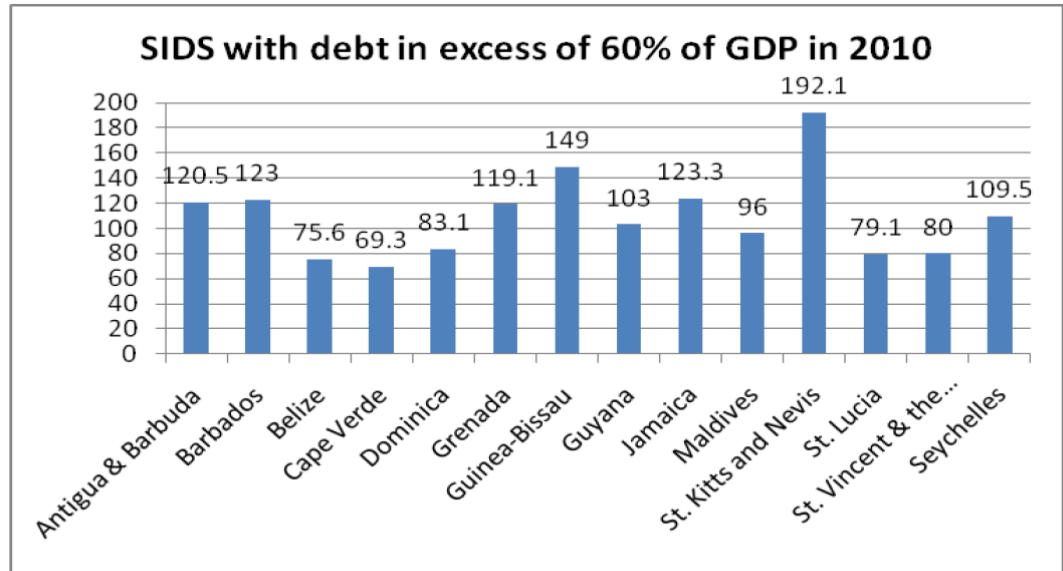


France



Germany

Many Caribbean countries with high debt / GDP ratios



Source: IMF Article IV Consultations and Review Documents.

Note: For Jamaica and Belize, 2009 data has been used