

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH CONSERVATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

Protecting the Caribbean's land and oceans and the communities that depend on them

The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) is a regional umbrella environmental fund that champions the cause of conservation and sustainable development across the Caribbean, securing reliable, long-term funding.

We're dedicated to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) 30x30 initiative: aiming to support the effective and equitable management of 30 percent of the world's oceans by 2030.

Our goals

1 To ensure continuous partnerships and funding for conservation and sustainable development activities in the Caribbean.

2 To accommodate the receipt, investment, distribution, and monitoring of conservation funding throughout the region.

3 To lead and design a range of financial instruments for Caribbean Small Island Developing States via a regional Sustainable Finance Architecture.

Preventing the collapse of our natural system

Our future depends on preventing the collapse of the natural systems that protect our territories and provide our food, clean water and air, and a stable climate. The Caribbean grapples with climate change, human use and sustainable development challenges, marked by limited funding and resource gaps. To achieve the GBF 30x30 target, strategic interventions, partnerships, and support are urgently needed.

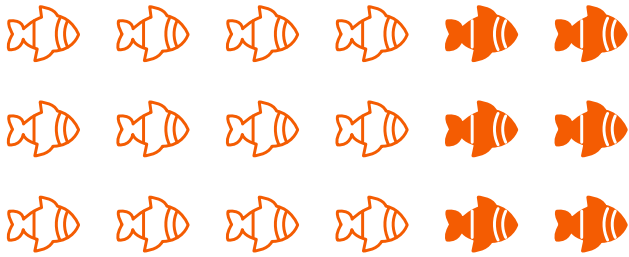
30x30

A global commitment to protect our oceans

Only seven percent of the world's oceans are protected. The GBF 30x30 target, led by the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People and Global Ocean Alliance initiatives, aims to reverse biodiversity loss by safeguarding 30% of the Earth's land and ocean resources by 2030. This commitment is guided by the leadership of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, with unwavering respect for their rights.

The road to 30x30 in the Caribbean

Goal:



Protect **30%**
of the Caribbean's
ocean by 2030

30x30 participation:

We're working together throughout the Caribbean and surrounding territories unifying support with strategic partners, governments, public and private sector, and local communities to achieve 30x30 goals.

How to reach 30x30 goals



Data compilation; scenario and goal setting; site prioritization aligned with GBF targets



Operational alignment with national biodiversity system action plans



Boosting local economies with ecotourism and fisheries



Creation of marketing tools and products for Caribbean policy makers



Strategy to secure capital and innovative financing mechanisms to effectively manage our marine resources

How we are leading marine conservation efforts

Enhancing support for Caribbean marine managed areas

The Caribbean is a globally renowned biodiversity hotspot. Throughout its network of Small Island Developing States, the unique biological, economic and cultural fabric of the region must be protected. It's crucial to prioritize the enhancement of marine managed areas (MMAs) to meet the science-based 30x30 target. Yet real impact requires the whole region to play its part - collaboration is key.

Driving change and collaboration

CBF is dedicated to building a regional platform to improve the designation, implementation, management and expansion of MMAs. We're bringing the Caribbean together through:

- **Political engagement:** Strengthening support through stakeholder mapping, advocacy, and legal framework design and review.
- **Sustainable financing:** Establishing long-term funding mechanisms through financial analysis, fundraising, and partnerships with potential donors and technical partners.
- **Collaborations:** Forging partnerships with stakeholders aligned with conservation goals.

Project spotlight

Effective Marine Protected Area Activities for the Caribbean



Objectives:

To enhance collaboration to conserve & sustainably manage the Caribbean's marine & coastal ecosystems, aligning with 30x30 goals



Details:

Three year project in partnership with Blue Nature Alliance & support from the Caribbean Challenge Initiative & other regional partners



Highlights:

- Strategically strengthening political support
 - Creating financial longevity
 - Building meaningful collaborations
- As a result, improving local & regional actions towards marine managed areas.



Sustainable development goals:



Building a thriving Caribbean The impact of 30x30

Our collaborative efforts help to protect natural resources and biodiversity. We're supporting 30x30 targets to ensure a prosperous future for the Caribbean community.

Job protection:
Safeguarding and supporting 36 million jobs in sustainability and ecotourism.

Economic growth through sustainability:
Boosting \$500 billion GDP with sustainable fisheries and eco-tourism - ensuring industry prosperity.

Climate and Circular economy leadership:
Delivering one-third of required climate adaptation and mitigation by 2030 - combating marine and coastal pollution and preserving coastal livelihoods.

Marine biodiversity:
Restoring fish population by over 600% - improving vital marine biodiversity and resources for food sustainability.



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In the Caribbean, we are acutely aware of being at the forefront of climate change, having witnessed first-hand the degradation of our natural areas and the communities they support. The 30x30 goal has the potential to significantly benefit our planet and reduce the environmental challenges the Caribbean faces due to climate change. We have an opportunity to meet this ambitious goal and amplify our region's voice in global biodiversity efforts to safeguard natural resources for future generations.

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Karolin Troubetzkoy,
Chair, Caribbean Diversity Fund

Amidst growing conservation needs and limited resources, achieving the Caribbean 30x30 target demands urgent attention. Collaboration with governments, the public sector, and private enterprises is vital.

Join us in protecting biodiversity and livelihoods in the Caribbean



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