

CARIBBEAN BIODIVERSITY FUND EMPOWERING A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY

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 aim to sustainably conserve the region's natural resources, protecting and restoring the health of our habitats whilst enhancing the livelihoods of communities dependent on biodiversity.

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 sustainable financial mechanisms for Caribbean Small Island Developing States via a regional Sustainable Finance Architecture.

Bridging the gaps

The Caribbean region has significant economic potential in its oceans and waterways, including fisheries, tourism, marine energy, and biotechnology. However, limited financing, lack of private sector engagement, and knowledge gaps have hindered large-scale investment in marine and coastal ecosystems. This constrains the region's ability to seize opportunities and achieve sustainable development goals.

How we are unearthing the Caribbean's economic potential?



Establishing a sustainable blue economy

Unlocking the potential of the Caribbean's blue economy is paramount for the sustainability of the region. CBF is dedicated to providing long-term, reliable funding for conservation and sustainable development in the Caribbean - reflecting sustainable development goals.

We aim to create a **sustainable blue finance hub** for the region, focused on stimulating private sector engagement and enhancing financial access, innovation, conservation, and cross-collaboration.

Driving growth and building resilience

Our three core programs

Our three core programs support our goals, a multi-pronged approach to tackle the triple planetary crisis - climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. We're promoting pioneering projects and financial instruments to catalyze impactful change and display the Caribbean's growth, resilience, and potential.

Conservation Finance

1

An endowment fund for the protection and management of biodiversity and natural resources. The National Conservation Trust Funds leads grantmaking programs at the national level, improving networks to form the Caribbean Sustainable Financial Architecture.

Climate Change Adaptation

2

The Ecosystem-based Adaptation Facility distributes grants to local, national, and regional projects that support climate change adaptation and poverty alleviation. Projects target coastal and marine ecosystems through biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management.

Nature-Based Economies

3

Anchored by the Advancing Circular Economy Facility, grants are awarded for projects that prevent or clean up marine waste. We tackle the Caribbean Sea's pollution while promoting capacities, awareness, sustainability, and circular economy principles among public and private entities.



Our Impact



105
projects in fourteen
countries



\$26
million disbursed for
project funding



\$100+
million endowment
fund market value

30,000+

Caribbean people
benefit from CBF's
conservation efforts



34
EbA grants awarded

Project spotlight

The Caribbean Blue Economy Financing Project

Addressing the pressing need to bolster sustainable investments in marine and coastal ecosystems.



Objectives:

To develop and strengthen nature-based blue economy opportunities through innovative finance mechanisms



Budget and Donor:

USD 6 million funded by the Global Environment Facility. Spread over 4 years: 2024-2028



Impact:

Creates a sustainable blue finance hub for the Caribbean, enhancing:

- Financial access
- Innovation
- Cross-collaboration
- Knowledge sharing



Sustainable development goals:



Driving growth across the Caribbean's blue economy

Through our dedicated projects and core programs, we're committed to driving significant impact and advancing our goals across the Caribbean. Building a sustainable blue finance hub that can:



Secure sustainable finance

Develop and enhance innovative financing mechanisms, including Blue Carbon Sequestration Schemes for Seagrass, Mangrove, and Salt Marsh ecosystems, to fund marine and coastal priorities at all levels.



Promote sustainability

Focus on sustainable blue economy practices to enhance livelihoods, food security, gender equality, and climate resilience.



Empower through knowledge sharing

Provide resources, training, and networking opportunities to empower stakeholders and facilitate knowledge sharing.



Encourage collaboration for collective impact

Build Encourage collaboration for collective impact partnerships among governments, private sector, NGOs, and international organizations to encourage cross-collaboration across the Caribbean's blue economy.



Drive innovation and growth

Foster a culture of innovation by supporting research, technology adoption, and sustainable business practices.

Stimulate private sector participation to drive investments and technological advancements in sustainable blue economy initiatives.



Support the Caribbean's sustainable future

Without further investment, the transformative journey towards a sustainable blue economy in the Caribbean could falter. The potential is here. Together, we can overcome barriers, unlock opportunities, and create a resilient and prosperous economic hub for the region.



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