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# The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund

Our **VISION** is the building of a Caribbean region where both its natural environment and people thrive.

Our **MISSION** is to ensure continuous funding for conservation and sustainable development in the Caribbean.

“We provide continuous funding for conservation and sustainable development in 14 countries within the Caribbean region.”

With over 1,600 globally threatened species, the Caribbean is a hotspot for some of the most critically endangered plants and animals. The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) was established in 2012 to create reliable, long term funding for conservation and sustainable development in the Caribbean region.

Initially designed as part of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative, today the CBF is a regional umbrella environmental fund

that uses a flexible structure to implement innovative solutions and consolidate resource mobilization in the Caribbean through a range of financial instruments.

We currently provide funding for conservation and sustainable development in 14 countries within the Caribbean. Our sustainable financing programs and projects will protect the Caribbean's vital natural resources at scale for generations to come.

# 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.

### 1 Conservation Finance

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

### 2 Climate Change Adaptation

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

### 3 Nature-Based Economies

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



**\$26m**

disbursed for  
project funding



**\$200m**

assets under  
management

**30,000+**

Caribbean people  
benefit from CBF's  
conservation efforts



**34**

EbA grants awarded



# Where we work



Bahamas

Cuba

Belize

Jamaica

Haiti

The Dominican Republic

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Montserrat

Antigua and Barbuda

Dominica

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Grenada

Guyana

Suriname

# Our Leadership



**Karolin Troubetzkoy**

Board Chair



**Karen McDonald Gayle**

Chief Executive Officer



**Ulrike Krauss**

Climate Change / EbA Facility Program Manager



**Tanja Liew**

Conservation Finance Program Manager



**Rachel Ramsey**

Nature-based Economies/ACE Facility Program Manager



**Junior Buchanan**

Senior Finance Officer



# Our History

Our journey started in 2008 with the launch of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative, a coalition of the governments of The Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines with the aim of accelerating action on the protection of marine and coastal

environments. This led to the establishment of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund in 2012 with financial contributions from the Government of Germany, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). It's from there that we pick up the story:

**2012**

CBF established with US\$42 million from TNC, GEF through the World Bank and UNDP, and the Government of Germany through KfW for eight country sub-accounts.

**2016**

CBF's Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EbA) Facility established with US\$26.5 million from the Government of Germany through KfW.

**2018**

CCI and CBF were recognized as "Genuine and Durable Partnerships" at the Small Islands Developing States "Samoa Pathway" meeting. First EbA Facility call for proposals launched.

**2019**

CBF's EbA Facility receives 20m Euros top-up from the Government of Germany through KfW. CBF's Endowment Fund receives 25m Euros from the Government of Germany through KfW to support 4 new country sub-accounts for Cuba, Dominica, Guyana, and Haiti. EbA Facility awards 11 grants from first call for proposals.

**2020**

Blue Finance and Caribbean Biological Corridor (CBC) sign Partnership MOUs with the CBF. Second EbA Facility call for proposals launched.

**2021**

EbA Facility awards 8 grants from second call for proposals. Inaugural Caribbean Conservation Finance Congress held. Third EbA Facility call for proposals launched.

**2022**

CBF project funded by AFD and FFEM (Government of France): "Caribbean Regional Architecture for Biodiversity (CRAB)". EbA Facility awards 7 grants from third call for proposals. Fourth EbA Facility call for proposals launched. Launch of the Advancing Circular Economy (ACE) Facility.

**2023**

EbA Facility awards 7 grants from fourth call for proposals.

**2024**

Fifth EbA Facility call for proposals launched. First ACE Facility call for proposals launched. CBF co-organized the 26th RedLAC Congress with Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund (SLUNCF).



# Our Partners

## Donors



## Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture

The proceeds of the CBF's Endowment Fund are channelled through the eligible National Conservation Trust Funds (NCTFs) that have signed Partnership Agreements with the CBF. These partner NCTFs then lead the grant-making programs at the national level with resources from the CBF and other donors.

Together, the CBF and its partner NCTFs form the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture. As a regional institution, the CBF generates economies of scale by working with the national funds which are vital forces for conservation and sustainable development in their countries.



# Our Media

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