

EbA Facility Project Fact Sheet

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UNION ISLAND

Chatham
Bay

Project Title

Union Island Climate Change Adaptation: Enhancing resilience of communities and globally important biodiversity through pioneering climate-smart tourism and curbing land-based stressors to coastal areas.

Lead Organization

Fauna & Flora International

Beneficiaries

Union Island community
(approx. 2,100 residents)

Partner Organizations

01. Union Island Environmental Alliance (UIEA)
02. Lead Government collaborator and liaison:
Forestry Department, Government of Saint Vincent &
The Grenadines

Project Summary

Despite Union Island's unique biodiversity and stunning vistas, impoverished communities suffer water shortages and are heavily dependent on seasonal tourism and importing necessities. Poor land-use, inefficient waste management and unsustainable development are exacerbated by climate change.

An innovative climate change analysis will allow to predict and map the local biophysical impacts of climate change and model the effects of different ecosystem management regimes. This, along with socio-economic data, will inform the participatory development of a viable, responsible, climate-smart tourism plan. Chatham Bay, a Key Biodiversity Area, serves as community-managed model 'ridge to reef' pilot site for new tourism enterprises.

The project will strengthen the local CBO, UIEA, to support the community's ongoing EbA response to climate change and demonstrate how conserving natural ecosystems reduces risks to local residents and their livelihoods from upland soil run-off, garbage and grey/black waters, and the threat of destructive developments imposed by external tourism interests.

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Principal EbA Measure(s) Used

01. Responsible and regenerative eco-tourism and climate-smart agriculture, supported by research, waste management, land-use management, capacity development, and multi-stakeholder participation.
02. Holistic ridge to reef approach incorporating stakeholders and decision makers in partnerships for effective protection and management of Chatham Bay KBA.

Ecosystem(s) Targeted

Caribbean lowland dry forest, mangroves, seagrass beds, and coral reefs.

Project Duration

Duration:	36 Months
Starting:	March 2020
Closing:	March 2023

Funding

Total (USD):	\$1,051,835
EbA Facility:	\$882,185
Co-financing:	\$169,650

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