

PROJECT FACT SHEET

ADVANCING CIRCULAR ECONOMY(ACE) FACILITY

Puntacana Circular: Comprehensive Waste Management in the tourist area of Punta Cana to prevent pollution of rivers and beaches

Project duration	36 months
Country	Dominican Republic
Lead organisation	Puntacana Group Foundation
Partners	Fundación Parley Dominicana

Total project costs	\$2,664,473.93
ACE Facility grant	\$1,998,355.45
Match funding	\$666,118.48

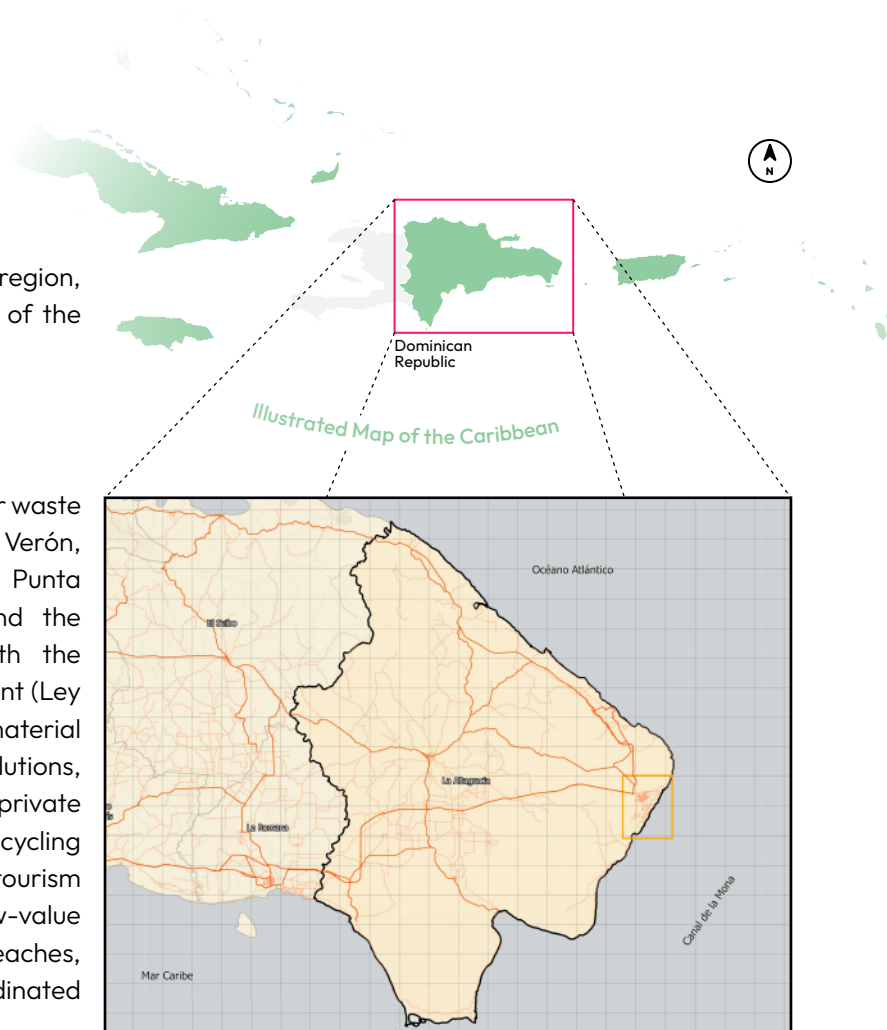
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PROJECT LOCATION

This project will be implemented in the Punta Cana region, in La Altagracia Province along the eastern coast of the Dominican Republic.

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project will prevent and reduce plastic and other waste pollution in Punta Cana, Caracoli, La Palma and Verón, including tourist zones, selected communities, the Punta Cana International Airport, shopping areas, and the Southeast Reef Marine Sanctuary. Aligned with the General Law on Integrated Solid Waste Management (Ley 225-20), will implement selective collection and material recovery systems, advance circular economy solutions, generate green jobs, and strengthen public-private collaboration. Key actions include expanding recycling infrastructure, reducing single-use plastics in tourism facilities, developing alternative solutions for low-value plastics, and preventing waste from entering beaches, rivers, and marine ecosystems through coordinated interventions and awareness campaigns.



KEY IMPACT & INDICATORS

145 tons of marine litter prevented from entering the environment

2,010 tons of marine litter removed from the marine environment

7 new partnerships promoting circular economy

146,399 hectares of climate adaptation-relevant ecosystems identified with reduced marine pollution stress

3,150 persons actively participating in implementation

54 knowledge-sharing activities related to circular economy implemented

EXPECTED IMPACT

- Reduction and prevention of solid waste entering the Caribbean Sea and rivers
- Improved waste management systems, creating added value from recyclable materials and generating green jobs
- Development of decentralized solutions for hard-to-recycle and low-value plastics
- Behavior change among communities and the tourism sector, promoting responsible waste reduction, separation, and prevention practices
- Hotel certification system implemented to incentivize reduction of single-use plastics and adoption of sustainable alternatives
- Increased participation of residents and tourists in circular economy programs through targeted education and awareness campaigns
- Reduced waste leakage into landfills, rivers, and oceans, contributing to healthier marine and terrestrial ecosystems

ACTIVITIES AND AREAS OF WORK

- **Waste Assessment & System Strengthening:** Characterizing waste streams, mapping leakage points, upgrading the CENVAREE recycling plant with value-adding technologies and strengthening financing for sustainable waste management
- **Selective Collection & Recycling Expansion:** Installing collection infrastructure, expanding hotel/airport/commercial collection logistics, strengthening waste management systems, and increasing private sector participation
- **Plastic Reduction & Prevention in the Tourism Sector:** Analyzing plastic footprints, developing reduction roadmaps, promoting sustainable procurement, and issuing environmental certifications
- **Capacity Building & Stakeholder Engagement:** Training staff across sectors, engaging partners in waste management systems, and establishing a multi-stakeholder working group to prevent marine litter
- **Innovation & Circular Economy Solutions:** Launching a Sustainable Solutions Accelerator, piloting circular economy business models, and launching a competition for alternative solutions
- **Awareness & Outreach:** Implementing behavioral change campaigns targeting residents, youth, and tourists, developing educational materials

CARIBBEAN BIODIVERSITY FUND

The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) is a regional umbrella environmental fund dedicated to sustaining nature and improving lives through innovative financing solutions. The CBF through its three strategic programs: Conservation Finance, Climate Change, and Nature-based Economies collaborates with governments, communities, and development partners across the Caribbean region.

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