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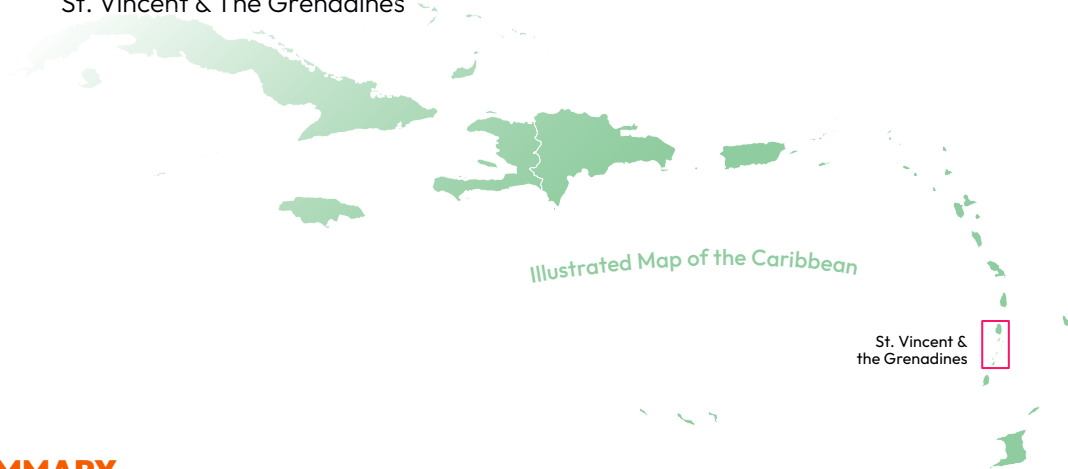
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PROJECT FACT SHEET

ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION (EBA) FACILITY

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

Project duration	March 2020 - March 2023	Total project costs	\$1,051,835
Country	St. Vincent & The Grenadines	EbA Facility grant	\$882,185
Lead organisation	Fauna & Flora International	Match funding	\$169,650
Partners	Union Island Environmental Alliance (UIEA), Lead Government collaborator and liaison: Forestry Department, Government of St. Vincent & The Grenadines	All currency is stated in USD.	



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. The Union Island Climate Change Adaptation project strengthened community resilience and biodiversity protection through capacity building, sustainable livelihood development and conservation. Implemented by Fauna & Flora and the Union Island Environmental Alliance (UIEA), the project supported recovery of the endangered Union Island Gecko and advanced designation of a new wildlife reserve. Efforts to foster a sustainable economy included launching regenerative tourism ventures, such as eco-tours and small craft construction training, to provide local livelihoods.

Despite COVID-19 delays and inflationary pressures, the project successfully delivered important environmental and socio-economic benefits.





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KEY IMPACT & INDICATORS

80% increase in Union Island Gecko population

\$7,400 generated in revenue from science tourism visits

2 international university partnerships established

11 community members trained in small craft construction

9 wooden kayaks constructed to support livelihood and tourism activities

2 species-specific survey protocols developed (Union Island Gecko, Pink Rhino Iguana)

1 Regenerative Tourism Plan developed

1 climate risk mapping exercise completed and published via storymap



Chatham Bay wildlife reserve designation approved



Purpose-built facility and sales office constructed



Forest cover maintained



Reduction in illegal extraction and dumping

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 collaborate with governments, communities, and development partners across the Caribbean region.

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