

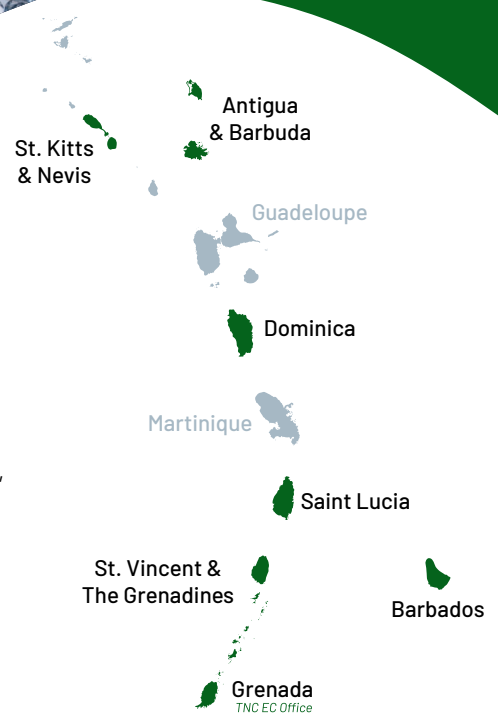
Seven Unique Countries, One Future



Above: A family looks out over the east coast of Barbados from the famous Cherry Tree Hill, St. Andrew, Barbados. © Shane Gross.


The Nature Conservancy Eastern Caribbean

The clear, turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea connect a chain of islands that boast vibrant coral reefs, stunning marine life and abundant white sand beaches. More than half of the region's people live within a mile of the sea—relying on its resources not just for food, but for their very livelihoods. Yet this paradise faces mounting threats. The Nature Conservancy works across seven Eastern Caribbean countries—Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines—to safeguard the delicate balance between people and nature. Through bold partnerships and innovative conservation strategies, the Conservancy is helping to strengthen a unified network across the islands, empowering communities to build resilience, protect marine ecosystems, and ensure that the Caribbean's natural wonders endure **for all generations**.




Our Caribbean Goals for 2030


262M

 acres of ocean with improved management regionally.

4.77M

 people supported through nature-based solutions.

294K

 acres of coral reefs, mangroves, and watersheds restored or protected.

Tackling Climate Change Together

TNC partners with governments, communities, and organizations across the Eastern Caribbean to protect nature and boost coastal resilience through science-based, nature-driven solutions that safeguard shorelines and the many people who live on them.

Coral reefs are essential to the region, supporting tourism and acting as natural barriers against wave energy, flooding, and erosion. We partner with local communities to design and pilot hybrid engineered reef systems and train fishers to grow key reef-building coral species that help restore and protect natural reef ecosystems. Mangroves provide similar protection by reducing flooding and erosion—supporting fisheries, and storing carbon. Over the past decade, we've worked with partners to train communities and government agencies to restore major mangrove forests across the Eastern Caribbean, supplementing these efforts in some areas with hybrid green-and-grey solutions to stabilize vulnerable coasts. Further inland, we support agricultural communities and farmers to implement climate adaptive measures including the use of dams and water retention ponds to secure reliable water supplies during droughts and reduce watershed flooding during the rainy season.

As climate impacts intensify, the Eastern Caribbean's efforts show how community-led action can effectively protect vulnerable areas and serve as a blueprint for scaling nature-based solutions across the region.

Protecting Our Shared Oceans

In the Eastern Caribbean, we are deploying cutting edge science to identify the most important places to protect, working with partners to identify the most effective conservation strategies and approaches, and mobilizing funding at the level needed to make lasting impacts.

We've supported the creation of Marine Managed Areas (MMAs) in Grenada and St. Kitts and Nevis, and helped six countries—Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Grenada—build a connected, effectively managed network of over 17 MMAs. Across the region, we provide funding, training, and tools that strengthen socio-economic, ecological, and marine management capacity. In Barbados, we're supporting the development of a marine spatial plan spanning the country's entire ocean territory—186,000 sq. km—more than 400 times its landmass. In St. Kitts and Nevis and Grenada, our scientists are working with local communities, partners and NGOs to improve effective waste water management, support sustainable livelihoods, and promote stewardship of marine and freshwater ecosystems.

By managing our ocean spaces responsibly, we're safeguarding vital habitats, reversing biodiversity loss, and supporting economies built on fishing and tourism.

New Paths to Sustainable Funding: When traditional sources of funding don't rise to the challenge, we generate new long-term financial pathways. Our work with local partners and governments helped to establish National Conservation Trust Funds in six of the seven Eastern Caribbean Countries, providing reliable funding to support conservation, effective marine resource management, and sustainable livelihoods. Our partnership with the government of Barbados and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) launched a groundbreaking 'Blue Bond', an innovative financial deal that unlocked up to \$50M for marine conservation and sustainable development for the people of Barbados.

Providing Food and Water

Our community-centered work with fishers and farmers is transforming how we approach environmentally responsible resource extraction, sustainable food production, and clean and healthy water resource management in the Eastern Caribbean. From building a climate-smart facility for fishers in Grenada, to supporting the development of a sustainable seamoss industry in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to improving fresh water quality in St. Kitts and Nevis, we have a rich history of reaching beyond boundaries and borders to light the way towards a future where people are secure and nature can thrive.

No matter the odds, together we find the paths to make change possible.



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