THE BLUE ECONOMY AND PARTNERSHIP BUILDING FOR MPA MANAGERS — REGIONAL PEER-TO-PEER WORKSHOP

The Enhanced Management of the Woburn Clarkes Court Bay Marine Protected Area (MPA)

Our Bay · Our Future



DATE

October 23rd, 2026

VENUE

Coyaba Beach Resort Conference Room

LOCATION

St. George's, Grenada

Grenada Sustainable Development Trust Fund

OUR MISSION

To provide sustainable funding for environmental conservation and management.

2016

Established

2018

Operational

HEADQUARTERS

Grenada Sustainable Development Trust Fund Inc (GSDTF)
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STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

- NGO : Board of Directors
- Technical Committees
- Core Staff (5 members)
- 1 Intern

FUNDING MECHANISM

- Endowment Fund
- Strategic Key Partnerships

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Partnerships · Agreements · Projects

ENDOWMENT PARTNER

Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF)

2018 – Present

PROJECTS

15	9	6
Total projects	In progress	Completed

OTHER AGREEMENTS / FUNDERS

- Global Affairs Canada
- Republic of France

In partnership with Canada

FONDS FRANÇAIS POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT MONDIAL

In partnership with RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE AFD AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM · COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

52

registered volunteers

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Cleanups**
- **Education & Awareness**

What We Do: Restore · Conserve · Protect

PILLAR 01

Habitat Restoration







PILLAR 02

Habitat Conservation







PILLAR 03

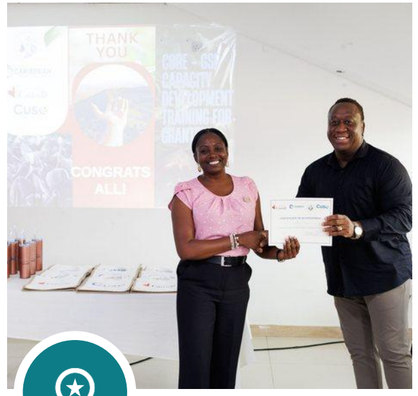
Protected Areas Management







What We Do: Building People & Livelihoods



PILLAR 01

Capacity Development

- Technical Skills Training
- Grantee Development
- Institutional Building



PILLAR 02

Livelihood Enhancement

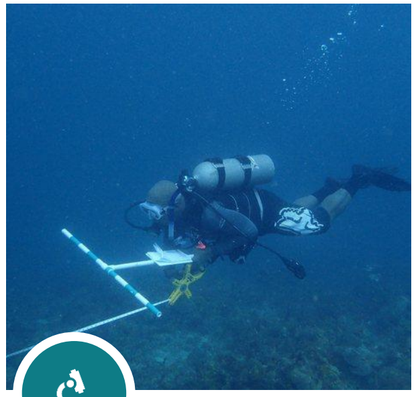
- Community Agriculture
- Sustainable Enterprise
- Economic Resilience



PILLAR 03

Ecotourism Development

- Heritage Site Signage
- Visitor Trail Systems
- Local Guiding Support



PILLAR 04

Research

- Marine Monitoring
- Biodiversity Assessments
- Ecosystem Data



PILLAR 05

Outreach

- Public Education
- Community Awareness
- Educational Resources

Facts about the WCCB MPA

GAZETTED

March 2001

The Woburn Clarkes Court Bay Marine Protected Area was gazetted under **“The Fisheries (Marine Protected Areas) Order”** (SRO #77 of 2001).



MANAGEMENT & MONITORING

Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Affairs — Fisheries Division

Coral Reefs · Mangroves · Beaches

Coral Reefs

First Line of Defense

Protects coastal areas against natural disasters and storm surges.

Fish Habitat

Provides essential living, breeding and feeding grounds for marine life.

Mangroves

9.2 ha

Extent of mangrove stands along the WCCBMPA coastline

Economic Value

Essential spawning and nursery habitat for commercially important species like snapper and lobster.

Storm Protection

Secure anchorage for local boaters and the yachting community during tropical cyclones.

Beaches

Recreational Areas

Vital community space for residents and visitors.

Species Biodiversity

Supports insects, crustaceans, polychaetes and molluscs.

Sea Turtle Nesting

Critical nesting sites for sea turtle species in Grenadian waters.

Key Challenges Facing the WCCB MPA

Boundaries & Zone Markers

No visible boundaries or zone markers make compliance difficult, risking unintentional violations.

Mooring & Anchoring

Indiscriminate mooring and anchoring of vessels has physically damaged natural habitats.

Pollution Sources

Point and nonpoint pollution from land and vessels: toxic chemicals, sewage and solid waste.

Low Fish Biomass

Herbivorous and commercially important reef fish biomass remain at “Critical” levels.

Overharvesting

Overharvesting of plants (e.g. mangroves) and animals (e.g. fish, lobsters).

Macroalgae Growth

Fleshy macroalgae at Coral Bank rose from 7.09% to 12.6%, signalling ecosystem imbalance.

Coastal Development

Unsustainable coastal development, including hotel and marina developments.

Data Continuity

Lack of long-term monitoring limits our ability to track trends and evaluate effectiveness.

Supporting evidence: 2025 Grenada Marine Protected Areas Biophysical and Governance Assessment Report — Consultancy: Grenada Coral Reef Foundation (GCRF) · **gsdtf.org/media**

Project Goal & Objectives

PRIMARY GOAL

To enhance the management of the WCCBMPA for improved ecological health and livelihoods.

DURATION

Nov ’25 – Sep ’27

Project lifecycle

FUNDING

USD 800,000

Approximate budget

Supporting evidence
2025 Grenada MPA Biophysical and Governance Assessment Report — Grenada Coral Reef Foundation (GCRF) · **gsdtf.org/media**

01

Enforcement

Provide an MPA Office and monitoring equipment to strengthen compliance and governance, and build community-based capacity to support monitoring.

02

Ecological

Improve reef and ocean health through restoration, zoning and scientific monitoring.

03

Livelihoods

Support sustainable livelihood opportunities for communities around the bay.

04

Awareness

Increase community awareness and stewardship through inclusive education and awareness.

Project Steering Committee Established

A Project Steering Committee, made up of key stakeholders, was established to provide recommendations that guide the project.

Made up of key stakeholders

Provides guidance and oversight



Project Launched at Woburn Jetty











The project was officially in November 2025, bringing partners and the community together around the bay.

November 2025

Woburn Jetty

Reef Monitors Trained in AGRRA Protocols

Trained Community-Based reef monitors in Basic Reef Check & AGRRA protocols, building community-based capacity to support Reef Monitoring and Biophysical Health Tracking.

AGRRA
Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment







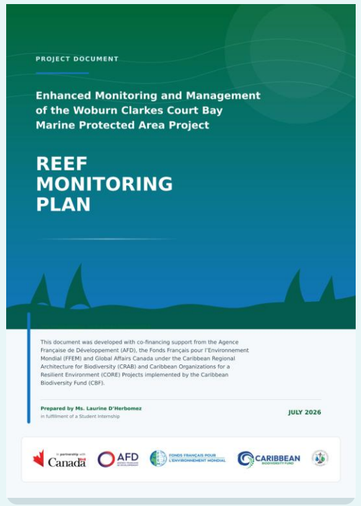






Process Standardization

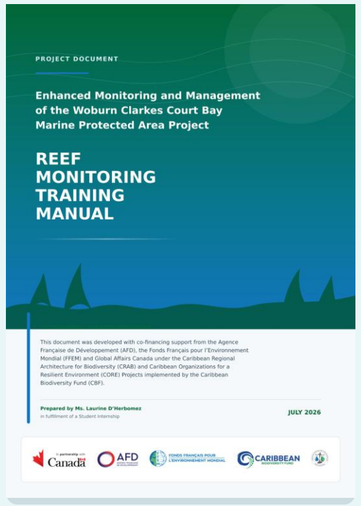
Standardized documentation developed to guide long-term reef monitoring, capacity building, and field research.



DOCUMENT 01

Reef Monitoring Plan

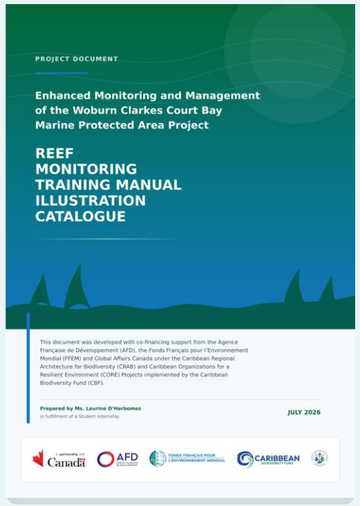
Establishes key protocols, biophysical tracking methods, and framework for long-term health evaluation.



DOCUMENT 02

Training Manual

Comprehensive curriculum for training community-based monitors in Reef Check and AGRRA protocols.



DOCUMENT 03

Illustration Catalogue

Visual reference field guide detailing key marine species, benthic indicators, and ecological markers.

Research & Data Collection

Comprehensive reef health monitoring factsheets and data analysis report.

PUBLICATIONS & FACTSHEETS

Reef Health & Fish Community Findings

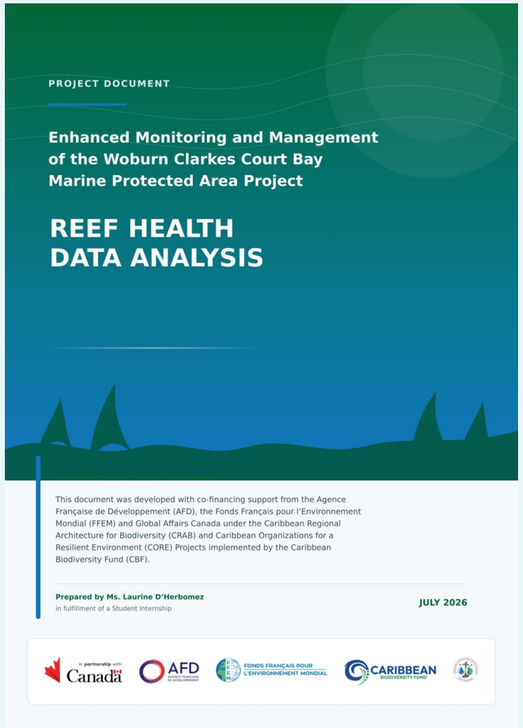




TECHNICAL REPORT

Data Analysis

In-depth ecological assessment and management recommendations.

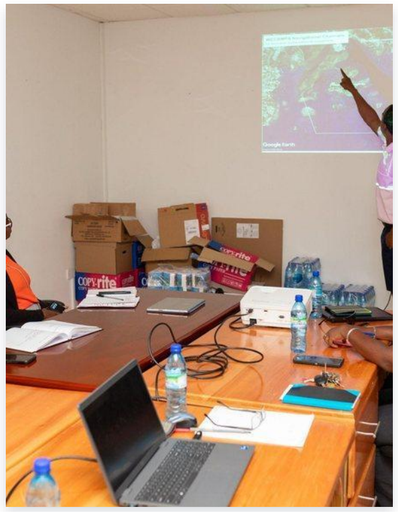


Zoning Consultations with Key Stakeholders





Stakeholders were consulted to inform the Revised Spatial Plan for the MPA.









Office Site Validation

The MPA office site was validated together with the **Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Affairs (MBEMA)** and the **Physical Planning Unit**.











Raising Awareness - Schools

- Schools in the community were made aware of the project, informed about the value of MPA/Resources.
- Educated about their role in protecting the bay.



Inspiring the next generation of ocean stewards





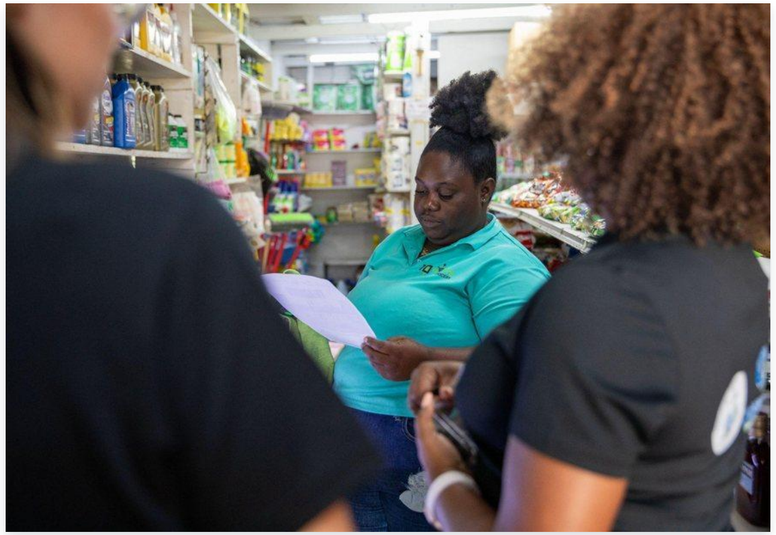


Raising Awareness - Community











Residents and local businesses across the community were made aware of the project and value of protecting the MPA.

Raising Awareness - Public

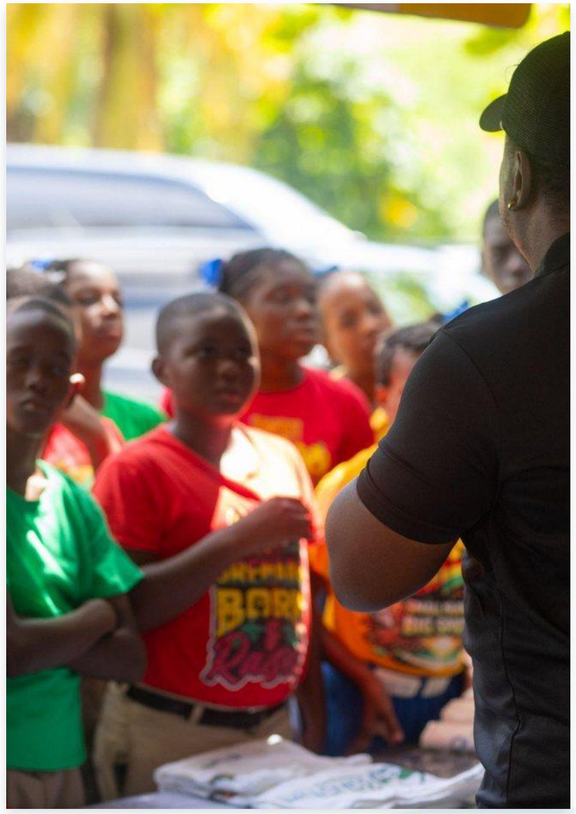
World Wetlands Day was used to sensitize the public on the value of the bay's wetlands and mangroves.

World Wetlands Day
2 February





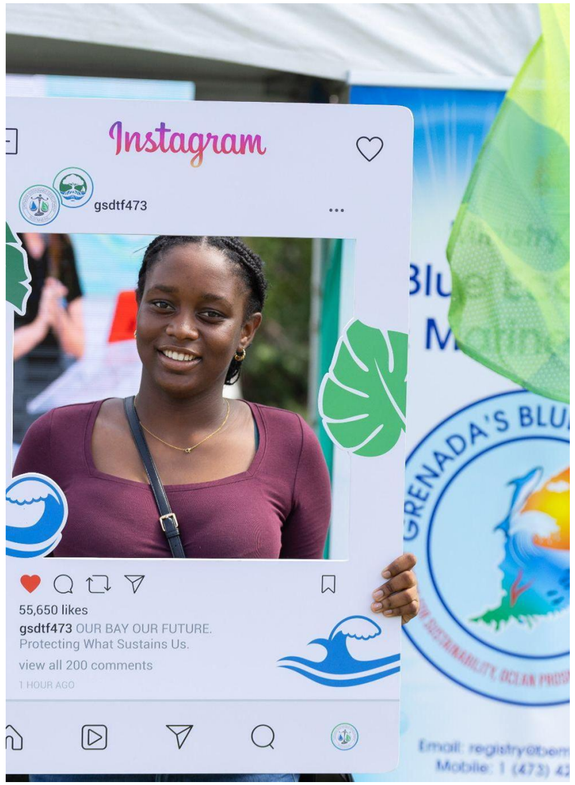




Raising Awareness - Public

The GSDTF through the project supported the Woburn and Woodlands Development Committee to host the inaugural Lambie and Seafood Explosion.

Seafood Festival
Community Outreach









Livelihood Support





Livelihood support and skills training for Woburn, Woodlands, Clarke's Court Bay and neighbouring communities.

- **Seed grants up to US$5,000 and two innovative grants valued at US$10,000**
- **Business registration support**
- **12-week skills training courses**
- **Marine safety gear up to US$2,000**

Women & youth encouraged to apply

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Program Context

Woburn-Clarke's Court Bay Marine Protected Area (WCCBMPA)

Empowering local coastal communities through targeted skills development and financial support.

Grant Funding Opportunities

Seed grants up to **US$5,000** and two innovative grants valued at **US$10,000**

Business Registration Support

Official support and guidance for registering and formalizing local community enterprises.

12-Week Skills Training Courses

Hands-on practical training courses including Outboard Marine Engine Repairs & Commercial Food Preparation.

Marine Safety Gear

Provision of essential marine safety equipment and gear valued up to **US$2,000**

Target Focus

Women & youth are strongly encouraged to apply

CLEAN CURRENTS

Sustainable waste solutions for a thriving marine ecosystem.

MAIN INITIATIVE

Sustainable Marine Vessel Blackwater & Solid Waste Collection

“Clean Currents”

“Sustainable waste solutions for a thriving marine ecosystem”

PROGRAM CONTEXT

A subset of “Our Bay, Our Future”

Infrastructure, partnerships and governance work as one system

01

build_circle

Retrofit

Equip a vessel with mobile pump-out and safe collection systems.

02

water_drop

Treat

Coordinate safe waste collection, treatment and disposal with GSWMA.

03

settings

Operate

Community cooperative manages daily service and enterprise operations.

04

gavel

Govern

Formal MOUs align accountability, policy and enforcement.

account_balance

SYSTEMIC POLICY FOUNDATION

Ministry of Blue Economy: policy alignment and enforcement

Upcoming Activities

What's next for Our Bay, Our Future

01

Livelihood support commencement

02

MPA office construction and operationalisation

03

Parliamentary approval of new boundaries

04

Deployment of demarcation and boundary markers

05

Training and equipment provided to MPA wardens

06

Establishment of MPA Management Plan and Committee

The Blue Economy and Partnership Building for MPA Managers

Regional Peer-to-Peer Workshop

THANK YOU!

