

Coastal Resilience in the Caribbean

Communities which are heavily dependent on coastal ecosystems will suffer catastrophic effects from climate change.

>50% population lives within 1.5 km of the coast

1m sea level rise

right now, 75% of all reefs are threatened

...to increase to 90% in 2030, and up to 100% by 2050.

20% of the coastline is protected by its ecosystems

COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

PROVIDE

US\$720 million annually in protection benefits

+US\$49 billion in tourism to GDP in 2014, and 11% of jobs

DECREASE



winds



waves



erosion



damage

The poorest and most vulnerable populations will be seriously affected by

CLIMATE CHANGE



sea level



storms

THREATENING



infrastructures



economies



ecosystems



Engineers, environmental scientist and economist are protecting coastlines by incorporating nature into design of innovative resilient structures yielding positive results.



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Coastal risk reduction always involves good ocean science (oceanographic surveys), combined with natural engineering (oyster and coral reef balls, mangrove restoration) and land-use planning including coastal setbacks and integrated coastal zone management.

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