

Snapshot of the

Protected Area of Managed Natural Resources of the Three Bays

“Aire Protégée de Ressources Naturelles Gérées des Trois Baies”

What is the AP3B?

The Three Bays Protected Area (AP3B) was declared in 2014 and constitutes the 2nd largest declared marine protected area in Haiti, covering over 75,000 ha. Located in north-eastern Haiti, the AP3B was designated to protect a complex system of valuable marine and coastal as well as terrestrial ecosystems. This interaction between humans and nature has been critically important and dynamic since the pre-colonial indigenous Taino occupation. The area is governed by the ANAP () which collaborates with local partners, including FoProBim, through a central coordinating body, the Park Management Authority (PMA), providing local governance and administrative structure.



How is FoProBiM engaged?

FoProBiM is the main active non-profit organization in the AP3B involved in the AP3B addressing key threats and local environmental issues with projects focused on (1) conservation / restoration, (2) environmental education, and (3) development of alternative livelihoods for the local coastal communities. They also undertake research, monitoring and advocacy programmes.

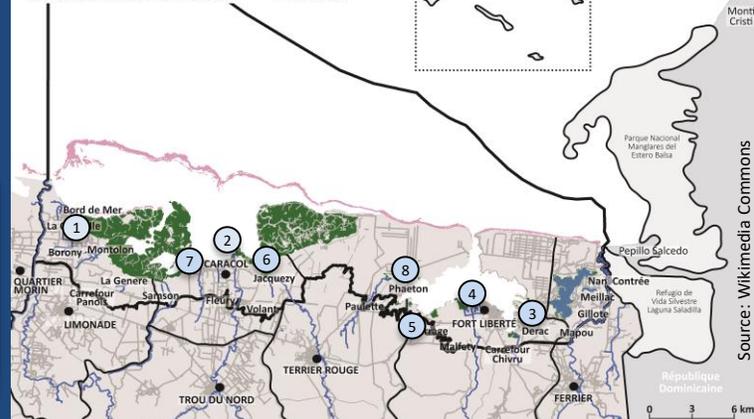
Do you know?

The AP3B area is recognized by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund as one of the most biologically diverse and productive marine and coastal ecosystems in Haiti (CEPF, 2010).

Three Bays Protected Area

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coral reef area
mangroves



#	Name of Community	Types of Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)
1	Bord de Mer Limonade	Artisanal fisheries, Apiculture, Charcoal production, Agriculture (bananas, rice)
2	Caracol	Artisanal fisheries, Sea salt production
3	Derac	Artisanal fisheries, Apiculture, Potential for ecotourism (but poor accessibility)
4	Fort Liberté	Artisanal fisheries, Apiculture, Ecotourism (early stages)
5	Garde-Saline	Apiculture, Sea salt production, Agriculture (bananas, rice)
6	Jacqueszyl	Artisanal fisheries, Timber and charcoal production, Sea salt production
7	Madras	Artisanal fisheries, Rearing livestock
8	Phaëton	Artisanal fisheries, Apiculture (early stages)

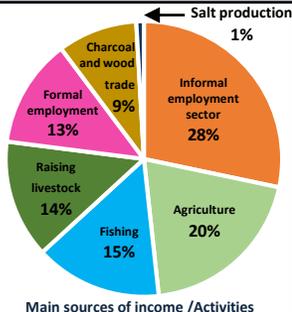
Socio-economic Snapshot of AP3B

Poverty and unemployment rates: estimated at more than 80%. **Education/ literacy levels:** remains very low

Vulnerable groups: Women, youth and disabled have few livelihood opportunities and are not widely engaged in decision-making

Gender equity: Women are involved in livelihood activities (e.g. preparation, cleaning, selling of fish, honey and charcoal) but largely have limited income generation opportunities

Tourist visitation: remains low but is expected to be grow with the designation of the MPA, and through FoProBiM projects including eco-tourism (kayaking tours) in Fort Liberté



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Ecosystems & Species of interest

Ecosystems

- Largest remaining Tropical Dry Forest Ecoregion in the Caribbean
- Important Bird Area: *Lagon aux Boeufs*
- Second largest mangrove forest and longest fringing coral reef in Haiti

Species of conservation concern

- Manatee and sea turtles (4 at risk)
- The endangered American eel and the endemic Few-rayed Limia
- The endangered Hollywood bush (used for charcoal)
- 95 bird species with at least 6 at risk
- 52 coral species with at least 9 at risk
- At least 7 marine fish species at risk including Mutton and Lane snapper

Key Threats

- Over-exploitation of resources (including overfishing)
- Mangrove deforestation: wood harvesting and charcoal production
- Solid waste management (including proposed dump site in Limonade)
- Land-based sources of pollution: sedimentation / erosion from watersheds
- High vulnerability to climate change, especially flooding and storm surges
- Unsustainable coastal development
- Agriculture (banana, rice, sugar, sisal)
- Invasive species