



Ecosystem restoration to build Caribbean resilience to climate change

Ecosystem restoration has been identified as a critical need in the Caribbean to secure valuable ecosystem goods and services and to address threats such as deforestation. The role of healthy ecosystems is also being increasingly recognised in combatting climate change and building both climate and disaster resilience.

From November 2021-May 2023, the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) will implement the **“Ecosystem restoration to build Caribbean resilience to climate change”** project, which seeks to build climate and disaster resilience of six high-risk communities in three Caribbean countries - Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada, through mangrove, upland forest, and post disaster landscape restoration. The project is supported by a US\$65,000 grant from the Natural Infrastructure for Caribbean Resilience (NICaR) program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific (OES) Affairs and implemented by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

The focus will be on scaling out ecosystem restoration activities started under the Inter-American Foundation-funded CSOs for Disaster Resilience (2019-2022) project – this precursor initiative built capacity in six lead civil society organisations (CSOs) in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada to plan for and deliver integrated community-based and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR/Eco-DRR) solutions, including through a sub-award program.

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Lead: Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)

Target countries and partners:

- Antigua and Barbuda - Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) and Barbuda Fisher’s Association (BFA)
- Dominica - WildDominique and the Anse Kouanari Tourism Association (AKTA)
- Grenada - Grenada Education and Development Programme (GRENED) and Leo Club of St. Andrew

Donor: U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific (OES) Affairs

Budget: US \$65,000

Duration: November 29, 2021 – May 30, 2023 (18 months)

Project webpage:

<https://canari.org/ecosystem-restoration-to-build-caribbean-resilience-to-climate-change/>

The NICar project will build on this, by providing additional technical support and funds (micro-grants) to participating CSOs to expand and enhance the success of restoration activities started in the six target communities, as well as produce knowledge products to aid future restoration work in the Caribbean. Overall, it will enhance the capacity of key Caribbean CSO partners to plan, implement, and monitor restoration initiatives for strengthened resilience to climate change.

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIVITIES

1

Technical assessment of restoration projects initiated under the CSOs for Disaster Resilience project: Technical assessment of project proposals from the CSOs for Disaster Resilience project will be conducted to identify follow on actions and help the target CSOs to enhance or strengthen ecosystem restoration activities.

2

Implementation of a micro-grant facility with sub-awards provided to CSOs to expand or enhance restoration work initiated under the CSOs for Disaster Resilience project.

3

Provision of technical support for CSOs with restoration activities: During implementation of their projects CSOs will receive technical advice and coaching on restoration and recommendations to address challenges.

4

Documentation and knowledge sharing on best practices/guidelines for restoration in the Caribbean. Knowledge product(s)/guidelines on restoration will be developed and disseminated.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Design of ecosystem restoration activities under the CSOs for Disaster Resilience project enhanced or strengthened.
- CSOs effectively implement ecosystem restoration activities; target sites show evidence of successful restoration
- Technical knowledge products generated to guide further restoration work in the Caribbean.

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