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# Valuing Nature and Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Blue and Green Pathways for the Tourism, Food and Urban Sectors in Saint Lucia

## ➤ PROJECT BACKGROUND

This is a child project of the Global Environment Facility's Blue-Green Islands Integrated Programme (BGI-IP). The BGI-IP seeks to facilitate nature-positive development and reduce ecosystem degradation in SIDS by valuing nature and applying nature-based solutions (NbS) across the tourism, urban and food sectors.

## ➤ PROJECT GOAL

To promote nature-positive development in Saint Lucia by removing technical, financial, and policy bottlenecks and embedding NbS into decision-making frameworks.

## ➤ PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To remove technical, financial, and policy barriers to nature-positive development in Saint Lucia's tourism, urban and agri-food sectors through the integration of ecosystem service valuation (ESV), natural capital accounting (NCA), and implementation of NbS.

- **Implementing Agency:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Blue-Green Islands Integrated Programme Lead Agency:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Executing Agency:** Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
- **Key Project Partners:**
  - Department of Sustainable Development
  - Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
  - Laborie Development Foundation
- **Donor:** Global Environment Facility

## ➤ PROJECT DURATION

May 2025 - March 2030

## ➤ PROJECT FUNDING

- **GEF Trust Fund Contribution:** US\$3,139,296
- **Co-financing** (in-kind and parallel): US\$5,690,074
- **Total Project Budget:** US\$8,829,370

# WHAT ARE NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS?

Nature-based solutions (NbS) are actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively; simultaneously benefitting people and nature – IUCN.

## PROJECT COMPONENTS



### Component 1:

Leveraging Natural Capital Accounting (NCA), Ecosystem Services Valuation (ESV), and scenario-modelling to enable Nature-positive development (NbS) in tourism, urban and agri-food sectors.



### Component 2:

National investment model for sustainable tourism development that leverages private sector investments and generates co-benefits for the agriculture and urban development sectors.



### Component 3:

Direct landscape- and seascape-level interventions and on-the-ground implementation of NbS.



### Component 4:

Knowledge management and communication.

## CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



Gender equality



Private sector engagement



Climate resilience



Policy coherence

## PROJECT AREA



The geographic focus is the southwestern corridor of Saint Lucia, particularly the Laborie to Choiseul region, selected for its potential in tourism and agricultural development and its vulnerability to environmental degradation.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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