

# What's Up in Caribbean Marine News!

# [What's Up in Caribbean Marine News](#)

[https://crfm.int/index.php?Itemid=179&highlight=WzlwMjZd&id=984%3Acanada-funded-star-fish-ramps-up-clean-energy-interventions-for-caribbean-fisheries&option=com\\_k2&view=item](https://crfm.int/index.php?Itemid=179&highlight=WzlwMjZd&id=984%3Acanada-funded-star-fish-ramps-up-clean-energy-interventions-for-caribbean-fisheries&option=com_k2&view=item)

[Jamaica signs onto Ocean Coordination Mechanism, strengthening Caribbean blue economy partnership - Dominica News Online](#)

[NOAA Coral Reef Watch Current Global Bleaching: Status Update & Data Submission](#)

[More Coral Reefs May Survive Climate Change Than Scientists Once Thought](#)

[World Oceans Day 2026 | The Caribbean Environment Programme \(CEP\)](#)

**Posted: 28th March, 2026**

[Largest 'marine bioinvasion' of sargassum ever recorded heading to Florida, Caribbean | WGPU News](#)

[Spectacular images reveal unique sea creatures and corals off Caribbean islands](#)

[DoE secures UK funding for new shark study](#)

[Jamaica prepares to ratify regional wildlife protection protocol within three months - Samuda](#)

[MSC Supporting Caribbean Reef Recover](#)

[US Lifts Ban on Fish and Fish Products From Grenada](#)

[Fully Immersed: Sandals Foundation and the UWI Discovery Bay Marine Lab Bring Jamaica's Marine Ecosystems to Life with 3D Experience](#)

[Caribbean islands seek \\$200 million for regional biodiversity push](#)

**Posted: 28th February, 2026**

[PM Holness says Caribbean region must prepare for climate shocks, calls for unity among member states](#)

[Coral bleaching: How warming seas are transforming the world's reefs](#)

[The worst coral bleaching event ever recorded damaged over 50% of reefs | ScienceDaily](#)

[Atlantic Council to host inaugural US–Caribbean Maritime and Ports Forum in Miami](#)

[TNC Caribbean Workshop Strengthens Scientific Capacity to Improve Hurricane Damage Assessment](#)

[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Receives Equipment for Sargassum Management through Japan-funded Project](#)

***Posted: 5th October, 2025***

[Saint Vincent and the Grenadines launches a pilot project on sargassum to turn a challenge into an opportunity](#)

[Jamaica Marks Maritime Awareness Week With Call to Protect Ocean](#)

[GGGI, CBF forge partnership to Advance Blue Economy across the Caribbean](#)

[Fisheries and Aquaculture take center stage at high-level and technical events during Caribbean Week of Agriculture](#)

[UBEC Hosts Business Development Services Information Sessions in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to Support Blue Economy MSMEs](#)

[Youth in Caribbean Aquaculture, Duke University, to host online 'meet & greet' session](#)

[Ocean Exchange Names Finalists for Three Non-Dilutive Awards](#)

[Government hands over 11 fishing vessels to fishers in Soufriere](#)

***Posted: 30th August, 2025***

[Harnessing sargassum for Caribbean development](#)

[CCCCC Supports Barbados' Water Security with Official Commissioning of 50,000-Imperial Gallon Tank at QEH](#)

[UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat to Host Major Intergovernmental Meetings on Marine Protection and Pollution](#)

[Young 'eco-warriors' challenged to design sustainable island](#)

[Oracabessa Marine Trust: Strengthening the Capacity of Jamaica's National Marine Protected Areas Network for Rapid Reef Assessments to Support Coral Reef Management](#)

[CoralCarib: Advancing Climate-Resilient Coral Restoration in the Dominican Republic](#)

[Anse Chastanet Saint Lucia Reef Restorations Updates](#)

[Momentum builds towards marine biodiversity treaty, as experts convene in New York](#)

[Media awards from outstanding environmental reporting presented by Nature Conservancy and Caribbean Broadcasting Union](#)

[Bajan innovator recognised on stage](#)

['I found a way to turn seaweed into fuel'](#)

***Posted: 2nd August, 2025***

[Jamaica Nearing Completion of Climate Adaptation Plan](#)

[Small island nations provide big environmental solutions but need finance partners](#)

[Antigua and Barbuda Joins the IOC as 152nd Member State](#)

[Prime Minister Holness Closes 49th CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting with Bold Commitments on Security, Trade, Governance, Movement, and Regional Unity](#)

[Nature sanctuary to launch environmental academy for youth](#)

[Da Silva: Sanctuary alone can't save fragile Graeme Hall ecosystem](#)

[Deployment of Underwater Glider RU29 in the Caribbean Sea for the 2025 Hurricane Season](#)

***Posted: 28th June, 2025***

[A Bill for an Act to establish a sperm whale reserve in Dominica goes to Parliament on Tuesday](#)

[The Bahamas Takes Bold Step To Protect Coral Reefs With New Gene Bank](#)

[Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire Produces Over 236,000 Coral Larvae in Major Breakthrough for Caribbean Reef Recovery](#)

[US-based foundation gives scholarships boost to maritime training in Jamaica, other Caribbean nations](#)

[Professor Dale Webber Advances Caribbean Ocean and Climate Agenda at International Conferences](#)

[Barbados to explore ocean thermal energy development with Global OTEC](#)

[Celebrating 20+ years of biodiversity protection through SPAW Protocol](#)

[CAF to invest USD 2.5 billion to boost the blue economy in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

**Posted: 31st May, 2025**

[Christopher Corbin | UNEP congratulates Jamaican government on environmental focus for Labour Day](#)

[Latin America and the Caribbean Moves Forward on a Shared Position For Inclusive Marine Economy](#)

[OECS Commission – Development Partners conclude events focused on strengthening investment facilitation for sustainable development](#)

[Grenada Hosts Historic First Meeting of Wider Caribbean Ocean Coordination Mechanism](#)

[UK and UNEP Join Forces with Jamaica to Tackle Marine Pollution Threatening Coastal Livelihoods and Food Security](#)

[How a toxic seaweed choking Caribbean beaches could become a valuable resource](#)

[Promoting Fisher-led Implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Saint Vincent and Grenadines](#)

[Trash Talk: CARICOM Declares War on Plastic Waste](#)

[UK, UNEP join forces with Jamaica to tackle marine pollution](#)

[Alfredo Giron | The business case for a sustainable blue economy](#)

[CARICOM launches environmental policy framework to tackle climate crisis](#)

**Posted: 3rd May, 2025**

[C'bean, Lat-Am cities partner to reduce plastic pollution](#)

[FAO supports producing the superfood that's helping to grow the Caribbean's Blue Economy](#)

[Belize Advocates for Caribbean Concerns at International Maritime Climate Meetings](#)

[Cities of Latin America and The Caribbean Join Forces For a Plastic Pollution-Free Environment Throughout a Circular Economy Approach](#)

[CARICOM coordination on ocean governance under BBNJ ramps up](#)

[CARICOM begins Regional Ocean Policy Consultations](#)

[A Connected Caribbean – Dolphins on the move in a sea under pressure](#)

[How the GEF is tackling plastic pollution](#)

[Marine Conservation Experts Discuss Sustainable Funding in Curaçao Workshop](#)

**Posted: 5th April, 2025**

[Researchers identify 'tipping point' that caused Sargassum inundations in the Caribbean](#)

[Caribbean reef sharks rebound in Belize with shark fishers' help](#)

[UK-backed blue carbon workshop boosts Caribbean access to marine climate finance](#)

[Discussions on Caribbean Blue Economy Advanced](#)

[How mariners can help slow the spread of coral disease](#)

[Barbados Advances Seafood Traceability & Sustainability with Smart Tech](#)

[Groundbreaking fisheries projects in Barbados](#)

**Posted: 1st March, 2025**

[Newly Identified IMMAs Spotlight Critical Whale and Marine Mammal Habitats in the Northwest Atlantic and Caribbean](#)

[Major but brief earthquake triggers tsunami warning](#)

[Montego Bay Waterfront Protection Project allocated \\$350M to complete](#)

[Caribbean Biodiversity Fund \(CBF\) was in Kingston, Jamaica, engaging with key partners—including Global Affairs Canada \(GAC\)—to discuss the progress of the Caribbean Organizations for a Resilient Environment \(CORE\) Project](#)

[The 2nd MSPforum for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

[IDB promises to continue being steadfast partner to the Caribbean](#)

[Inside the effort to save an iconic Caribbean coral reef](#)

[Caribbean Blue Economy Stakeholders to Convene in Jamaica for BE-CLME+ Fisheries Project Meetings](#)

**Posted: 1st February, 2025**

[Tackling SCTL D with IMA](#)

[Historic Step taken on Ocean Governance in the Wider Caribbean](#)

[Protecting the Greater Caribbean's beaches](#)

[Conservationists warn of draft bill's devastating impacts](#)

[Jamaica reports growth in Marine Fish Production](#)

[Listening to Ocean Giants: Advancing Whale Research in Antigua & Barbuda](#)

[St. Kitts-Nevis Ratifies Cartagena Convention Protocols](#)

***Posted: 6th January, 2025***

[Deeper Risks \(Part 2\): Small Nations Manipulated into Deep Sea Mining](#)

[DigiFish Project: Safety at Sea with Cutting-Edge Satellite Technology](#)

[Caribbean shorebird populations face critical decline](#)

[Dr Drew: Regional collaboration in the face of disaster is essential](#)

[The Bahamas will refinance part of its debt to protect its famous turquoise waters](#)

[Guardians of the Caribbean: EarthCheck joins USAID-funded PADF program to protect marine biodiversity in the Caribbean](#)

[Jamaica's IMO membership is critical for Caribbean States](#)

[UK government announces over J\\$27 million in funding to support Jamaica's marine conservation efforts](#)

***Posted: 30th November, 2024***

[Across Islands and Oceans: Bridging Ideas Between Caribbean and Pacific Fisheries](#)

[OECS Member states advancing 30×30 Vision for the Ocean at COP16](#)

[CAF will reach 35% green financing in 2024](#)

[Protecting reefs to protect sharks](#)

[Local groups drive creation of new Puerto Rico marine protected area](#)

[SVGEF empowers students in Sea Turtle conservation efforts](#)

[Bahamas to refinance debt for marine conservation & climate projects](#)

[44 per cent of coral species threatened with extinction – IUCN](#)

[“Diving” into Anguilla’s New Tourism Policy](#)

**Posted: 2nd November, 2024**

[USAID Launches Regional Program to Promote Marine Biodiversity in the Caribbean Region](#)

[Antigua and Barbuda set to prohibit sand exports](#)

[Antigua and Barbuda has agreed to ban the fishing of parrot fish](#)

[Commonwealth nations adopt pivotal ocean declaration in Samoa](#)

[Regeneration remedy - Corals show promise one year post extinction scare, but seabed looks like ‘a graveyard’](#)

[Caribbean leaders unite in Port-of-Spain to drive action for a zero waste future](#)

[COP 16 finalizes framework](#)

[A recent study explored the spread of a disease affecting sea fans in the Dutch Caribbean](#)

**Posted: 5th October, 2024**

[“Small islands are innovators for the ocean”](#)

[RedLAC Congress in Saint Lucia Set to Empower Regional Conservation Projects](#)

[What’s at stake for Latin America and the Caribbean at COP16 in Cali?](#)

[BIODIVERSITY / Restoring coral reefs: a priority for several Caribbean islands](#)

[Government committed to securing fisheries and related industries, says Defoe](#)

[Resilience-focused fisheries workshop conducted yesterday](#)

**Posted: 31st August, 2024**

[Belize – Where’s the Data?](#)

[Fishing industry struggles to recover from Beryl](#)

[FAO and Trinidad and Tobago strengthen collaboration ties with new Country Programming Framework for 2023-2026](#)

[Rainforest Caribbean, NCB, JSE partner on support for fisheries sector](#)

[The Valiant Effort to Restore the Caribbean’s Sea Urchins](#)

[T&T deep water bid round: A gateway to energy opportunities](#)

[\\$24 million allocated for regional sustainability project funding](#)

[The Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire's restoration efforts](#)

[2 Years of Action: Delivering on Belize's Commitment to Ocean Conservation](#)

[Innovative invertebrate research to save the reefs](#)

**Posted: 06th August, 2024**

[Advancing green shipping in the Caribbean](#)

[Hurricane Beryl: An opportunity for collaborative research](#)

[Regional Workshop on the IMO 2023 GHG Strategy to Reduce Shipping Emissions in the Caribbean](#)

[ISA Assembly convenes for 29th session](#)

[Unlocking Solutions: GC-MS Technology and Ecological Assessment in Response to Tobago's Oil Spill Crisis](#)

[Guyana to advocate recognition of climate change as threat to global peace and security at Summit of the Future negotiations](#)

[Strong Together: Weathering Hurricane Beryl on Union Island](#)

**Posted: 06th June, 2024**

[Govt will back \\$500m Rocky Point project, says PM](#)

[Turtle friendly lighting is a proven solution in sea turtle conservation](#)

[Island states win historic climate case in world oceans court](#)

[NOAA-OLE/GCFI Regional IUU Fishing Enforcement Workshop](#)

[In the Caribbean, Hammerhead Sharks Return to School](#)

[Stony coral tissue loss disease is shifting the ecological balance of Caribbean reefs](#)

[New initiative to strengthen sustainable blue economy in the Caribbean takes off](#)

**Posted: 04th May, 2024**

[NOAA confirms 4th global coral bleaching event](#)

[Sargassum Seaweed Growth In Caribbean Threatens Public Health And Economy](#)

[Kneyzus Energy, EMA, The Cropper Foundation and Sustainable Ocean Alliance Caribbean collaboratively hosted an Earth Day 2024 event](#)

[DoE Turtle team kicked off the 2024 nesting season](#)

[Department of Environment staff celebrated Earth Day with a morning snorkel with the turtles at Spotts Beach](#)

[Dominican Republic pledges to protect 30 per cent of its waters](#)

[The Bahamas commits to ocean conservation with signing of UN agreement](#)

***Posted: 06th April, 2024***

[Protecting Caribbean reefs from invasive coral Unomia stolonifera](#)

[Government vows to take fisheries sector to higher heights](#)

[Barbados Little Fish In Big Pond Say Sustainability Experts](#)

[Caribbean Fisheries Forum Concludes Deliberations On Fisheries And Aquaculture](#)

[Sea robot to explore Caribbean sea for climate research](#)

[The Blue Economy: An Ocean of Opportunity for Women](#)

[Six Months After the Heat Spiked, Caribbean Corals Are Still Reeling](#)

***Posted 2nd March, 2024***

[Tobago coasts in danger after sunken boat causes oil spill](#)

[Setbacks For Sustainability](#)

[Concern for the coral reefs in St. Vincent and the Grenadines](#)

[IMA Assesses Tobago's Spill-Affected Areas](#)

[Jamaica can double blue economy earnings — CaPRI](#)

[IFRC and Nature Conservancy equip Caribbean communities to combat climate crisis](#)

[The region's plastic challenge](#)

[USAID gives Caribbean marine life preservation US\\$5.8m boost](#)

[Tobago spill enters Grenada's marine space](#)

***Posted 3rd February, 2024***

[Planning Minister reappoints National Sea Turtle Task Force](#)

[Fish sanctuaries this year for St James and Hanover](#)

[Integrated Coastal Zone Management Committee appointed](#)

[Guadeloupe in murky waters: French islands hit by wastewater treatment scandal](#)

[Record sargassum seaweed bloom poses threat to Florida and Caribbean beaches](#)

[Dutch Caribbean islanders sue Netherlands over climate change](#)

[These Caribbean islands are building their first artificial reef against climate-fuelled hurricanes](#)

[CARICOM DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE UNITED STATES PARTNER TO LAUNCH US\\$100 MILLION FUND FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT](#)

***Posted 2nd December, 2023***

[History made at COP28 – Loss and Damage Fund adopted](#)

[BULLETIN: Suspected Harmful Algal Bloom around Tobago](#)

[Probe launched into mangrove destruction](#)

[Whales and dolphins in the Caribbean](#)

[Caribbean region to get only temporary reprieve from heat stress](#)

[Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance lays out priorities for COP28](#)

[Oceana welcomes legislation regarding petroleum operations in Belize](#)

[Dominica to create world's first sperm whale reserve](#)

[Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency - Cayman Islands](#)

***Posted: 28th October, 2023***

[Orcas spotted off Bayshore, Trinidad](#)

[Caribbean Airlines helps clean up regional coastlines](#)

[Women in Maritime Association Caribbean hailed as beacon for women and girls](#)

[IMA, and Cuban firm Inversiones GAMMA, sign MOU for Technical Corporation](#)

[Swim-through underwater sculptures in the Caribbean aim to draw attention to perilous state of the oceans](#)

[EIB launches technical assistance facility for Caribbean Sustainable Water Management and Clean Oceans programme](#)

[Coral Bleaching Alert for Tobago](#)

[College of Marine Science to lead \\$3.2-million grant to develop Sargassum forecasting system](#)

***Posted: 30th September, 2023***

[A 'coral catastrophe' discovered in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Parks](#)

[EMA's ICC 2023](#)

[Climate Analytics Caribbean launches loss and damage research project](#)

[International Workshop on Sustainable Blue Economies in Jamaica and the Caribbean](#)

[Cabinet approves deepwater awards to bpTT Shell](#)

[CAF, FAO, and CRFM partner on new project to strengthen Marine Biodiversity and Fisheries resilience in the Caribbean](#)

[Small Islands Take Ocean Protection Case to UN Court](#)

[Barbados hosts largest-ever meeting of FAO fishery body](#)

***Posted: 02nd September, 2023***

[Prickly babies: A Jamaican nursery aims to restore sea urchins felled by disease](#)

[4-Day Regional Scientific Conference of the CRFM opens](#)

[Barbados Dive Fest](#)

[Study Shows how to maximise mangroves](#)

[Bleaching alert for T&t's coral reefs](#)

[MPA Connect Network are together again](#)

**Posted: 05th August, 2023**

[Cayman Moves Towards Plastics Ban](#)

[Sargassum influx expected to be mild in Eastern Caribbean](#)

[St. Vincent Hosts 22nd Eastern Caribbean Ministerial Fisheries meeting](#)

[Caribbean's Marine Heat Wave Could Impact Economy—Report](#)

[Sahara's Dust Will Impact the Caribbean Marine Ecosystem](#)

[UK – Belize signs agreement on marine science expertise](#)

[Caribbean coral reefs at high risk in 2023](#)

[18 Fisheries professionals equipped with new skills through the CRFM & GRÓ-FTP Fisheries Assessment and Data Modelling course](#)

**Posted: 09th July, 2023**

[The Region's maritime pathway to Decarbonization](#)

[What's this creature in the British Virgin Islands?](#)

[A Portal to the IMA's Marine Data Hub \(MDH\) – Get excited about data sharing!](#)

[Improving climate resiliency in Trinidad and Tobago calls for strategic action](#)

[Using Emerging Technologies to #BeatPlasticPollution Campaign](#)

[International conference in Panama on Caribbean sandy beaches poses challenges for the region](#)

[Beat Plastic Pollution JA Launch | Youngsters get stake in reduction of plastics pollution](#)

[The Hidden Parasite Wreaking Havoc on Caribbean Sea Urchins](#)

**Posted: 03rd June, 2023**

[Climate Change Policy Public Consultation Begins](#)

[Rum & Sargassum Seizes San Diego Scale Up Opportunity](#)

[SVGCF GSDT Held a Coral Restoration Knowledge Exchange Initiative](#)

[Sustainable Sargassum Management in Anguilla, British Virgin Islands and Montserrat](#)

[Dive Conservation Festival: Grenada Edition Returns for its 2nd year in the spice isle of the](#)

## [Caribbean](#)

[Embarking on the Digital Frontier: Dominica's Workshop on Digital Transformation for Tourism, Fisheries and Agriculture](#)

[Natural national treasures off Tobago](#)

**Posted: 29th April, 2023**

[Environmental advocates want moratorium on deep sea mining](#)

[CBF Teams Visits Discovery Bay Marine Lab](#)

[Protecting valuable coastal ecosystems in the Caribbean](#)

[Youth call for climate action at the UN](#)

[Marine parks nominated for UNESCO list](#)

[Biodiversity Fund Signs Agreement for CAD \\$8 Million Contribution to Caribbean Organisations for a Resilient Environment](#)

[In Bahamas, conch fishing is Way of life. But for how long?](#)

[Belize launches Strategy for Reef Resilience](#)

[Small island states need \\$2 trillion yearly to address climate change](#)

**Posted: 1st April, 2023**

[Sub-regional Sargassum Outlook Bulletin](#)

[The impact of climate change on our health](#)

[Caribbean forests as educational spaces](#)

[CARICOM to participate in Blue Justice Conference in 2023](#)

[New deep-sea tubeworm named after UWI Scientist Professor Judith Gobin](#)

[Save the Swamp](#)

[New Fisheries Food Safety Hub launched by IICA and CRFM under EU-funded project](#)

[Assessments highlight opportunities for Caribbean blue economies](#)

**Posted: 28th January, 2023**

[Caribbean youth rally to defend the deep ocean](#)

[New Chief Fisheries Officer Outlines Plans For The Industry](#)

[IDB supports Barbados to advance its marine spatial planning process](#)

[How Belize's Bright Biodiversity Is Inextricably Linked To Blue Carbon](#)

[Guyana gets help from UK to develop its marine economy](#)

[Marine Disaster: Ships May Be Fueling a Coral-Killing Epidemic](#)

[Guyana's first line of coastal defence battles new issues](#)

[Caribbean Countries To Benefit From German-Funded TNC Project](#)

[How are Surinamese fisheries impacted by climate change?](#)

**Posted: 22nd October, 2022**

[International fury at nation's calls for talks on lifting decades-old whaling ban](#)

[Coral Reefs in the Caribbean continue to be under bleaching conditions](#)

[Agriculture Ministry hosts Sea Moss Fiesta in honour of World Food Day](#)

**Posted: 1st October, 2022**

[Barbados Commits to Ambitious Ocean Conservation](#)

[Ocean Challenge Closing Ceremony](#)

[Dead Fish everywhere say Portmore residents](#)

[Coral Bleaching Alert – Level 2](#)

[35 fishers graduate from safety-at-sea training programme](#)

[Building Residence Through Long Term policy outcomes and leadership](#)

[Dominica signs milestone agreement towards partnership with Caribbean Biodiversity Fund](#)

**Posted: 9th September, 2022**

[Tracking Tico: Manatee rescued after frantic search](#)

[Divers report 'shocking' absence of sea eggs along Barbados' coasts](#)

[New Research shows Alarming Decline in Parrotfish Densities Around new Providence and Rose Island](#)

[First Sargassum Steering Committee installed as members met Wednesday](#)

**Posted: 03rd September, 2022**

[Climate risk assessment of southern and western coastal urban corridor of Barbados finds significant ecological and financial risk](#)

[Vessel Monitoring System for Saint Lucia Fishers at Sea Amid Spike in Distress Calls](#)

[Department of Nature and Environment: Detecting Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease in Aruba](#)

[Getting youth involved in removing plastic litter from Caribbean beaches](#)

[Climate finance for SIDS is shockingly low: Why this needs to change](#)

[Strengthening National Oil Spill Contingency Plans in the Caribbean](#)

**Posted: 20th August, 2022**

[Caribbean Rising: Regional Heads of Government Meet in The Bahamas Aug 16-17 to discuss Caribbean position on Climate Change Mitigation](#)

[New U.N. High Seas Treaty Must Include Provisions to Help Caribbean Nations Participate—and Benefit](#)

[Caroni Swamp oil spill clean up continues](#)

[Caribbean people to make a call for urgent climate action](#)

[Sargassum, the brown tide that is invading the Caribbean](#)

**Posted: 13th August, 2022**

[Government to take action to protect Rio Cobre following chemical spill](#)

[Maritime Administration in the Caribbean takes centre-stage](#)

[Marine Environment Course Held for Students](#)

[Greenland shark spotted in the Caribbean](#)

[The Bahamas: Georgetown beach given 'all clear' after oil spill](#)