

# Nature-Based Solutions for adapting to climate change: practical actions of the Guadeloupe Port Authority

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**IUCN** **Nature-Based Solutions**

“ Actions aimed at **protecting**, sustainably **managing** and **restoring** natural or modified ecosystems to directly address **societal challenges** in an effective and adaptative manner, while ensuring **human well-being** and producing **benefits for biodiversity** ”

**LIFE Adapt'Island project** **2019-2024** **€ 4.7M€**

- **Nature-based** solutions
- **Ecosystem services** provided
- **Restoring connections** between coastal ecosystems
- **Replicating** innovative techniques in the Caribbean
- **Disseminate** good practices
- **Ecosystemic impacts** of the actions
- **Socio-economic benefits** for the archipelago
- **Raising public awareness** of environmental preservation

**The environmental policy of the Guadeloupe Port Authority**

- Active restoration of natural areas
- Valorization & **ecotourism**
- Public **awareness raising**
- Infrastructure **optimization**
- **Monitoring** natural areas

**Interconnected ecosystems**

Coastal forests, Seagrass beds, Coral reef

**Marine phanerogam seagrass beds**

**Targeted species:**  
*Thalassia testudinum*  
Turtlegrass

- **In vitro germination and growth experiments & transplantation into the natural environment**
  - 162 fruits collected on 2 sites - mid-July 2023
  - 236 seeds planted - mid-July 2023
  - 224 plants growing - end September 2023
  - Transplant scheduled for January 2024
- **Ecomoooring area: Reduce anthropogenic pressure on seagrass beds surrounding the Cochons Islet**
  - 6 ecomoorings (LIFE) + 57 standard moorings (GPMG) - Jan. 2023
  - 20 screw anchors (LIFE) scheduled by end of 2023
  - Biannual ecological monitoring of seagrass beds
- **Educational underwater trail: Raise awareness about marine life biodiversity with a focus on the seagrass meadows ecosystem**
  - 4 educational buoys + 2 land-based panels
  - Creation of underwater trail in January 2024
  - Hawksbill turtle nesting site
  - Biannual ecological monitoring of seagrass beds

**Coral reefs**

**Targeted species:**  
*Acropora cervicornis*  
Staghorn coral

*Acropora palmata*  
Elkhorn coral

- **Two coral nurseries: *A. cervicornis* & *A. palmata***
  - 21 trees, 7 domes, 8 tables: 2,600 cuttings
  - Growth monitoring protocol, genetic studies
  - Structures maintenance, diseases management
- **Annual coral transplantation**
  - 2021, 2022, 2023: 4 sites
    - 1,550 *A. cervicornis*: bunch of cuttings on coral reef & domes
    - 42 *A. palmata*: concrete cubes & domes
  - Biannual ecological & growth monitoring
- **Annual coral spawning operations**
  - *A. cervicornis* & *A. prolifera*: Observation of potential spawning
  - *A. cervicornis* in nurseries: Observation of gonad maturity
  - *A. palmata*: collection of gametes with monitoring of the early stages of cell and larval development (coral larvae pool)

**Terrestrial actions**

- Enabling the **development** of mangroves in an **urbanized area prone to flooding**
- **Disposal** and **treatment** of plant and inert waste
- **Diversify** mangrove species - Two mangrove nurseries

**Further informations**

**CariPorts** - An environmental label for Caribbean ports

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