

Climate Change Program

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CBF

Mission To ensure continuous funding for conservation and sustainable development in the Caribbean.

Vision: A Caribbean region where both its natural environment and people thrive.

CBF is a regional umbrella environmental fund that implements innovative solutions for resource mobilization in the Caribbean through a range of financial instruments.

Currently, the CBF manages more than 75 projects, 97M endowment fund and 52.8M sinking fund, nine donors.



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CBF Programs

1 Conservation Finance (2012).
ENDOWMENT FUND (EF) – FONDO
DE DOTACIÓN/PATRIMONIAL
plus projects

2 Climate Change (2016).
*Ecosystem-based Adaptation
(EbA)*
SINKING FUND – FONDO DE
AMORTIZACIÓN

3 Nature Based Economies
(2022). *Achieving Circular
Economy (ACE)*
SINKING FUND



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Climate Change Program Overview



Supported by:



Federal Ministry
for the Environment, Nature Conservation,
Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection



based on a decision of
the German Bundestag

Climate Adaptation in the Insular Caribbean

Goal:

Supporting effective climate change adaptation in marine and coastal zones.

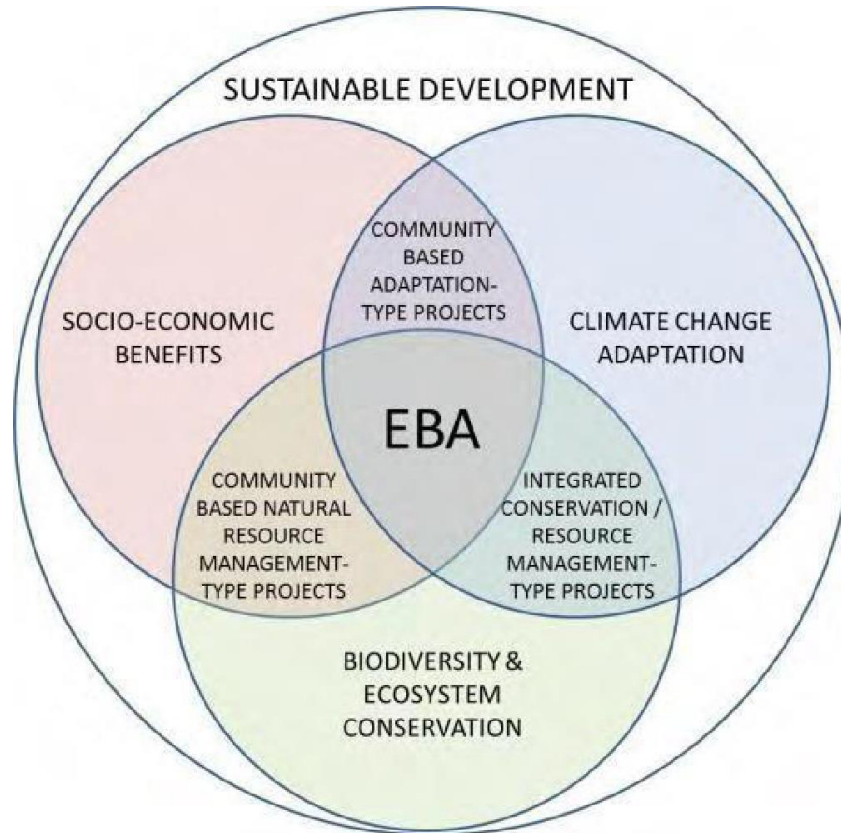
Growing Threats:

- Intensifying Storms
- Rising Sea Levels
- Ocean Acidification
- Pollution & Overfishing



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What is Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)?



Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)

is

*“the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services as part of an overall adaptation strategy to help people to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change”
(CBD 2009)*

Implementing Approach

Grant Distribution:

- Direct grants via competitive calls
- Local, national, and regional projects

EbA Facility Focus:

- Support for Climate Adaptation
- Marine & coastal zones
- Insular Caribbean countries

EbA Grants Support:

- Ecosystem restoration & rehabilitation
- Reducing land-based stressors
- Reducing ecosystem pressures
- Minimizing physical damage
- Hybrid (gray-green) infrastructure



Photo Yoel de la Paz López. Laguna de Maya Playa Coral, Cuba.



Photo Yoel de la Paz López. Ciénaga de Zapata, Cuba.



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EbA Key Achievements

- 55M Sinking fund
- 34 projects directly supported across the Caribbean – 4CfP
- US\$28M disbursed
- 5 CfP waiting FP submission (2 July 2025)
- 11 Beneficiary Countries



Cuba

Jamaica

Haiti

The Dominican Republic

Dominica

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Antigua and Barbuda

Saint Lucia

Barbados

Grenada

Trinidad & Tobago

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