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Local community involvement
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Equitable sharing of benefits

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Mangroves for the Future (MFF)



- Established in 2006, MFF works in **11 countries across South and South East Asia**.
- At the regional level MFF is governed by a Regional Steering Committee and has a National Coordinating Body in each member country. The governing bodies are the main platforms for implementation and policy influence and bring together more than **250 regional and national institutional partners** from government agencies, civil societies, and the private sector.
- MFF works to promote **transformative adaptation** and **build resilience** of ecosystem dependent coastal communities to tackle climate change impacts and natural disasters.
- MFF has implemented more than **350 projects** and interventions with focus on **knowledge, empowerment and governance** contributing to mangrove restoration and improved management of natural resources along more than **75,000 km² of coastline**.
- More than half of the projects supported by MFF respond specifically to women needs and interests.
- MFF interventions have enhanced livelihoods and **empowered more than 400,000 men and women** to participate in decision-making processes related to the management of the coastal ecosystems they depend on.

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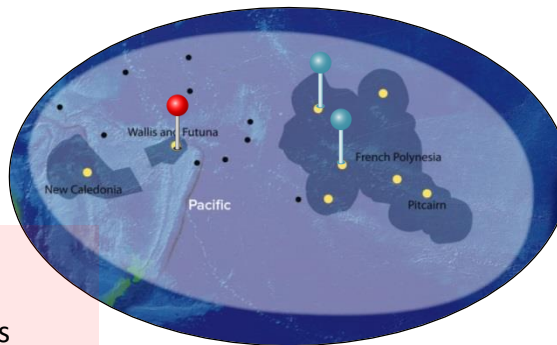
Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of the Marine and Coastal Environment and Related Resources in the Context of Climate Change

Implemented through a partnership between the Territorial Environment Department and the Federation of environmental protection associations

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- Involving local communities and schools in the restoration of mangroves
- Training of teachers



Hei Moana, the Ocean Sentinels

Empowering citizens to participate in the observation and collection of data and protection of the marine environment



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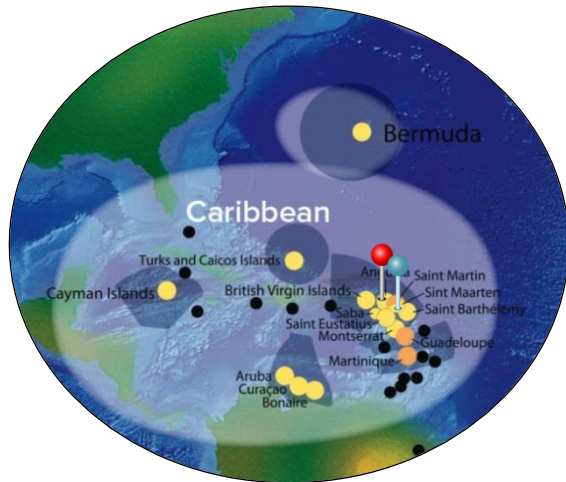


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Training on the identification of marine turtles and collection of information on nesting sites

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Anguilla



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Restoration of Key Biodiversity Areas of St. Maarten

Establishing a citizen-science initiative where citizens are involved in the restoration work of coastal mangrove.



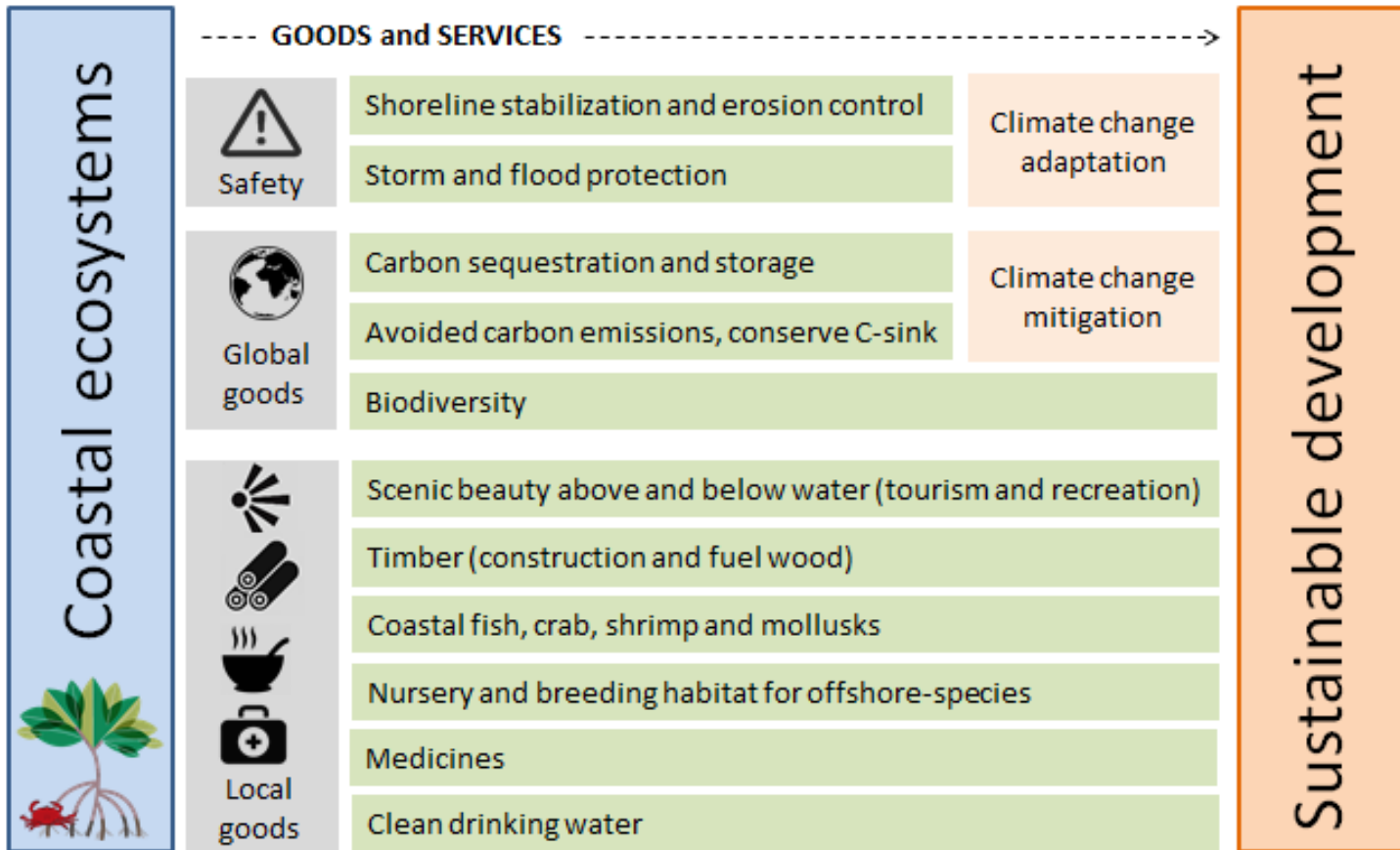
Moratorium on sea turtle harvesting is currently in place.

Project is currently developing and **piloting an ecotourism initiative.**

- **Local fishers will be trained and certified as eco-tour guides.**
- Not only focused on turtle spotting; guides will be trained to provide information on turtle biology, lifecycle and conservation.

Development of alternative livelihoods

Need new, more sustainable, long term project financing models creating new jobs



EXAMPLES OF MFF WORK AND POLICY

Promoting sustainable coastal tourism policy and practice

- Working with Pacific Asia Travel Association to promote sustainable tourism practices in MFF countries
- In Bangladesh: Contributing to the **development of a sustainable coastal tourism framework**
- In Vietnam: **Green Fins' Code of Conduct** has been **integrated into provincial policy** for dive tourism operations.



EXAMPLES OF MFF WORK AND POLICY



MFF facilitates intergovernmental dialogue among MFF member and non-member countries to foster cooperation on management of shared marine resources.

Specific examples include:

- Drawing on science-based management practices: **India and Sri Lanka** have collaborated on the management of the **Gulf of Mannar**
- Based on lessons learned from **Viet Nam**: **China** is replicating MFF's models to protect mangroves in **Guangxi province**
- **Pakistan and Iran** have joined forces to mobilize financial resources to develop a framework for the management of **Gwadar Bay** as a transboundary Ramsar site.
- **Thailand and Cambodia** are cooperating at the provincial level (Trat and Kho Kong) for dolphin conservation and eco-tourism development in the **Gulf of Thailand**.
- Collaboration between **Thailand and Myanmar** along the **Andaman coast** on coral reef and fisheries assessment.

Equitable sharing of benefits



Knowledge



Empowerment



Governance

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