

Bonaire National Marine Park: Diver-Fee Self-Financing for Reef Conservation

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Bonaire's 2,700ha marine park has run on diver-paid fees since 1992, after subsidies collapsed — one of the Caribbean's first self-financing MPAs, still funding 57+ coral and 350+ fish species three decades on.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[STINAPA Bonaire \(Stichting Nationale Parken Bonaire\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Marine Policy journal \(ScienceDirect\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

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