

Tobago Cays Marine Park — Self-Financed User-Fee Model for Marine Protection (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A 5.7 km² lagoon marine park in the Grenadines is self-financed through visitor and mooring fees since its 1997 statutory establishment, supporting a 13-person authority with no government subsidy, even as a 2007 survey found live coral cover down to 5–30% and reefs declining.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[Tobago Cays Marine Park Authority \(Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[Tobago Cays Marine Park — History](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

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