



NOAA in the Caribbean Annual Partners Meeting

Thursday May 30, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM AT/ET

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9:00-9:10 AM - Welcome remarks

- **Katharine Egan**, NOAA's Southeast and Caribbean Regional Coordinator; Interim Chair, NOAA in the Caribbean
- **D'amy Steward**, Knauss Fellow, NOAA's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs; Executive Secretariat, NOAA in the Caribbean

9:10-10:10 AM - Session 1: U.S. Virgin Islands Ecosystem Restoration

- Presentations (15 minutes each):
 - **Dinorah Chacin**, [NOAA Fisheries](#), *Coral restoration across the U. S. Virgin Islands*
 - **Jendahye Antoine**, [UVI Marine Advisory Service](#), *Mangrove Education in the US Virgin Islands: A Unique Perspective through the Youth Ocean Explorers Summer Program*
 - **Kristin Grimes**, [Center for Marine & Environmental Studies, University of the Virgin Islands](#), *GRROE USVI Mangroves: Growing Research, Restoration, Outreach and Education of USVI Mangroves*
 - **Nicole Angeli**, [USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife](#), *Wetlands and other protected areas management in the Virgin Islands*
- 15 minutes for questions

10:10-10:20 AM - Break

10:20-11:20 AM - Session 2: Puerto Rico Ecosystem Restoration

- Presentations (15 minutes each):

- **Nilda M. Jiménez Marrero**, [Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources](#), *Emergency Response Strategy to the invasive coral of the Xeniidæ family*
- **Nicole Pillot**, [BoriCorps](#), *Assessing Jobos Bay (Puerto Rico) mangrove wetlands extension, shoreline condition and rehabilitation/restoration feasibility after Hurricanes Maria and Irma impacts (2017)*
- **Robert J. Mayer**, [Universidad de Puerto Rico Aguadilla](#), *Using the Ecological Restoration of Dunes and Mangroves to Improve Coastal Community and Habitat Resilience in Loiza, Puerto Rico (Ecological Restoration of the Coast of Loiza)*
- 15 minutes for questions

11:20-11:30 AM - Break

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Session 3: Wider Caribbean Ecosystem Restoration

- Presentations (15 minutes each):
 - **Aric Bickell**, [SECORE](#), *Scaling coral restoration through capacity building in the Caribbean*
 - **Elizabeth Shaver**, [The Nature Conservancy](#), *Coral Reef Restoration through The Nature Conservancy in the Caribbean*
 - **Natalie Boodram**, [Caribbean Natural Resources Institute \(CANARI\)](#), *Participatory approaches to ecosystem restoration in the Caribbean*
- 15 minutes for questions

12:30-1:00 PM: NOAA in the Caribbean updates and concluding remarks

- **Katharine Egan**, NOAA's Southeast and Caribbean Regional Coordinator; Interim Chair, NOAA in the Caribbean
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