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**livelihood**  
**Equitable sharing of benefits**

# Local community involvement



# 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 km<sup>2</sup> 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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VOLUNTARY SCHEME FOR BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN TERRITORIES OF EUROPEAN OVERSEAS



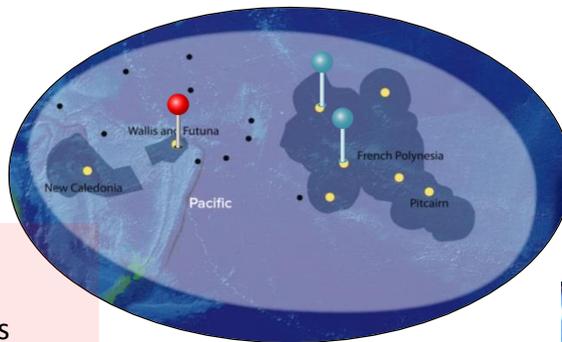
## Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of the Marine and Coastal Environment and Related Resources in the Context of Climate Change

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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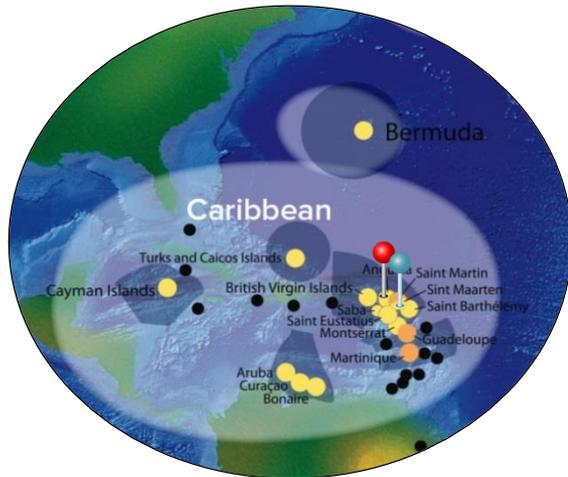


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Training on the identification of marine turtles and collection of information on nesting sites

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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.



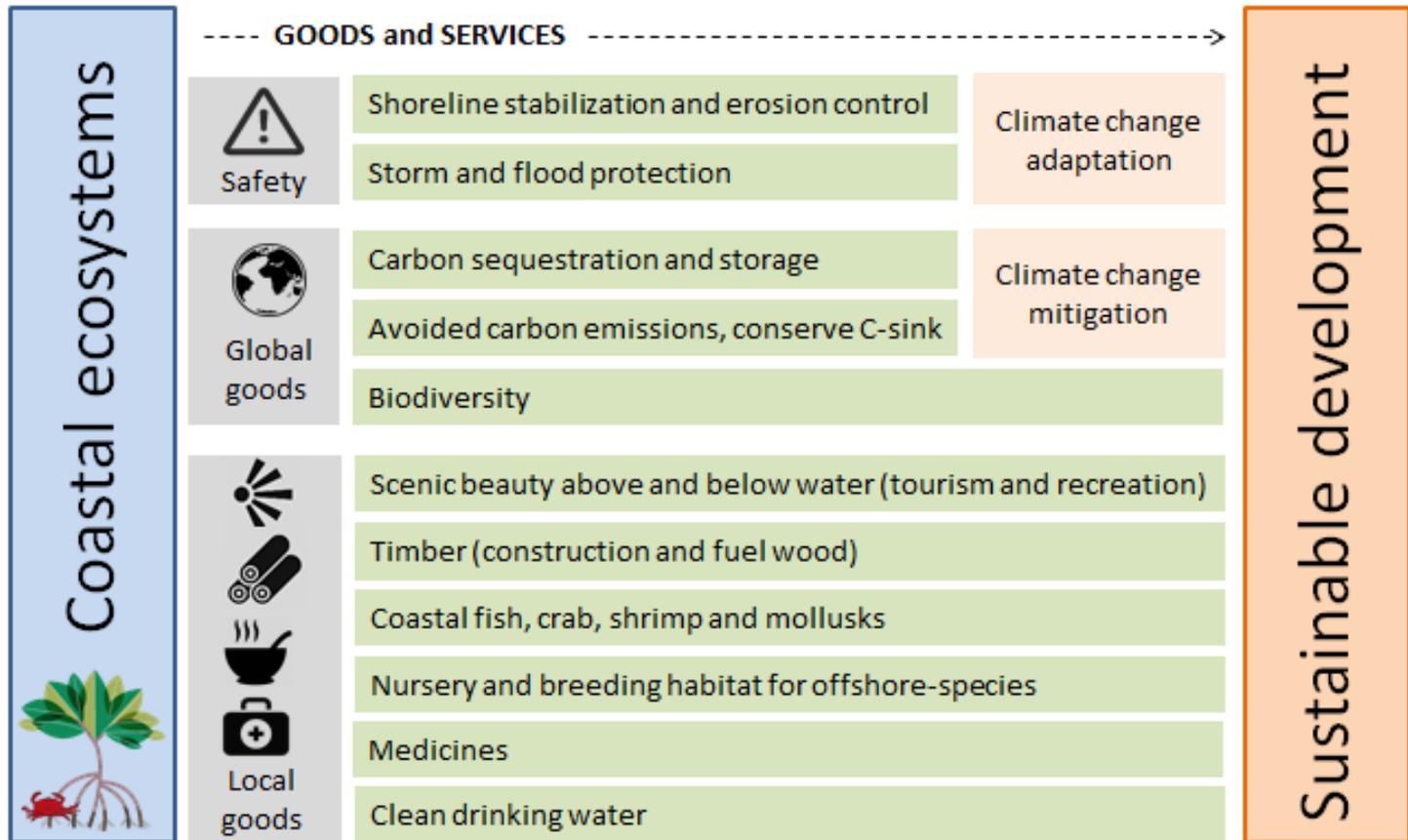
Moratorium on sea turtle harvesting is currently in place.

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.



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**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

**Climate Change Winner and Loser**



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