

Beaches are narrow strips of land that separate a body of water, such as the ocean, from inland areas.
Beach ecosystems are composed of sandy, rocky or pebbly shores that support a variety of plants and animals including shellfish, sea turtles and birds.

What are the benefits of beaches?





RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION



NESTING & FEEDING AREAS

Why are beach ecosystems at risk?

- Pollution from litter, waste, sewage and inland runoff
- Coastal infrastructure, development and sand mining
- Natural coastal erosion by wind and wave action
- Climate change and sea level rise

Protecting beaches and designating important beach ecosystems as beach preserves is a **nature-based** solution.

Being conscious of our actions by not littering when on or near a beach or by not driving on beaches can help to safeguard these important ecosystems.

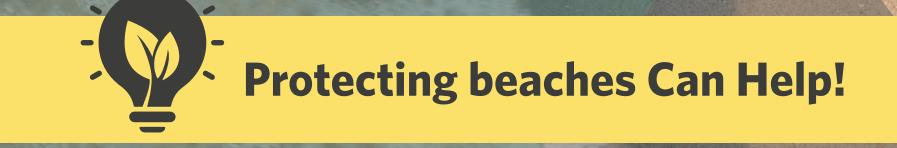


Photo © Carlton Ward Jr.



based on a decision of the German Bundestag

For more information **CONTACT US**:

Nealla R.S. Frederick The Nature Conservancy, Eastern Caribbean Program (473) 435-0231 nfrederick@tnc.org

Grenada Red Cross Society (473) 440-1829