

**Building environmental resilience and security in a changing climate through biodiversity conservation in the UK Overseas Territories**

**Project:** Climate change adaptation and hurricane disaster resilience in the Caribbean and Western Atlantic Overseas Territories

**Project timeline:** 2021 to 2023+

**Funders:** Conflict Stability and Security Fund (CSSF)

**Partners:** The governments of Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman, Islands, Montserrat, St Helena, Tristan da Cunha and Turks & Caicos Islands.

**Summary:** This project provides partners with the practical tools, knowledge, and skills needed to embed the value of the natural environment into policy. Participating OTs will have increased understanding of the escalating risks to human livelihoods posed by storm surges and inland flooding associated with climate change. The project will build on island stakeholder capacity to mitigate these risks through environmental management, supporting the conservation of key habitats to ensure their protective role is retained for adaptation to climate change.

**Key Objectives:**

- Identify communities at risk from flooding and key habitats that reduce risks and communicate the results to communities and government agencies.
- Demonstrate the economic value of the natural environment in mitigating flood risk.
- Train communities and national agencies in computer-based modelling to support disaster preparations to update risk assessments and economic valuations.

**History:** This project is a continuation of its initial 2021/22 phase and builds on the 'Natural Capital in the Caribbean and South Atlantic Overseas Territories: Valuation, Vulnerability and Monitoring Change' programme of work undertaken between 2016 and 2019.

