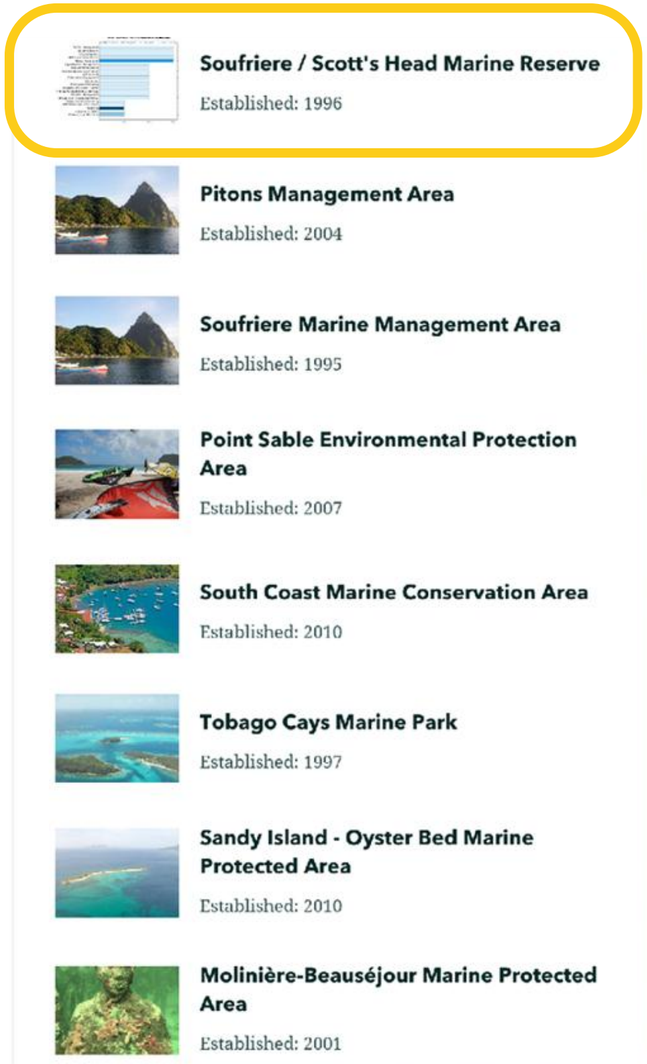
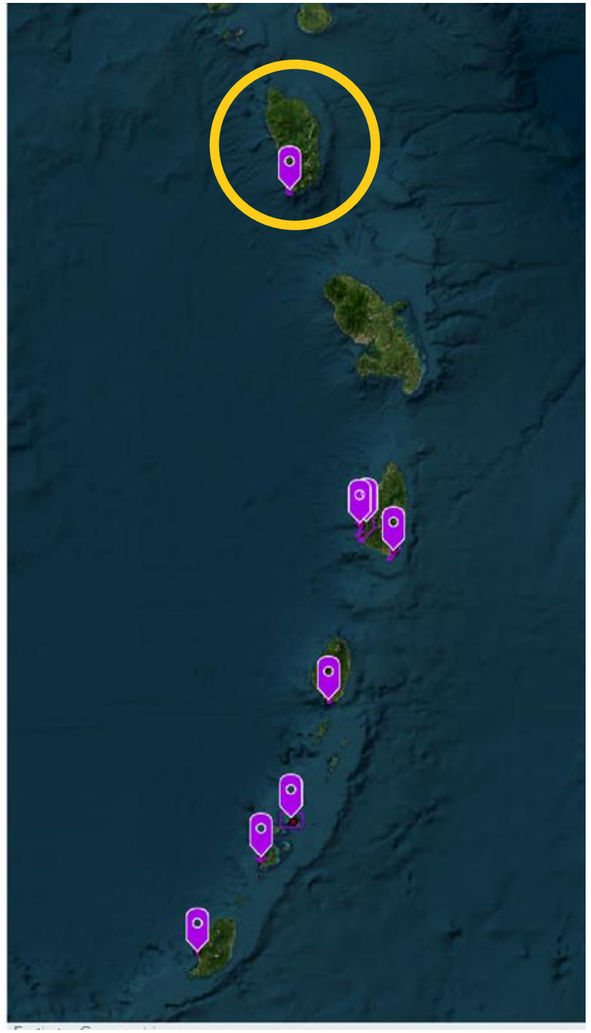
MPA Management Updates





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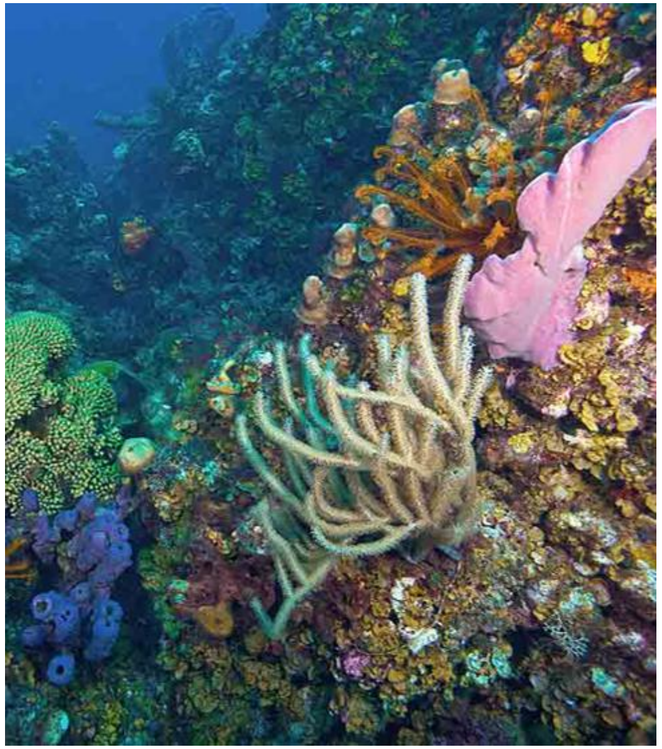
The first Marine Protected Area in the Nature Isle

"A Healthy Ecosystem, That Supports Our Needs"

- Established in 1998
- Governed by the Local Area Management Authority
- Multi-user area (4 zones)









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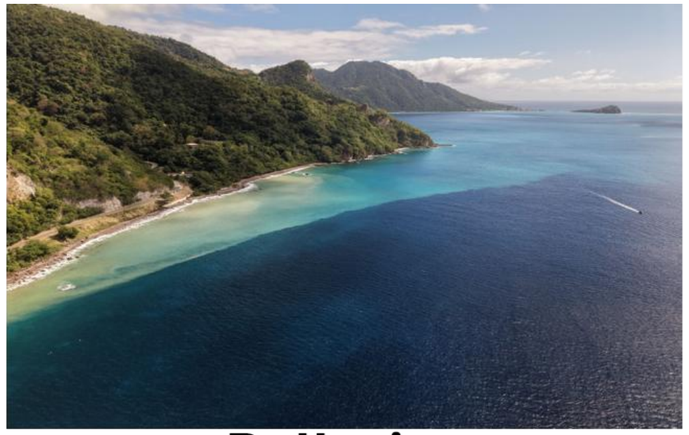
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Threats and Challenges

- SCTLD
- IAS
- Pollution (LBS)
- Natural Disasters
- Destructive and Illegal Fishing Practices
- Climate change
- Turtle poaching
- Sustainable financing



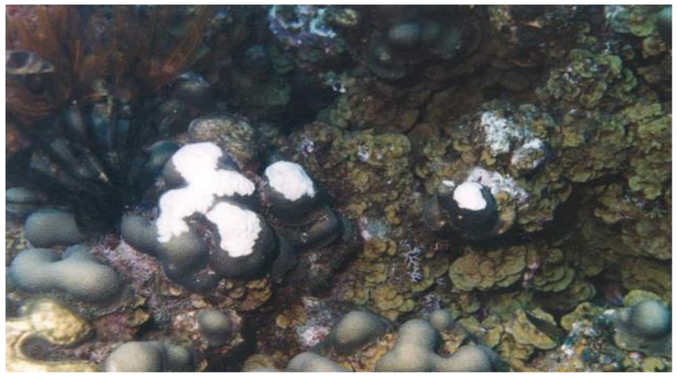
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Pollution



Illegal Fishing



Coral bleaching

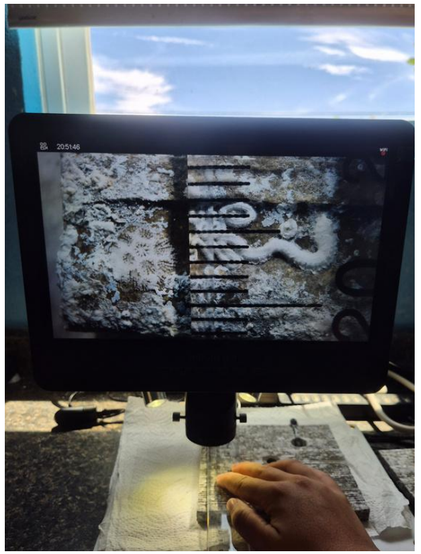
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COLLABORATION WITH SSMR

Working together to safeguard our MPA with data, policy and community engagement

Research Within the SSMR





- Trialling innovative coral restoration techniques (acoustic enrichment)
- Understanding movement ecology of invasive lionfish within the reserve
- Tracking movement of tagged animals passing from across the region

DNCTF, CORAL, MPAConnect





- Expanding ex-situ coral recovery efforts
- Strengthen SSMR Governance (by laws, management plan, financial management)
- Enhance community stewardship, visibility and inclusion

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EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

Sharing what it takes to try and restore our reefs in the SSMR

Dominica Coral Rescue Center





An ex-situ, public facility that allows Oceans Forward to protect at-risk coral, propagate colonies and build capacity for outplanting.

Upcoming - Marine Life Center





Creating a space that can educate both locals and tourists on what calls the SSMR home, whilst providing a permanent home for our coral biobanking and restoration activities

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SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION

An island-wide effort, empowering local communities to protect keystone species



Protecting nesting females in their most vulnerable moment

DOMINICA SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION

DomSeTCO



The SSMR hosts many of our resident and nesting sea turtles

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ROSALIE BAY DISTILLERY

Pour to Protect: the world's first conservation rum distillery





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