The Cayman Islands & Coastal Destination Management

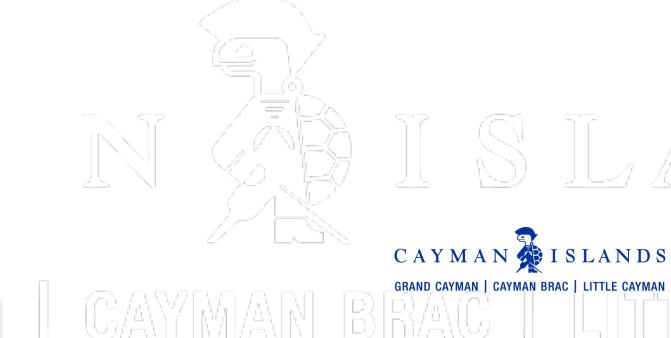
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## **DESTINATION OVERVIEW**

- Three islands: Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman
- Variety of habitats, including mangrove forests
- 365 dive sites
- Destination management measures



## THREATS TO OUR COASTAL AREAS



INCREASED TEMPERATURES
HURRICANE SEASON
SEA LEVEL RISING
SARGASSUM
BEACH EROSION





### FLATTENING SEASONALITY

#### • CONSERVATION EFFORTS





### CONSERVATION EFFORTS

- Marine Parks Conservation Regulations (2024) (lobster & conch seasons)
- National Conservation Law, 2013
- Climate Change Policy 2024-2050
- Cayman Turtle Centre
- Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI)
- Blue Iguana Conservation Programme





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Tourism awareness campaign
- Caribbean Tourism Month
- Dedicated website for updates
- Dedicated local tourism social media channels
- Weekly Tourism Tuesday Newsletter



# MITIGATION

- National Tourism Plan
- Flattening seasonality
- Management of high-density areas, i.e. Stingray City (Wildlife Interaction Zone) the #1 waterbased attraction in the Cayman Islands
- Visitor Experience Development Grant Programme
- New legislation and tourism levy for sustainable tourism action; for remediation and proactive mitigation.

