

Marine aggregation
Partnership in action: What are the Bright Spots?
Partnership Fact sheet

Name	Caribbean Challenge Initiative
When established	2008
Membership/ Governance/TNC role	10 governments (Bahamas, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Puerto Rico, British Virgin Islands). Other key members = Virgin Group, PEW Governance: BVI and Grenada governments serve as co-chairs of CCI TNC serving as interim secretariat for governments to support protected area/sustainable finance agenda; Virgin Group leading sustainable energy agenda; PEW leading shark conservation
Purpose	Catalyze governments in the Caribbean to expand marine protected areas to cover 20% of nearshore and coastal areas; Put in place a transformative sustainable finance architecture that will support effective management into perpetuity; Position the Caribbean as a green tourism economy with emphasis on alternative energy and protecting sharks and rays.
Bright spot: Key result/ achievement	Leaders declaration signed committing all participating countries and territories to achieving 20% by 2020. 56 new MPA's declared in the past 5 years moving region from 7% to 9% and plans in all the countries for new declarations within the next 12 months. Corporate Compaq signed by 20 companies to support the CCI Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) established and initially capitalized at \$42M with 8 National Conservation Trust Funds nearly established.
Success factors	Other challenges (e.g. Micronesia) and GLSPA provided model follow Financial incentives of CBF to participating governments Years of planning and development of National Systems Plans under the Convention of Biological Diversity provided roadmap for Protected Area expansion
Key learnings	Government ownership of CCI weak until leaders declaration signed in 2013. Lack of other BINGO's in the Caribbean supporting CBD created a very heavy lift for TNC initially. This changed once the CCI agenda was expanded to include energy and sharks. Big regional initiative require a lot of time and a long time horizon to be successful

