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## Tools supporting awareness raising and partnership building



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# Vulnerability and adaptation assessment



- A vulnerability and adaptation assessment would typically focus on 3 units of analysis:
  - Places: land, water, ecosystems, 'natural capital' and 'built infrastructure'
  - People: individuals, communities, 'human capital', livelihoods
  - Institutions: sectors, organisations, how they relate to each other, 'social capital'
- It should assess both <u>current & future vulnerability</u> to determine possible adaptation measures

### Steps in community vulnerability & adaptation assessment





### Caribbean region: Vulnerability & capacity assessments (1)



#### Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment Methodology



A guidance manual for the conduct and mainstreaming of climate change vulnerability and capacity assessments in the Caribbean

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Caribbean region: Vulnerability & capacity assessments (2)



- Implemented in most Caribbean countries (including some OCTs)
- Key features of methodology:
  - Define scope of VCA
  - Assess past, current and projected climate conditions
  - Assess socio-economic trends and conditioning factors
  - Assess social capitals and vulnerability
  - Develop integrated vulnerability indicators
  - Develop national and community-level risk profiles
  - Identify entry points for mainstreaming in decision making
  - Evaluate scenarios in the context of mainstreaming

# Cayman Islands: Vulnerability & capacity assessment – Tourism (1)

- Contents:
  - Country characteristics
  - National climate assessment
  - Tourism sector assessment
  - Present day vulnerability
  - Sea-level rise static maps
  - Gap analysis (aspects to address in future assessments)
  - Adaptation and mitigation options
  - Conclusions and recommendations

# Cayman Islands: Vulnerability & capacity assessment – Tourism (2)



- Key conclusions & recommendations:
  - Tourism sector very much exposed, in particular to coastal flooding and storm/hurricane damage
  - Insurance currently the main coping mechanism, but getting prohibitively expensive
  - Need to climate-proof existing infrastructure and improve the design and siting of new tourism facilities
  - Plan for a 1-metre sea level rise, develop hazard maps, identify risk-prone areas to inform new planning
  - Implement new design and construction regulations
  - Establish a Climate Change Trust Fund to finance adaptation and mitigation projects

### Mapping vulnerability



### Exhibit 3 – Highly granular geographic information has been used to segment assets according to their elevation above sea level



#### Approach

- Starting point was a digital map of Samoa with contour lines (2m lines in coastal areas)
- In a second step, a more granular segmentation of coastal areas was obtained by using state-of-the-art GIS software
- Finally, geocoordinates of buildings and roads, were used to determine the asset exposure to coastal flooding risk

SOURCE: Team analysis

Source: Economics of Climate Adaptation (2009) Test case on Samoa – Focus on risks caused by sea level rise, Fig. 03, p. 122

### Macro- and meso-economic analysis



- Economic analysis may be a powerful tool for motivating policy makers to take action
  - Macro level: analysis of the impact climate change may have on the national economy
  - Meso level: analysis at the level of key sectors or subsectors of the national economy
- The costs of inaction (climate-related losses) are compared with the net benefits of taking action (avoided losses minus costs)
- The analysis should also consider the distribution of losses and benefits (among social groups, regions...)

### Economic losses from extreme climate events (1)



- Cook Islands, 2000 Exceptional drought and high temperatures
  - Reduced oxygen level in lagoons
  - Massive mortality among pearl-producing oysters
  - Economic loss 22 million EUR
- Martinique & Guadeloupe, 2007 Hurricane Dean:
  - Complete destruction of banana plantations
  - Economic loss 115 million EUR

### Economic losses from extreme climate events (2)



- Cayman Islands, 2004 Hurricane Ivan:
  - Economic losses 2,800 million KYD (approx. 3,300 million USD)
  - Equivalent to 183% of the 2003 GDP
- Jamaica, 2004 Hurricane Ivan:
  - Economic losses 500 million USD, primarily in the agriculture and tourism industries

# British Virgin Islands – Economic value of mangroves



- Mangroves under threat from tourism and infrastructure development – and also from rising sea level and increased frequency of tropical storms
- Protecting and restoring mangroves supports important ecosystems and coastal protection
- Total economic value calculation shows annual economic benefits of US\$ 200,000–900,000/ha
- Costs of restoring mangroves range from US\$ 225/ha to US\$ 216,000/ha

### Belize – Expected CC impact on some crops



Incl. analysis of climate zone Belize Jamaica 75 0 + +10% 69 7 Banana 968 -45% 537 427 Sugar cane 4 24 23 -4% Orange 32 32 x (0%) 0 0 Papaya Net value Yield Increase in Net product-2030 change due hurricane ion 2030 today's to climate damage climate zone shift

Production in thousand tons

Source: CCRIF (2010) Figure 10, p. 22 C

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# Raising awareness and building partnerships (1)



- Assessing available evidence:
  - using the findings of relevant studies and demonstration/pilot projects
- Engaging key actors:
  - identifying and mobilising key organisations involved in development at the national and sector levels
  - identifying and mobilising 'champions'

Who might be good champions? Are there already champions?

# Raising awareness and building partnerships (2)



- Developing and implementing a communication and advocacy strategy in support of mainstreaming:
  - Define the target audience to be informed or influenced
  - Develop policy-relevant messages and materials based on evidence collected (e.g. policy briefs, radio programmes)
  - Select and use appropriate communication channels for the various target groups (e.g. media, sector working groups)

### British Virgin Islands: the Climate Change Green Paper



- Objectives in producing the Green Paper:
  - Help the general public and policy makers learn more about the emerging issue of CC and its projected impacts
  - Prepare the ground for a climate change adaptation policy and strategy
- Contents:
  - Virgin Islands context
  - Projected and existing changes in climate
  - Potential and existing CC impacts (+ prioritisation)
  - Institutional, legal and management arrangements
  - Towards an adaptation strategy: options, funding

### Caribbean (regional): CC Handbook for Caribbean Journalists



#### Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change (MACC) Project



**Climate Change Handbook for Caribbean Journalists** 

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