The STXEEMP at Present

Building a Legacy

The First Component of the USVI’s Territorial Marine Park System

The STXEEMP Mission

Protect territorially significant marine resources

Promote sustainability of marine ecosystems

Conserve and preserve significant natural areas for future generations

Recent Milestones in the Ongoing Development of the STXEEMP

• Management Plan
  • Approved by CZM Commission on July 19, 2002
  • Legislation (Act #6572)
  • Approved by Legislature on December 23, 2002
  • Marine Park Office created within CZM-March 2004
  • Website unveiled January 2006
  • Rules and Regulations
  • Approved by CZM Commission April 2006

• Park Office at Plot #5, Camp Arawak, Estate Great Pond
• Renovation underway

Projects

Operational Infrastructure

• Rules and Regulations
• Economic Evaluation
• Resource User Survey
• Comprehensive Watershed and Coastal Wetlands Protection Plan
• Vessel Use Assessment
• Standard Operating Procedures

Physical Infrastructure

• Navigational Aides and Boundary Markers
• Signage
• Camp Arawak-new marine park office
• Renovation of Club Comanche Sugar Mill as new interpretive center

Projects

Education and Outreach

• Outreach Van (mobile outreach and education program)
• Snorkel Clinics
• Classroom Presentations
• Summer Camp
• Participate in VI Network of Environmental Educators (VINE)

Projects

Research

• Coral Reef Monitoring Programs (Territorial and NOAA protocols)
• Spiny Lobster monitoring
• Elkhorn and Staghorn coral (Acropora) mapping

Questions?

For More Information Please Visit Our Website at: www.stxeastendmarinepark.org
The Vision for the Future
Leaving a Legacy for the USVI

The potential benefits of a Marine Protected Area System

• Enhancement of the local economy
• Protection of cultural heritage and social traditions
• Improved fisheries
• Enhanced recreational value
• Improved quality of life for all

The opportunity exists to create a functional and integrated protected area system in the Virgin Islands by combining territorial and federal efforts. Through cohesive and effective partnerships we can strive to work towards a common goal: the sustainability of social, economic, cultural and ecological benefits for generations to come. Policy makers, managers, scientists and community members all have a vital role to play in defining land and water use in the US Virgin Islands.

Are you ready to play your part?