St. Croix's best-kept secret is the U.S. Virgin Island's first territorial marine park. Established in 2003, the St. Croix East End Marine Park (STXEEMP) includes almost 17 miles of shoreline and hosts a diverse variety of unique marine habitats and marine organisms. The STXEEMP’s coral reefs, mangroves, sea grass beds, salt ponds, and beaches are home to many rare and endangered land and sea animals. The wealth of the natural resources found within the marine park contributes to the richness of our island’s culture, heritage, and recreation.

The St. Croix East End Marine Park was established for the purpose of managing the resources within the boundaries of the park. These natural and cultural resources provide environmental, economic and social benefits to residents and visitors. Increased demand for recreational, educational and commercial uses require the resources be managed in a manner that guarantees the benefits are available for present and future generations.

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Recreation & Culture

- Wildlife viewing
- Hiking & exploring
- Snorkeling & diving
- Recreational & traditional fishing
- Pre-Columbian archeological sites

Resource Monitoring

- Threatened elkhorn & staghorn corals (Acropora spp.)
- Spiny lobster (Panulirus argus)
- Benthic habitats

Resource Protection

- Coral reef & related ecosystems
- Sea turtle foraging & nesting habitat
- Fisheries nursery habitat

Educational Programs

- Interpretive bayside tours
- Interactive classroom presentations
- Community public outreach events
- Mobile learning EcoVan
- Snorkel excursions & summer camp programs