

SUSTAINABLE CAYMAN



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PROGRESS REPORT

2025 Highlights

Roots of Resilience: A groundbreaking Caymanian-led VR experience that brings mangrove forests to life through immersive storytelling. Led by youth ambassadors, this pilot aims to inspire eco-education and community engagement, showcased at the Cannes Film Market, Prague ART*VR Festival, and Geneva International Film Festival XR Market. Proceeds will support the National Trust's Land Reserve Fund.

Pirate Cove Nature Park: Funded by a Darwin Plus grant, we transformed part of a parking area into a shoreline pocket park in South Sound—designed to help our community build climate resilience while enjoying nature.

National Conservation Act Action: Led by our youth Sustainability Ambassadors, we mobilized over 500 letters to Members of Parliament, successfully saving our National Conservation Act (NCA) from unwarranted amendments!

Global Exposure for Youth Sustainability Ambassadors: In 2025, we supported four youth ambassadors to attend the UN Ocean Conference in Nice and the Island Innovation conference in St Kitts, empowering them as future environmental leaders.

Island Innovation: Sponsored by the Ministry of Sustainability seven Caymanians have joined the first Masterclass Series: Strategies, Finance & Leadership for Innovation - an 8-week online program designed for emerging island leaders.



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Election & Referendum Engagement: Our [Blueprint for a Resilient and Thriving Future](#) was issued to encourage political leaders to commit to sustainable development goals. Our ambassadors also launched a public education series on the 2025 referendum, Beyond the Port.

Role appointments:

- Ambassador Danielle “Dani” Seales was appointed a CARICOM Youth Ambassador for 2025–2027 by the Cayman Islands Ministry of Youth.
- Ambassador Connor Childs was appointed a Blue Planet Global Ambassador with Blue Planet Alliance, representing the Cayman Islands.
- **Global coalitions:** Sustainable Cayman became an official member of the High Seas Alliance, strengthening our advocacy for high-seas protection and BBNJ Treaty implementation.
- **Awards and recognition:** Two team members were honoured at the 2025 Making Waves Awards by Cayman Connection. Dr. Katrina Jurn received the Environment and Sustainability Award, and Rita Estevanovich received the Arts, Culture & Heritage Award.

Ambassadors (past and present):

Connor Childs, Em DeCou, Al Ebanks, Matt Elphinstone, Aleigha General, Rickeem Lashley, Dejea Lyons, Soleil Parkinson, Isabella Rooney, Danielle Seales, Hayley Roulstone, Chiara Subiotto, Leanni Tibbetts, Isabela Watler, Charlotte Webster,

Executive Committee:

Melanie Carmichael, Rita Estevanovich, Dr. Katrina Jurn, Roshini Seeram

Consultants:

Dr. Genève Phillip-Durham, Matthew Feitelberg

Upcoming Projects 2026

Coral Reef Resilience - Bioreef Trial at Eden Rock: We are partnering with Dr. Tom Goreau to trial the pioneering ‘Biorock’ coral restoration method, which has successfully revitalized reefs in the Caribbean, Maldives, and Indonesia. With Cayman’s coral cover at just 6%, this urgent project is critical for reef survival, and may also hold solutions for 7 Mile Beach erosion through sustainable sand regeneration.

Coastal Mangrove Restoration: In South Sound, we are trialing a small-scale mangrove restoration to stabilize shorelines and support biodiversity. In 2026 we intend to expand these efforts around Grand Cayman’s coastline and establish a second resilient pocket park.

Roots of Resilience Mangrove VR 2.0: We will evolve the VR trial into a sustainable tourism model, supporting our “Wetlands Thrive, Life Survives” campaign to protect the Central Mangrove Wetlands.

Sustainable Finance Framework: We are collaborating with the Ministries of Financial Services & Environment & Sustainability to explore a tailored sustainable finance strategy for our islands.



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At Sustainable Cayman, no contribution is too small!

Our donation levels include (USD):

- \$1,500**
Field Supporter to sponsor sundries and merchandise
- \$5,000**
Outreach Supporter to sponsor activities and events
- \$10,000**
Resilience Partner for Sustainability Ambassador Placements
- \$25,000**
Community Investor for 'Roots of Resilience' Projects
- \$40,000**
Title Sponsor for the Biorock Coral Restoration Trial

Benefits of becoming a sponsor include:

- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** We will coordinate volunteer events for employees! Activities like mangrove planting can be a fun way to improve company morale whilst contributing back to the community!
- **MARKETING:** Your LOGO will be included in our outreach platforms, as well as be included on reusable merchandise to show your collaboration with Sustainable Cayman!
- **BRAND AWARENESS:** Potential for your LOGO to be featured at international events like COP30.



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LET'S CONNECT!

Your support empowers action—from classrooms to coastlines.

We invite you to join us in making a lasting impact on our environment and communities. Your sponsorship will empower us to continue driving positive change, protecting vital ecosystems, and advocating for sustainable development.

Together, we can create a future where nature and humanity thrive in harmony. Thank you for considering partnering with us—your support can help shape a more sustainable world.

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