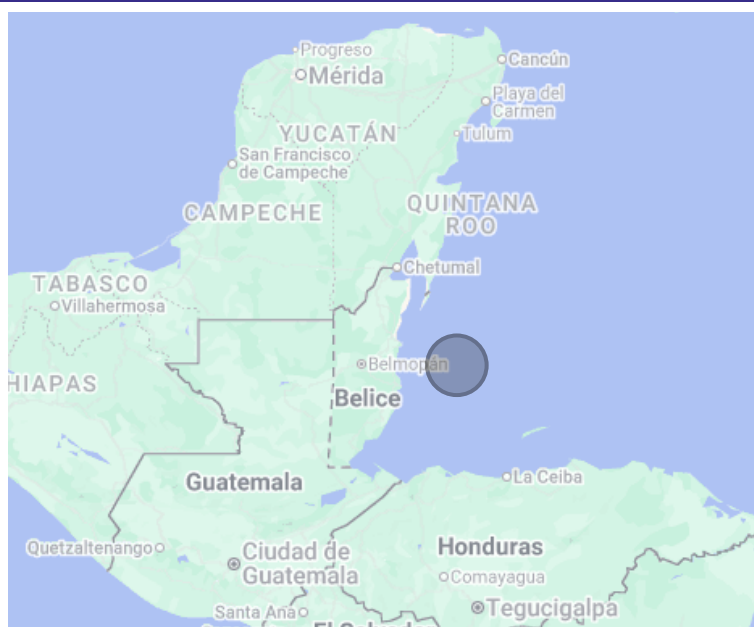
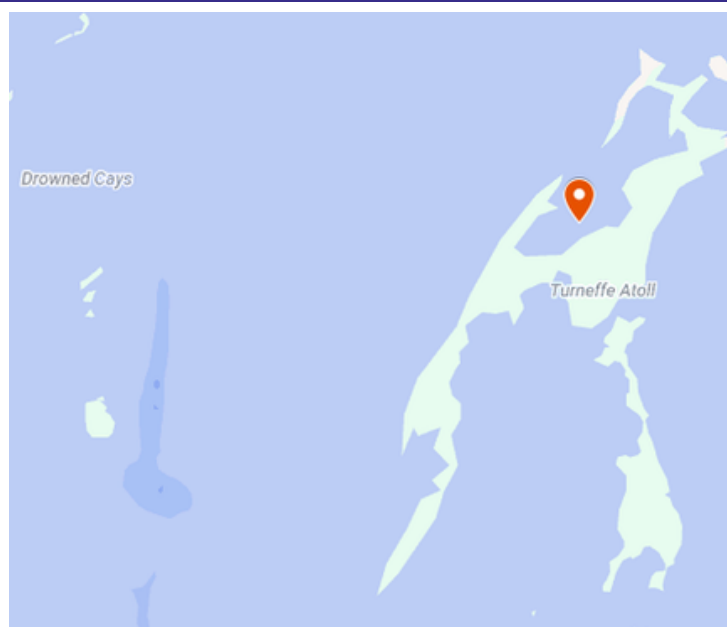


Conservation and sustainable use of marine resources in Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve



Location of Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve



Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve

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COUNTRY	Belize
COASTAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA (CMPA)	Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve (TAMR)
CO MANAGER	Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association (TASA)
DURATION	May 2024 – May 2026

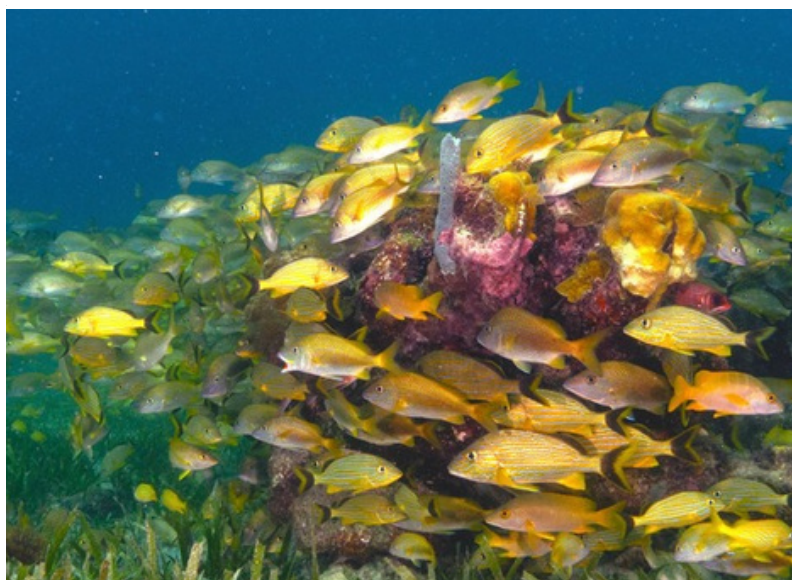


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PROJECT SUMMARY:

TASA will implement a project with the participation of fishing cooperatives and the seven communities in the CMPA buffer zone. The project will support the strategies of the management plan and address illegal fishing in no-take zones by training park rangers, the acquisition of key equipment, and integration of innovative technology into their control and surveillance activities.

In addition, new fish replenishment zones will be demarcated, and education and awareness of the protected area's zoning will be increased. To reduce overfishing, economic alternatives for fishermen will be promoted, such as the expansion of seaweed mariculture in Turneffe.

REACH

Protected area
147,063
hectares



Number of
beneficiaries
28



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KEY TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Integrate innovative technology to improve TAMR surveillance, monitoring and adaptive management programs.
- Install demarcation buoys for all fishery recovery zones in TAMR.
- Strengthen TASA staff competencies in administration, maritime safety, first aid and conflict management to improve daily performance of their duties.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of TAMR management.

SUSTAINABLE USE WITH LOCAL PARTICIPATION

- Support four fishermen in seaweed mariculture activities in TAMR.
- Strengthen TAMR's profile as a low-impact ecotourism destination.
- Implement an awareness and education campaign for six key communities: Sarteneja, Copper Bank, Chunox, Belize City, Caye Caulker and San Pedro.

STRENGTHENING AMONG KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND GOVERNANCE

- Activate the TAMR Advisory Committee.



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