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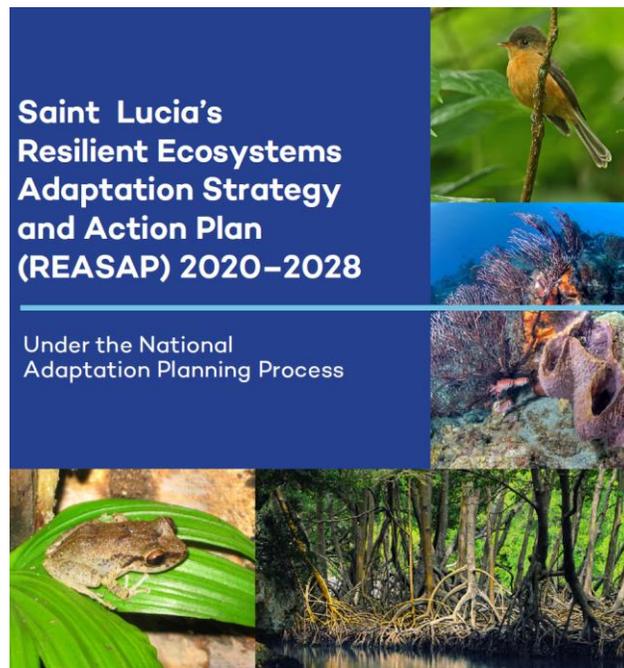
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## Saint Lucia Strengthens its Enabling Environment for Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)

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United States in-Country National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Support Program



In 2018, Saint Lucia's Cabinet of Ministers approved a ten year [National Adaptation Plan \(NAP\)](#) which charts out national climate change adaptation measures for eight of Saint Lucia's key sectors. Saint Lucia's NAP process is spearheaded by the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD). As part of the NAP process, Sectoral Adaptation Strategies and Action Plans (SSAPs) are

being developed in consultation with multiple stakeholders. Although the NAP provides some information about Saint Lucia's sectoral climate change goals and outcomes, the SASAPs which are intended to supplement the NAP, provide more in depth details regarding sectoral priority measures and activities to adapt to climate change.

To this end, Saint Lucia's [Resilient Ecosystems Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan \(REASAP\)](#) which incorporates both marine and terrestrial ecosystems, was recently approved by the Cabinet of Ministers via Cabinet Conclusion 1526 of 2020. The Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) is particularly pleased with this REASAP as it is an important milestone towards strengthening Saint Lucia's policy framework for improving the protection and management of the island's unique and fragile ecosystems that form a significant part of our natural heritage. The REASAP will also support and ensure the sustainability of the outputs of the [ecosystem-based adaptation \(EbA\) project](#) currently being implemented by the SLNT with the assistance of grant funding provided by KfW through the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund. Moreover, the EbA project will contribute towards the implementation of at least two of the proposed activities identified in [Saint Lucia's Portfolio of Project Concept Notes for Resilient Ecosystems \(2020-2028\)](#) which was developed as a complimentary document to the REASAP.

According to DSD "the endorsement and implementation of the REASAP helps to: strengthen the national policy, institutional, legal and regulatory framework (including incentives) to improve natural resource management for securing ecological resilience and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change; strengthen environmental research information generation, knowledge management and monitoring systems for adaptation to climate change; and enhance public awareness and influence behavioural change on the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems, their biodiversity and services for climate change adaptation and mitigation, while building capacity".

A summary of the REASAP can be accessed via the link below:

<https://napglobalnetwork.org/resource/snapshot-saint-lucias-reasap-2020-2028/>

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