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Antigua and Barbuda

1 Ramsar Site(s) covering 3,600 ha

Codrington Lagoon

Site number: 1,488 | Country: Antigua and Barbuda | Administrative region: Barbuda

Area: 3,600 ha | Coordinates: 17°39'N 61°51'W | Designation dates: 02-06-2005

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Codrington Lagoon. 02/06/05. Barbuda; 3,600 ha; 17°39'N 061°51'W. National Park. A relatively well-flushed and healthy ecosystem, comprising mangroves, seagrass beds, algal mats, tidal and mud flats, beaches and coral reefs, supporting a diversity of marine species such as juvenile lobster, reef fish, sea turtles (including endangered Hawksbill and Leatherback turtles), and marine mammals, as well as nesting sea birds. The site includes the entire western and northwestern section of Barbuda near Codrington, the only town on the island. The lagoon is one of the island's greatest economic assets as it supports a thriving lobster fishery and an expanding tourism market that is largely centered on the nesting colony of frigate birds. Sea level rise and salt water intrusion of aquifers are foreseen as potential threats to the ecological character. Ramsar site no. 1488. Most recent RIS information: 2006.