

Ramsar Sites Information Service

Annotated List of Wetlands of International Importance

Grenada

1 Ramsar Site(s) covering 518 ha

Levera Wetland

Site number: 2,034 | Country: Grenada | Administrative region: St. Patrick

Area: 518 ha | Coordinates: 12°13'28"N 61°36'36"W | Designation dates: 22-05-2012

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Levera Wetland. 22/05/12; Saint Patrick; 518.22 ha, 12°13'28.85"N 61°36'36.80"W. National Protected Area. A unique representation of an almost pristine ecosystem, including a mangrove swamp, sandy beaches, coral reefs, seagrass beds, and an offshore island. The site hosts the critically endangered species leatherback turtles (Dermochelys coriacea), hawksbill turtles (Eretmochelys imbricate), elkhorn coral (Acropora palmata), and the endemic Grenada Hook-billed Kite (Chondrohierax uncinatus mirus), which depends on forest habitats, including wooded freshwater swamps, and mangrove swamps. It is of particular significance as a nesting of Dermochelys coriacea, receiving from 200 to 900 nesting activities annually, supporting at least 1% of the individuals of this species. The major human-induced pressures on the ecological values of the LPPA include: Fishing activities which impact populations of fish and nontarget species; Improper solid waste disposal; Predation or competition from introduced species; and Alteration of marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Ramsar Site no. 2034. Most recent RIS information: 2012.