

## Coral reef study area Zakitó

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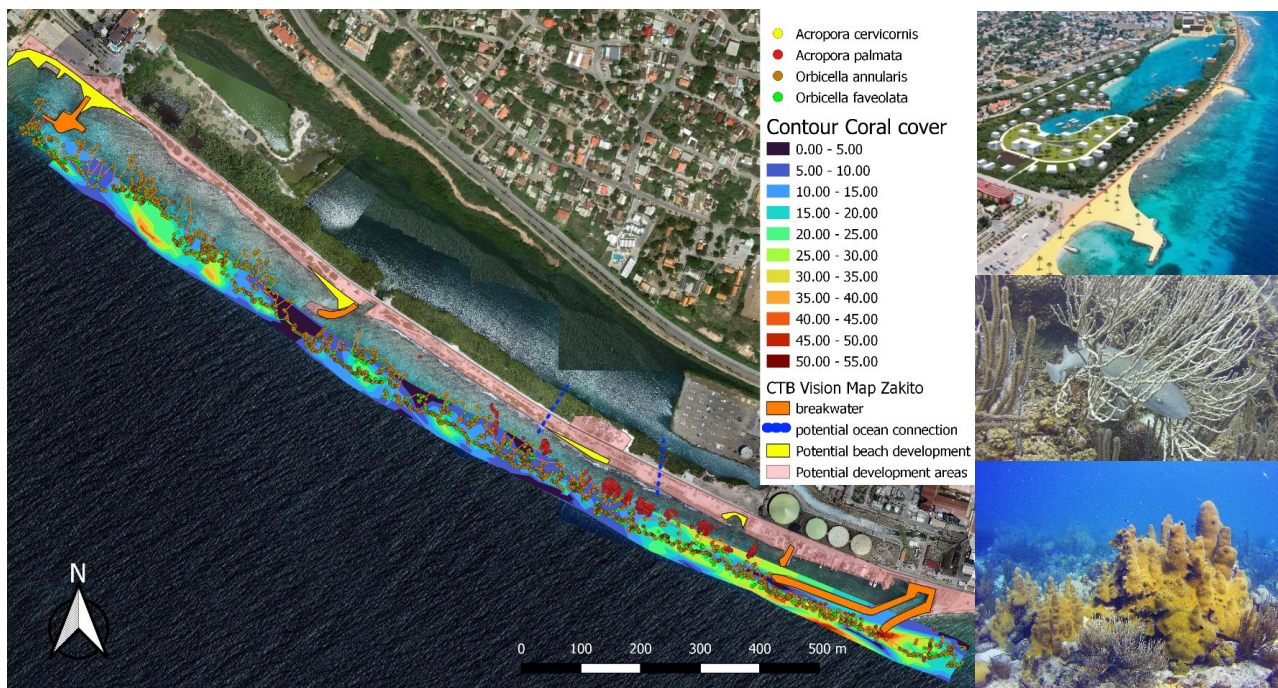


Name: Curaçao Tourist Board

Sector: Government

Location: Curaçao

The Curaçao Tourist Board is responsible for sustainable growth and development in tourism on Curaçao by aligning public and private institutions to coordinate planning, promotion, and management efforts.



**Rationale:** The Werkgroep Ontwikkeling Zakító+, chaired by the Curacao Tourist Board, is planning to develop the coastline of Zakító for tourism activities. EcoVision NV was asked to conduct a baseline survey of the coral reef present in the area and to describe the expected effects of the intended developments in the area on the coral reef.

**Approach:** An inventory was made of all protected coral species. In addition, coral cover and species composition was researched along the coastline. This was done using a GPS and conducting photo transects conform the GCRMN protocol level 3. An overview of the data was created in GIS. The 'Development perspective' and 'vision map' from the 2018 document 'Vision Zakító' were used to determine the possible impacts on the coral reef of the proposed developments.

**Outcome:** The results of this study serve as a baseline for future monitoring.