

# Tackling Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) in the Caribbean UK OTs

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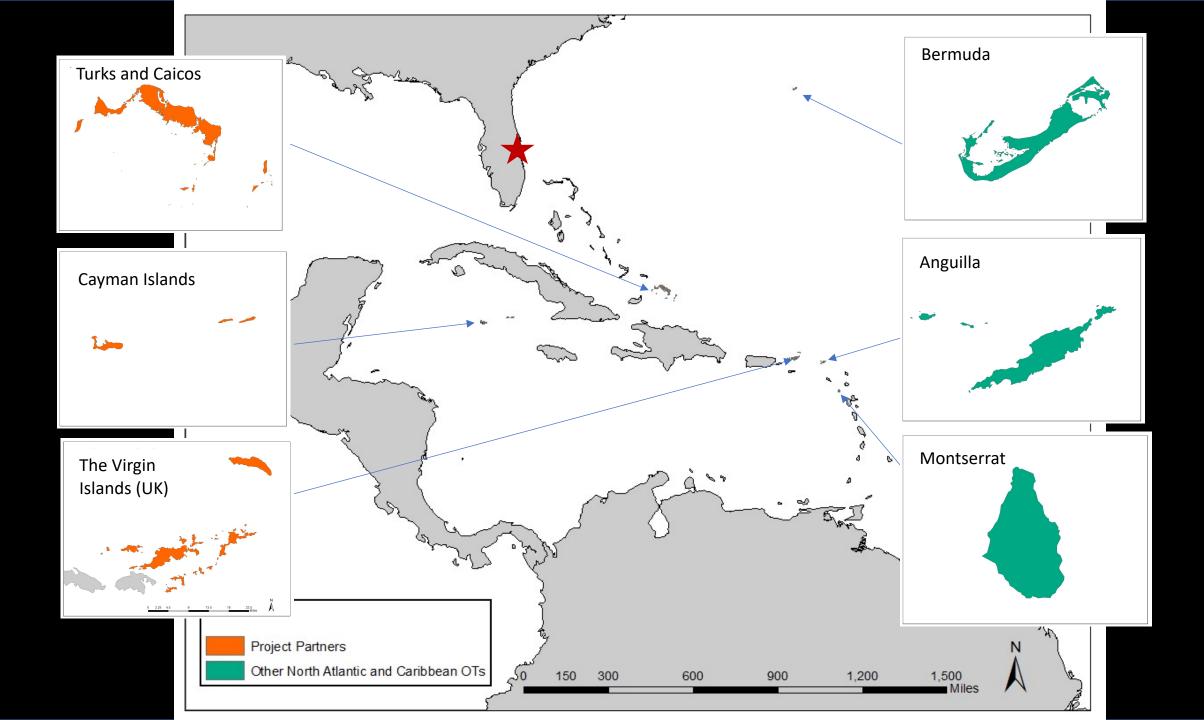
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- Discovered early 2019
- Trialed a variety of approaches:
  - Chlorine treatment
  - Amoxicillin in Base2B (90% success)
  - Non-antibiotic formula
     Coral Cure D (65% success)



# John Ellerman Foundation

# Genetic Banking of Stony Corals

Building an Ark to Save threatened bio-diversity due to Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease

10 SPECIES WERE COLLECTED
20 GENETS OF EACH SPECIES WOULD
THEORETICALLY ALLOW FOR INFINITE
GENETIC DIVERSITY















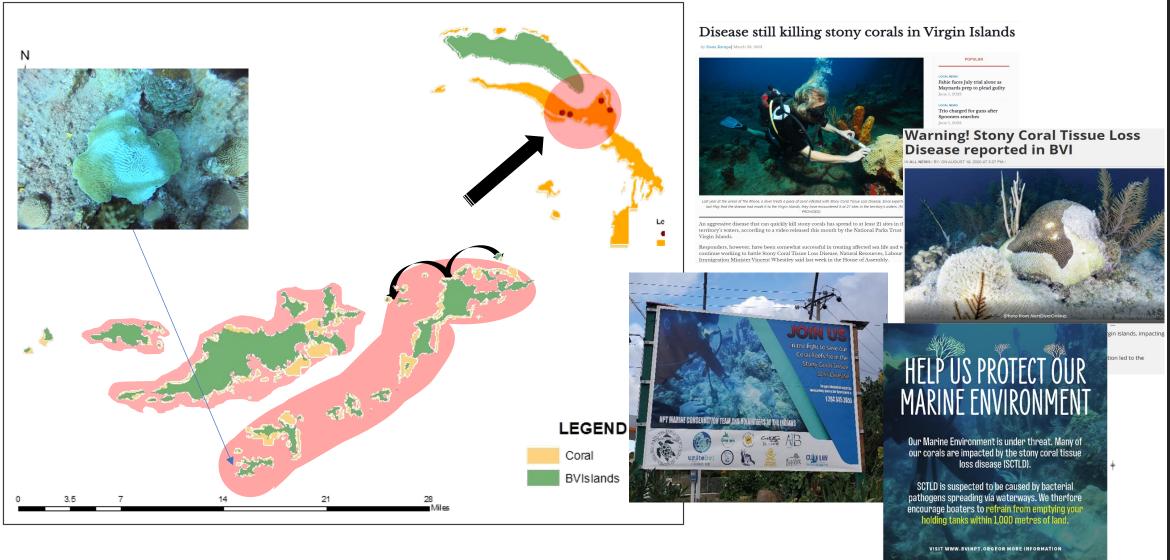






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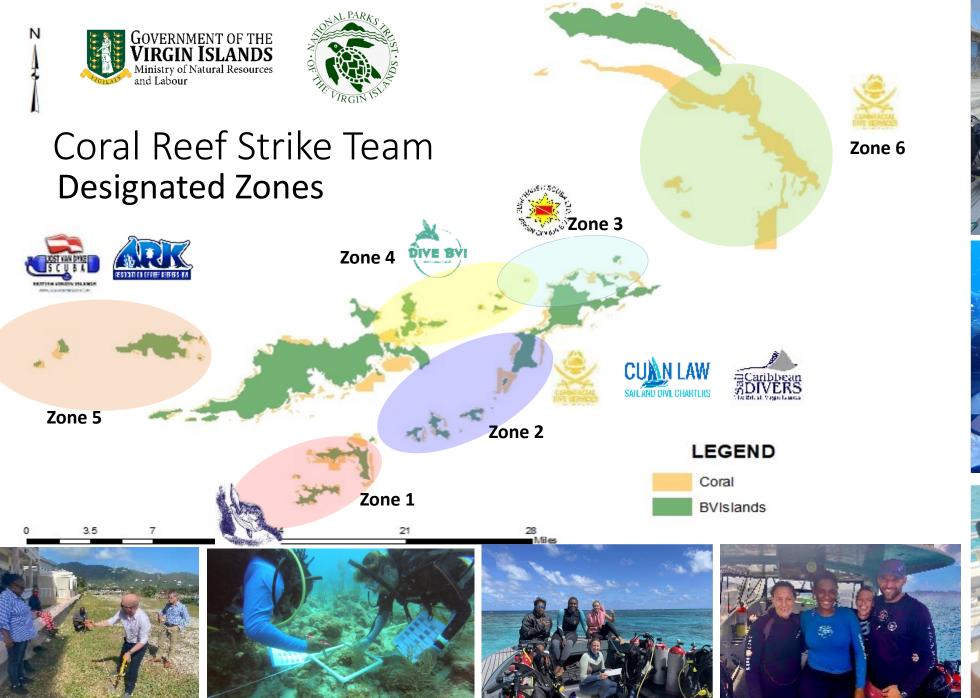










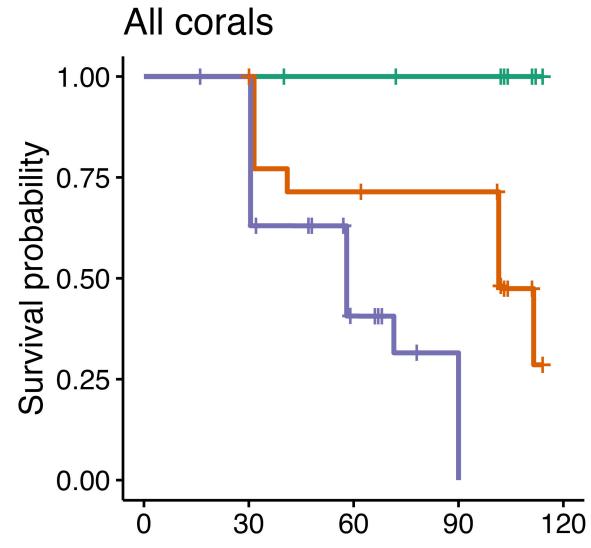




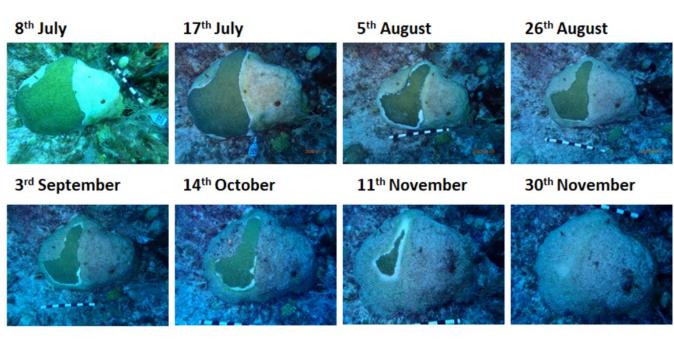




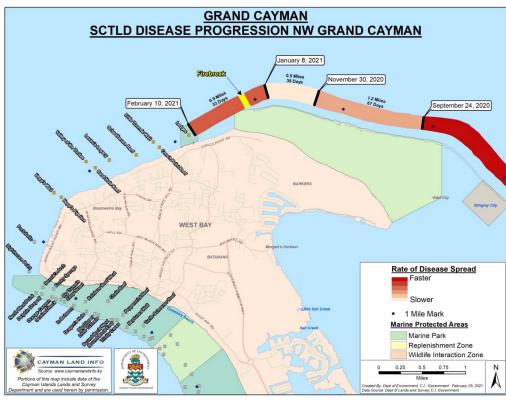


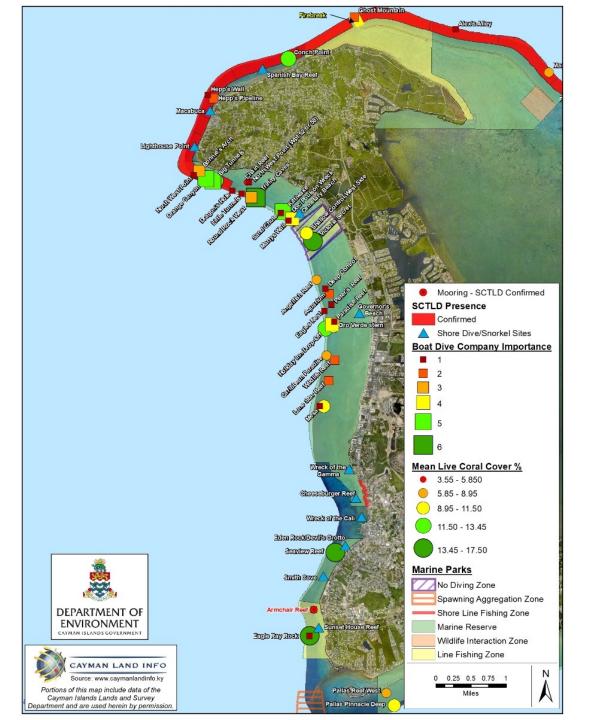


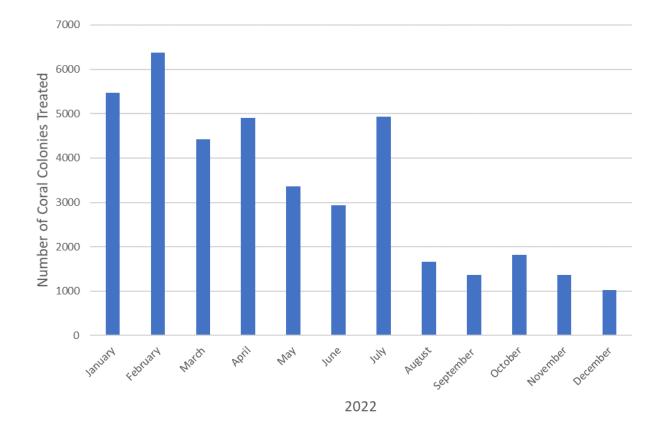




- Observed June 2020
- Tracked the progression of disease
  - 172 tagged corals
    - Signs of disease
    - Corals impacted
    - Mortality rates- no treatments











#### Anguilla Montserrat Bermuda









No reported signs of SCTLD



- Formed 2019
- Governments and NGOs
- Knowledge exchange
- Shared expertise
- Training
- Regional networking
- Funding raising
- Tailored products e.g. outreach









# Nurtured by Nature: From Ridge-To-Reef











Mental and physical health

#### **Supports**



cycling





Photosynthesis Soil formation

#### **Provides**







**Raw materials** 

**Medicinal resources** 















Water regulation

Air quality regulation

Climate regulation

**Erosion regulation** 



Water purification and waste treatment









Disease and pest regulation



Dissipate wave energy in storms

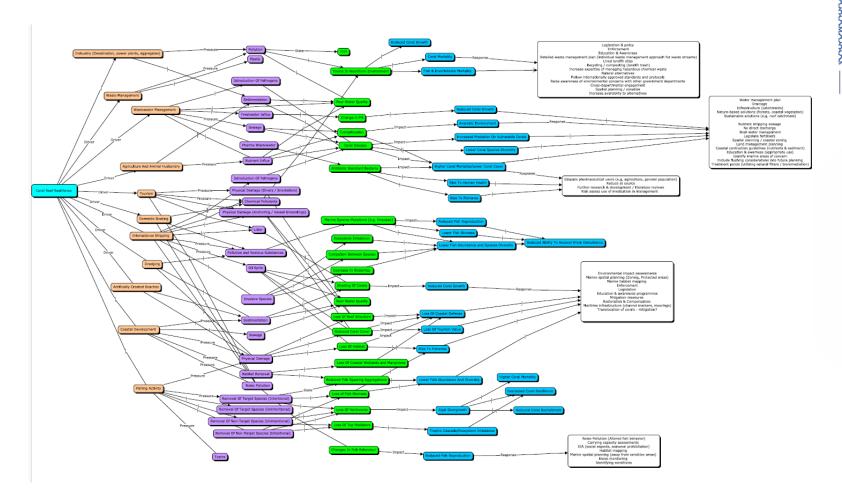


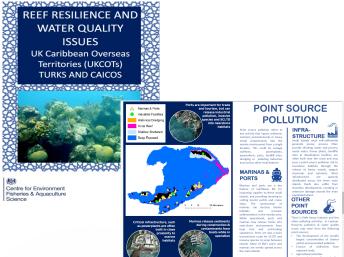






### Resilience-based Adaptive Management







#### Understanding and modelling the effects of land management scenarios on reef resilience in Montserrat

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