

# Climate Change: UNFCCC Article 6

Reviewing the Belize Situation



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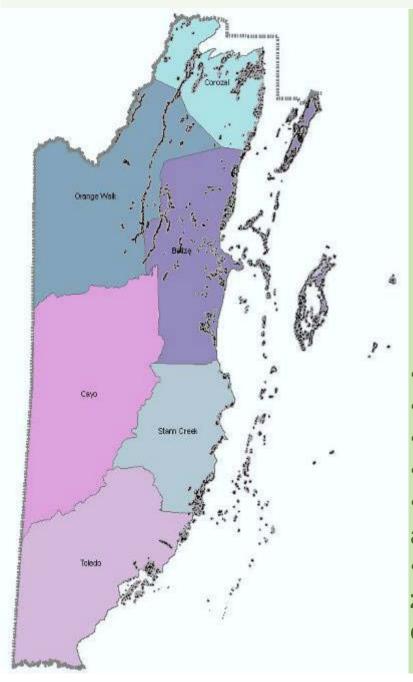
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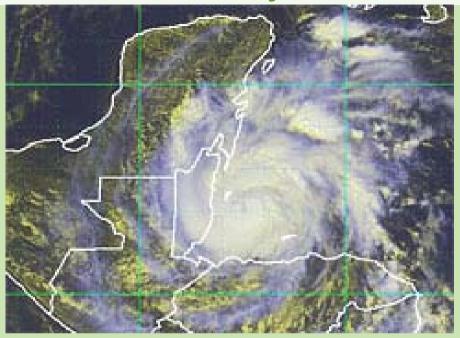
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## BELIZE... the Where? The Why?





- long, low-lying coast
- •over 1,060 small islands
- second longest barrier reef in the world
- economically fragile
- highly susceptible to natural disasters, and significant climate variability
- •settlements are located in the coastal zone as well as being adjacent to river estuaries

## Areas of Concern for Belize



- Coastal Zone
- Reef
- Fisheries
- Biodiversity
   Loss
- Tourism

- Agriculture
- Health
- Property
- Economy
- Community
   Displacement













Source: YCT Cchange Presentation



- No CC Unit/Department
- Have a NCCC
- Efforts toward fulfilling Art. 6 have been ad-hoc
- Limited Human & Financial Resources
- The CC issues are all forwarded to Met. Office and/or UNFCCC Focal point
- Multi-Sectoral effects



Consultations for National Communication, NREPS, MSI Consultation

> Public Participation

NRM & ERI @ UB & @ other Junior Colleges,

Education

CC is NOT in school curriculum

5C's Intern-Develop Training document for Teachers,

Training

Article 6

Met Officers @ UWI

International Cooperation

> 5C's, Meso-American Reef, INGO's, etc.

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NGO-GOB Community work, school outreach by request

Public Awareness

Very Few: Brochures, publications,

Presentations by request

Access to Information

NGO's & Hydromet Website; PCPU

# So what are we doing?

### Work with others- Technical Advise & Guidance



BAS- Sept 2009 Newsletter CC & PA's; COP 15



Adobe Acrobat

Document



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Document

Adobe Acrobat Document Community Vulnerability Assessment,

**WWF Belize Climate Witness** 

KAP Survey& Mangrove Re-planting





Adobe Acrobat Document





## So what are we doing?



CC page on Website:

www.hydrom gov



Adobe Acrobat Document



Consultations in various sectors & **BROCHURES:** 





Funds form **UNFCCC National** Reports



YCT-NGO: Presentation @ Primary & Community level



There are also other CC related initiatives, such as: -Waste Management Project, Renewable **Energy & Building-**Greening Projects, Sustainable Land Management Project, Coral Watch Projects, etc.

CC on Radio talk shows

Incorporate CC into **National Water Policy** 

**NEMO- Early Warning** System

# So what are we doing? Met. Office:

## **Collaboration regionally/internationally**

- i. Collaboration with regional mechanism
  - a. Caribbean Community Climate Change Center (5Cs)
  - b. Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology-CIMH
  - c. Regional Archiving Center at Faculty of Engineering, UWI
- ii. Collaboration with international mechanism
  - a. Satellite access through NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information (NESDIS)
  - b. Data access through Texas A & M University Corpus Christi
  - c. Equipment Calibration through NOAA National Data Buoy Center (NDBC)



#### **BARRIERS**



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Presentati on addressin

g Climate

Change

Human Resources
Financial Resources
Cross-Sector Commitments: changing slowly

### SUPPORT

Support from highest levels Inter/Intra- Ministerial

#### **NEXT STEP**

Public Awareness Sub-Committee, NCCC National Climate Change Strategy Climate Change Unit

# **THANK YOU!!** MERCI!! **GRACIAS!!**