

# **US Virgin Islands Coral Reef Update**

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# STX East End Marine Park- Reinvigoration

- New office & visitor's center location
- Hiring of new staff:
  - Office administrator
  - Marine Park Coordinator
  - Interpretive Ranger
  - Marine Ecologist
  - Outreach & Education Coordinator (NOAA Coral Fellow)
- Interpretive signs & Interpretive guidebook
- Coral Reef Monitoring

# MPA Management Effectiveness

- July 2007 workshop from Dr. Bob Pomeroy, “*How’s Your MPA Doing*”
- Participation from VI Marine Park Areas Advisory Committee
- Update Management Plan
- Rules & Regulations sent to Governor’s Office



# Partnership with NGOs

- Collaborate on joint projects with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Ocean Conservancy (OC)
- “Bridging the Gaps” = baseline assessment of socioeconomic impacts and potential of territorial MPAs



# Other Projects

- Participation in International Year of the Reef 2008 (IYOR)
- See USVI poster

