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The Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) team update: online workshops and welcoming TCI local MRes student, Oshin Whyte

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Although the COVID-19 restrictions in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) have been reduced, social distancing and the wearing of masks is still in place.

Despite this, we were able to organise and run our second workshop online using Zoom, over four mornings in September and October. We had 37 participants with 13 giving presentations on the roles of government departments or on research in the TCI marine environment. We have also been able to add juvenile green turtle data, Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) data and shore bird data to the data catalogue.

The TCI Cultural Use of Coastal Ecosystems report has been completed by Economics for the Environment Consultants (eftec), with spatial layers by Marcin, the SAERI GIS specialist, which will also be added to the data portal and WebGIS in the TCI.

We have also welcomed TCI local, Oshin Whyte, as a Masters of Research student. Oshin is working on a Coastal Cultural Value project in collaboration with the University of Kent and it is wonderful to have her as a member of the team. You can read more about Oshin's research, [here](#).