

## WebGIS & Data Portal for TCI

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As with many countries around the world, here in the Turks and Caicos Islands we have also been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with restrictions imposed on movements and social gatherings. As a consequence, and working closely with the Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR), we've had to adapt to these restrictions and minimise our face-to-face interactions.

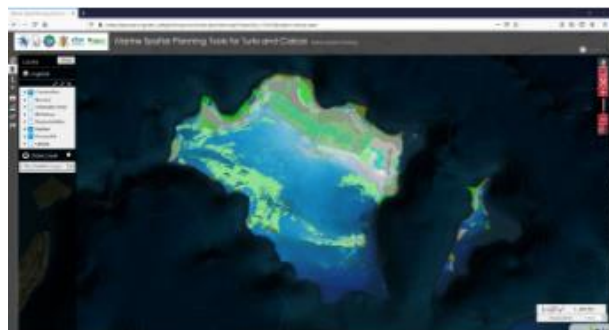
We have been able to develop the online WebGIS and data portal databases, and using virtual meeting software we have been able to deliver two introductory online WebGIS training sessions to 24 project stakeholders.

Another component of the project is to investigate the coastal cultural values of the TCI. This was to be accomplished using face-to-face surveys for data collection. However, now, and with the input of our project partner eftec, we have developed an online survey for TCI residents to complete. The survey is planned to go live early August 2020.

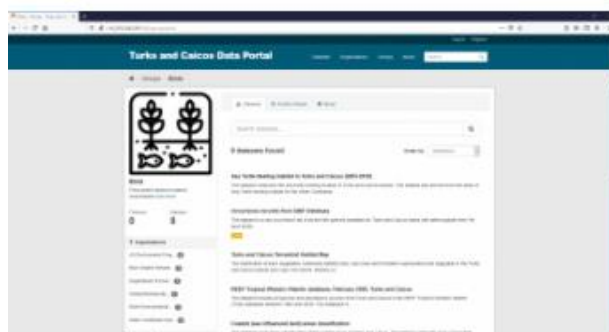
We are also in the process of planning our next workshop, which will also have to be held online, to investigate methodologies for modelling and analyses and identifying gaps in the data.

We also experienced our first hurricane as Isaias passed overhead at the end of July, fortunately with little damage. The waters are now clearing and we can enjoy some snorkelling again.

This work would not be possible without the support of the Darwin Initiative and ongoing collaboration with the Turks and Caicos Government Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR), JNCC and eftec.



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