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GRENADA: TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

VIDEO

GRAVESTONES IN WATER, STORM,
COASTLINE

UPROOTED COCONUT TREES

STEEL PAN, SPICE SHOP
BOATBUILDING, BEACHES

ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE – HURRICANE
DESTRUCTION

AUDIO

NARRATION

...Rising sea levels.....Intensifying
storms... ...Eroding coastlines... (9.5)

These are all signs of global warming.
Fluctuating temperatures and erratic
weather patterns are now wreaking havoc.
Hit the hardest are vulnerable, small island
nations in the Caribbean. (13.5)

Grenada - known as the Spice Island - is a
country of just over 100,000 people. It's
famous for boatbuilding, nutmeg and
pristine beaches. (13)

Five years ago, Hurricane Ivan, pounded
the landscape for six hours straight. Crops
were wiped out and homes ruined. (9)

The shock was intense. The last deadly
hurricane before Ivan, hit Grenada in 1955.
(7)

ANDREWS: (Patois) **M**

ANDREWS ON CAMERA

"I experienced this with my mother already, when we were in school. " (4)

PHILBERT IN GARDEN

NARRATION

With no major storm for 50 years, Grenadians like Philbert Andrews, grew complacent. They never expected Ivan to unleash its fury in 2004. We asked Philbert if he was scared when Ivan struck... (14)

ANDREWS ON CAMERA

ANDREWS: (Patois) **M**

"If I was scared...if you put a plate of food in front of me, I couldn't eat it. All of us were scared. I'm not lying..." (8)

PEOPLE IN STREET / MAP

NARRATION

These islanders thought they were safe because Grenada lies south of the hurricane belt. But that's changing. (7)

ISAAC ON CAMERA

ISAAC: (English) **M**

"If there is global climate change, then global positioning in regards to where the hurricane belt is and where it is not has to be reconsidered." (9)

ISAAC AT COMPUTER

NARRATION

Crofton Isaac is a Marine Biologist. He thinks countries that were free from hurricanes, like Grenada, will experience more intense storms. (9.5)

BEACHES

Grenada's two major industries - tourism and agriculture were devastated by

TOURISTS, FARMLAND

Hurricane Ivan. (7)

BRANCH ON CAMERA

BRANCH: (English) **M**

“During Ivan, the winds came down and totally smashed up and eradicated the house. I had to leave and run across to my garage, which we now converted into a home.” (12)

NUTMEGS CROPS

NARRATION

Not only did he lose his home but plantation owner, John Branch, also lost 95% of his nutmeg crop. He lives in the capital city, St. Georges. Everyday he drives to his 600-acre estate 40 minutes away to manage his spice business. (19)

JOHN DRIVES

NUTMEG ASSOCIATION

Grenada relies heavily on nutmeg for revenue. And Branch’s estate produced more nutmeg than any other farm in the nation. Before Ivan, John’s harvest fetched almost half a ton a week. Now he barely gets a tiny fraction of that. (15.5)

BRANCH ON CAMERA

BRANCH: (English) **M**

“For a real, economic, full production it will take about 10 years for a nutmeg tree to come into full bloom.” (7)

SELLING TO TOURISTS

NARRATION

While he waits for his nutmeg trees to mature, the little he reaps is sold to tourists. (6)

NUTMEG TREES

His loss is a heavy blow for him and the country's economy. Despite this, the Government of Grenada is encouraging farmers to begin replanting. Loans and grants were approved for land clearing. And most homeowners fixed up their properties. (17)

FARMS

CONSTRUCTION

MANGROVES

But there's more to be done if Grenada is going to withstand the next storm. It must protect its ecosystems to minimize coastal erosion. Especially mangroves which act as barriers against the intrusion of sea water. Minister of Tourism, Glynis Roberts. (18)

ROBERTS ON CAMERA

ROBERTS: (English) **F**

"Within my constituency we have lost over three acres on one side, and maybe another acre or two on another side." (8)

MANGROVE SITE / COASTAL BARRIERS

NARRATION

A project is now in full swing to revive the mangroves. And coastal barriers have been constructed to hold the sea back. (8)

GRENADA LANDSCAPES

Help may be on the way to Grenada and small islands. World leaders are getting together to find ways to reduce greenhouse gases. In the meantime, Grenadians are bracing themselves for the next major storm. It could happen anytime. (18)

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