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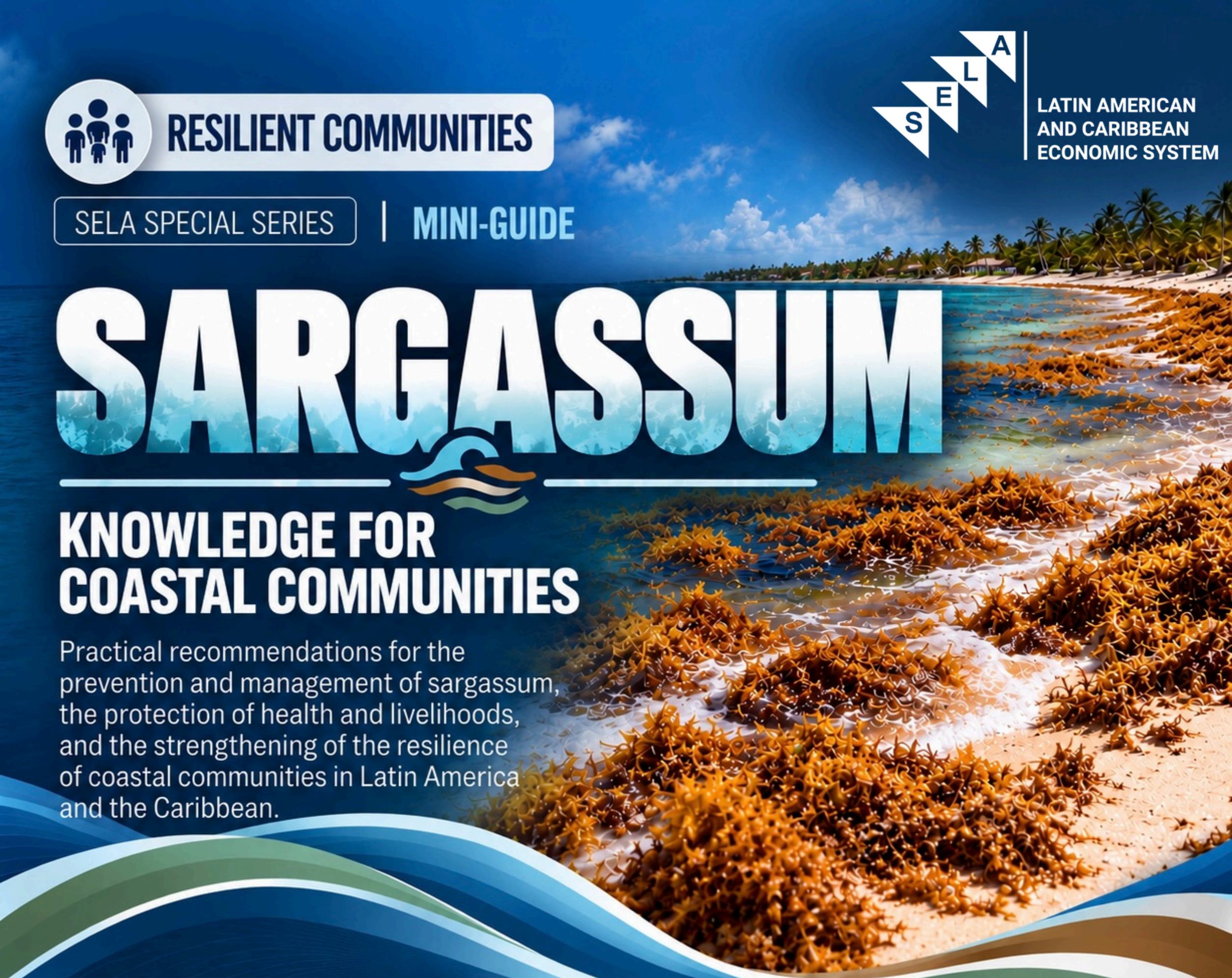
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SARGASSUM

KNOWLEDGE FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Practical recommendations for the prevention and management of sargassum, the protection of health and livelihoods, and the strengthening of the resilience of coastal communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.



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PREVENTION

KNOW THE RISKS AND REDUCE THEM

Prevention helps anticipate the effects of sargassum and reduce its impacts on health, the environment, and the livelihoods of coastal communities.



Stay informed about sargassum.

Check official notices and reports to understand coastal conditions and anticipate possible impacts.



Protect your health.

Avoid contact with decomposing sargassum accumulations and follow health authority recommendations.



Care for the coastal environment.

Do not remove or dispose of sargassum on your own in sensitive areas. Follow environmental authority guidance.



Anticipate possible impacts.

Understand how sargassum arrivals may affect tourism, fishing, and other livelihoods in your community.



Participate and share reliable information.

Promote community coordination and consult official sources to contribute to an organized response.



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PREPAREDNESS

PLAN AND COORDINATE THE RESPONSE

Preparing for sargassum arrivals makes it possible to organize action, protect communities, and reduce impacts along the coast.

1. ORGANIZE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY.

Identify responsible people and agree on communication channels with local authorities, fishers, and tourism service providers.

2. KNOW THE NOTICES AND PROTOCOLS.

Consult official reports on sargassum presence and local guidance for its management.

3. PREPARE PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

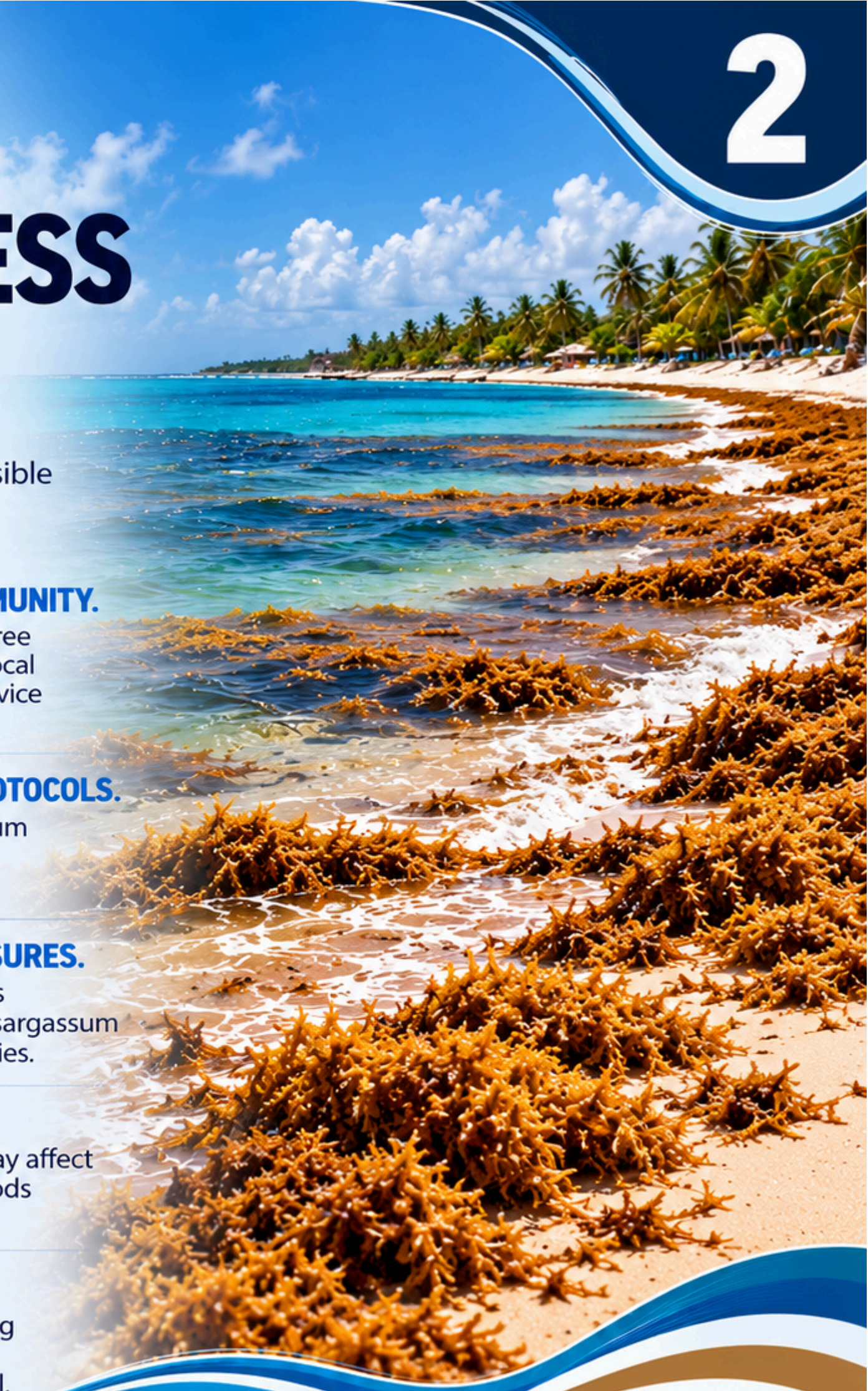
Know the health recommendations and avoid handling decomposing sargassum without guidance from the authorities.

4. ANTICIPATE THE IMPACTS.

Identify how sargassum arrivals may affect fishing, tourism, and other livelihoods in your community.

5. AGREE ON HOW TO ACT.

Learn local procedures for reporting accumulations and coordinating appropriate collection and disposal.



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PROTECTION

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Sargassum and its decomposition can affect health, the environment, and coastal activities. Follow official guidance and avoid unnecessary exposure.



Avoid contact with decomposing sargassum.
Do not handle accumulations or remain nearby if they produce strong or irritating odors.



Follow health recommendations.
If you experience irritation, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms, move away from the area and seek medical advice.



Respect local closures and warnings.
Do not enter restricted areas and follow instructions from the authorities.



Protect the most vulnerable.
Pay special attention to children, older adults, and people with respiratory conditions.



Report accumulations and impacts.
Notify the relevant local services and do not remove or dispose of sargassum on your own.

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RESPONSE

ACT CALMLY AND COORDINATE

When sargassum arrives or accumulates, follow official guidance and prioritize people's safety.



Follow official guidance.

Check notices from local authorities and respect access restrictions.



Avoid contact with decomposing sargassum.

Stay away from accumulations if they produce strong odors or discomfort, and follow public health recommendations.



Do not remove it yourself.

Collection and disposal must be carried out safely and in accordance with local guidance.



Report risks and impacts.

Inform the relevant local services and share reliable information with your community.



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RECOVERY

RESTORE THE COAST SAFELY

Recovery takes coordination and time. Help restore coastal activities while protecting health, the environment, and livelihoods.



Follow official guidance.

Find out about cleanup operations and areas that have been cleared for access.



Do not handle sargassum without guidance.

Collection and disposal must follow procedures established by local authorities.



Protect your health during cleanup.

Avoid contact with decomposing sargassum and follow public health recommendations.



Support community recovery

Coordinate efforts with neighbors, authorities, and affected coastal sectors.



Help restore livelihoods

Share reliable information and support local sustainable recovery initiatives.



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REGIONAL COOPERATION

JOINT ACTION FOR RESILIENT COASTLINES

Sargassum is a shared challenge across Latin America and the Caribbean. Cooperation among countries, knowledge-sharing, and coordinated action can reduce its impacts and strengthen the resilience of our coastal communities.



Strengthen coordination among countries.

Promote regional dialogue and coordinated action on sargassum.



Share information and good practices.

Exchange data, experiences, and lessons learned for more effective management.



Advance research and knowledge-sharing.

Strengthen scientific and technical cooperation to understand the phenomenon and develop innovative solutions.



Promote sustainable solutions.

Support circular-economy initiatives, responsible use, and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems.



Build strategic partnerships.

Work with governments, regional and international organizations, the private sector, civil society, and local communities.



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SARGASSUM: PREVENT AND ACT

Knowing the risks, preparing, and acting together helps us protect health, care for coastal ecosystems, and strengthen **more resilient communities.**



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