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industry is artisanal, comprised of around 350 persons in St. Kitts and 300 in Nevis. In St. Kitts less than 20% of these are full time. Coastal pelagics account for over 40% of the landings, but there is also significant demersal and reef fishery effort. Conch is another significant fisheries item. Overall, 460 species of marine fish are noted in St. Kitts and Nevis (ACP II 2012 and Reefs at Risk 2004).

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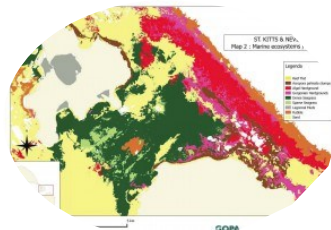


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