

The UNESCO Action Plan for biosphere reserves calls for the preparation of a history of research conducted within each reserve. Dr. Caroline Rogers, Research biologist, Virgin Islands National Park, and Robert Teytaud, Island Resources Foundation, recently completed a report entitled **Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems of the Virgin Islands National Park and Biosphere Reserve**, which provides a comprehensive synthesis of research that has taken place within the reserve itself and of other pertinent studies carried out within the region.

The report focuses on information found in over 25 reports by members of the Virgin Islands Resource Management Cooperative and which were funded by NPS in the last 5 years. Park managers, scientists, and visitors will find that it pulls together a diverse body of knowledge, some of which was previously inaccessible. It includes a description of the marine and terrestrial systems of St. John and the stresses that are currently affecting them. The island's fisheries are discussed, and there is a brief section on geology. Emphasis is placed on research, which provides a basis for effective management of the park's ecosystems. Recommendations for future research and resource management actions are presented. An extensive bibliography and an index increase the report's usefulness. This publication is available from Caroline Rogers, Virgin Islands National Park, P.O. Box 7789, St. Thomas, USVI 00801.