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Earth Day Message from the Office of the Prime Minister

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Today as we celebrate Earth Day under the theme “Invest in Our Planet,” which calls for a shift towards investment in sustainable practices, Belize delivers on its two milestones under the Blue Bonds Agreement.

The expansion of our marine protected areas and the designation of all national lands within the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System World Heritage Site as Mangrove Reserves are significant as we further safeguard the functioning integrity of our ocean and coastal resources, which is key to the realization of a successful ocean-based economy and improved quality of lives for our people. These two targets contribute to Belize’s commitment and the global movement towards the conservation of key areas in our ocean space and the employment of nature-based solutions as central to our national development and response to climate change. Belize’s ocean space and associated resources continue to contribute significantly to food security, livelihoods, key economic sectors, and resiliency to the impacts of climate change.

The Government of Belize continues to employ a wholistic approach to its ocean and coastal resources as solutions and key elements to our national development and climate and nature ambitions.

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