

Mangrove ecosystems of The Dominican Republic



- ▶ Mangrove Forest Coverage (km²)
212
- ▶ Land Area (km²)
48,380
- ▶ Ratio
0.44%

The Dominican Republic has a total mangrove forest coverage of at least

212 km²

The La Selle - Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Transboundary Biosphere Reserve includes mangrove ecosystems. Mangroves are widespread, notably around Monte Cristi and Bahía de Samaná. There is also a saline lake, Enriquillo, with *Rhizophora mangle* mangroves and *Conocarpus erectus* back-mangroves. Mangroves in this part of the world are sometimes damaged by hurricanes or extreme tidal waves, however, they are also known to recover from these natural events. Coastal oyster, lobster, and snapper fisheries, as well as tour-operators depend on intact mangrove ecosystems. Coastal development, just as in so many places globally, has caused the reduction of mangrove coverage in The Dominican Republic. Listing the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2017 was one important step in the right direction: to revert to a harmony between people and nature.

UNESCO-designated sites in The Dominican Republic

1 Biosphere Reserve

⇒ La Selle - Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Dominican Republic/Haiti)

1 World Heritage Site

⇒ Colonial City of Santo Domingo (1990) (cultural)