

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Stewardship of the Environment, Belize

Teaching children about green issues and their responsibility to protect the environment

In their own words

‘This will change and guide the behaviour of young people to be appreciative of such concerns as global warming and the green movement.’

– Michelle Elliot, Resource Teacher Programme Co-ordinator, Diocese of Belize



Belize factfile

Capital: Belmopan
Languages: English (official), Spanish, Creole, Mayan dialects, Garifuna (Carib) and German
Religion: Christianity
Export: Bananas, cocoa, citrus fruits, sugar, fish, cultured shrimp, lumber and garments
Further reading: ‘Understanding Belize: A Historical Guide’ by Alan Twigg (ISBN-10: 1550173251)

USPG in Belize

USPG (then SPG) sent the Revd Shaw to Belize in 1776 and has been supporting the Anglican Church there ever since. USPG also supports a Lone Parenting Project and a Hispanic Ministry Project in Belize



Example of ‘slash and burn’ deforestation, which is still practiced by some in Belize © USPG/M L Rogers

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When we think of Belize, we think of its beautiful beaches and Barrier Reef, its natural climate and wildlife – not its environmental problems – but these do exist and they are serious.

Deforestation is rife, with mangrove forests being lost to land dredging and reclamation projects. Marine species are in decline due to over-fishing and water is being polluted as a result of industrial effluents and sewage.

Certain agricultural practices such as ‘slash and burn’ pictured above are not sustainable, but are still be carried out.

Belize is deeply under threat from these problems.

Environmental protection is an important mission priority for the church in Belize and the the diocese is developing an environmental course component for its diocesan schools to sensitize and inform young people of their responsibility to protect nature and the environment. This will lead to children having a better understanding of the world around them and how to look after it and protect it – as our responsibility to God and for the survival of future generations.

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