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Coastweeks Cleanup Continues On St. Croix Following Hurricane Maria

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ST. CROIX -- Although Hurricanes Irma and Maria curtailed many planned coastal cleanups across the territory, some St. Croix groups have been able to participate in Coastweeks, according to a recently issued University of the Virgin Islands release.

On Friday a group of about 40 fifth and sixth graders from Good Hope Country Day School worked to clean a Frederiksted beach, according to the release. Before Hurricane Maria slammed St. Croix, there were two cleanups on the island: one at Southgate Coastal Reserve, organized by the St. Croix Environmental Association, and one at Dorsch Beach, organized by the UVI Psychology club.

Coastweeks, a part of The Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, sees hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the globe cleaning beaches and waterways. It is the largest volunteer event that takes place on behalf of the environment.

"This year, due to the storms we only had a fraction of the 1000 volunteers we usually have in the territory participate. We will however continue to support groups who want to clean our marine environment beyond the official end of Coastweeks on Oct. 31," said Marcia Taylor, St. Croix Coastweeks coordinator.

If you are interested in doing a beach clean-up on St. Croix, contact Ms. Taylor at 340-692-4046.

Waste Management continues to be a partner in Coastweeks.

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