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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see below for our Turning the Tide documentary pitch for Aruba. This pitch was sent out today, 6/12 to 13 journalists.

Let us know if you have any questions!

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Today, Aruba is making waves on the global stage with a powerful story of renewal and community-driven conservation. As ***Turning the Tide***, Aruba's first-ever nature restoration documentary, will screen at the [United Nations Ocean Conference](#) (UNOC 2025) as part of a special [Green Zone side-event](#).

The film follows a groundbreaking marine conservation and Responsible Tourism projects on the One Happy Island, including coral and mangrove restoration project led by local conservationists, researchers, and grassroots partners.

Additionally, in celebration of World Oceans Day (June 8), the [Aruba Conservation Foundation](#) (ACF) has made *Turning the Tide* publicly available via [YouTube](#), inviting global viewers to witness the island's collective effort to protect its natural beauty for generations to come.

Please find a full press release below the ACF surrounding this exciting moment for Aruba. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information should this news be of interest!

Thanks,

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## TURNING THE TIDE IS CROSSING OCEANS: DOCUMENTARY TO SCREEN AT THE UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

From island shores to international screens, this moment marks a proud moment for Aruba as local conservation efforts makes waves at UNOC 2025



**ORANJESTAD, ARUBA – 11 JUNE 2025** – ‘Turning the Tide’, Aruba’s first-of-its-kind nature restoration documentary showcasing Aruba’s mangrove and coral restoration efforts as part of a pilot Project funded by the EU [RESEMBID](#) Programme, is making waves internationally. The documentary will be featured at this week’s **2025 United Nations Oceans Conference** (UNOC) as part of a special [Green Zone side-event](#) on June 12th, held at the Palais des Congrès de Nice.

This marks an incredible milestone, not only for the project partners [Aruba Conservation Foundation](#), [ScubbleBubbles Foundation](#), [University of Aruba](#) and [Wageningen University & Research](#), but for the community of Aruba. With its diverse ecosystems, rich biodiversity, resilient communities and dedicated conservationists, Aruba will be front and center at one of the world’s most important platforms for ocean advocacy.

Hosted in the Nautilus Auditorium with a capacity of 200 people, the event will run from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and will include a screening of the documentary followed by a 30-minute live discussion. Representing all project partners and serving as a key voice will be Rene Henkens of Wageningen University & Research, who will be representing Aruba Conservation Foundation and the full collaborative team. The Green Zone is open to conference goers, welcoming citizens, youth, civil society, and authorities alike - a real reflection of the collaborative spirit at the heart of this pilot project that brought the community of Aruba together, for nature.

Produced in Aruba, for Aruba, ‘Turning the Tide’ documents the restoration of Aruba’s mangroves and coral reefs over a 16-month period. From digging silt traps to deploying artificial reef structures in Marine Protected Areas (MPA), the documentary highlights both the complexity and the beauty of restoring nature.

In addition to the UNOC screening, the documentary will be showcased at a VIP event at Cinéma Variétés, offering high-level visibility among global ocean leaders.

This opportunity marks a historic moment: Aruba's story is going global. The screening at UNOC is a testament to how small island nations can contribute to global ocean resilience. Arubans should be immensely proud as this is not just a documentary; it's the island's voice, the island's nature and the island's future.

To celebrate World Oceans Day, 'Turning the Tide' was also made available to the global public via [ACF's YouTube channel](#)

on June 8th, inviting everyone to witness a diverse and deeply committed group of islanders, united in the incredible journey to restoring nature in Aruba.

**Watch now:** <https://bit.ly/43E6tI7>

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