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## Understanding the blue economy: The Saint Lucia Experience

A blue economy is the sustainable use of the ocean for growth, jobs, livelihoods, and food security while at the same time protecting marine health. The blue economy is built on three pillars: environmental sustainability, social inclusivity and economic viability – fostering a balanced approach to ocean resource management and sustainable growth.

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Conserving, restoring, and protecting our oceans is essential to creating a sustainable blue economy. Our approach involves protecting marine ecosystems and biodiversity, enhancing ecosystem resilience especially in the face of climate change through the establishment and management of marine protected areas and pursuit of sustainable fishing practices, and fostering environmental stewardship to reduce our footprint and impacts while recognising that the well-being of Saint Lucians and our economy are directly tied to the health of our ocean environment.

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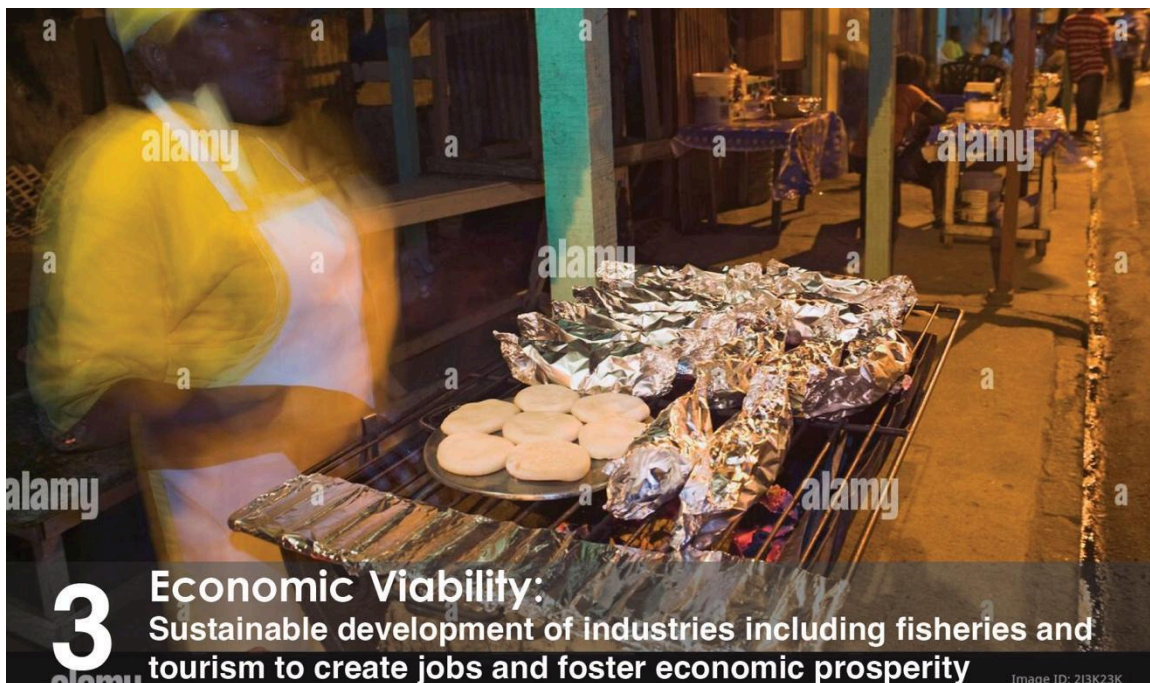
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The blue economy is based on identifying and taking advantage of the enormous economic potential of our nearshore and marine areas while ensuring responsible and inclusive resource management. The blue economy has the potential to boost national and regional growth, employment, innovation, and to improve livelihoods. At the same time, it's also important to recognize the sometimes-overlooked value of our coastal and marine habitats – our coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds, and wetlands – in delivering critical ecosystem services including coastal protection and carbon sequestration.

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