

For tourists, the Caribbean is a recreational mecca with many and varied opportunities for boating, scuba diving, deep sea fishing, and other tourism activities.

The Caribbean has given much to the world, the bounty of its seas, the products of its soils, the creativity of its people—even its music—calypso, reggae and salsa—have been embraced worldwide. But, paradoxically, the abundance of its gifts contrasts with the scarcity of its wealth.

Juxtaposed with abundance are all too frequent examples of grinding poverty, both in the rural countryside as well as in the urban centers which accommodate an increasingly larger proportion of the Region's population.

