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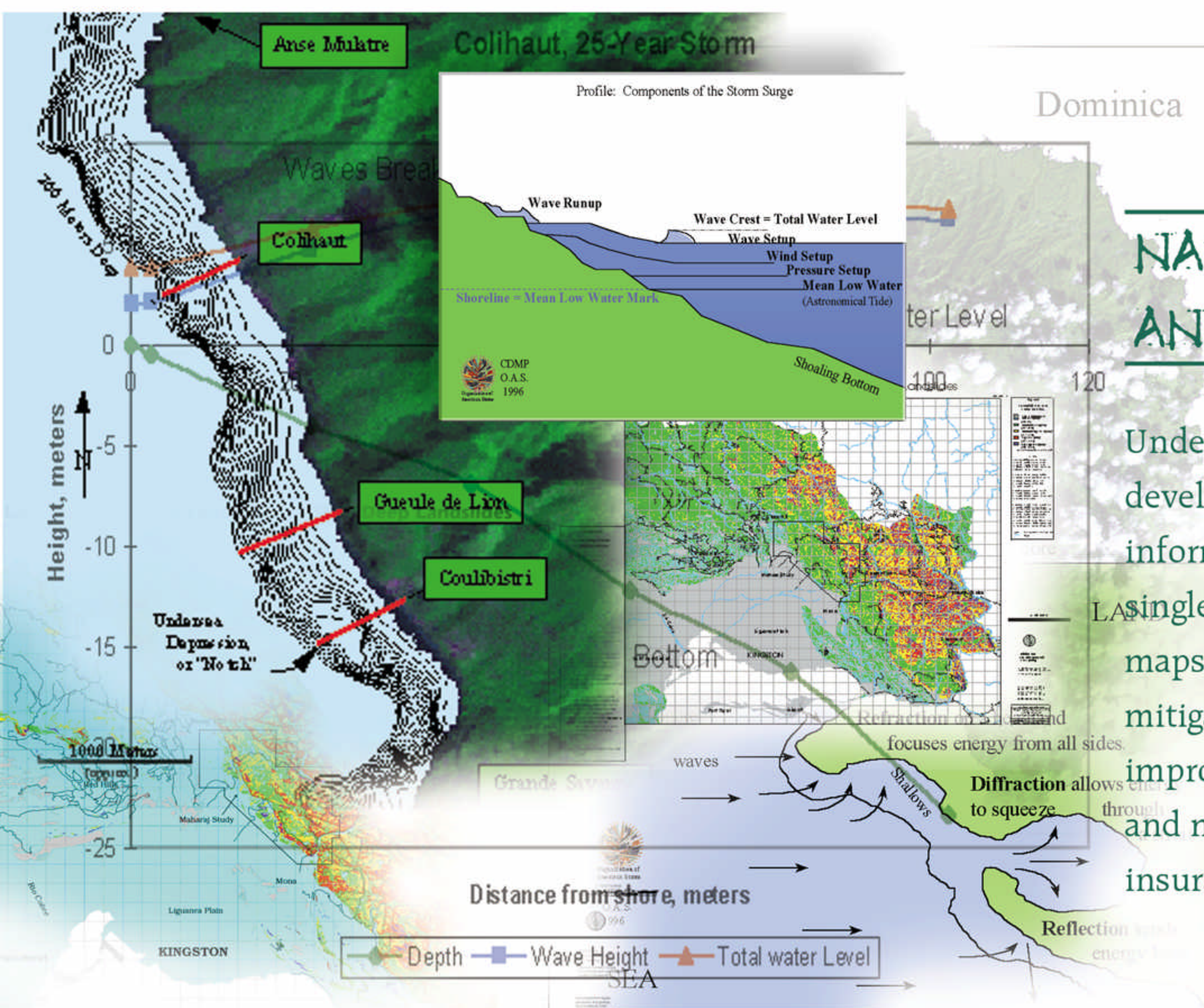
CARIBBEAN DISASTER MITIGATION PROJECT

Promoting the Adoption of Natural Disaster Preparedness and Loss Reduction Practices



FACILITATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION

The CDMP recognizes the vital role communities play in existing government efforts in preparing for natural hazards and mitigating their effects. The project seeks to promote public/private sector partnerships to ensure that community hazard preparedness and mitigation activities are sustainable. CDMP has supported community preparedness activities in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.



NATURAL HAZARD ASSESSMENTS AND RISK MAPPING

Understanding the characteristics of hazards is critical for the development of appropriate strategies to address them. This information is presented in traditional and computer-based, single- and multi-hazard maps for selected study areas. These maps are designed to support incorporation of hazard mitigation in planning and locating physical development, improved emergency management and evacuation planning and more accurate determination of natural hazard risk by insurance and lending institutions.

PROMOTION OF HAZARD-RESISTANT BUILDING PRACTICES AND STANDARDS

Large and small contractors, artisans and others working in the formal and informal building sectors are assisted in adopting effective, natural hazard vulnerability reduction measures. Project area governments are assisted in adopting development regulations and codes that promote vulnerability reduction.

