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# SARGASSUM

*Story(ies)  
of a brown tide*

## Release in March 2022

Release of the book **“Sargassum; Story(ies) of a brown tide”** coordinated by Marion Lecardonnel, director of the Alliance française in Santo Domingo, Jessica Oublié, Guadeloupean comic strip author, and Ulises Jauregui, researcher in environmental sciences.

**“Sargassum; story(ies) of a brown tide”** is a collective work, which brings together the contributions of 9 teams involving **29 illustrators, scriptwriters and researchers**, based in the following territories: Antigua, Barbados, Brazil, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martinique, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Venezuela.

This book, coordinated by the Alliance française de Santo Domingo, has received special support from the French Embassy in the Dominican Republic and in Saint Lucia, the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Fondation of the Alliances françaises. It deals with **the state of knowledge produced on sargassum**, otherwise known as brown seaweed, on the scale of the America-Caribbean zone, and makes it possible to raise awareness of the environmental problem in an informative, educational and artistic manner.



The first publication in the Alliances françaises Collection, **this book is part of a threefold institutional framework:** The Sargasso international conference (Guadeloupe, 2019), the funding of ten scientific projects on Sargasso by the National Research Agency (2019), the 2020-2021 year of comics organised by the Centre National du livre and the Cité internationale de la bande dessinée et de l'image of France.

Over the course of its 200 pages, the book addresses, among other things, the impact of sargassum on the ecosystem, the cohabitation strategies put in place by the populations, the processing and recycling solutions proposed by research, and their use in sustainable local development projects.

This book illustrates a strong desire on the part of the French cultural network to participate in **raising awareness on environmental protection**. The interdisciplinary and multicultural approach also makes it possible to explore current scientific advances in an original way, thanks to different artistic perspectives.

The strong involvement of the cultural and scientific cooperation services of the French Embassies and the Alliances françaises of the countries concerned, alongside the scriptwriters and illustrators, makes this work unique in terms of its partnerships and its aim which is to be a support for exchange, reflection and encounters for all audiences, school-children, adults, as well as academics, around the important social issue of the environment.

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**The advantages of the comic book:**

- 4 publications in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese
- 11 participating territories
- A rich interdisciplinarity mixing researchers, illustrators and scriptwriters

**Friday, March 4 2022**

**Regional book launch at Jambes de Bois restaurant, Gros Islet at 5 PM to 7 PM (Eastern Caribbean)**

**International Virtual book launch, at 5 pm (GMT+1-France) / 12 pm (Eastern Caribbean),**

**Connection link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82603962300>**

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