

# “ Disaster Risk Management in Ports: Strategies for Coordinated Preparedness, Response and Recovery”

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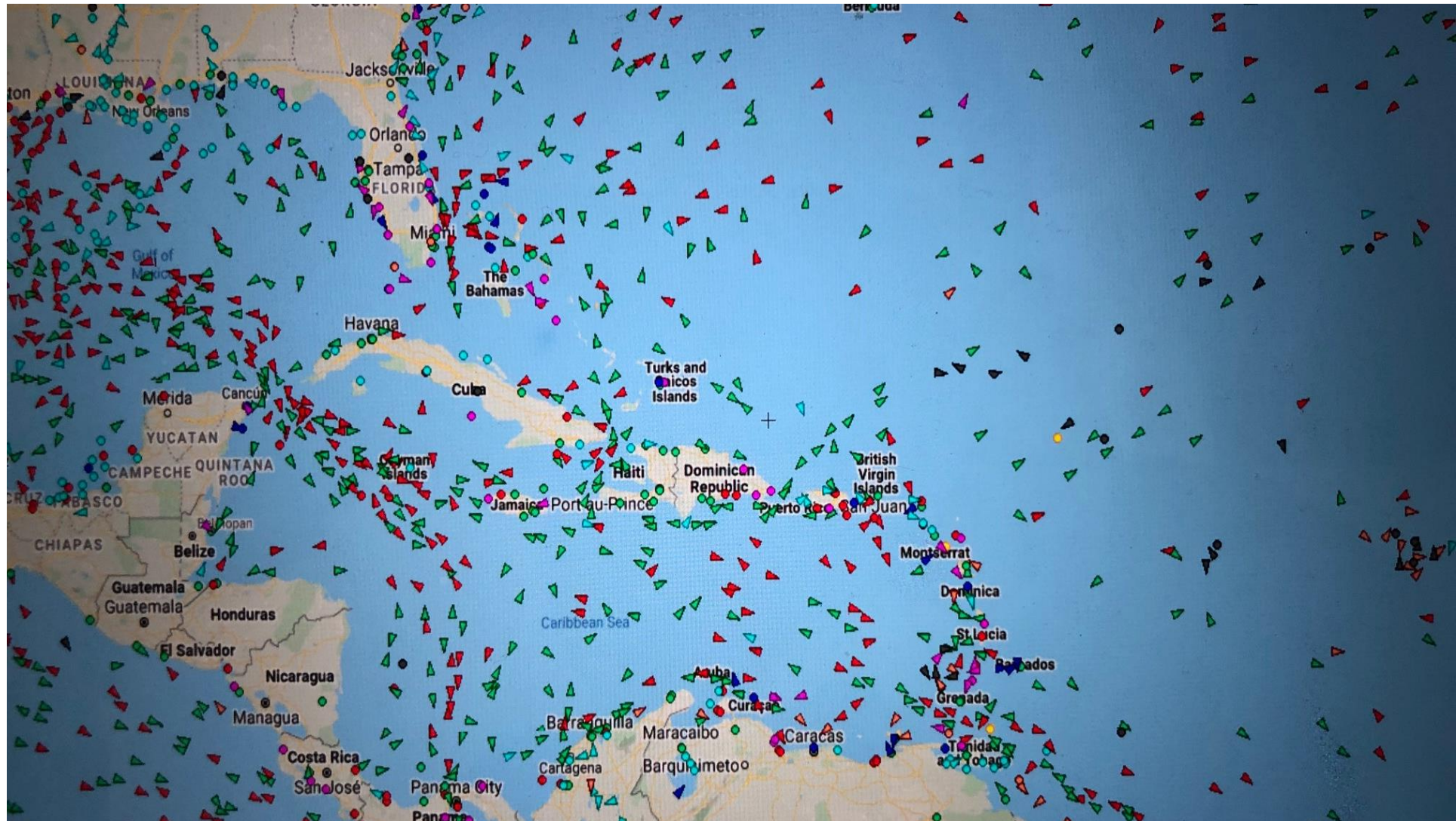


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***“Building Port Resiliency must start with consideration of PEOPLE first ... It is Strategic***



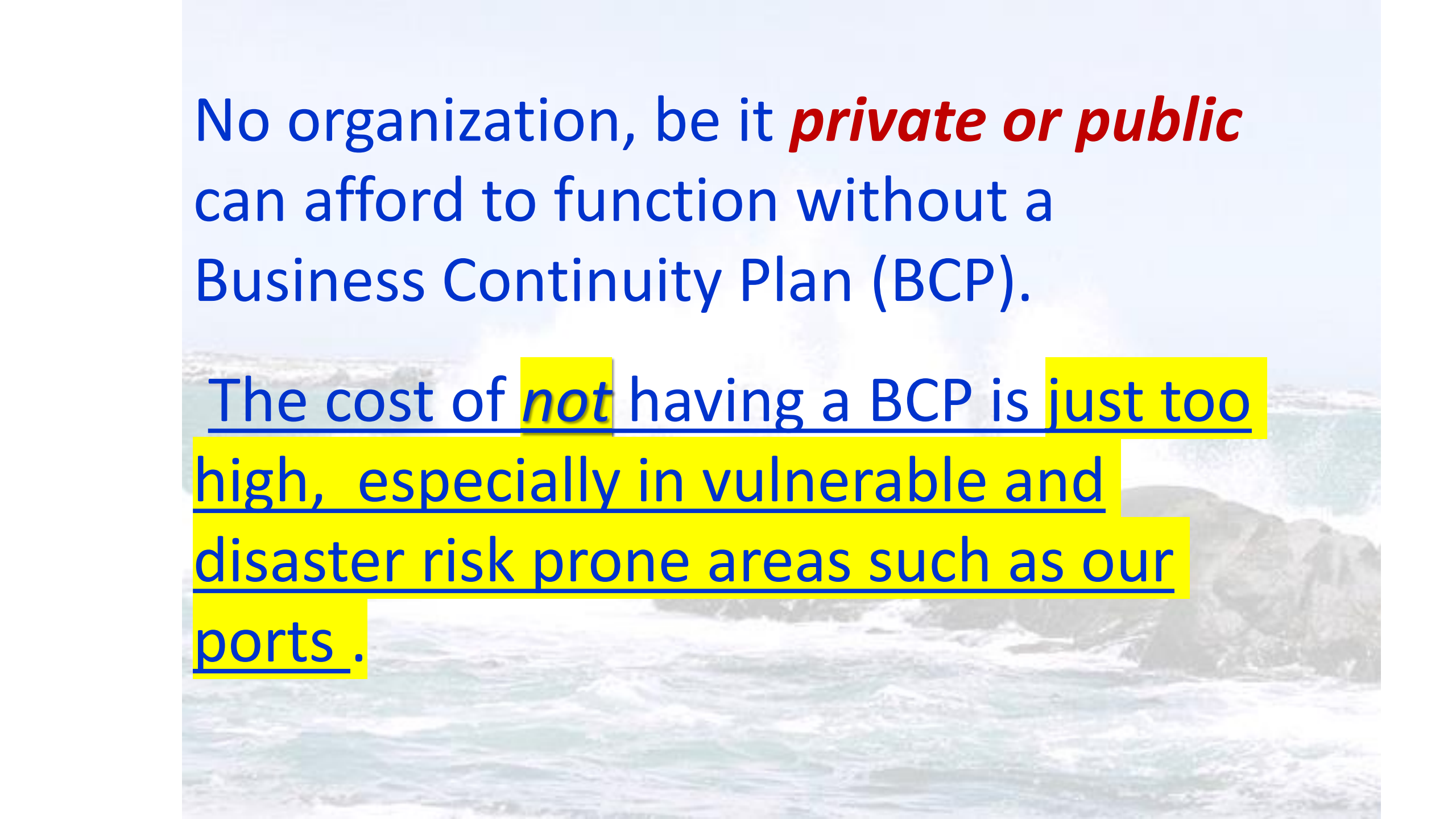


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No organization, be it ***private or public*** can afford to function without a Business Continuity Plan (BCP).

The cost of ***not*** having a BCP is **just too high, especially in vulnerable and disaster risk prone areas such as our ports .**

# Key Principles in the Cycle of Disaster Management

- A rapid and well coordinated response to a crisis/disaster is critical
- The Four (4) phases of Disaster Management- ***Preparation, Response, Recovery & Mitigation***
- ... ***And there is a fifth one- Partnership***
- ***Our Ports*** – a lifeline to ***Rapid and Timely Response*** and ***extremely Critical for Recovery*** of every community and its economy
- Critical for Economic Resilience thus ***Priority funding and Access to resources*** and ***Depoliticized***
- ***Who is in charge?*** Strong Leadership requirement
- For ***Operational Excellence*** –*See OAS-CIP Port Disaster Plan document*
- Well trained and nimble personnel ***must be deemed essential workers***

# Ports - Strategic Partnership and Cooperation



## A BCP is to Guide Strategic Actions

- Ensures the **safety of personnel** during a disaster
- **Protects assets**. Minimizes damage and loss
- **Identifies** your risks and **vulnerabilities**
- **Exercise the plan with staff-** adjust it if needed
- **Provides** organizational and operational stability
- **Facilitates decision-making** during a crisis
- Helps with an **orderly recovery** from a disaster
- **Assures your stakeholders** of return to normalcy

# Essential for a BCP

- ***Executive Sponsorship- a must.*** If the Ports' leadership is not interested or engaged, then no one else will be either
- Conduct a ***Risk Analysis (RA)***. Know the risks, know the threats, **know the vulnerabilities** of the environment where you operate – **Use Technology-AI**
- **Contingencies:** Does your plan cover all bases including insurance coverage and relocation options, personnel shortage?
- **Determine the *absolute minimum personnel requirements***- and **have a back-up plan to the plan**

## In Summary BCP Smart Planning

- It Prepares the organization and its team to respond effectively
- It Minimizes the effect of the disaster
- It Enhances disaster Response & Recovery
- It helps to Control the Outcome of the impact from the disaster

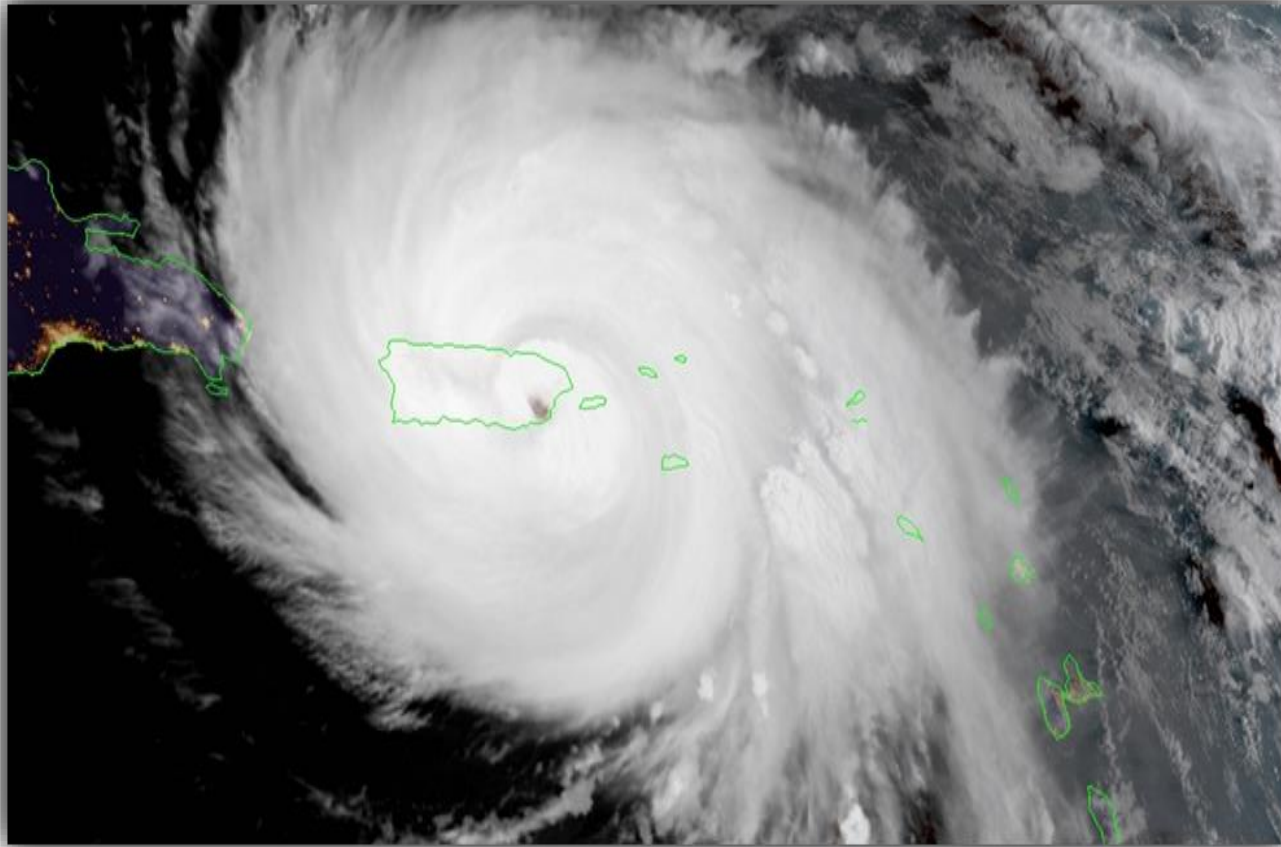


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- PRIVATE SECTOR
- GOVERNMENT
- PORTS

**CYBER ATTACKS ! The Maritime sector has increased !!**

*Caribbean Ports ... We have weathered many storms! Keep being Strategic.*







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