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The State of British Virgin Islands 18 month After Hurricane Irma and Maria

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Hurricane Irma and Maria distorted the British Virgin Islands from August 30th to September 16th, 2017. These hurricanes caused devastation and were documented as two of the five deadliest and costliest hurricanes that traveled through the BVI. In this study, I use first hand observations, scientific literature and other published work to assess the state of the BVI eighteen (18) months after these dual hurricanes. Specifically, I analyzed Hurricane Irma and Maria in the British Virgin Islands across two islands (Tortola and Virgin Gorda) and compared the impacts to past hurricanes. Results show that most of the BVI that were damaged during the hurricanes have rebounded and positive trends in the recovery can be observed all over the island. Conversely, there are pockets of the Islands especially the environmental set-up that would take a long time to resemble pre-hurricane days. The study conducted indicated that the British Virgin Islands will need adequate resources to be better equipped for future hurricanes