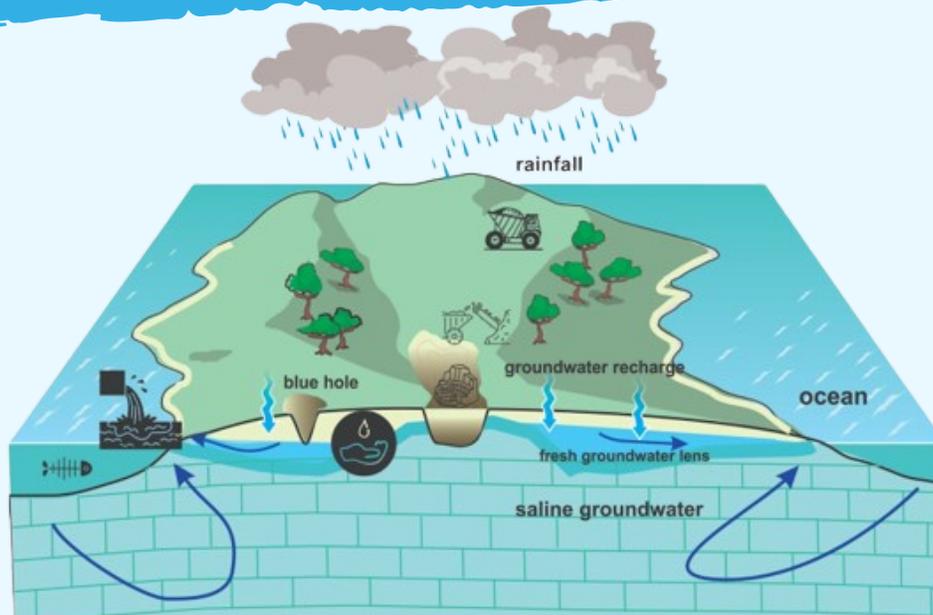


AN OVERVIEW OF MINING ON ANDROS



What is at Stake?

Limestone mining poses many risks to the health and well-being of all living beings and the surrounding environment.



01

Freshwater

The freshwater lens on Andros Island has been used as a water supply for many decades. Mining impacts could destroy this precious and limited resource, leading to water security challenges in the face of climate change.



02

Forests and Food

The coastal pine forests of North Andros protect inland areas from coastal storms and are home to endangered species, like the Bahama Oriole. Mining would destroy forest habitat and soil needed for healthy plant (forest and agriculture) growth.



03

Marine Environment

Mining threatens coastal environments - including the Andros Barrier Reef, the 3rd largest barrier reef in the world - that provide habitat for valuable species and protection from coastal flood hazards. Biodiversity could decline due to habitat destruction, mine noise, and transport vessels.



04

Health and Well-Being

Mine workers and residents living near the mine are at risk of many physical and mental health hazards caused by noise, dust, emissions, ground vibration, environmental destruction, water scarcity, and sexual violence.

Alternative Economic Opportunities

The proposed limestone mining in North Andros could destroy more sustainable long-term economic opportunities like...



01

Blue Carbon

By preserving blue carbon ecosystems - like seagrass, mangroves, and coral - and designating marine protected areas, the Bahamas may be eligible for carbon credits. Preserving these ecosystems will also safeguard food sustainability for future generations.



02

Sustainable Ecotourism

Sustainable ecotourism can offer a wide range of opportunities for environmental conservation and local jobs. Sustainable ecotourism empowers local communities in environmental and economic decision-making.