

Disaster management

a data-driven discussion and its relevance in territories threatened by the climate crisis

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We identified **32** laws on disaster management in **15** countries of the region

Countries with the greatest number of legislations on disaster management

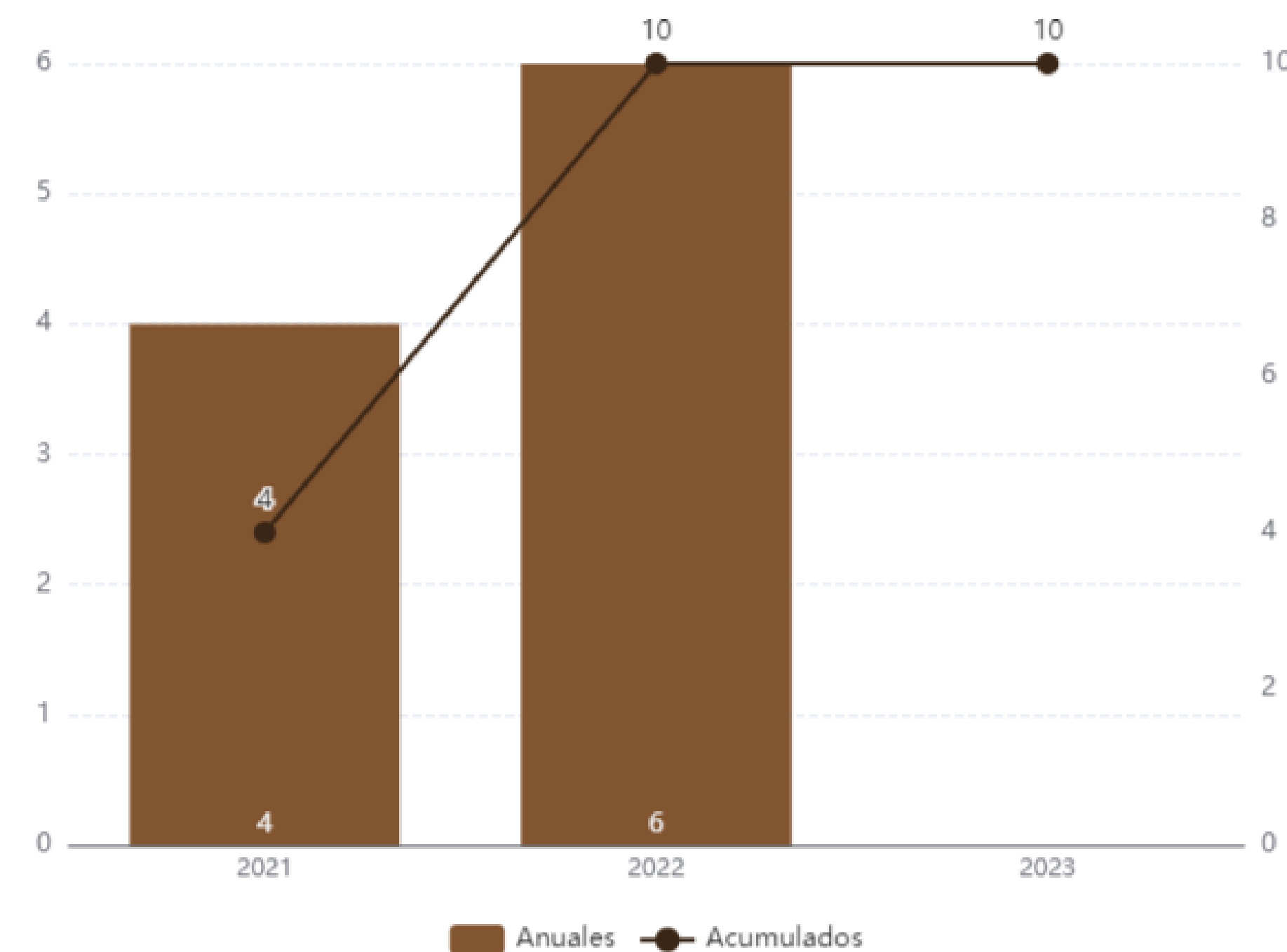


63% of laws on disaster management are from the Caribbean!

**10 bills and proposals
were introduced
between 2021 and 2022**

**They haven't been
enacted yet**

Gestión de desastres. América Latina y el Caribe (5 países): proyectos de ley que abordan el tema según año de presentación
(Número de proyectos anuales y proyectos acumulados)
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What?

Creating federal
emergency
response
governance

Establishing
response
mechanisms for
specific
emergencies

Developing loss
compensation
mechanisms

Securing funding
for emergency
response

Earliest legislation on disaster management in the region

The Caribbean has the oldest disaster management laws in the region, being the identified in 1945 from Turks and Caicos.

Country	Number	Title	Year
Turks and Caicos	7-1946	Hurricane Relief Ordinance 1945	1945
Barbados	65-1951	Prevention of Floods Act 1951	1951
Guyana	19-1954	Fire Prevention Act 1954	1954
Barbados	37-1958	Soil Conservation (Scotland District) Act 1959	1959
Barbados	148-1959	Soil Conservation (Scotland District) Regulations 1959	1959
Trinidad and Tobago	31-1965	Fire Service Act 1966	1966
Trinidad and Tobago	47-1978	Disaster Measures Act 1978	1978
Grenada	15-1984	National Disaster (Emergency Powers) Act 1984	1984

The case of the national response system in Chile

Why?

Ensure adequate disaster risk management.

Order the system according to the different emergency levels and phases of the disaster cycle.

Implementing clear disaster management governance

What?

Establishes the National Disaster Prevention and Response System. The National emergency office is replaced with the national disaster prevention and response service.

How?

Among other things

- (1) Defines emergency levels
- (2) Develops phases of the disaster cycle
- (3) Creates Disaster Risk Management Committees at national, regional and communal levels, in charge of disaster management governance.

With which tools?

Management tools				
National Policy for Risk Reduction	Risk Reduction Plans	Emergency Plan	Hazard and risk maps	Early warning system

The case of hurricanes in Turks and Caicos Islands

Repairing losses caused by this type of emergencies

Why?

Create a system to repair material damage caused by hurricanes.

What?

Those affected by hurricanes must request reparation for the damages caused by hurricanes. The State decides based on each case which repair to be provided.

How?

To the legal owners of property affected by hurricanes, the State may request a payment of up to 10% of the repair, if granted.

To whom?