



## **Villa Beach Boardwalk Completed**

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**Villa, ST. VINCENT:** The Villa Boardwalk officially opened today creating better access to hotels and restaurants along the Villa Beach for tourists and the local community.

Laverne Grant - Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism explained: "The area was in a deplorable condition from weather erosion and a broken concrete pathway that was once the access route, so this was a much needed priority. The project grew out of the European Union Tourism Development discussions in 2005, which included the building of a Hospitality Institute, Tourism website and Ministry of Tourism long-term master plan."

The Boardwalk was put out to tender where the bid was won by Sea Operation who completed the project within the stated ten month frame at a cost of EC\$900,000.

This project not only protects the coastline, but improved the aesthetics of the coast, along with providing easy access for locals and visitors to and from the beach and businesses along the coast.

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