



ORGANIZACION PRO AMBIENTE SUSTENTABLE

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1. Blue Flag
2. Eco-Schools
3. Green Key
4. Young Reporters for the Environment
5. Learning from our Forests (LEAF)

In Puerto Rico, OPAS has successfully implemented three of these programs:

1. Blue Flag
2. Eco-Schools
3. Green Key

# Blue Flag



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## Blue Flag



### The Blue Flag Program

It is an international certification that is awarded to beaches and marinas when they meet certain criteria voluntarily.

Individual ships are also granted Blue Flag status when boat operators sign an agreement on environmental commitment.

Main criteria:

- 1) Water quality
- 2) Safety and Services
- 3) Environmental Management
- 4) Education and Information

These criteria are evaluated annually by a national jury.

When and where did the Blue Flag Programme begin?

1985: BF in France

1987: European BF

2001: BF International

2004: BF in the Caribbean

2005: BF in Canada, Morocco, New Zealand

2012: More than 50 countries with BF (approx. 3,500 beaches and marinas)

### What is a Blue Flag beach?

It is a beach that has been officially designated in a national or international level as an area for bathers, with at least one sampling point (for water quality testing), has the facilities and meets the criteria required for Blue Flag.



### Certified Blue Flag Beaches in Puerto Rico 2014-2015:

- 1) Balneario de Carolina
- 2) Balneario El Escambrón, San Juan
- 3) Balneario Punta Salinas, Toa Baja
- 4) Balneario Seven Seas, Fajardo
- 5) Balneario de Boquerón, Cabo Rojo
- 6) Balneario La Monserrate, Luquillo
- 7) Balneario Sun Bay, Vieques
- 8) Playa Pelicano - Reserva Natural Isla Caja de Muertos, Ponce

### Certified Blue Flag Marinas:

- 1) Marina Puerto Chico, Fajardo
- 2) Marina Puerto del Rey, Fajardo y Ceiba