Sustainability Initiatives

# ISA WORLD SURFING GAMES

Arecibo, Puerto Rico 2024





# ISA X SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

### **Mangrove Restoration Project**

Athletes from all teams were invited to participate in a mangrove restoration project in which they learned how important these important blue carbon ecosystems are for carbon sequestration and protecting the local environment.







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The athletes also planted seeds and saplings to help restore a mangrove forest previously destroyed by hurricane Maria, located just minutes away from the 2024 ISA World Surfing Games competition site.







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## **On-Site Educational Presentations**

The Surfrider Foundation created an interactive exhibit at the competition site in which athletes, staff, and community members had the opportunity to learn more about the local environment of Puerto Rico and the steps we can take to protect it.





## PLASTIC-FREE

The ISA and Puerto Rico Local Organizing Committee advocated for a plastic-free event. Participants and spectators were encouraged to avoid using single-use plastics and the following alternatives were offered:

- Water bottle refill stations were available for all competitors.
- No beverages were served in single-use plastic containers at the event site.





## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **Sorting and Recycling**

The ISA and Puerto Rico Organizing Committee partnered with Triunfo to ensure all waste from the event site was properly sorted for recycling or disposal.

View the full waste report <u>here</u>.





