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Although conservation efforts and a vast national park are helping to protect natural resources on the U.S. Virgin Islands, increased tourism, a building boom, and other pressures threaten this still relatively unblemished territory.

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