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ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL OPENS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



The fourth edition of the Dominican Republic's Environmental Film Festival, or DREFF, opened Wednesday, screening films in 11 cities across the Caribbean nation. RELATED: [Ecuadoreans Go to Canada to Collect Billions from Chevron](#) The festival, which runs until Sept. 18, aims to educate and raise environmental awareness among the public, as well as promote the country's natural heritage and encourage the behaviors necessary to preserve it. The DREFF started in 2011 with an attendance of 2,000, growing to 10,000 filmgoers last year, festival director Natasha Despotovic told EFE. "For us, it's very important to use film as an educational medium to raise awareness and promote better public policies, and greater social action and behavior by the private sector. The change can be seen at many levels," Despotovic said. [Next »](#)

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