

Competition Photo Competition entry from St. Vincent and the Grenadines

The Belmont beach, back in the 1990's, was a beach that attracted a lot of tourists and local attention. It was one of the many beaches in Bequia where there was an abundance of sand and other marine life (coral etc). Back then, vendors could have been seen setting up stalls to sell their local produce especially when there were tourists in the bay. Back then, there were no visible debris, nor stones close to or away from the shore. The beach was all sand as far as the eyes and legs could reach. The waters of the Belmont beach also attracted numerous scuba dives since the water was clear and pristine and ideal for snorkelling.



1994 view of Belmont beach

The Belmont beach, at this present time, cannot be considered as such since no sand is visible. Over the years, due to erosion and other factors such as rise in sea level etc., stone now replaces the sand that was once visible twenty or so years ago. The Belmont beach no longer attracts tourists or even locals. All that is visible now are huge boulders and water that is so deep if not for the boulders, one could actually jump in head first.



2014 view of Belmont beach – no sand is visible