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Sustainable Grenadines Inc. (SusGren) is pleased to announce that we have been awarded funds by the UNEP-CEP SPAW-RAC under the auspices of the CaMPAM-ECMANN small grant program to carry out a capacity building activities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The project, entitled “Strengthening Management Capacity at the South Coast Marine Management Area (SCMMA) and the Tobago Cays Marine Park (TCMP) in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG)”, is slated to begin in earnest in January 2015, and has an 18 month period of execution.

The project will directly help to protect biological resources and their habitats within the SCMMA and TCMP through the implementation of a comprehensive water quality monitoring program, improvements to the enforcement capabilities of rangers operating within those two MMAs and a targeted enforcement related public awareness and education campaign. Further, the project will allow for the re-assessment of MPA gaps in fulfilment of the 20% Caribbean Challenge Initiative target. The project represents an opportunity to build on contributions from previously implemented or ongoing projects in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

SusGren will be partnering with the SVG National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority in order to implement this project. We would like to thank The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety as well as The Nature Conservancy’s Eastern Caribbean Programme for their generous financial support.