## **Public Awareness Launch**

# Sandy Island Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area

# **Final Report**

Contractor: Martin Barriteau Date: September 30, 2010

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#### **Component 1**: Signage and Public Awareness Launch

Annex 1: Brochures produced and ready for distribution.







Annex 2: Picture posters produced and ready for distribution:





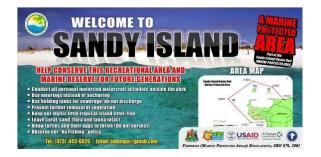
Annex 3: Outdoor interpretive and boundary signs installed.

(A) Informative signs:





(B). Welcome signs:





(C). Boundary signs:





Annex 4: Exhibition unit education and informative posters (3 x 4 feet) produced.





#### **Component 2: General Support for SIOBMPA**

#### Annex 5: Monthly Report on Activities with SIOB MPA Committee

Reporting Period August – September, 2010

Continued to maintain regular contact with Grenada MPA Officer, the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs and the SIOB MPA Board throughout August and September to ensure that post SIOB MPA launch activities were consistent with the management plan. Major activities of the SIOB MPA Board for the months of August and September were the start of fee collections, corrections to the mooring installed, completing the signage and education materials and lost of the MPA boat.

Livelihood project for SIOB MPA: Continued to work on the Livelihoods project for the SIOB MPA. Communicated with Giles Romulus of GEF small grant and resubmitted the project entitled "Capacity Strengthening, Sustainable Livelihoods and Biodiversity Conservation for Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area." Discussion on the project was held with the SIOB MPA Board in which they were informed that the present scope of works and implementing agency (SusGren) for the project can be changed if they so desire. Following the SIOB MPA launch the Board implemented a number of sub-committees to include: finance, management and communication. The GEF small grant project was sent to Brian Whyte of the communications sub-committee to take further action as the Board's may request.

SIOB MPA Board Meeting: Attended a Board meeting on September 9, 2010 to

discuss the moorings issues, fees collection system, SIOB MPA management and completing the signage and educational materials for the SIOB MPA. At the meeting there were presentations by the finance, management and communications sub committees. Rolande Baldeo the MPA Officer also reported on the meeting which was held earlier that day with the moorings contractor Richard Laflamme of Lumbadive.



As part of the outcomes of the moorings meeting held on September 9, Lumbadive promised to do the following:

- Redo all of the splices on the mooring. They were all too short
- Straighten the boundary moorings consistent with the GPS positions on the map. Concrete blocks will be used in some places.
- Remove six moorings at sandy island
- Lengthen the pickup lines from 12 to 18 feet.

According the financial report of the fees collected in the SIOB MPA from the time of starting, August 5 - 31, EC\$3011.90 was collected and \$2408.81 was used for fuel and oil. The only fee collected at the moment is US\$10.00 or EC\$25.00 for the use of the overnight/yacht moorings. Presently there are two wardens collecting fees. They are

being paid EC\$1700.00 per month. The Ministry of Carriacou and PM Affairs promised to hire an additional chief warden who will be paid \$2000.00 per month

According the management committee report yachters complained about the mooringS at Sandy Island being to close, they need dinghy moorings at Sandy Island beach for small boats and at Paradise Beach to facilitate their shopping in that area. Large yachts over 50 feet also wanted to see moorings for their sizes. There was 80% compliance by local fishermen with regards to removing their fish pots from the MPA.

**Fee System for SIOB MPA:** To date the SIOB MPA Board cannot agree on when they would implement the complete fees system for SIOB MPA. In discussion with Baldeo the MPA Officer he indicated that fees system is being deferred until the Ministry of the Environment willingness to pay studies for Grenada is completed. According to Baldeo, MPAs has to operate within the laws and charge fees that are listed in the legislation. Other factors affecting the implementation of the fees system is the notion by the dive operators of Grenada to defer implementation of the fees system for two years. The Board is still debating on a declaimer for the mooring and decided to seek legal advice through the ministry of legal advice.

**Complete the Signage and other Educational and Awareness Materials for the SIOB MPA:** Continued to work with members of the SIOB MPA board, SusGren Interns, designers and printing companies to complete all signage and other awareness materials for SIOB MPA. As part of this initiative signs that was developed under the USAID communication strategies for SIOB MPA were also erected.

**Molinere/Beausejour MPA Launch:** Accompanied a team of SIOB MPA Board members to the launch of the Molinere/Boursejour MPA on September 5. The launch was held in Dragon Bay, Molinere Grenada. The launch was successful held in a similar fashion to the SIOB MPA launch. Major donors of the Moliere/Beausejur MPA were present at the launch





including members from USAID COTS and Buccoo Reef Trust. The Molinere/Beausejour and SIOB MPAs will soon be benefitting from a "strengthening MPAs on the Grenada Bank" Project to be implemented by the Sustainable Grenadines (SusGren).

**Meeting with the Minister**: I met with the Minister of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, Senator George Prime, to discuss future initiatives for SIOB MPA, SusGren status and upcoming projects. One of the major discussions was the new legislation established for local government in Carriacou and how they can help in molding new legislation for local area management and co-management. I obtained a copy of this legislation which will be used by the legislative consultants that will be hired to look at MPA legislation for co-management. Ways in which the government can assist SusGren also was discussed.

The SIOB MPA boat went Missing: The SIOB MPA 21 feet white fibre glass boat with a green awning went missing from September 19 2010. The boat is less than two

months old and it is the only boat owned by the SOIB MPA used to do daily patrols of the MPA. I passed the information on and held discussions with fishermen and other community members on Union island and other Grenadine islands. The information was also distributed through emails to Fisheries Division and other persons on the mainland of St. Vincent.



#### **Annexes to SIOBMPA Report**

**Progress Report:** 

Date: August 27, 2010

Contractor: Martin Barriteau

**Contact Name:** plan and coordinate the signage and public awareness launch for the Sandy Island Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area (SIOBMPA),

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#### **Component 1**: Signage and Public Awareness Launch

Annex 1: Banners displayed (press conference and launch ceremony - behind MPA sign)





#### **Component 1.** Signage and Public Awareness Launch

Annex 2: Approved signs prototype ready for launch July 31 **Informative Sign** 



### **Boundary Signs**





Annex 3: Articles in Local news papers

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Annex 4: One and half hour total hours on local radio talk show called "speak out." Name of radio station: kayak radio 106.3 FM http://radiotime.com/station/s\_89765/Kayak\_FM\_1060.aspx Panel: Brain Whyte of the SIOB MPA steering committee: baw1gbt@yahoo.com Richard LaFlamme: Mooring consultant of Lumbadive; lumbadive@lumbadive.com

Martin Barriteau of SusGren: balius2000@yahoo.com

Annex 5: Promote and stage Launch Activities:

Official Launch Ceremony



#### Display at Public Launch



Sign at the Official Launch – Banner Behind



Public promotion Event at the L'Essterre Community



News Paper Articles on the Launch are Below:

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LOCAL NEWS

# **Infrastructural development for Carriacou and Petite Martinique**

The sister isles of arricaou and Petite Aartinique are earnarked for social and conomic take off as number of infratructural projects are xpected to come on tream there soon.

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Prime Minister Tillman Thomas (centre) who made the announcement about the infrastructural development in Carriacou among other Cabinet Ministers

main road. According to the

Grenadian leader, road construction in Petite Martinique will soon commence and that construction of the passenger terminal at Hillsborough Jetty is set to start before year-end.

He also disclosed that the water situation on the sister isle will also be addressed through a special

water catchment and integrate the sister storage programme to be implemented.

PM Thomas stated that as part of government's food security programme, two models farms are already completed for the rearing of small animals in Carriacou.

He felt that by undertaking those projects, it shows clearly his government's intention to

isles into the mainstream of Grenada.

"Your concerns and your needs are equally important as that of any Grenadian on the mainland," he told the gathering comprised mainly of residents of Carriacou..

The issue of Youth development was also addressed by the Prime Minister who

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Annex 6: Advertising Launch Activities on local Radio

A Jingle on the SIOB MPA was developed among local calypsoian (tradition music). The final product was aired on radio for three weeks:

#### SANDY ISLAND

Here's a radiant beauty Glowing both day and night Tranquil turquoise borders Beaches washed in white

My Sandy Island My natural treasure Mine to admire Mine to protect

In everything we do Remember the rules Preserve Sandy Island For others to enjoy As you do

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Spoken voice: Sandy Island, the gem of Carriacou

This advertisement and others were place on the local radio stations and news releases were sent to all media houses and placed on internet discussion group (susgren@yahoogroups.com)

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Annex 7: Co-management agreement:

Below is the signed ceremony of the final co-management agreement between the SIOB MPA Management Board and the National MPA Committee.



The co-management agreement is available and can be submitted. A copy of the signed page of the co-management agreement is presented below.

#### Attachments:

- I. Terms of Reference for the SIOBMPA Stakeholders Committee.
- II. Physical description of SIOBMPA and current rules of area use

Signed:

DATE

JUSTIN RENNIE CHAIRMAN NATIONAL MPA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Signed:

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DAVON BAKER CHAIRMAN SIOBMPA CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD

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HON. GEORGE PRIME MINISTER FOR CARRIACOU & PETITE MARTINIQUE AFFAIRS

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Annex 8 Draft fee systems. Other fees agreement awaiting the national system of fees for Grenada

FEE DESCRIPTION	Su	ggested	Range	NO. of UNITS per ANNUM to be charged the fee	Proposed Fee per unit	тс	DTAL
Marine Sanctuary (Oyster Bed) during natural disaster – hurricane, storm, sea surge Annual	\$	100.00					
Mooring – Over 70 feet 24hrs	\$	50.00		20	\$ 50.00	\$	1,000.00
Mooring – Under 70 feet 24hrs (but no head fee)	\$	30.00	\$25.00 - \$45.00	2,000	\$ 30.00	\$	60,000.00
Dive Shop Owner Permit (moorings included) Annual	\$	800.00		3	\$ 200.00	\$	600.00
Coastal cruisers (live aboard): 1-5 Days						\$	-
Coastal cruisers (live aboard): Over 5 Days						\$	-
Scuba Diver Fee 24hrs	\$	25.00	\$8.00 - \$45.00			\$	-
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Entry Fee: Local	\$	5.00				\$	-
Local Excursion (hiking mangrove) 24hrs	\$	5.00				\$	-
Visiting the Oyster Bed/Mangrove: Head fee						\$	-
Non-commercial or Industrial Research or Collection of Specimens Permit	\$	300.00				\$	-
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Vendors Annual	\$ 100.00		 \$ -
Charter Boats Annual	\$ 600.00		\$-
Weddings: Sandy Island	\$ 100.00		 \$-
Filming (location fee) 24hrs	\$ 1,500.00		\$-
Water Taxi Annual	\$ 200.00		 \$ -
Charter Boats Annual	\$ 800.00		 \$-
Specimens Permit	\$ 300.00		 \$-
			\$ 91,600.00

#### Annex 9: Monthly Report on Activities with SIOB MPA Committee

Report Period July – August, 2010

Maintained regular contact with the Grenada MPA Officer and the SIOB MPA Steering Committee to plan for the pre-launch and launch activities, and in finalizing the comanagement agreement. Provided advice and information on the management plan and moorings installation to ensure that these activities were in keeping with what was laid out in the management plan and zoning regulations.

Early in July assisted with the selection process for the wardens who received a training attachment at the Soufriere Marine Management Area (SMMA) in St. Lucia (see article below). Developed and submitted a GEF small grant to address livelihoods for the fisher that would be affected by the commissioning of the MPA. This document is available upon request.

Apart from fully supporting the pre-launch and launch activities to include compiling information for the production of eight signs for the MPA and for the pictures and informative posters and news articles. Also aid in the development of a Jingle, banners, adds for the local radio and brochures. In addition I took part in the following activities:

On July 26, I attended a SIOB MPA steering committee meeting on the launch planning. On July 28, an AGM was held to elect a new management board for the MPA. On July 30, I made a presentation at a media conference on the MPA emphasizing the role of the community in co-management and encouraged the new SIOB MPA board to work closely with the management plan (see news paper article below). On that same day I attended the



signing ceremony of the co-management agreement between the SIOB MPA Board and the National MPA Committee and an official handing over of equipments ceremony by TNC and the SIOB MPA Board. On July 31, I attended the official launch of the SIOB MPA in which the Prime Minster of Grenada, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Carriacou and PM Affairs made special remarks (See article below).

On August 1, along with TNC's Ruth Blyther met with the mooring consultant Richard LaFlamme of Carriacou Lumbadive to assess the mooring installation and determined next steps for completing of the project.



Information on past work that was done on fee systems for the SIOB MPA was compiled with what is in the management plan and on other marine parks in the region. This information was forwarded to the MPA officer for presentation at the fee system workshop on August 12.

On August 12 attended a workshop on MPA local area management and made a presentation on future projects that will provide further support to effectively management, monitoring and training of the MPA stakeholders. Three hours of that workshop was focused on the developing a fee system for the MPA.



