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Sandy Island Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area
Final Report

Contractor: Martin Barriteau
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CONTRACT NUMBER: FY10-C-AID-ECaribe-Barriteau

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 Lafortune 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 to the management committee report yachtsers complained about the moorings at Sandy Island being too 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/Bourkejour 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/Beausej ur MPA were present at the launch including members from USAID COTS and Buccoo Reef Trust. The Molinere/Beausej our 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 Little 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

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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
Inside Carriacou & Petite Martinique

Date draws closer for the official launching of the Sandy Island/Oyster

Bed Marine-protected area

Congratulations
you've WON
ANNOUNCING
THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENTS
FOR
THE SANDY ISLAND/ OYSTER BED
MARINE PROTECTED AREA
CARRIACOU

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND
AWARIENESS

July 26th - L'Estere
July 27th - Mt. Royal
July 28th - Windward

June 1st - Island-wide
6:00PM

OFFICIAL LAUNCH
CEREMONY

July 21st - Hillsborough
6:30PM

DJ, Guest Speakers, Cultural
Entertainment and more

ALL EVENTS FREE!

What is a Marine Protected Area?
"MPAs are areas of land and/or sea specially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of cultural and associated
natural resources and managed through legal or other effective means." - IUCN, 1994

The Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area comprises an area of 797 hectares on the southwest coast of Carriacou. The area contains an
estuarine reed system, mangrove forest, sandy beaches, and sea grass beds. It is one of the most important ecosystems in the region and a culturally
significant area for the people of Carriacou. The Turmel Bay mangroves are important to local boat owners, who use the area to secure their boats
during tropical storms. A pristine white sand beach surrounded by beautiful turquoise waters makes the secluded Sandy Island the quintessential
tropical paradise.

After nearly ten years of community consultation, research and planning the SOBMPA will be officially launched on July 21st, 2016. Under a
community-based management, the SOBMPA is overseen by a board representing Non-Governmental Organizations, Community Based Organizations,
Government, para statal, and private association.

Help preserve this rich biodiversity and seascape – cultural landmarks for
the people of Carriacou. Come experience this historical week!
VEHICLE FOR SALE

Year: 1995
Vehicle Type: Isuzu forward 4 ton Dump Truck
Engine: 7120 CC
Colour: White
Reg No.: TAA399

Our Reserve Price is EC$30,000.00

Send sealed bids to: Grenada Development Bank, P.O.Box 2300, Melville Street, St. George’s

Call 440-2382/1620 Ext 234 and speak with the Recovery Officer for any additional information.

Bid close August 17th, 2010.

The truck will be sold “As Is, Where Is”
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
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:
Infrastructural development for Carriacou and Petite Martinique

The sister isles of Carriacou and Petite Martinique are earmarked for social and economic take off as a number of infrastructural projects are expected to come on stream there soon. Addressing the official launch of the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area last Saturday, Prime Minister Tillman Thomas made the announcement of various projects that are soon to start as the two-year old National Democratic Congress (NDC) government seeks to improve the quality of life for the people on the islands.

Prime Minister Thomas who believes that those projects are geared at elevating the quality of life for the people of Carriacou and Petite Martinique promised that through those projects a number of jobs will come on stream. One of the projects already taking place is the construction of the Top Hill/Belair 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 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 integrate the sister 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
In an effort to preserve Carriacou’s stunning natural environment, the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area (SIOBMPA) was launched on Saturday July 31st, 2010 at 5:30PM.

The SIOBMPA comprises an area of 787 hectares on the South-West coast of Carriacou. It is considered one of the most important marine ecosystems in the region and a culturally significant area for the people of Carriacou. Safeguarding this area ensures the health of vital marine and coastal ecosystems including extensive coral reef systems, mangrove forests, small islands, and seagrass beds. Protected areas around the Caribbean and the world have resulted in increased numbers and sizes of fish, as well as improved fish production for areas outside their boundaries.

The launch comes after nearly ten years of community consultation, research and planning. Under a co-management arrangement, the SIOBMPA is now overseen by a board representing non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, Government Ministries, para-statal and private associations. A main objective of launching the SIOBMPA has been to strike a balance between socio-economic and environmental sustainability. To begin, local fishers will be allowed to continue to seine fish in designated areas, however, all methods of reef fishing and turtle harvesting are no longer allowed in this protected area. This will allow for the area to become a productive area for reef fish. When reef fish are left to grow older and larger their egg production increases dramatically. Once funding can be secured, the Co-Management Board also aims to find alternative livelihoods for the local resource users who will be immediately affected. In Tobago Cays to the north, jobs such as water taxi, divers, tourism, and seafood have increased livelihood opportunities.

To support the Management of the protected area, the Government of Grenada has hired and trained two community members to serve as SIOBMPA wardens. Moorings have also been installed for boats, scuba divers and boundary demarcations.

The protected area has received tremendous support and funding from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Caribbean Regional Environmental Programme (CREF), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Sustainable Adnines Project (Sus-Adn), Buccoo Reef Trust, and so many others.
A Long Time Coming:

Carriacou's New Marine Protected Area

by Neil Ladell

The new marine protected area will shield the mangrove swamp from development but will allow its use as a hurricane hole.

When Silver Diving owner Werner “Max” Nagel first arrived in Carriacou, Grenada, in 1968, he knew the vibrant coral reefs needed to be safeguarded through conservation efforts. For the past few years, the entire Caribbean has seen a decline in coral health, but there are coral reefs that are still intact. The Carriacou Marine Protected Area (CSPA) was established to protect the island’s coral reefs, which are also expanding throughout the community and government offices.

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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  

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@yahooogroups.com)
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.

![Signed ceremony image]

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:

JUSTIN RENNIE
CHAIRMAN
NATIONAL MPA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE
29/07/10

Signed:

DAVON BAKER
CHAIRMAN
SIOBMPA CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD

DATE
30/07/2010

WITNESS:

HON. GEORGE PRIME
MINISTER FOR CARRIACOU & PETITE MARTINIQUE AFFAIRS

DATE
30/07/2010
Annex 8 Draft fee systems. Other fees agreement awaiting the national system of fees for Grenada

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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 co-management 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 newspaper 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 Minister 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.
Authority vested in the people of Carriacou

Fall autonomy has now been given to the people of Carriacou and Petite Martinique for the management of its marine resources.

This has become a reality in the wake of the signing of the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area Co-management Agreement between the National Marine Protected Area (MPA) Management Committee and the Sandy Island Oyster Bed Co-management Committee last week.

The signing was done by the Cabinet-appointed Chairman of the National Marine Protected Area, Justin Rennie and Chairman of the Sandy Island Oyster Bed Management Board, David Baker.

Under the agreement, the National MPA Management Committee that was appointed by Cabinet to manage MPAs, has now handed over some of its authority to the Sandy Island Oyster Bed Co-management Committee in Carriacou.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Rennie indicated that the role of the National MPA Committee is not to control the Carriacou Management Stakeholders Board but to provide support to whatever activities are being undertaken.

He stressed that the MPA Regulations did not really cater for this level of "grass-root" management and as a result they felt the need to decentralize the management of MPAs.

Rennie said the significant importance of the MPAs is to protect the biodiversity of the marine eco-system and that there are economic benefits to be gained through tourism and other activities.

The island's Chief Fisheries Officer noted that since 2005, he saw the need for something to be done in resurrecting MPA after a period of dormancy when the Moinier/Aheage, and Woburn Clarke's Court Bay areas were declared as MPAs in 2001.

There was the political will in 2008 and support to coordinate the MPA Programme which was almost nonexistent, he said. However, he said that with the coming into office of the Tillman Thomas-led National Democratic Congress (NDC) Government, it continue working along with the community.

Outgoing Chairman of the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Management Board, Luther Rennie believes that after a long and tedious effort to get to the point of being able to protect the marine resources on the sister island, there will now be more community participation which, he said would bring communities together.

Rennie who was quite instrumental in organizing community consultations that were organized by the Fisheries Division said he now sees the MPA as a unifying factor and that it can also serve as the turning point in the
Inside Carriacou & Petite Martinique

Team from Carriacou Off to St. Lucia for Marine Protected Area Training

Wildlife Management, Education, and Ocean Protection

The people of Carriacou are in the process of developing a marine protected area (MPA) to protect the marine life in the area. The MPA covers an area of approximately 15 square kilometers and includes a variety of marine species.

With the help of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources Management, the team from Carriacou will attend a training program in St. Lucia to learn more about the management and protection of marine ecosystems. The training will focus on topics such as marine conservation, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable fisheries management.

Indian High Commissioner donates motivational books to the Carriacou Library

The Indian High Commissioner presented a collection of books to the Carriacou Library. The books were donated on behalf of the Government of India. The collection includes a variety of genres, such as fiction, non-fiction, and children's literature.

The donation is a part of the initiative to promote reading and education in the region. The Carriacou Library is a valuable resource for the local community, providing access to a wide range of books and educational materials.

Contractors in Carriacou Presented with Sustainable Land Management Donations

The contractors working on the sustainable land management project in Carriacou were presented with donations. The donations included tools and equipment to support their work on the project.

The sustainable land management project aims to promote sustainable practices in the region, such as reforestation and conservation of natural resources. The donations will help the contractors carry out their work more effectively.

Minister-Prime Minister presenting to acting Librarian

The Minister-Prime Minister presented a letter of appointment to the acting librarian. The letter recognizes the librarian's contributions to the library and expresses the importance of the role.

The librarian is responsible for overseeing the operations of the library, including the maintenance of the collection, the provision of services to the community, and the development of the library's programs and activities.

The presentation of the letter of appointment is a symbol of the government's commitment to supporting the library and its services.

Japana

Sandy Island

In front of the Japana-based Training Centre, Sandy Island, the Marine Protected Area (MPA) was officially declared. The MPA covers an area of 15 square kilometers and includes a variety of marine species.

The declaration of the MPA is a significant step in the conservation of the marine environment. It includes the world-renowned Frigate, which is a popular tourist destination.

The declaration was performed by the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. A. Mustapha. The ceremony was attended by representatives from various organizations, including the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources Management, the Department of Environment, and the Department of Tourism.

The declaration of the MPA is a testament to the government's commitment to protecting the marine environment and promoting sustainable tourism.

Support for Sustainable Land Management

The government of Grenada has provided support for the sustainable land management project in Carriacou. The support includes financial assistance and technical expertise.

The sustainable land management project aims to promote sustainable practices in the region, such as reforestation and conservation of natural resources. The support from the government will help to ensure the success of the project and benefit the local community.

The government's support is a testament to its commitment to sustainable development and the protection of the environment.