

**Project title: Strengthening of the management capacity of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) along the South-East Coast of Saint Lucia**

**Project amount:** XCD\$150,621

**Duration:** 2014 - 2017

This small grants project is part of a wider project which is aimed at providing financial resources and expertise to promote effective marine managed areas in the in six Caribbean countries including Saint Lucia, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Antigua and Barbuda. The project is supported by the Eastern Caribbean Marine Managed Areas Network (ECMMAN) project being implemented by the Nature Conservancy (TNC) and is also part of the International Climate Initiative (ICI).

This small grants project falls under the objective of ' Declaring new Marine Managed Areas (MMAs) or strengthen existing ones. The Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area was selected as the implementation site for this project and following are the main objectives and expected outcomes

- Develop and implement a bio-physical monitoring plan. This would be achieved by: preparing a report on the state of the PSEPA in order to determine the informational gaps and to make recommendations on monitoring protocols; procure equipment and staff to strengthen monitoring and management effectiveness and conduct assessments of priority resources within the PSEPA. **Major Outcome:** Status of PSEPA's resources are known and baselines exists for some resources
- Boundary demarcation, resource mapping and zonation within the PSEPA. This would have been achieved by: Mapping of the natural resources within the PSEPA and updating resource use locations within the PSEPA. **Major Outcome:** Locations of natural resources are defined, and zones are established to manage activities within the PSEPA to ensure conservation of the sites biodiversity thus contributing to the strengthening of the protected area as per the obligations under the SPAW protocol.
- Reduction in the sources of pollution. This would have been achieved by: Conduct stakeholder consultations and field trips to identify possible sites and sources of pollution; Undertake pollutant load assessments inclusive of water quality testing to establish baseline data inclusive of heavy metals, phosphates and nitrates; Identify, verify and map pollutant hotspots and assess possible impacts on key resources and Implement actions to reduce levels of pollution including clean-up campaigns, public announcements, signs and community meetings. **Major Outcome:** Natural resources and landscapes, and habitats are not threatened by pollution.
- Ensure long-term financial sustainability of PSEPA. This would be achieved by: Develop

a list of potential self- financing options for MPAs based on local and regional experiences, inclusive of the Eastern Caribbean Sustainable Financing of Marine Protected Areas project; b) hold stakeholder consultations to identify the options most likely to work within the PSEPA; c) develop a short list of options; d) Implement one sustainable financing option from the short list. **Major Outcome:** Management programme funded totally or in part from revenue derived from MPA programme

- Improve the outflow of information on the PSEPA to the wider public. This would have been achieved by: Production and printing of various promotional materials and directional signs; hosting youth workshops and community meetings; hosting workshops for media personnel and facilitating SLNT staff participation in MPA training workshops. **Major Outcome:** Public more informed on the PSEPA, its biodiversity and regulations, and MPAs in general.
- Rehabilitation of Maria Island trail. **Major Outcome:** Trail rehabilitated on the Maria Islands.

Printing of management plan. **Major Outcome:** Minimum of 25 copies of the Management Plan printed and in circulation