



### St Eustatius National Marine Park

**Short Name**

Statia

**Country**

Netherlands

**Ecoregion location**

EasternCaribbean

**Boundaries**

63N, 18W. St Eustatius, N.A. From high water level to 30 metres depth around entire island

**Map URL**

[http://www.statiapark.org/parks/marine/img/statia\\_dive\\_map.pdf](http://www.statiapark.org/parks/marine/img/statia_dive_map.pdf)

**Total Surface area**

None

**Land Surface area**

None

**Sea Surface area**

27.5

**Shoreline area**

None

**Site national category**

National Park

**Site international designation****IUCN category**

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**Designation**

Legally Designated

**Date established**

None

**Legal citation**

The Marine Environment Ordinance (1996)

**Citation reference URL****Other legal designations**

Statia Lobster Ordinance - AB1966, No. 01  
Statia Hindrance Ordinance - AB1993, No. 09  
Statia Marine Environment Ordinance - AB1996, No. 03  
Statia Marine Environment Resolution - AB1996, No. 04  
Statia Marine Environment Ordinance Explanatory Memo -

AB1996, No. 05 Statia Flora and Fauna Ordinance - AB1997, No. 06 Statia Flora and Fauna Resolution - AB1997, No. 07 Statia Flora and Fauna Explanatory Memo Statia Marine Environment Ordinance - AB1996, No. 06 Statia Marine Environment Ordinance Governor's Resolution - No. 2544

**Primary responsible institution**

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**Climate**

Sint Eustatius has a warm and humid tropical climate, generally dry and sunny, tempered by trade winds, with a rainy season that runs from June to September, the average annual rainfall is 1,150 mm. The island is located along the routes of hurricanes th

**Geological features**

beaches, rocky shores

**Hydrological features**

sheet flow, underground water drainage, ocean loop/meandering current

**Other hydrological features**

**Terrestrial habitats**

Dry forest (60%), moist forest (14.7%), desert/dry scrub (5%), grassland (5%).

**Terrestrial flora and fauna species**

Casha (a species of the Acacia) and Mimosa (Leucaena leucophala). West Indian Cherry (Malpighia emarginata), Blackberry (Randia aculeata), Sugar Apple (Annona squamosa) and Cacti . Linana and the Epiphytes, Silk Cotton tree (Ceiba pentandra), White Cedar (Tabebuia heterophylla), Locust tree (Hymenea courbaril), Yellow Plum (Spondias mombin), Mappoo (Pisonia subcordata) and the Gum tree (Bursera simaruba). Red necked Pigeon (Columba squamosa) and the Purple-throated Carib. The Green-throated Carib and Antillean Crested Hummingbird and Bananaquit . Antillean Iguana (Iguana delicatissima), a rare and threatened species. The Red-Bellied Racer (Alsophis rufiventris) is a small snake (50-80 cm) found only on Saba and Statia. The lizard population

**Marine habitats**

patch reef, fringing reef, macro-algal bed, sandy bottom, seagrass bed, rocky intertidal, sandy shore, sand dunes.

**Marine flora**

**Marine invertebrates and fishes**

Angelfish, butterflyfish, flying gurnard, moray Eels, spotted drums, Frogfish, Sea Horses, octopus, lobster, rays, sharks,

**Marine mammals, birds and sea turtles**

3 species of turtle - Hawksbill, Leatherback and Green. Dolphins and migratory whales

**Endangered species**

Marine mammals: Lagenodelphis hosei (FRaser's dolphin), Megaptera novaeangliae (humpback whale); reef fishes: Lutjanus analis and L. cysnopterus (snappers) and Myterocperca venenosa (yellow grouper); sharks: Carcharinus leucas, Galeocerdo cuvieri, and Sp

**Special aggregation sites**

fish spawning sites in shallow waters, bird breeding sites on rocky shores

**Primary management institution**

STENAPA

**Other institutions that participate in management**

Harbour office, Coast guard

**Personnel**

Manager, marine park manager, 3 rangers, office manager, administrator

**Management objectives**

species protection, ecosystem protection, fisheries management, user conflict resolution, recreational/tourism use, navigation restrictions

**Other management objectives**

protection of historical and cultural sites, to operate as an effective management organisation.

**Management framework**

Yes

**Date of establishment of management framework**

None

**Last update of management framework**

None

**Management programmes**

advisory committee, co-managment with private sector, education/outreach program, emergency operations program, enforcement program, financial or business plan, entrance/user fees, fisheries regulations, fishers exclusive rights, fund

**Zoning**

anchoring, diving, public use, subsistence fisheries

**Other zone types****Funding sources**

Grants, government subsidies, admission fees, programme fees, donations and souvenir sales.

**Cultural resources**

Wrecks, archaeological sites, shoreline ruins.

**Fisheries resources**

Reef and pelagic fish to a depth of 60m. Lobsters, conch. (sea turtles are not a valid fishery)

**Fisheries regulations**

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**Coastal development**

controlled

**Beach management**

beach sand cleaning regulations

**Monitoring programmes**

coral reef health, coral reef resilience, fish surveys, ReefCheck, sea turtles, SocMon, other socioeconomic monitoring program, user patterns, water quality monitoring

**Other monitoring programmes**

bird monitoring, management success evaluation (aka IUCN Management Effectiveness Evaluation), beach profiles, cliff retreat, storm impact, beach debris, tanker movement.

**Issues or threats for accomplishing management objectives**

management issues include financing, ownership and enforcement. External threats including fishing, bleaching, shipping (anchoring), development, diving and snorkelling.

**Role of site in network**

National - Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

**Areas of special expertise for knowledge transfer**

Monitoring, park safety and law, CITES application..