



### 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..