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## **Developing an effective and sustainable community-based management regime for Marine Section of the Cabrits National Park in Dominica (CAPMA).**

**The project aims is to develop an effective MMA comprised of key local community stakeholders with the support and guidance of relevant Government Authorities.**

### **ECMMAN Project Activities Update**

Activities have been funded through grant funding received from SPAW- RAC. These included: Basic Fisherman Training Course; Deployment of Fads; Deployment of Dive Moorings; Song Splash and Clean Up in Toucari; Savanne Paille Primary School outreach; Savanne Paille local resident outreach.

### **Basic Fisherman Training Course**

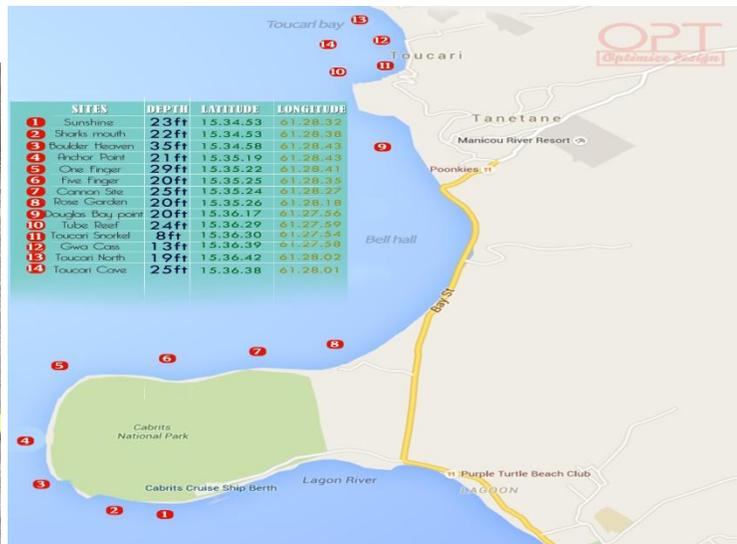


The Basic Fisherman Training Course commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup> October, 2015. Through collaboration with Fisheries, this was indeed a success. Its main goal was to develop the necessary competencies and skills in fisheries to enable fishers to optimize the potential of the Fishing Industry, including the use of FADS, GPS safety devices and communication. Training that will enhance their ability to fish away from MMAs and access nontraditional fishing resources away from coastal regions. A total of twenty six (26) participants benefited through

this course and received their license. Training was conducted by Fisheries Staff, Coast Guard Personnel, Social Security staff, Reginald Severin, to name a few. Some of the contents covered included Fisheries Act and Regulations, Basic Navigation and Search and Rescue (SAR), Managing your small business and Fisherman Cooperative Development.

It is anticipated that the training delivered will equip the trainees with the skills necessary for survival within the industry. The fisherman is the captain, and the mechanic and everything else on his boat, hence the reason for the basic training in those key areas necessary for the success of his livelihood. Support from TNC facilitated the participation of fifteen (15) of the twenty six (26) fishers in this training exercise.

**Deployment of moorings**



A key project objective is to repair all existing mooring and deploy a suit of new moorings to have a functional system of moorings. With the kind collaboration of Portsmouth Yacht Security Services (PAYS), all dive moorings were deployed primarily around the Cabrits headlands and the Toucari Bay as indicate in the attached map. These will serve to enhance the use of the water sports activities as sources of economic lively hood for residents from the neighboring communities and reduce the dependence on extraction activities.

## **Deployment of FADS**



Another key objective was the deployment of FADS (Fish Aggregate Devices) these we successfully deployed in significant distances outside of the MMA, this encourages the sourcing of fishing opportunities beyond the protected areas. FADS were deployed in the Caribbean Sea in areas which included ; due west of the Cabrits headlands, north of the village of Capuchin, and west of Point Round area. FADS were also deployed in the Atlantic, east of the village of Penville.

## **Savanne Paille Primary School Outreach**



Local community outreach included an award granted to Savanne Paille Primary School for the best environmental presentation from the campaign's launch. This took the form of material assistance towards (and the participation of the project in) the summer graduation ceremony.

## **Savanne Paille local Residents Outreach**

In addition a community outreach for residents was held in Savanne Paille with local residence to inform of aims and objective of the project. Residents raised concerns about the operation of the MMA, and these were addresses by stakeholders members. Residents were informed that additional outreach and presentations will be undertaken in the nearby communities of Capuchin, Cottage and Toucarie.

### **MPA Management Capacity Training**

Mr. Akmel St. Jean and Ms. Daniella Joseph of Tantan Village Development Corporation attended an MPA Train the Trainers workshop which was held in Grenada February 2015. Their participation was facilitated with support from CaMPAM-BIOPAMA. The workshop was aimed at enhancing the human resource for MPAs. This training supported the professional development of local youths in this specialization. Mr. St. Jean has since been employed as the Project Officer of the ECMMAN project in Dominica.

### **Song Splash and Clean Up In Toucari**

With the collaboration of the Toucari Beach Development Corporation, a song splash and cleanup was hosted. This included cleanup of the beach and streams that flow into the marine reserve and well as beautification of the community. The song splash targeted youths with its emphasis on utilization of hip hop creativity to engage in competitive song writing about matters related to the marine environment and preservation. Prizes were given to the top three artists.

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