

Sustenance of monitoring, maintenance and operation of the Pointe Sables Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) and the Pigeon Island National Landmark (PINL) impacted by COVID-19.

Type of priority area

Marine Protected Area

Terrestrial Protected Area

Key Landscape for Conservation

Primary objective

Governance

Livelihoods

Target groups

Local Communities

Farmers/Fishermen

National/Local Protected Area Agency

Main activity focus

Illegal Activities

Threatened Species

Monitoring/Patrol Equipment

Duration
01.05.2021 – 30.04.2022

Type of grant & total budget
Rapid Response Grant | 49,928,005 €

Location
Saint Lucia, Caribbean

Protected & Conserved Areas
Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) & Pigeon Island National Landmark (PINL)

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Project Lead

Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT)

Description of the project

The project aims to improve the Saint Lucia National Trust's monitoring and management capacity to continue key conservation initiatives during this period of economic downturn.

Project activities include the recruitment of rangers and a programme officer for the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) as well as the procurement of surveillance and monitoring equipment for conservation activities within the target areas. Appropriate staff training will be provided in use of equipment to ensure the conservation of key resources in the PSEPA. Increased monitoring activities and surveys will be conducted for the offshore islands, marine turtles and other endangered wildlife.

National COVID-19 response protocols require increased sanitization of the Pigeon Island National Landmark (PINL) amenities and availability of sanitisation products for use by visitors. This grant will provide funding to procure the required products and personal protective equipment for staff to undertake their duties safely and reduce the spread of COVID-19.





Diagnostic Tools Used

- Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area Management Plan
- Saint Lucia Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (SLUMETT): (to be completed)



The BIOPAMA AC Objectives Addressed

- ✓ Enhance the management and governance of priority protected areas.



Priority Need Addressed

The project will address the following priority needs:

- To increase surveillance of targeted areas within the PSEPA in an effort to reduce illegal activities and conserve natural resources and endangered species;
- To monitor and protect endemic species and offshore islands within the PSEPA;
- To improve the monitoring and management of PINL in accordance with COVID-19 response protocols.



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

This project will directly support the management of two protected areas managed by the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT), namely PINL and PSEPA. The PSEPA is a large area with limited human resources, the SLNT is unable monitor the entire area as frequently as required. Therefore the increased capacity to use remote monitoring devices provided by this project will enable more frequent monitoring in order to capture changes in the area. The project will also facilitate increased monitoring of offshore islands and their species to enable early detection and eradication of threats. The increased monitoring of the PSEPA will improve turtle nesting data collection, reduce illegal poaching and improve the hatchling survival rate of marine turtles, especially the leatherback, hawksbill and green turtles.

PINL is the main income generation site managed by the SLNT and the revenue generated from PINL is used to maintain PINL and other protected areas managed by the SLNT. This project will improve the monitoring capacity on PINL and offset some of its COVID-19 related operating costs, thereby helping the SLNT to weather the financial downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and indirectly contributing to the conservation of other protected areas in Saint Lucia.

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