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1 INTRODUCTION

This report covers the implementation of the Annual Workplan for 2008, Phase 2 of the Sustainable Grenadines Project; the fourth full year of operation.

During 2008, the Sustainable Grenadines Project continued its core activities in pursuit of the integrated sustainable development of the Grenadines area. The year has been marked by significant progress relating to the capacity building programme through the implementation of the third phase of the Institutional Self-Assessment (ISA) which placed paid staff into Grenadines NGOs associated with the development of an operational manual for Grenadine NGOs. This is with the aim that the Grenadines NGOs will begin to truly implementing their learnt skills and the Institutional Self Assessment (ISA) workplan as a means to building stronger functional groups in the Grenadines. Early indications have shown that the Grenadine NGOs will need considerable future support and coaching before they can adopt the day-to-day management, accounting and administrative processes and procedures needed for greater efficiency, if not basic functioning.

To be successful in strengthening the capacity of civil society for sustainable development it is becoming increasingly evident that initiatives such as SusGren may take in the order of 10 years to become self-sustaining. Therefore, SusGren has started working towards securing support for another period of five years, during which the emphasis will be on transitioning to an institutional arrangement that can be self-sustaining, such as, the establishment of a transboundary NGO or Trust for the Grenadines with support from both governments and the international donor community. The Governments of both countries have already pledged support for office space and funding to SusGren for the next five years. In addition a project proposal has been prepared for Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in order to secure core funding for operating expenses and for a range of activities such as workshops, mini-projects, and attachments needed for SusGren to continue to play its role in developing proposals and seeking funding for associated project activities. SusGren's aim is to seek commitments from donors and to have these in place by July 2009.

Phase three of the SusGren Project will continue to pursue realisation of Goal 2 of the St. Georges Declaration which is to *'Incorporate the Objectives, Perspectives, Resources and Talents of All of Society in Environmental Management.'* It will be structured in such a way as to continue to facilitate the growth and development of Grenadines NGOs and their role in sustainable development. It will continue to build capacity at the level of the individual, the organisation and strategically at the level of the Grenadine Islands. The next phase of the Project will also pursue the idea regarding the establishment of a transboundary Grenadine Islands World Heritage Site (WHS).

As the Project continues to expand there are areas which will demand changes for the upcoming years in light of the challenges they have been presenting. One of the issues that must be addressed in planning for Phase 3 is that ownership of the project by the recipient organisations, including those with a role in implementation through serving on the Steering and Executive Committees has been weak. This is a problem area that the Project has repeatedly noted in Executive (EC) and Steering Committee (SC) meetings and is a conditioning that must be addressed in order to demonstrate sound leadership for other groups and civil society to follow. The second issue is that of providing adequate support for growing NGOs. As is evident in the 'accomplishments' leaflet and project website, significant progress has been made by SusGren. NGOs are now growing and their programmes expanding and so are their demands on the project. This has started to create an expectation by some groups that the Project should be constantly interacting with them. SusGren's mode of operation has not changed since the start of phase 2 in 2004, which continues to be a challenge for its two staff members to implement the projects core activities and at the same time provide needed services to NGOs.

Two interns from Canada, the 'YES' worker programme of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the TNC capacity development project have provided tremendous staff support to SusGren in 2008 in the areas of, capacity strengthening of NGOs, establishing the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed MPA, the seamoss project, international coastal cleanup and other activities. As the Project expands internship may have to be an integral part of meeting the staffing needs.

A considerable amount of the Project time for 2008 was spent on pursuing implementation of the management plan actions for the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Area (SIOBMPA). In September of 2008 the Government of Grenada officially declared the area as a MPA and the OECS has approved a project for installation of moorings, development and implementation of a communication strategy as well as infrastructural works for the MPA. SusGren is leading the process which will continue to draw on Staff time for 2009.

The achievements of the Project in relation to the activities outlined in the 2008 workplan are presented below.

2 CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NGO'S

Recognizing the need for further development of NGOs and CBOs in the Grenadines, SusGren continued its mandate to assist in capacity building among these groups and focused on the following areas for capacity development during 2008.

- Group development for NGO's
- Policies and procedures for NGO
- Effective writing skills workshop
- Caring for litter workshop

2.1 Group Development for NGO's

Two groups namely Club Nuevo of Canouan and Union Island Museum and Ecological Society were expected to be assessed through the Institutional Self Assessment (ISA) during 2008. However, due to time constraints and other internal group challenges, the ISA's were not conducted. A third group the Union Island Lions Club was also expected to be assessed. This identification came in light of the Club's submission of a mini-project for 2008 which was given consideration by the Steering Committee on condition that the ISA is completed. The Union Island Lions Club mini-project was implemented in the last quarter of 2008 which left their ISA pending for 2009.

2.2 Policies and Procedures for NGO's

SusGren collaborated with The Nature Conservancy in an effort to strengthen capacity among NGO's in the Grenadines by implementing a project for capacity development Grenadine NGOs Project. This development initiative has two parts and TNC provided US\$50,000.00. The project started in June, 2008 with the hiring of a coordinator with responsibilities for the implementation of the project in partnership with SusGren.

2.2.1 Part one: Development of operational manual for NGOs of the Grenadines:

A draft policies and procedures manual for NGOs in the Grenadines was developed based on feedback from interviews, meetings, training workshops and research on existing materials on the subject. The manual contains processes and procedures for all functional areas in organisations such as meetings, administration, financial, interpersonal and public relations. It

is expected to assist the groups in achieving greater transparency and accountability to the group, the public and donor agencies and to have a more homogeneous approach for operation of NGOs in the Grenadines area.

2.2.2 Part two: Part time Staff for NGOs:

Seven NGOs in the Grenadines that have completed the ISAs were given the opportunity to benefit from the part-time staff initiative to ensure that day-to-day management; accounting and administrative operations are accomplished as well as the implementation of the groups' work plans.

Ms. Marslyn Lewis was hired as Coordinator to develop and implement the project initiative and the following table indicates the Islands and groups benefitting from the project with the identified part-time staff:

Island	Group	Part-time Staff
Carriacou	Bayaleau Development Committee	Trevlyn Cox
Carriacou	Carriacou Environmental Committee	Calista Mc. Intosh
Mayreau	Mayreau Regatta and Sports Committee	Vennecia Ollivierre
Bequia	Paget Farm Sports, Cultural & Environmental Org.	Raison Compton
Union Island	Young Help Striders 4-H Club	Ann Harvey
Union Island	Union Island Environmental Attackers	Katrina Collins
Union Island	Southern Grenadines Water Taxi Association	Anlyn Moore

2.3 Capacity building workshops

SusGren also successfully held its two training workshops in Union Island and Bequia respectively. Reports on these workshops can be accessed through the link provided (<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/susgrenadinesPub.html>). The following are summaries of these workshops:

2.3.1 Effective Writing Skills Workshop:

A two-day workshop on “Effective Writing Skills for NGOs and Community Groups in the Grenadines” was successfully held on March 29th and 30th, 2008 at the Learning Resource Centre in Ashton, Union Island. Over 35 persons from community groups within the Grenadine Islands participated in this Workshop, facilitated by Ms. Sarah Venable of Barbados. Participants were exposed to the practical aspects of writing reports, minute-taking, scripting newsletters and news releases.



2.3.2 Caring for Litter Workshop:

Littering continues to be an eyesore and a vexing environmental problem in our communities. Whilst finding alternative solutions may be a long term matter, there are several ways that we can care for litter and enhance our environment and health. It was this concern that propelled the SusGren to conduct a two day educational workshop “Caring for Litter” for NGOs, Grass Roots and Governmental Organisation in the Grenadines on July 15th – 16th, 2008 at the Rotary Club House in Bequia. The facilitator, Ms. Joan Ryan (MA), of the Solid Waste Management Unit assisted participants to formulate strategies to alleviate littering, through changing perceptions. The impact of littering on the environment and economy of the Grenadines, and the benefits that can be derived by proper litter management were also highlighted.



3 PLANNING WORKSHOPS

No planning workshops were scheduled for 2008. However, efforts were made to develop proposals and seek donors for project ideas emerging from previous planning workshops such as the Grenadines Green Hotels and Green School workshops under the associated projects section of this report.

4 ATTACHMENTS AND EXCHANGES

SusGren continued to support the community groups by coordinating attachments and exchanges with organizations of similar activities within the region. Only the Young Help Striders 4-H Club from Union Island benefited from this initiative in 2008.

4.1 Seamoss Processing and Marketing

The Young Help Striders 4-H Club benefitted from the initiative as two Adult Leaders was given the opportunity to expand their knowledge in seamoss farming when they participated in a four day attachment at Leena's Seamoss Farm, Vieux Fort, St. Lucia in June. Ms Shevon Scrubb and Ms Natalie Chambers were exposed to new farming practices and innovative methods of processing and packaging seamoss while in St. Lucia.

The 4-H'ers submitted reports on the attachment (See Appendix 1 A & B) and said the experience gained will improve the group's efficiency in various aspects of seamoss farming. They highly appreciated SusGren continued efforts and support.

4.2 MPA Co-management

No MPA Co-management attachments took place in 2008, however it is expected that groups will benefit from this when the co-management partners are determined from the co-management implementation plan for Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area (SIOBMPA).

4.3 NGO Management

Although the part time staff initiative began in 2008, the planned attachments for NGO leaders to established NGOs with paid staff in the region to provide them with knowledge and practical experience of how administrative and accounting procedures of NGOs are managed did not materialize. However, some part-time staff members were given in-house training on work ethics, financial management and Microsoft Office and this initiative will be closely looked at during 2009.

4.4 Grenadines Museum Societies Training Attachment

Due to conflicting schedules the Union Island Museum and Ecological Society had their attachment with the Carriacou Historical Society rescheduled for an appropriate time to both Organizations in 2009.

5 MINI PROJECTS

5.1 2007-2008 mini-projects

Six mini-projects were presented to the Steering Committee for consideration for 2008 and favorable consideration was given to two of the submissions.

The Lions Club, School Spelling Competition was approved and took place on November 28th 2008. The Stephanie Browne Primary School in Clifton and the Mary Hutchinson Primary School in Ashton were the two competing schools. The Stephanie Browne Primary School

emerged victorious, with Leniesha Browne being the top individual. Prizes were given to the top performers, the overall winning school as well as students participating in the preliminaries as a form of encouragement. (See Appendix 2).

The Clifton Pre-School Committee Library project was also considered by the Steering Committee, but was on hold pending further information on the background of the group submitting the project. A meeting was held with the Committee to seek further information on the group and it was agreed that the project will be resubmitted with the necessary adjustments and information.

The six mini-projects presented and their implementing agencies are as follows:

- Short Term Storage Packaging for Fish by the Petite Martinique Fishermen Co-op.
- The Sea Moss Project by Union Island Lions Club
- Primary School Spelling Competition by Union Island Lions Club
- Securing Tomorrows Talent by Union Island Youth Cricket Programme
- Union Island Beautification by Union Island Original Steel Orchestra
- To Generate Disaster Awareness by Carriacou NaDMA Youth Group

5.2 Constraints to implementing Mini-projects for 2008

In 2008, The Union Island Lion's Club had minor challenges in implementing their Spelling Competition mini-project. Primary schools in Mayreau and Canouan were invited to participate in the competition together with the two primary schools in Union Island. However, conflicting schedules within the school systems prevented the Mayreau and Canouan schools from participating and the project got off to a late start with just the two primary schools in Union Island.

There were also six mini-projects still outstanding, with their completion dates unknown, two of these projects are overdue by two years. Meetings were held and letters were sent to the groups concerned instructing them to submit the reports on the status of the projects so that the necessary arrangements can be made for closure of these projects. Four of the groups submitted their reports and two are still outstanding. Discussion on the decision to be taken for the two outstanding projects were held and a final directive will be sent to the Groups.

6 ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

SusGren continued to play a significant role in supporting and implementing a variety of associated projects.

6.1 Water Taxi Project

During 2008, the Southern Grenadines Water Taxi Association was revived with the Association having a new executive. In its continued effort to build capacity among community groups, SusGren in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy selected the Southern Grenadines Water Taxi Association to benefit from the NGO part-time staff initiative. This form of support is to assist with the day-to-day operation of the Association and to ensure that it remains functional.

The Carriacou and Petit Martinique Water Taxi Association were also revived in 2008 with the Carriacou Environmental Committee (CEC) playing a significant role. Their annual general meeting was held in November 2008 electing a new executive body to run the organization. The CEC office from which the water taxi project was implemented has been out of electricity and telephone for over one year, however, in the process of ensuring the WTA project survives and

given the attention that is needed, outstanding bills relating to the office operations were paid and the CEC Office became functional during the last quarter of 2008. CEC also made several requests to the GEF SGP Focal Point on mainland Grenada in an effort to have the WTA project evaluated, these requests were unsuccessful and therefore, the final evaluation of the project is still pending. Discussions are being held with a view to having the project evaluated early in 2009.

During 2008 the training materials developed for the Water Taxi Project were compiled by CERMES and Susan Mahon (Environment People and Information) and put on the SusGren website. Three packages of these training materials were also handed over to the WTAs in the Grenadines.

6.2 Grenadines Green Hotels

Proposals were developed based on the project ideas emerging from the Grenadines Green Hotel Workshop in 2007 (see annual report 2007 posted on website (<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/susgrenadinesPub.html>)). These proposals were submitted to regional and international agencies interested in sustainable tourism, such as, Conservation International (CI), and TNC.

The primary purpose of this project is to promote sustainable environmental practices in Grenadine hotels and guest houses and to explore several ways in which environmentally friendly practices can be achieved. Conservation International has indicated that they have no funding available and are unable to support the Grenadines Green Hotels initiative. There was some delay with obtaining a response from CAST as they were undergoing a change in directorship. However, at a meeting with CERMES in mid-December, the new Director, Dr. Adolfo Lopez, indicated that SusGren should put together a proposal for what it would like to do in an initial phase of such a project and submit it to CAST. A proposal will be developed and submitted to CAST and other regional and international agencies in 2009

6.3 Green schools

The Green Schools project proposal for which funding is being pursued were given some attention in 2008. The concept and workshop report for this project was submitted to a Trust in the United States that is in the process of putting together Funding for Humanitarian Project in the World over. Mr. Ben Joseph, from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, presently employed with the Trust, is the contact person following up on possible funding for the project.

6.4 Grenadine Fisher Folk Organisations

A project proposal for fisher folk management in the Grenadines aimed at promoting sustainable fishing practices and alternative livelihoods for fishers was submitted to the UNEP-Caribbean Environment Programme/GCFI Small Grants Fund but was not approved for funding. This project will be submitted to CERMES MarGov Project for consideration in 2009.

6.5 Seamoss Farming Project

The seamoss farming project continues to have major successes despite minor challenges. The project funded by the White Water to Blue Water program through the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) and implemented by the 4H Club of Union Island was completed May 2008. During the year, approximately 800 pounds wet weight of seamoss (which amounts to approximately 80 pounds dry weight) were harvested from the three plots. The final report of the project was completed in 2008 and submitted to the NMSF.

The 4-H Club took advantage of the occasions of their 12th anniversary celebrations on February 24th and National Agricultural and Agro-based Industrial Exhibition held in St. Vincent on October 8 to showcase the project and the seamoss related products, such as seamoss

drink. Using a local recipe the 4H Club started bottling seamoss drinks which they marketed through local shops and at events and grossed EC\$241.00 from sales. Dry seamoss was sold on Union Island and on the mainland of St. Vincent and grossed EC\$1,320.00 and sale of live plants grossed EC\$100.00. Totals sales for the reporting period were estimated at EC\$1,661.00.00. Despite these sales, the lack of a readily available marketing for the seamoss resulted in a stockpile of dry seamoss. The group was involved in finding alternative markets for the product. Along with SusGren, the group created a logo for easier brand recognition and also located recipes that incorporate seamoss to expand their market.

During the course of the year the group procured equipment and supplies needed for the completion of the drying facilities and for collecting data, such as, a water tank, epoxy sealant, weighing scales, harvesting baskets and a sealer.

An outstanding issue with the seamoss farming occurring on Union Island is the application to the Fisheries Division of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for leasing areas of seabed for mariculture. A site map was prepared to supplement a lease request letter for the right to farm seamoss in the area which has been submitted to the head of the 4-H organization in Kingstown, Mr. Carlos Williams, for submission to the Fisheries Division.

A Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) intern attached to SusGren worked along with the 4-H group for the second half of 2008. Her function was to guide the group with respect to performance monitoring for the farm, through data collection on parameters such as farm size, harvest yield and the weight of plants after harvesting, bleaching and drying. The group, in conjunction with the intern also worked on preparing applications to two funding sources, the SEED Initiative and the Agricultural Diversification Programme to increase capacity of the group. The group began discussion on how to turn the seamoss project into a small business, potentially through the creation of a cooperative.

On the third seamoss project visit by the consultant, Mr. Allan Smith, in May 2008 the Project took the opportunity to establish two seamoss plots with the Bayaleau Development Committee group in Carriacou. This was an initiative agreed upon by the Executive Committee as a means of spreading the livelihood opportunities throughout the Grenadines. The 4-H Club however was very unhappy about the use of the seamoss project funds for activities in Carriacou and expressed their dissatisfaction in ways which resulted in a conflict between SusGren and the 4H Club. SusGren has since agreed to hold monthly meetings with the 4-Hers as a means of managing conflicts and will refund all the monies spent in Carriacou. The plots established in Carriacou are doing very well and already over 50 pounds of dry seamoss was harvested. However the Bayaleau Development Committee lacks the know-how and impetus to manage the seamoss. This puts added workload on SusGren who have keep ensuring, even by doing it, that monitoring and harvesting gets done.

6.6 The OECS Protected Areas and Associated Livelihoods Project (OPAAL)

SusGren continued to assist the Tobago Cays Marine Park in its activities with an aim to further development. The Project participated in several workshops and meetings related to the OPAAL project. These meetings included the planning for the launch of the OPAAL project, and Project Evaluation meeting where the OPAAL's Technical Advisor and a World Bank Official conducted the evaluation of the TCMP stakeholders.

The workshops attended were the Monitoring and evaluation workshop in which a Score Card adapted from a tool developed by the World Bank – WWF Alliance for terrestrial Protected Area was modified. It is a simple site-level tracking tool to facilitate reporting on management effectiveness of Protected Areas (PA's). Another of the workshops attended was the OECS Capacity Building Workshop which discussed techniques on monitoring and evaluating,

procurement and financial management of regional subprojects. Emerging from this workshop, the creation of an operational plan framework for the TCMP is expected.

6.7 Marine Space Use Plan for the Grenadines

Kim Baldwin, a PhD student at the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES), UWI together with the Sustainable Grenadines Project in Union Island, scheduled a month-long cruise across the Grenadines to identify and map critical marine resources such as reefs, seagrasses, and mangroves and work with local communities to identify other areas which are important for conservation and the livelihoods of the Grenadine people. During this research cruise, a variety of data was to have been collected on the marine habitats using a live-action drop-camera (which can reach up to 250 ft. in depth), conch and lobster surveys were to have been carried out via SCUBA and livelihood areas will be identified using community mapping exercises.

The on-going MarSIS research is unique in that it brings together data from a range of sources (including local knowledge) so that a more comprehensive public-access transboundary marine space-use information system can be developed and assist in the sustainable planning and management across the Grenadine Islands.

Unfortunately, on the fourth day of the cruise, after refilling gas and SCUBA tanks in preparation for data collection in Balliceau and Battowa, (islands off Bequia) there was an accident. The Fisheries Division pirogue which was being used by the research crew hit a rock just off moonhole in Bequia. At the time of the accident, Kim Baldwin along with Sophia Punnett and Santa Eustace from St Vincent were on board and sustained severe injuries. As a result the research cruise came to an abrupt end. It has been rescheduled for July 2009 as the surveys need to occur during closed season and to allow for calm sea conditions. This is also the period of availability of the catacmaran which Moorings has made available at a much reduced price.

6.8 Restoration and Sustainable use of Ashton Lagoon Project

The final report on the Workshop held May 22nd – 24th, 2007 was published and placed on the website where it can be accessed¹. An internet discussion group called 'Friends of Ashton Lagoon' to inform stakeholders of the process and progression of the Project was also started. SusGren printed copies of the report and sent them to key Government and other officials in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

SusGren along with project leader Dr. Lisa Sorenson of SCSCB and other key partners submitted the grant proposal to the USFWS NMBCA (Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Fund) for funding the Restoration and Sustainable use of Ashton Lagoon: Phase II. The duration of the project is one year and it is planned to start in April 2009. Total funding requested is US\$199,910.00 and total matching funds is US\$595,125.00.

The proposed project seeks to enhance wildlife habitat potential for birds, fishes, and other marine organisms by:

- 1) Restoring hydrology and tidal flushing within Ashton Lagoon through carefully engineered landscape manipulation of remnant marina structures that impede water circulation,
- 2) Development of sustainable local tourism and livelihood opportunities for local people, and,
- 3) Increase knowledge and awareness of the importance of mangrove and salt pond ecosystems and bird life in Union Island through exposure to their ecology, history, and economic and cultural importance.

¹ (<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/susgrenadinesPub.html>)

SusGren's Project Manager is the Project Officer on the grant and will be leading the project. The Union Island Museum and Ecological Society (UIMES) will be collaborating closely with the Ashton Lagoon Project and is submitting their own proposal to GEF- SGP for research into the ecology and history of the Ashton mangrove, Belmont mangrove and Salt Pond and for a public awareness campaign on the importance of these ecosystems.

6.9 MPA Establishment and Support for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada.

SusGren took the lead in the process with the Grenada Fisheries Division, Carriacou Environmental Committee (CEC) and Carriacou Historical Society (CHS) working along with the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, Ports Authority, Dive Operators, Ministry of Legal Affairs and the communities of Carriacou and international partner The Nature Conservancy to implement the management plan for the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Area (SIOBMPA).

A co-management workshop, organized by SusGren and facilitated by Dr. Patrick Mc. Conney was held in April 2008 (See report on website) bringing together non-government organizations, and government to discuss options of how the MPA could be operated. The aims of the workshop were to look at possible co-management institutional arrangements for the MPA, and develop a 90-day action plan as a test run for co-management. A mid-term report (See Appendix 3) was produced and the next steps will be to continue with the implementation plan, draft co-management document and hold a workshop to determine who will be the main partners in the co-management arrangement. An internet mailing group has been set up to inform all co-management stakeholders of progress. Under this initiative there is also an opportunity for a co-management attachment and exchange training to another similar operation in the region for the two NGO drivers.



In September, 2008 the Government of Grenada officially declared the SIOB area as a MPA. An OECS-USAID Project has been approved for US\$135,000.00 for installation of moorings, development and implementation of a communication strategy as well as infrastructural works for the MPA. SusGren is leading the process which will continue to draw on staff time for 2009. Terms of reference developed for the project was posted on the E-group in an effort to attract local competent individuals. SusGren will continue to support the SIOBMPA initiative which was greatly advanced by a Canadian intern, Ms. Tara Sawatsky, attached to SusGren from September 2008 – February 2009.

6.10 Wetlands and Birdlife Conservation in the Grenadines

Bird Cards for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada: SusGren as the main coordinator, worked along with Dr. Lisa Sorenson of SCSCB, Mr. Anthony Jeremiah of the Forestry Department of Grenada and Mrs. Lystra Culzac-Wilson of AvianEyes Birding Group of St. Vincent to develop land birds field guide cards for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada. Birds endemic to both islands were identified as well as the migratory species. The 2000 printed cards were launched in St. Vincent on September 23rd, 2008 and are being used for identification, monitoring, conservation and general awareness of birds and their habitat.

Wetlands Conservation Workshop in Carriacou and Grenada:

The Wetlands and Bird Conservation Training workshops were held in Grenada June 5th - 6th and Carriacou June 9 -10, 2008. The workshops were facilitated by Michele Kading (Head Interpreter, Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre, Canada) and Lisa Sorenson (Ecologist, Boston University, WIWD and Wetlands Conservation Project Coordinator). The workshop targeted school teachers but also caught the interest of investors and other policy makers on the island.



Presentations on the status of mangrove wetland ecosystems in Grenada and Carriacou were made by the Project Manager. SusGren received high praise for hosting the most successful regional workshop of the West Indian Whistling-Duck and Wetlands Conservation Project (WIWD/WCP).

The Grenada workshop was the largest workshop and the facilitators were able to cover the content with excellent participation of the trainees in all the activities and discussions. All participants responded enthusiastically to the information and conservation messages conveyed. The field trip to local wetlands was a big success and afforded many opportunities to learn about birds, mangroves, and techniques for wetland study and assessment. The new *Landbirds of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines* identification cards were used by the trainees who were able to identify all birds seen using this card together with the wetland and seabird ID cards they received.

6.11 GEF Small Grant Capacity Strengthening Programme for the Union Island Environmental Attackers (UIEA)

The Union Island Environment Attackers (UIEA) completed the first phase of the project which is the capacity strengthening of the organisation through the hosting of several workshops including Effective Communication, Conflict Management and Strategic Planning.

The group continued its efforts to enhance the Clifton Harbour and its surroundings and to minimize the extent of environmental degradation caused by the unscrupulous actions of some resource users by organizing clean-up campaigns, providing canvas shopping bags to homes in the community in an effort to reduce the usage of plastic and conducted water testing along the Clifton beachfront.

SusGren is an in-kind contributor to this project and worked with UIEA to develop the proposal, while staff of the project also assisted in facilitating some of the workshops done by the group. The project officially closed off on November 28th 2008 with a closing ceremony to express gratitude to its stakeholders and to showcase the achievements of organization. (See report in Appendix 4)

6.12 Restoration of Fort Murray Project

The EU Tourism Development Project of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has allocated approximately EC350, 000.00 EU grant money to restore Fort Murray and to develop the capacity of the Union Island Museum and Ecological Society (UIMES) to manage the site. However, there seems to be a bit of delay with the EU funds and UIMES were not forthcoming in taking up the pledges of assistance offered by SusGren. The assistance offered was through its ISA capacity development and co-management training attachment components.

6.13 Grenadines as a 'World Heritage Site'

Ideas regarding the establishment of a Grenadine Islands World Heritage Site (WHS) are gaining recognition locally, regionally and internationally.

As Phase 2 of the Sustainable Grenadines Project (2004 – 2009) draws to a close, one of the areas SusGren will be focusing on is preparatory work both in Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines towards the Grenadines becoming a World Heritage Site.

The Project held preliminary meetings with stakeholders and other authorities on both Grenada and St. Vincent & the Grenadines to discuss the idea of the Grenadines as a World Heritage Site and SusGren's involvement in achieving this initiative. The need to hold a planning meeting was expressed from the preliminary meetings and it is scheduled for February 2009.

It is anticipated that if given the opportunity for continuance, the Project will be prepared to pursue the idea of the Grenadines becoming a World Heritage Site in an effort to achieving sustainability during its Phase 3.

7 COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKING

The project continued its public awareness and communications plan in 2008 with a fair measure of success. The various components of the plan are addressed below.

- The yahoo ‘SusGren’ e-group was a source for active discussion for 2008. The group was also used for networking among Grenadines’ organisations and other regional entities. Announcements and invitations from the project and other organisations were also issued through this medium. The e-group to date has a membership of 210 members.
- Four issues of the quarterly Newsletter were posted on the e-group and distributed to Steering Committee members and other persons for distribution on each island. The newsletter highlights environmental issues, project activities and accomplishments and activities of other group projects throughout the Grenadines.
- Media releases on important activities carried out by the project were made available to almost all media houses throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. Some articles were published in the News Newspaper, the Compass Magazine, the Grenada Today Newspaper and many were used for announcements on the radio and television stations in SVG and Grenada. (See Appendix 5)
- Project awareness signs are now erected on Union Island, Mayreau and Bequia. Permission is being sought to do same on Carriacou These signs were posted at the entrance of the main sea ports and other signs are expected to be put up in the other Grenadine Islands of Petite Martinique and Canouan with an aim to improve the Project’s visibility and provide information.
- A second batch of the project accomplishment flyer highlighting all the project achievements up to the midpoint, July 2007, was developed, published and distributed throughout the Grenadines.

8 OTHER ACTIVITIES

8.1 Conference Participation

SusGren was invited to participate in The Caribbean Environmental and Health Institute 4th Biennial Caribbean Environmental Forum and Exhibition in collaboration with the 14th Annual Wider Caribbean Waste Management Conference and the 1st Caribbean Sustainable Energy Forum. The Forum was held under the theme “Climate Change, Water and Sanitation: A Shared Responsibility” at Taylor Hall, St. George’s University, Grenada from June 23—27, 2008. Participants included representatives of Solid Waste Management, Water Sanitation, Recycling, Energy Sustainability, Sustainable Development to Disaster Management.

SusGren displayed the accomplishments and activities of the project by setting up a booth display, while the Project Manager made a presentation on The Sustainable Grenadines Project: Achievements in Phase 2”.

8.2 Workshops and meetings attended

Throughout the year the project staff was invited to participate in a variety of workshops and meetings relevant to the Grenadines.

- **The Project Manager and Programme Officer met with TCMP staff to discuss synergies of SusGren and TCMP work plans at SusGren office, January 15th.** TCMP also requested support from SusGren to develop an implementation plan for the soon to commence associated livelihood project for the Tobago Cays.
- **The Project Manager and Programme Officer attended the Union Island Environmental Attackers (UIEA) meeting, January 17th,** to discuss the GEF Capacity Strengthening Project Launch.
- **The Project Manager** met with TNC's Ruth Blyther in Union Island, January 19th – 20th, to discuss the scope of work of the contract. Field visits were made to various sites on Union Island and to the seamoss project.
- **The Programme Officer attended a TNC National Implementing Support Partnership (NISP) Committee Meeting, January 22nd, 2008.** The just hired coordinator, Mr. Andrew Simmons, was introduced to the committee and the workplan and funding opportunities for protected areas were discussed.
- **The Programme Officer attended a Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management Project Launch in St. Vincent, January 30th, 2008.** The launch was organised by the Ministry of Health and the Environment. Presentations were made by the UNDP Barbados and OECS Programme Manager for Energy and the Environment on the project and a project steering committee was establishment. The PO travel expenses were covered by the Ministry of Health & the Environment, Environmental Services Department.
- **The Liaison Officer attended a TCMP Associated Livelihood Project meeting in Union Island, February, 7th.** The meeting was held to plan the Tobago Cays Associated Livelihood Project Launch carded for March 8th 2008.
- **The Programme Officer attended a Union Island Environmental Attackers Dinner and Award Ceremony, February 14th, 2008.** The occasion was held to honor members of the group for their achievement in receiving silver medals awarded by the Commonwealth Youth Program for the environmental project the UIEA undertook and submitted.
- **The Project Manager and Programme Officer** met with members of the Union Island Lion's Club, February 20th, at the Project Office, to review the two mini-projects they submitted. The Lion's Club is requested to act on recommendations made and to get back to SusGren Staff.
- **The Programme Officer attended a Union Island Museum and Ecological Society Training Needs Assessment Workshop, February 23rd, 2008, Union Island.** This workshop came against the backdrop that UIMES is developing its capacity to co-manage the Fort Murray project. Ms. Christobel Ashton was the resource person.
- **The Project Manager** met with TNC's Ruth Blyther in Union Island, February 23rd – 24th, to discuss review final details of the contract. A field visit was made to the Tobago Cays with the staff of TCMP
- **The Project Manager and Programme Officer** attended the 4-H Club of Union Island 12th anniversary ceremony, February 24th. At that ceremony the club commemorated their Commonwealth Youth Program achievement by handing out the gold and silver medals awarded to members. The PM gave a presentation on the working relationship between the 4H Club and SusGren.
- **SusGren had exhibition table at the opening of TCMP Associated Livelihood Project Launch, March 8th, 2008.**
- **The Programme Officer visited Carriacou, March 12th – 13th, 2008** to set up an accounting procedure format for CEC and to coordinate activities for the Effective Writing Skills Workshop.

- **The Project Manager visited Bequia, March 22 – 24, 2008** to discuss moving forward with a water taxi association in the Northern Grenadines, Mini-projects and other project activities.
- **The Programme Officer attended a ceremony, April 3rd, to unveil a Billboard in support of the CARICOM Single Market & Economy (CSME) at Clifton, Union Island.**
- **The Project Manager visited Carriacou, April 3rd – 4th, 2008** to attend a Carriacou Historical Society AGM and held co-management discussions with the Ministry, dive operators and other stakeholders.
- **The Programme Officer attended a Bio-Safety Clearing House Project Training Workshop, April 12th, 2008 in Carriacou.** Cost of participation was covered by SusGren.
- **The Project Manager visited Mayreau, April 13th, to discuss project activities and distribute documents to the community.**
- **SusGren joined the Union Island Tourist Board and TCMP in a public discussion, April 22nd,** to address the litter situation in Union Island.
- **The Project Manager visited Canouan May 10 – 12, 2008** with a Grenada Broadcasting Network (GBN) Crew and held an interview on SusGren Activities in the Grenadines.
- **The Project Manager attended a community consultation meeting in Mayreau, May 14th,** which discussed a proposed marina development for Mayreau by Kelly Glass Company of SVG.
- **The Project Manager and Programme Officer attended a TCMP and Water Taxi meeting, May 15th, 2008,** at the Union Island Court House to discuss ways of strengthening the water taxi operations in the Tobago Cays.
- **The Project Manager attended a TCMP and Fisher Folk meeting, May 16th, 2008,** at the Learning Resource Center, Union Island, to discuss ways of improving the relationship between Fishers and TCMP.
- **The Programme Officer facilitated an evening session on “Effective Communication” for Union Island Environmental Attackers, May 27th, 2008, SusGren Meeting Room.** Fifteen members of the group attended the training which is expected to improve the group’s communication level.
- **The Programme Officer attended a Public Consultation on the CSME and Vincy Home Coming 2009, Thursday, May 29th 2008,** at the Learning Resource Center Union Island which was organised by the Regional and International Diaspora Unit.
- **The Project staff** coordinated the collection of shipped materials and workshop logistics for the holding of the Wetlands and Bird Conservation Training workshops in Grenada, June 5th - 6th and June 9 -10, 2008, in Carriacou. The Project Manager visited Grenada to make further preparations and to identify wetland sites for the field trip. The Project Manager and Programme Officer attended both workshops.
- **The Project Manager attended a TCMP OPAAL Livelihood Project Evaluation meeting, June 18th 2008, Union Island.** OPAAL’s Technical Advisor and a World Bank Official conducted the evaluation of the TCMP stakeholders.
- **The Project Manager and Programme Officer attended the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI) 4th Biennial Caribbean Environmental Forum and Exhibition in Grenada, June 23rd—27th 2008.** The Project programmes and accomplishments were displayed in an exhibition booth and a presentation on Project’s Achievements in Phase 2 was made.

- **The Programme Officer** met with the Cable & Wireless and Public Service Credit Union (Carriacou Branch) Managers, June 30th 2008, to discuss possible sponsorship for ICC 2008.
- **The Project Manager attended TNC's NISP committee and a Building Capacity of Grenadine NGOs Project contract meetings** in Grenada, July 17th – 18th, 2008 and a Sustained Management of Coastal and Marine Areas in the Eastern Caribbean Project meeting in Barbados, July 21st 2008. The cost of travel for these meetings was covered by TNC under its Building Capacity of Grenadine NGOs Project.
- **Ms. Krista Kavanaugh, a Canadian Intern with the Project** held a meeting with Mr. Olando Harvey of 4H on July 25th, 2008, to discuss Ms. Kavanaugh's role in assisting with the seamoss project.
- **The Project Manager on July 31st, 2008 met with the new Minister of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, Senator George Prime**, and briefed him on SusGren, Sandy Island MPA and the status of CEC. Mr. Thomas Alexander PRO of CEC was also present at the meeting at which the Minister suggested a number of actions to be taken to resolve the issues associated with CEC.
- **The Project Manager met with members of the CEC Executive on August 8th, 2008 in Carriacou** and discussed ways of moving the organisation forward, including holding a General Meeting.
- **Ms Krista Kavanaugh gave a presentation to approximately 30 children attending the TCMP's Summer Camp on Wednesday, August 13th, 2008.** The talk was on protecting the environment and was well received by the children of various ages.
- **Ms Krista Kavanaugh facilitated a leadership workshop for the UIEA on Monday evening, August 18th, 2008 at the Project Office.**
- **The Programme Officer attended a TCMP OPAAL Project monitoring and evaluation meeting, August 20th, 2008 in Union Island.**
- **The Programme Officer attended an International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day planning meeting in St. Vincent August 21st, 2008.** Cost of travel was covered by SusGren.
- **Ms. Krista Kavanaugh met with the 4H Club August 25th, 2008**, and discussed a number of initiatives to include, data collection, a seabed lease application and further funding opportunities. She now acts as liaison between 4H and SusGren.
- **Ms. Marslyn Lewis, Project Coordinator and Ms. Krista Kavanaugh** conducted process and procedure interviews with six NGOs in the islands of Bequia, Mayreau, Union Island and Carriacou for the Grenadine NGOs Operational Manual during the period August 7 - 19. The first progress report on this project was submitted to TNC.
- **The Project Manager attended TNC's NISP committee, Sandy Island Priority Management Actions Project and a Building Capacity of Grenadine NGOs Project meetings in Grenada, August 28th – 29th 2008.** The cost of travel for these meetings was covered by TNC under its Building Capacity of Grenadine NGOs Project.
- **Dr. Robin Mahon and the Project Manager** met and discussed SusGren Phase 3 concept with Government Officials on St. Vincent, Carriacou and Grenada on September 2nd, 3rd and 5th, respectively. Favorable responses were received from all Officials. The concept paper is available on the project website at <http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/susgrenadinesPub.html>. The Grenadines as World Heritage site discussion meetings were also held on St. Vincent and Grenada on the aforementioned dates.
- **Ms. Krista Kavanaugh and Ms. Patrice Froget attended the OECS Capacity Building Workshop, September 16th - 17th 2008, in Union Island, hosted by The Tobago Cays**

Marine Park (TCMP) Sustainable Livelihoods Project. An OECS-ESDU team facilitated the workshop and provided information on techniques on monitoring and evaluating and procurement and financial management of regional subprojects. The knowledge acquired in the talks was used on the second day of the workshop toward the creation of an operational plan framework for the TCMP.

- **The Project Manager presented remarks at the launch of the Land Bird Cards of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, September 23rd, 2008 in St. Vincent.** SusGren was the main coordinator of activities amongst Grenada, SVG and the Society of the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (SCSCB) over a period of one year in order to make this a reality. 2000 Bird Cards are now in print and are being used for conservation and awareness of birds and their habitat. The cost of the PM's travel was covered by SusGren.
- **The Programme Officer and Ms. Krista Kavanaugh attended an evening Conflict Resolution Workshop on September 23rd, 2009, in Union Island hosted by Union Island Environmental Attackers (UIEA).** The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Andrew Simmons of JEMS Progressive Community Organization and aimed at assisting participants in identifying conflicts and developing strategies to deal with them.
- **The Programme Officer and Ms. Marslyn Lewis were invited stakeholders at an evening Strategic Planning Workshop, September 30th, 2008, in Union Island, hosted by UIEA.** The workshop was facilitated by SusGren's Project Manager, Mr. Martin Barribeau. A vision, mission and strategic objectives were developed for the UIEA for the next five years.

8.3 International Coastal Cleanup – (ICC)

SusGren, for the third consecutive year has coordinated and organized locally in the Grenadines, the activities related to International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). This event is promoted by The Ocean Conservancy (TOC) whose mission for ICC is to engage people to remove trash from the world's beaches and waterways, to identify the sources of debris and to change the behaviors that cause pollution.

Volunteers in the Grenadine Islands from Bequia in the north to Carriacou in the south participated in TOC's International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) day, scheduled for September 20, 2008.

In 2007, 685 volunteers from the Grenadine Islands, along with the mainland St. Vincent contingency, removed 15,543 lbs of trash from 12.8 miles of shoreline to make the event a great success. This year 2008, local community Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) assisted in mobilizing volunteers on Bequia, Mustique, Canouan, Mayreau, Union Island, Petit Martinique and Carriacou. Specific areas of coastline were targeted on each island to ensure maximum benefit of the clean up initiative is obtained.

Despite inclement weather, approximately 300 volunteers joined forces on the coasts of the Grenadines under the local theme for this year's activity "Keeping it clean in the Grenadines" to collect nearly 2 tons (4 300 lbs) of debris from 10 miles of shoreline from Bequia to Carriacou. Although rain on the scheduled day of the worldwide event (September 20th) resulted in several islands postponing the cleanup, this did not detract from the success of the event, but seems to have strengthened it, as many groups held cleanups on consecutive weekends. The data on the trash removed/collected was compiled and sent to TOC. This is done in an effort to identify the causes and effects of improper disposal and to find solutions to curb this practice.

Sponsorship for the event was sought by SusGren within the business community and \$EC9,000.00 was donated in cash, while other donations of water, gloves, snacks, garbage bags and

pencils were made. The major sponsors of the event included St. Vincent and the Grenadines companies ScotiaBank, Palm Island Resort, NCB Bequia, Canouan and Union Island and Mitchell's Hardware (Union Island) while Ade's Dream of Carriacou was the major sponsor from Grenada. The generosity of these sponsors resulted in the distribution of ICC Day T-shirts to the volunteers taking part in the event. The event was a great success and SusGren is committed to participating in 2009 and beyond.

8.4 CERMES Field Visit

The usual visit of the CERMES students took place in May - June 2008. Eight students were accompanied by Dr. Robin Mahon and PhD Student Kim Baldwin. The groups visited historical, natural and cultural sites and received presentations from community group leaders and project officials on significant projects in the Grenadines.

8.5 Internships

The Project benefitted from two internships provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) International Youth Internship Program. One was arranged through the Coady International Institute, Canada, (Krista Kavanaugh) and the other through The Marine Affairs Programme, Dalhousie University, Canada (Tara Sawatsky). Both joined the project for a six month period. The interns, assisted with building capacity of the NGOs and Community Groups in the Grenadines that participated in the ISA programme. Ms. Kavanaugh also assisted with the Seamoss Farming project, while Ms. Sawatsky assisted with the revamping of the Carriacou Environmental Committee and the Co-Management of the Sandy Island Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area.

9 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Staff

The project continued functioning in 2008 with the present Project Manager, Mr. Martin Barribeau, Liaison Officer, Ms. Raquel Paul and cleaner Ms. Roslyn Delpesche. Ms. Valgine B. Francis of Grenada joined the team as Programme Officer from January 9th, 2008. Ms. Raquel Paul, resigned as Liaison Officer in March, 2008, while Ms. Patrice Froget, through the 'YES' programme of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was attached to the Project as Administrative Assistant from September 2008 for a one year period. Ms. Marslyn Lewis was hired as Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy NGO Capacity Building project in June 2008 and two Canadian Interns, Krista Kavanaugh and Tara Sawatsky joined the team in July and September respectively.

9.2 Office

The project functioned during the year without any major purchases of equipment or major challenges. However, the printer/photocopier used by the Project Manager had to be serviced and a faulty part replaced. The desktop computers have used up over 90% of the storage space and were also serviced several times during the year and antivirus was installed. Two external hard drives were purchased to assist with backing up of information in order to free up space for proper functioning of the machines. The battery and power cord for the lap top had to be replaced, while thumb drives and blank DVD were purchased for storage and backup respectively. A water pump was purchased to replace the faulty one and the microwave was also repaired. The office roofing has many leaks and the paint on the walls is peeling. These problems should be addressed soon.

9.3 Other Offices within the Project Building

The Union Island Tourism Bureau (UITB) continued to occupy the front room of the building and made preparations to move into their new building, which is about 90% completed, during the month of December.

The Union Island Development Committee (UIDC) and the Southern Grenadines Water Taxi Association occupy office space in the project conference room which is also made available to several other groups for meetings/workshops, mainly TCMP, the Southern Grenadines Water Taxi Association, the Union Island Environmental Attackers and the Union Island Tourism Association.

Once the front office is vacated by the UITB, it will be made available to the groups occupying the conference room.

9.4 Steering and Executive Committee Meetings

The Steering Committee (SC) met on January 11, 2008 in Carriacou, at Sea Waves Upper Level, while the Executive Committee (EC) met twice for the year, on May 20th 2008, at the Project Office in Union Island and September 4th 2008 at Sea Waves Upper Level Conference Room, Carriacou.

The accomplishments thus far and the continuance of the project beyond 2009 were discussed. A concept paper for a Phase 3 of the project was presented to the committees as further discussion on the existence of the Project continued. Also discussed was the staging of a Project Fair in 2009 with the aim of showcasing the impact of the Project in the Grenadines and attracting funding for a Phase three of the project.

Other project related issues were discussed included the completion of mini projects, the Water Taxi project and Seamoss Farming both in Carriacou and Union Island.

9.5 Project Fair

Discussions from the SC and EC meetings propelled the idea of staging a Project Fair in 2009 to showcase the accomplishments of the project.

However, in order for this to be a successful event, the NGOs and associated groups must be fully willing to participate and the event must be very carefully planned. If full participation of the groups is not obtained, SusGren runs the risk of the effort backfiring.

The Lighthouse Foundation agreed to consider sponsoring the event, over and above the current funding depending on the estimate. It was decided that this would be a one-day event, held outdoors, possibly at Mulzac Square in Union Island, in conjunction with the SC meeting. The tentative dates were set for the 24th of January for the SusGren Fair and the 25th for the Steering Committee Meeting. However, further consideration was given to the extent of preparation and the timeframe in which to effectively stage the Fair and a new date was scheduled for September 2009.

The focus of the Fair is to showcase the activities of groups that have had SusGren intervention (mini-projects, attachments, etc.). This can be done through short presentations, posters, booths and displays. Phase 2 can be properly displayed to increase the visibility of the project for the progression to Phase 3 and prospective donors and government representatives will be invited to partake in the initiative.

A draft concept paper, budget and invitation letter to groups was prepared pending further discussion (**See Appendix 6**)

9.6 Continuation of SusGren

The Sustainable Grenadines Project which began in 2002 is now in Phase 2 (2004-2009) As Phase 2 draws to a close, one of the main concerns is to ensure continuity at the end of 2009 since it is noted that considerable progress has been made in building capacity in the Grenadines, through SusGren.

SusGren Phase 3 concept was discussed with Grenadines Government Officials of St. Vincent, Carriacou and Grenada in September 2008. Both the St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Grenadian Governments have expressed their satisfaction of the project and have indicated their willingness to support the project in the current capacity should it be renewed. The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has indicated that it will continue to provide the office space for the project. A request was also made that the Government of Grenada make a cash contribution of similar magnitude. See appendix 7 for the Phase 3 concept paper.

In addition a project proposal has been prepared for Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in order to secure core funding for over a 5 year period for operating expenses and for a range of activities such as workshops, mini-projects, and attachments needed for SusGren to continue to play its role in developing proposals and seeking funding for associated project activities.

9.7 Budget

The budget table below shows the project expenditures for 2008 as well as those up to the beginning of 2008 including those prior to the beginning of the current period (2004-2008).

SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN THE GRENADINE ISLANDS								
Union Island								
Accounting up to December 31, 2008 (\$US)								
ITEM	Item code	Actual Spent 2003- Nov. 2004	Actual spent up to end of 2005	Actual spent up to end of 2006	Actual spent up to end of 2007	Budgeted 2008	Actual spent 2008	Balance 2008
STEERING COMMITTEE								
Full Annual Meeting	I-01	8,039.00	9,838.28	12,285.79	12,285.79	4,000.00	3,206.47	793.53
Executive Committee Meeting	I-02		1,773.53	3,730.87	7,373.37	4,000.00	3,341.73	658.27
Project Management	I-03	9,000.00	27,000.00	36,000.00	38,000.00	13,500.00		13,500.00
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT								
Salaries and Benefits								
Manager	I-04		47,641.00	74,762.00	101,883.00	28,001.24	28,001.24	
Administrative Assistant	I-05			22,445.00	79,102.95	22,800.00	22,800.00	
Relocation	I-06		381.34	381.34	1,873.88	381.34	149.25	232.09
Operating								
Regional Travel	I-07	5,576.27	9,186.94	20,753.03	32,301.17	12,000.00	9,585.32	2,414.68
External Travel	I-08		1,511.19	3,295.68	5,912.76	1,500.00	1,524.24	(24.24)
Communication	I-09	254.77	2,769.92	3,733.43	11,910.54	3,000.00	3,495.38	(495.38)
Supplies	I-10	190.76	494.73	2,792.20	5,140.99	4,000.00	4,418.73	(418.73)
Utilities	I-11	6.42	1,385.74	7,579.44	8,896.65	2,022.00	1,999.53	22.47
Janitorial	I-12	157.28	1,867.65	3,210.93	4,666.15	1,573.00	1,343.28	229.72
Maintenance	I-13		529.10	1,487.91	2,083.06	1,000.00	1,448.47	(448.47)
Capital								
Office Equipment	I-14	1,282.97	8,666.76	10,749.92	10,749.92	800	746.76	53.24
Office Furniture	I-15	185.62	7,362.04	7,362.04	7,362.04	600	458.47	141.53
Technical Services	I-16		-	-	3,453.00	2,000.00	1,059.54	940.46
CRITICAL ACTIVITIES								
Networking and Partnerships								
Project Development & Management								
Technical Expertise	I-17		6,522.98	9,373.00	13,454.44	5,000.00	3,544.78	1,455.22
Sector Planning Workshops	I-18		1,916.26	6,742.20	21,993.42	0		-
Information & communications program								
Capacity building program								
Training Workshops	I-19		2,357.64	14,804.54	22,737.42	12,000.00	15,669.62	(3,669.62)
Attachments and exchanges	I-20		5,983.21	9,189.81	14,063.38	6,000.00	2,219.07	3,780.93
Mini-projects								
Communications Personnel	I-22		8,003.36	18,246.37	22,938.07	12,000.00	1,703.45	10,296.55
TOTAL								
		24,693.08	145,191.67	268,925.51	429,487.97	140,699.97	107,834.75	29,462.23

Budget - Other inputs

The project has been supported by a variety of other inputs in the 2007-2008 time periods. The estimated value of these is summarized below.

Contributions to the Sustainable Grenadines Project (IK = in-kind, \$ = actual funds)

Item/activity	Provider	Estimated value (US\$)	
		In kind	Actual
Office	Government of SVG		18,000
SC and EC	Government of SVG	1,500	
	Government of Grenada	1,500	
ICC 2008	Local donors: Palm Island Company, Scotia Bank SVG, Ade's Dream, NCB SVG & Mitchell's Hardware	5,000	3,500
Water Taxi Project	GEF	2,000	5,000
Reef Check	CERMES	1,000	2,000
NGOs Capacity Development Project	TNC		25,000
Continuation of SusGren and Data Analysis for NGOs	CERMES	1,200	
MARSIS Project	CERMES	5,000	5,000
SIOB MPA Workshop	CERMES / TNC	1,500	
SIOB MPA moorings, communications and infrastructure Project	OECS-USAID Project through Fisheries Grenada	10,000	50,000
SIOB MPA co-management workshop	Funded by UNEP; In kind from TNC, Government and local stakeholder	5,000	4,000
Internships	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) International Youth Internship Program via Dalhousie University and Coady International Institute (salaries and airfares)		19,500
Seamoss farming	National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, CERMES	5,000	8,000
Ashton Lagoon Restoration Project	Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation (33,935 K), SusGren, SCSCB, Avian Eyes Bird watching group, University of Victoria, B.C., Global Coral Reef Alliance (101, 805)	5,000	10,000
Total		43,200	150,000

Appendix 1: Attachments & Exchanges

<p>Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies</p>  <p>University of the West Indies Barbados</p>	<p>Projects Promotion Ltd. St. Vincent and the Grenadines</p> 	<p>Carriacou Environmental Committee Carriacou, Grenada</p>	<p>Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines</p>  <p>Government of Grenada</p>
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Report on “Attachments & Exchanges”

Sea Moss Farming

July 25 – 27, 2008

Leena Francis Farm, Vieux Fort, St. Lucia



Sustainable Grenadines Project

Centre for Resource
Management and
Environmental Studies



University of the West Indies
Barbados

Projects
Promotion Ltd.
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Grenadines



LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION

Carriacou
Environmental
Committee
Carriacou, Grenada

Government of St. Vincent
and the Grenadines

Government of
Grenada



Attachment/Exchange Programme

Name:	Natalie Chambers
Organisation:	Young Help Striders 4H Club
Attachment/Exchange Type/Name:	Sea moss Training
Date of Attachment:	July 25th - 27th 2008
Location of Attachment:	St. Lucia, Lena Francis Farms
Date Submitted:	August 28th 2008

Return report by mail, fax or e-mail to SGP or your Steering Committee Representative

Sustainable Grenadines Project

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Narrative Report on Attachment

Describe the type of information gained from your attachment?

The type of information I gained from my attachment is that there are other ways of preparing the same product. But if we do it the correct way there are more benefits to gain than if we prepare it the way we are doing it. And there are a lot of times that precious natural stuff we can gain from than artificial ones.

How can this information benefit your organization?

This information can benefit my organization by my organization getting more involved into the project, sending more people out to collect more information and most of all if we all work together with the information we gather we can strive better and a lot of us can become millionaires from the small project that we've started.

What lessons did you learn?

The lessons I learned is that with the right knowledge and togetherness we can move mountains.

How did the attachment benefit you as an individual?

As an individual I was benefited by going and learn from another expert how she harvests, the way she did the whole process of her project. And most of all that I can come and share with my fellow organization.

What did you like most about the attachment?

I like most of the way I learn how to reap replant my plot when ever I harvest my product.

What did you like least?

What I liked least about the attachment is that the time was limited; I had to rush what I had to do in less time and did not get to view another project.

Any other comments/suggestions?

When sending any one on these types of project try and lengthen the time. They will benefit more for themselves and the organization.

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Attachment/Exchange Programme

Name: Shevon Scrubb

Organisation: Young Help Striders 4H Club

Attachment/Exchange Type/Name: Sea moss Training

Date of Attachment: 25th - 27th July 2008

Location of Attachment: St. Lucia, Lena Francis

Date Submitted: 28th August 2008

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Narrative Report on Attachment

Describe the type of information gained from your attachment?

When reseeding the sea moss always plait them in the rope instead of just sticking them between the ropes. The drying process-two ways are (1) on the coconut branches (2) on galvanize for the branches it help the water to drain in the earth which is a good nutrient for the soil but the galvanize makes the process quicker for drying because its more efficient, the packaging-it takes patient and time because you product to look good as an eye catching to the customers

How can this information benefit your organization?

By gaining more growth and productivity in a whole and it will cost us less time that is when using the galvanize process in drying the sea moss. We will also be able to begin our marketing to the community.

What lessons did you learn?

- (1) How to reseed the sea moss in the proper way.
- (2) The right way to handled the sea moss while reaping
- (3) The drying process
- (4) The cleaning process
- (5) How to package
- (6) The best way to moor the plot

How did the attachment benefit you as an individual?

It gives me the exposure and knowledge to be more patient and gentle while handling the sea moss. Also gain more interest and confidence in the project.

What did you like most about the attachment?

I enjoyed the processing part of it especially with the galvanize because it was the first time I ever saw it and the sea moss took a short period of time to dry, for it was an amazing technique way of doing it.

What did you like least?

The cleaning process maybe it's because it is done the same way we usually do it.

Any other comments/suggestions?

Organize workshops to get more people involved in the sea moss project thus by doing so it might help them to be self-employed and this could help in the reducing of unemployment in our community.

Appendix 2: Mini Projects

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Sustainable Grenadines Project Financial and Narrative Report

Date Submitted: January 23, 2009

Name of Organisation: Lions' Club Union Island

Project Title: Spelling Bee Competition

Amount of Award: \$5300.00

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Financial Report

Item	Amount
Jollyphonics, Books, Games	\$2,965.25
Snacks and Water	\$1,090.00
Transportation & Floral Arrangement	\$510.00
TOTAL	\$4,565.25

Amount of Budgeted Funds to be spent: \$4800.00

Actual Spending for the Project

Item	Amount
Jollyphonics, Books, Games	\$2,045.80
Banner, Plaques, Trophy	\$1,260.00
Transport, Floral Arrangement	\$510.00
Snacks and Water	\$1,090.00
TOTAL	\$4,905.80

Narrative Report [Description of work done]

When did the project start?

The project started with the preliminaries on the 9th October, 2008. The competition (final) took place on the 28th November 2008 and was a success.

What work has been done so far?

Completed.

Were there any problems with implementing the project?

The funds disbursement.

What solutions do you have for dealing with these problems?

Try to convince Sponsors to disburse of funds so we could have more easy access of funds to go ahead with the project more easily.

Describe the work to be completed and by what time?

Project is completed.

Is project work on time?

Yes.

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Report on “Mini Projects”

- A. Union Island Environmental Attackers**
- B. Petite Martinique Catholic Youth Movement and Women’s Organization**
- C. Paget Farms Sports, Cultural and Environmental Organization**

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**Sustainable Grenadines Project
Financial and Narrative Report**

Final Report

Date Submitted: November 26th 2008

Final Report was due on November 2nd 2007

Name of Organization: Union Island Environmental Attackers

Project Title: Plastic Reduction Project

Amount of Award: EC\$5,300.00

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Financial Report

Item	Amount
Travel	\$20.00
Equipment	\$2,880.00
Supplies	\$1,410.00
Other	\$1,410.00
Total	\$5,720.00

Amount of Budgeted Funds to be spent: \$5,300.00
UIEA ADDED \$400.00 TO THE SPENDING (CASH) OF THE ITEMS.

Actual Spending for the Project

Item	Amount
Travel	\$20.00
Materials (Canvas Cloth)	\$2,880.00
Supplies (Material and payment for the making of the bags)	\$1,410.00
Other (Payment for printing of the bags)	\$1,410.00 (Payment of \$1,210.00 was given and \$200.00 balance)
Total	\$5,720.00

Narrative Report [Description of work done]

When did the project start?

20TH MARCH 2007

What work has been done so far?

The Canvas shopping bags is finally finish been printed and was deliver the 26th of November 2008 at 2.30pm.

Were there any problems with implementing the project?

There was number of problem with the implementing of the project because the time frame that was set and they are as follows:

- The guy was not honest with the time frame that he give us
- Enough paint was not purchase to finish the job
- And UIEA get discourage after asking about the job all the time and could get a fix date and did not have the money to be spend else because it was way to expensive

What solutions do you have for dealing with these problems?

After meetings upon meeting we decide that members will go in persons and sit and make sure the canvas shopping bags get complete so we can close the project. We finally did that by spending a few nights to make sure it's been done.

Describe the work to be completed and by what time?

There will a meeting next week Thursday to decide on a date to distribute the rest of shopping bags to individual homes and shops and also keeping a record of all the persons who had the opportunity in receive a bag. Some shopping bag was distributed 26th November 2008 at a closing ceremony of UIEA project funding by the GEF SGP.

Is project work on time?

No! The project is not on time because we were hoping that we finalize everything as of last year by the middle of September 2007. Unfortunately that could not happen because of the many disenchantment as stated above in implementing of the project.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM MINI PROJECT IN PETITE MARTINIQUE DONE BY PETTIE MARTINIQUE CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP & PETITE MARTINIQUE WOMEN'S GROUP.

On the 1st May 2007, the PMCYG along with the PMWG commenced activities on its mini project Re: Beach and coastal clean-up and enhancement project.

Through the use of promotional fliers and word of mouth we notified and invited the entire community to participate in this positive project.

At approximately 6: 00 am we began our clean-up of the entire coastal areas on our island.

The participation and turn out was good around 35 persons became involved. We used the rakes, spades, brooms, garbage bags etc that we had purchased to clean and collect the garbage. The entire event was well organized, people were grouped and each gang had a leader that was responsible for cleaning a specific area.

We completed the exercise at around 1.00 pm and it proved to be a success. We also served breakfast and lunch to all participants.

To date we have conducted 2 such clean-up exercises and we have succeeded in planting approximately 30 coastal plants along the beach areas and we are hoping that they would eventually curb the situation of coastal erosion.

MINOR SET BACKS

1. Some of the trees planted were rooted up and stolen.
2. Some of the trees have died despite them being given water regularly.

Currently we are in the process of having the bins painted and labeled so that we can place them at the strategic locations we have pointed out along the beach areas and by the 30th November our mini project should be complete with our final report handed in.

EXPENSES INCURRED TO DATE

FOR 1ST CLAEAN -UP

BREAKFAST= \$80.00
FLIERS= \$122.50
EQUIPMENT PURCHASED= \$191.04
LUNCH & OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS= 578.37
TOTAL= \$972.00

FOR 2ND CLEAN-UP

REFRESHMENTS= \$400.00
FLIERS= \$150.00
TOTAL = \$550.00

TOTAL TO DATE =\$ 1522.00

ODINGA BLAIR-CHARLES
COORDINATOR FOR YOUTH GROUP



Reports on Mini Project

Project Name: Bequia Harbor and Beaches Cleanup and Enhancement Project

In our project so far we have;

1. Equipments for project were bought
2. Cleaned-up Port Elizabeth Harbor area, Princess Margaret beach and Hope Beach.
3. There were over 40 palm trees planted along the coast of those beaches.
4. The Pathways from Belmont to Princess Margaret Beach and from Lower Bay to Princess Margaret Beach were cleared.
5. No litter signs were installed on beaches that were worked on
6. All materials were bought for the immovable litterbins
7. Holes for handrail and footsteps were already dogged

Delays in getting the project to completed;

1. We added to the project to add some handrails and footsteps to the pathway from Belmont to Princess Margaret but there were issues between 'private property and traditional path.'
2. Bequia Community High School failed to build any of the bins in their cement and recycled glass project although materials and workmen were already arranged by our group
3. Central Water and sewage Authority (responsible for garbage on the island) disapprove immovable litterbins on the beaches because they had problem with them in the past.

Appendix 3: Designing a Co-Management Model for Carriacou, Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Park Area Workshop

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Report on “Designing a Co-Management Model for Carriacou, Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Park Area Workshop”

Sea Waves Conference Facility, Hillsborough, Carriacou
April 25 – 26, 2008



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**Designing a Co-Management Model for Carriacou,
Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Park Area Workshop
Sea Waves, Conference Facility, Carriacou
April 25 – 26, 2008**

1. Introduction

This is a report on the “Designing a Co-Management Model for Carriacou, Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Park Area” Workshop held April 25 – 26, 2008, in Carriacou. The workshop was organized by the Sustainable Grenadines Project, along with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Centre for Resource Management and Environment Studies (CERMES) and the Marine Protect Area Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Lands and Fisheries, Grenada. The Regional Coordinating Unit of the Caribbean Environment Programme of the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP-CAR/RCU) under its Training of Trainers (ToT) programme for MPA managers provided some technical training and part funding for this workshop.

The aim of the workshop was to look at possible co-management institutional arrangements for the Sandy Island /Oyster Bed marine protected area (SIOBMPA), recommend a preferred arrangement and develop a 90-day action plan as a test run for co-management.

Hereunder is the objective and activities the workshop set out to achieve:

Objective:

To resume making good progress with the SIOBMPA co-management initiative.

Activities:

- Examining potential co-management institutional arrangements.
- Recommending the preferred co-management arrangement.
- Developing a co-management implementation action plan.
- Outlining the major points for a co-management agreement.

A total of 31 persons attended the workshop representing Government, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), para statal and private organizations (see Appendix 1). Dr. Patrick McConney, Senior Lecturer, CERMES, UWI, provided facilitation with supporting presentations by Ms. Ruth Blyther, Partner Specialist, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) South Eastern Caribbean and Mr. Martin Barriteau, Project Manager, Sustainable Grenadines Project (SusGren). The workshop culminated with a visit to the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed area on Saturday 26th April 2008, which was covered by the local media, Grenada Broadcasting Network. The programme schedule of the workshop is shown in Appendix 2.

2. Background

The initiative to apply the principle of co-management to the management/governance of the Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Area started in 2002 as part of Phase 1 of the Sustainable Grenadines Project. Building on this effort the 2004 – 2006 EU Caribbean Regional Environmental Programme (CREP), the Carriacou Sandy Island/Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area project continued to focus on developing a co-management agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and the local implementing NGO, the Carriacou Environmental Committee (CEC).

Apart from the regional trend to move towards the co-management of MPAs, the St. George's Declaration (Article 4, Section e) is supportive of the establishment of co-management arrangement in the OECS countries. Similarly, the Fisheries Act and the MPA regulations of Grenada both support co-management through specialized body. The Fisheries Division has been part of the current and past initiatives to establish and maintain the SIOBMPA, and in so doing apply the principle of co-management. Co-management has also been favored for SIOBMPA because of the local support and drive by the community of Carriacou and CEC. In addition the Fisheries Division has limited capacity to manage MPAs, which is evident in the Molinere/Beausejour Bay and Woburn/ Clarks Court Bay MPAs established in 1997 but, so far, have had limited management activities implemented.

To plan for this workshop and to determine an appropriate approach for co-management of the SIOBMPA, SusGren, CEC, TNC, CERMES and the Fisheries Division held two planning meetings in Grenada in August 2007 and February 2008 which provide added background information to this process. In those meetings Mr. Martin Barriteau described the various aspects of co-management and participatory processes to be engaged in order to determine an appropriate co-management arrangement for the SIOBMPA, which he learnt from the UNEP ToT programme.

3. Opening

The workshop was opened by Mr. Martin Barriteau, Project Manager, Sustainable Grenadines Project (SusGren). He invited Mr. Cosnel McIntosh of the Carriacou Historical Society to start the workshop with a prayer. Mr. Barriteau warmly welcomed everyone, acknowledged the organisers and explained the purpose for the workshop. He introduced and invited the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Carriacou and Petit Martinique Affairs, Mrs. Bernadette Sylvester-Lendore, to make the opening remarks.

Mrs. Sylvester-Lendore in her remarks emphasised the importance of the SIOBMPA to the people of Carriacou and Petite Martinique and the need for a positive outcome of the workshop, since developing a co-management approach to Management, will be a pioneering venture to Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. She went on to say that stakeholders and other persons interested in the co-management process should make their contributions bearing in mind what the actual co-management partners will have to contribute to the process.

4. Presentations

- History of SIOBMPA Process and Next Step

Presented by Mr. Martin Barriteau, Project Manager, Sustainable Grenadines Project (SusGren). This account outlines a 20 years history of all the processes and organizations involved in identifying and establishing the proposed SIOBMPA. The detailed history is attached in Appendix 3.

- The Potential of SIOBMPA

Presented by Ms. Ruth Blyther, Partner Specialist, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) South Eastern Caribbean. This presentation gave an account of the main features of the management and business planning process of the SIOBMPA which took place between the periods 2005 – 2007. The main objectives of the SIOBMPA, the investment priorities, initial cost and returns for management were presented and which is available in the management plan for the SIOBMPA.

5. Discussion

After the two presentations were made the floor was opened for discussion. Concerns were raised around the following two areas:

- **The status of the submission to Cabinet on the declaration for the SIOBMPA:** The need to have the SIOBMPA designated as an official MPA with well placed co- management policies and procedures. Participants felt that the declaration document that is prepared should be tracked down and pressure should be put to bear on the government to officially declare the area. Whilst waiting on declaration the stakeholders should be brought on board. It was suggested that engaging key stakeholders and establishing legal protection can be done simultaneously in order to propel the process of the co-management further.
- **General threats to the SIOBMPA :** Participant felt that there still exist a lot of threats to the MPA resulting from sand mining in the area of the MPA; the potential for an offshore oil issue (spillage etc) which can be caused by an oil tanker which is permanently moored to the East of the MPA and engages in the sale of and refilling of fuel daily; the destruction of the mangrove in and around the MPA and the threats that is posed by the marina which is being built in the vicinity of the MPA. Participants questioned who are these stakeholders (marina, sand miners and developers) and why they are not part of the workshop? They also felt that the management of the SIOBMPA is very important and the developer should be held accountable bearing in mind the Environmental Impact Assessment developed for the marina.

6. Co-management and MPA Co-management arrangements within the region

Mr. Barriteau started this session with a short training on what co-management is. He then went on to discuss the different levels of participation and ended with an exercise to determine a stakeholder analysis for the SIOBMPA. Dr. McConney was then introduced to the workshop as the lead facilitator for the rest of the day.

Dr. McConney, commenting on the previous presentations, stated that the SIOBMPA is a unique area and a very unique process. He made reference to the amount of valid preparatory work already done and commented that this can be a great model for other to follow. In fact, the SIOBMPA have already started co-management. Within the region there are nearby parks that can provide lessons of both successes and shortcomings, such as, the Tobago Cays Marine Park (TCMP). However, SIOBMPA is unique and we may have to co-management in our own way. Dr. McConney further emphasized that the managers of the SIOBMPA need to be ready to manage if the park were to be declared, if not, how would they enforce regulations and who will do it. He sated that there is need for rules that are laws and others that are more informal and flexible. These are the reasons why a model must be determined and a 90-days action plan generated, which will be the first steps to implementing the co-management arrangements.

7. Examining potential co-management institutional arrangements

Dr. McConney again posed the question to participants asking who will manage the SIOBMPA if a declaration happens and what are the possible options? In determining the possible co-management options available the stakeholder board which was formed under the CREP project was revisited to determine who can be the drivers for the SIOBMPA co-management. The drivers are the agencies that can take the management forward for the next 90 days.

Key stakeholders and other important parties/groups, dubbed as the “drivers” in the process, were assessed with a view to determining their capacity to co manage the SIOBMPA. (See table below)

Stakeholder Board list:

Group/Organization Stakeholder Board	Important Groups in SIOBMPA management	Drivers for the co-management arrangement
Fishermen		
Dive operators	Dive operators	Dive operators
Water taxi operator		
Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs	Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs	Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs
Board of Tourism	Board of Tourism	
Environmental Groups	International: TNC, CERMES and SusGren	
Marinas		
Women group		
Community groups		
NGOs	NGOs	Carriacou Environmental Committee (CEC) KIDO, Carriacou Historical Society (CHS)
Police/coast guard	Police/coast guard	
Ports Authority	Ports Authority	Ports Authority
Government	Fisheries, Forestry, Tourism, Health and the Environment, Legal Affairs, Board of Tourism	Fisheries, Forestry, Tourism

The facilitator asked each driver present to share, in a frank discussion, to present what they bring to the process in terms of their strength and weaknesses. The results are outlined below:

7.1 What do the “drivers” bring to the process?

Dive Operators:

- Regular presence on the water and under – able to monitor activities
- Part time rangers
- Assist with dive survey – biological and other monitoring
- Business experience/skills
- Money from divers – based on dive fees – collection of fees transfer to MPA
- Limitation: They limited in their time and money and may not be bale to divert from their business into to manage the SIOBMPA.

Port Authority:

- Legal authority re: pollution, navigation, anchoring
- Enforcement
- Funds
- Wants part of Management

Carriacou Environmental Committee:

- Historically been involved from beginning
- Documentation
- Physical presence (office)
- Membership – approx. 25 members (includes dive operators)
- Limited capacity for management
- Work along with whoever is the manager

Kido Foundation:

- Consulting
- Training and education
- Expertise in turtle monitoring
- Restoration of mangroves

Carriacou Historical Society:

- Management capacity
- Building with lots of historic documents
- Well known
- Liaison with international community for archaeology/historic preservation
- Membership – 300
- Strong Board of Directors
- Limitation: Could not come up with nay limitation

Government:

Ministry of Tourism:

- No information (Absent)

Fisheries:

- No MPA Manager – MPA Committee not functional
- Management – legal authority over MPA’s (Lead Agency)
- Monitoring
- Access to Government Funds and outside funds

Ministry of Carriacou & Petite Martinique Affairs (Fisheries)

- Chair the MPA Board
- Oversee MPA regulations
- Fisheries Officer in Carriacou

Forestry:

- No funds
- Technical Support – monitoring
- Reforestation

8. Recommending the preferred co-management arrangement

From the discussion on what drivers bring to the table and in terms of their willingness to manage, their capacity and interest, the following co-management partners were agreed on:

8.1 Co-management partners:

- Fisheries:
- Carriacou Historical Society:
- Carriacou Environmental Committee:
- Port Authority:
- Dive Operators
- Kido Foundation

8.2 Discussion on the status of CEC:

The facilitator asked whether CEC was a viable organization to continue the co-management process and what is its status. These questions were put to the president of CEC and the other participants several of whom were former, and some were founding, members.

Discussion ensued and stemming from the discussion, the following positive statements were shared:

- CEC presently does not have the capacity and needs to reinstate old members
- CEC is committed to the SIOBMPA process and has been playing a leading role.
- CEC should provide information on its status.
- CEC has new executive that meets twice per month
- CEC needs help to strengthen its management
- Some of CEC Services to the SIOBMPA was on a voluntary basis

9. Developing a co-management implementation action plan

Having selected the drivers for co-management arrangement the participant were then asked to identify a number of key tasks that the drivers should undertake in the 90 days period. Though discussions on various areas ensued, the following tasks were noted as areas to be reviewed in the 90 day Action Plan

1. Get declaration of the MPA
 - Lobby Relevant Ministries. Use Radio, TV, Media
 - Package put together for various Ministries (Plans, Maps etc)
 - Build support before the cabinet meeting
 - Add in Port Authority – Mgmt for Lobbying
2. Legal review and recommendation specific to the SIOBMPA:
 - How does Port Authority Legislation fit in
3. Identifying some areas to get start up funds (Funding)
 - Re: Port Authority has the authority to level tariffs
 - Fund raising
 - Talk to Chris Joseph at Ministry of Health & The Environment
4. Fine tune the Management Structure – Board /co-management agreement
 - Co-management, MOU
 - Who appoints Board legally?
 - Capacity assessment
5. Education – outreach and awareness of the SIOBMPA
6. Staffing Strategy
7. Keep doing the conservation work as everything moves forward (turtle monitoring/protection).
8. Background Operational and Last year’s Financial information on the Non-Governmental drivers of the SIOBMPA:

9.1 Developing activities for the plan

Participant representing the different drivers were then asked to form groups and to create a schedule of activities they wish to accomplish in the 90 days period in order to implement their aspects of the plan. The results were then presented to the larger group. The table below summaries the activities which were identified and developed into an Action Plan to take place within the 90 days and the stakeholders responsible for doing so. The 90-Day Plan, with a possible mid term review, should be completed no later than September 30th, 2008.

Strategies to be implemented by Stakeholders (Drivers) within 90-Day Action Plan

<u>Strategy #</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Co-mgt partners/ Body Responsible</u>
1: Get Declaration of MPA.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine status of declaration submission 2. Engage partners to move process forward (Forestry, CEC, Min. of Carriacou & P.M Affairs, Tourism, Min. of Health & Environment, Port Authority) 3. Follow through to declaration (including Min. of Legal Affairs) 	Fisheries
2: Legal review and Recommendation specific to the SIOBMPA.	<p><u>Legislative Review</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect/collate all relevant legislative instruments 2. Review of instruments (Fisheries) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making recommendations additions/deletions) 3. Meet with drafters 4. Preparation of first draft 5. Review by Fisheries/Consultation 	Legal Affairs (networking with Fisheries, Forestry, Ministry of Carriacou & Petite Martinique Affairs)

	6. Finalization of draft 7. Presentation to Parliament (etc)	
3: Identifying some areas to get start up funds (Funding).	<p><u>Start up Funds</u> <u>Aim:</u> <i>To develop funding strategy for the Sandy Island MPA</i> <u>Objectives:</u> <i>(Based on SIOBMPA Management Plan)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify GAP in Funding 2. Identify Source of funding 3. Develop an operational budget 4. Develop a tariff <p>Obj. #1 – How much money is required? Obj. #2 – Source of funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • Funding Agencies • Users fees <p>Obj. #3 – Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff /training • Equipment/maintenance • Transportation • Public Relations • Misc. <p>Obj. #4 – Tariff (New or existing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water taxi operators • mooring • navigational aids • licenses • entrance fees • education/research fees fines 	Port Authority
4: Fine tune the Management Structure and designing the co-management MOU.	<p><u>Managing SIOBMPA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishing Managing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman • CHS • Min. Carriacou & PM Affairs. • Dive Operators • Port Authority • Fisheries/Forestry • Police/Coast Guard • KIDO • CEC 2. Managing Unit – Director (Qualification & ToR) 3. Resource Development Unit (Qualification & ToR) 4. Monitoring Unit (Qualification & ToR) 5. Project Marketing Unit (Qualification & ToR) 	Carriacou Historical Society, Carriacou Environmental Committee
5: Education – outreach and awareness of the SIOBMPA.	<p><u>Education, Outreach & Awareness – SIOBMPA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentations (power point – projector) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community centre • Schools 	KIDO Foundation

6: Conservation - turtle monitoring/protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churches <p>2. Ads recorded for 2 FM radio stations (Written & recorded with Carriacou Students)</p> <p>3. Posters A3 size in public places on MPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Turtle conversation • Mangrove restoration • Revenue generation 	
7: Staffing Strategy:	<p><u>Initial Staffing</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get job descriptions from other parks • Qualification • Strategy for Search 2. Office Person (visitor relations/Education/Administration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Job description/qualifications) 3. Rangers; two full time (8 – 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get job descriptions from other parks • part time (after hours) 4. Park Observers; Volunteers 5. Dive Operators; 3 persons <p>This is an identified team structure – roles and responsibilities to be determined and structured.</p>	Dive Operators
8 Background Information on NGO/para estatal drivers:	<p>The NGO's and para estatal drivers in the process are required to provide background information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how they operate • their strengths and weaknesses • their financial report for the last year <p>This information is required to ensure to the other partners, of their capacity to manage SIOB or to be part of the process and should be submitted to SusGren by the end of May 2008</p>	CEC, CHS, KIDO and Ports Authority

10. Outlining the major points for a co-management agreement

The Elements of the SIOBMPA Co-management Agreement were discussed and are presented below. The responsibility to design / develop the co-management agreement comes under task # 4 in the 90-day action which will be the responsibility of CEC and CHS with guidance from Legal Affairs. This agreement may become the legal co-management document that will be presented to Government for approval and will be signed by all partners.

The SIOBMPA co-management agreement will include the following elements:

1. Identification (list) of the co-management stakeholders/partners;
2. Description of the SIOBMPA;
3. Duration of the agreement (*could be up to five years*);
4. Description and identification of the management partners;
5. Obligations of the government partner(s) (*what they should offer*);
6. Obligations of the non-government partner(s) (*what they should offer*);
7. Roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder/partner (*day to day*);
8. Auditing and monitoring arrangements;

9. Termination provisions;
10. Indemnification for third party liabilities;
11. Indemnification of each other;
12. Dispute resolution provisions;
13. Applicable laws (*laws of Grenada*);
14. Funding and resource provisions (as in the management plan);
15. Amendment provisions;
16. Insurance, taxation and liability (?????).

11. Summary (Recapping, presentation of day's results and action plan)

11.1 Follow up actions:

- A mid term re-view in the form of a progress report from partners on the prescribed task as outline in the 90-day plan by July.
- A follow up workshop before the end of September.
- Background operational and last year's financial information on the Non-Governmental drivers (CEC, CHS, KIDO and Ports Authority) of the SIOBMPA to be provided to SusGren by the end of June.

11.2 Evaluation:

An informal verbal evaluation at the end of the Friday's presentations was conducted and participants indicated that:

- They learned quite a bit on Sandy Island MPA.
- Background information should be presented to participants prior to the workshop.
- Discussion done at the workshop should have been before the Cabinet Submission was done.
- Work should be done properly to get recognition of Donors/funders.
- Doers and not talkers should be identified to contribute to the process.
- Owners/managers of guest houses and fisher folks were absent.
- Workshop proceedings should be shared with absent stakeholders or persons considered to be important / involved in the process.

Overall, the workshop can be summarized as successful. Participants are confident that the tasks set out in the Action Plan can be completed within the 90-day period and are willing to ensure the success of the process by committing to the strategies they set out in the workshop.

Co-management Workshop – Participants List

April 25 - 26, Carriacou

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Appendix 2

10 PROGRAMME

Designing a Co-management Model for Carriacou, Sandy Island/Oyster Bed, Marine Park Area Workshop

Carriacou, April 25 - 26, 2008

Day One

10.1	8:30	Prayers	
10.2	8:35	Welcome Remarks	-Mrs. Bernadette Sylvester-Lendore, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs
10.3	9:00	History of SIOBMPA/ Process and Next Step	-Mr. Martin Barriteau, Project Manager, Sustainable Grenadines Project
9:30		The Potential of SIOBMPA	- Ms. Ruth Blyther, The Nature Conservancy, (TNC)
9:45		Co-management & MPA Co-management arrangements within the region	Mr. Martin Barriteau / Dr. Patrick McConney, Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES),UWI
10:30		BREAK	
10:45		Examining potential co-management institutional arrangements, McConney/Mr. Martin Barriteau	- Dr. Patrick
11:45		Recommending the preferred co-management arrangement	- Dr. Patrick McConney
12:30		LUNCH	
1:30		Developing a co-management implementation action plan	- Dr. Patrick McConney
3:00		Outlining the major points for a co-management agreement	- Dr. Patrick McConney
4:30		Summary (Recapping, presentation of day's results and action plan)	- Dr. Patrick McConney

Day Two

9:00 – 12:00 Field Trip - To Sandy Island and Oyster Bed Area.

11 APPENDIX 3

History of SIOBMPA Process and Next Step

1988	OAS System of Parks and Protected Areas Study recommended SIOB protection
1991	CEC formed. One of its major goals has been the restoration of Sandy Island and the protection of its environs.
1999	Hurricane Lenny transformed Sandy Island and setup a Northern coral barrier.
2000	CEC Started a reforestation programme on Sandy Island
2000	Caribbean Regional Environmental Programme (CREP) started. Grenada nominates three sites (Grand Etang, Levera and SIOB).
2002 (May)	SIOB was selected as CREP as the demo site for Grenada at a national forum held in Grenada. SIOB was selected as a CREP non-core site and was allotted EURO 100,000.00
2002	Sustainable Grenadines Project (SusGren) Started. CEC and SusGren develop the first zoning plan for SIOBMPA.
2003	Structures were setup for the SIOB CREP Project. Focal points organizations started receiving training in EU/CREP procedures in regional workshops.
2004 (June)	SIOB CREP project manager was hired and full project implementation started.
2004 (July)	Public consultation in preparation for the project launch begins in Carriacou
2004 (July)	CRPE Project started a process of capacity strengthening of CEC. Focus then was on having a functioning executive.
2004 (September)	Hurricane Ivan added further damaged to Sandy Island and affected the launch of the Project. CEC rented apartment was destroyed and the operations of SIOM Project took place in the homes Project Manager and Liaison Officer.
2004 (October)	Project manager receives training Project Management / EU procedures.
2004 (November)	Public consultation started again
2004 (December)	SIOB work plan was approved by CREP PMU, Barbados.

2005 (April)	Public Launch of the SIOB Project took place. SIOB Stakeholder Board was formed. Video production of the launch was done.
2005 (April)	TNC became a partner with the SIOB Project. TNC conducted and Institutional Self Assessment (ISA) with CEC. CEC now has an ISA work plan to implementation. Little implementation took place.
2005 (June)	TNC PiP Sandy Island score card workshop was held. The results of this assessment were consumed in the Management Plan.
2005 (September)	SIOB Project and TNC held the first of three management plan workshops. November 2005 second workshop was held January 2007 third workshop was held
2005 (September)	TNC trained Grenadian divers in AGRRA method in Barbados. AGRRA survey and training of locals was carried out in the SIOB area.
2005 (October)	CEC received training in Soc Mon survey methods in regional workshop, St. Lucia.
November (2005)	SIOB Project conducted a large tree planting program on Sandy Island. Over a 1000 vines and tress were planted
November (2005)	SIOB Project hired tree maintenance person for sandy island.
2006 (January)	Business Plan consultant start working with SIOM project
2006 (January)	A resource survey was conducted throughout the communities of Carriacou. CREP, CEC and Fisheries.
2006 (February)	CEC Office was completed. Sponsored by CREP, Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, SusGren and Individuals in Carriacou
2006 (March)	SIOB SocMon survey was conducted throughout the communities of Carriacou. School children were used to conduct the survey.
2006 (June)	CREP Project came to an end.
2006 (September)	Assessment were conducted of the wetland area in Grenada, Carriacou and Union Island. TNC, Fisheries, CEC, SusGren.
2007 (February)	Review of the Management Plan (business plan) workshop was held.
2007 (April)	Mooring feasibility survey conducted. Funded by TNC

2007	Management plan completed in draft stage
2007	Official letter was sent to the Fisheries Department requesting official declaration of the SIOB
2007	A cabinet submission was prepared for the Ministry of Agriculture requesting official declaration of the SIOBMPA.
2008	Co-management workshop. Two other meetings were held in Grenada in 2006 and 2008

CREP training:

Environmental Journalism	–	Jamaica
GIS	–	Dominica
Monitoring and Evaluation	–	The Bahamas
Strategic Planning	-	St. Lucia
Regional FPO Meetings		
Project Proposal Writing	-	Trinidad
CO-Management attachment	-	Belize
Regional Youth Conference	-	Barbados

TNC sponsored workshops:

MPA Effectiveness	-	St Croix
GCF	-I	Florida
Regional Protected Area workshop	-	Miami
Trainers of Trainers in MPA	-	Florida Keys

Next Steps:

- Declaration of the SIOBMPA
- Designing a co-management option
- Determining an appropriate management structure
- Implementation of the Management plan

Appendix 4: Report on Capacity Strengthening Programme for the Union Island Environmental Attackers



Union Island Environmental Attackers
Clifton, Union Island, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
November, 2008

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Project Funded by: **THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
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Implemented by: **The Union Island Environmental Attackers**

Cover photo: Project stages of the **Capacity Strengthening Programme** in Clifton, Union Island.

INTRODUCTION

Union Island is the most southerly island of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It has diverse terrestrial vegetation ranging from savannah, thickets, mangroves, complex forest systems to secluded white sand beaches; its marine environment is equally impressive.

Despite its outstanding natural beauty, Union island, with its small airport is principally used as a gateway to many of the surrounding islands. Whilst a significant proportion of the local population work in fishing or tourism related activities, there is a high unemployment rate on the island and little prospect for diversification at present.

One of the most important reasons why this project was selected was because of the importance of the environment to the survival of Union Island as a tourism destination and by extension the economic survival of this small island and the environmental degradation of the coastal areas.

The Grenadines, and even more so Union Island because of its distance from the mainland, needs tourism to “stay alive”. In an effort to do this the Union Island Environmental Attackers taught of having a **Capacity Strengthening Programme** for their group. This was therefore our responsibility to improve from one stage to the next. The organization has undertaken several activities to get the Community to be involve in one way or the other. The organization successfully sought funding from **Global Environment Facility/Small Grants Programme** in Barbados. The project was developed with the aim of getting people involve and to show a stronger and committed Environmental Attackers by taking part in the activities below:



Activity 1: To carry out a socioeconomic survey of the users of the water front Clifton Harbour, water quality testing and census of the capacity of the UIEA. This will include people’s perception of the problems of the area and the challenges.

What was done? We developed a SocMon survey questionnaire, enrol and train 10 group members to carry out survey. Survey was carried out in three weeks. Survey was Analyse and report was produce in the form of a Baseline study. An institutional self assessment of the UIEA using The Nature Conservancy (TNC) methodology was done by Sustainable Grenadines Project (SusGren).

To establish 4 water quality testing sites in Clifton harbour and to carry out quarterly water testing was done by UIEA

Activity 2: A strategic Planning exercise (To address the objective of **strengthening the institutional capacity of the Union Island Environmental Attackers (UIEA)**;

A two-day strategic planning workshop with UIEA was conducted by Mr. Martin Barriteau, Project Manager, Sustainable Grenadines Project.

Activity 3: Capacity training programme (To address the objective of **strengthening the leadership capability of the members of the Union Island Environmental Attackers (UIEA)**); where four workshops was carried out in the area of effective communication, leadership, conflict management and human resource management.

Effective Communication workshop was done by Valgine B. Francis, Programme Officer, Sustainable Grenadines Project and Leadership Workshop by Krista Kavanaugh, Coady Intern, attached to Sustainable Grenadines Project.

Conflict Management workshop by Andrew Simmons and Human Resource Management workshop by our very own Madam President, Katrina Collins

Activity 4: Rapid Assessment and stakeholders' survey, and public and Stakeholders consultations (To address objective of: **increased public awareness of the problems caused by indiscriminate and undetected waste disposal by some resource users**;

Four Radio programmes was conducted with the We FM radio station on mainland St. Vincent once per month to get the public involvement in creating solutions to litter prevention at the Clifton water front and on the whole Island.

Activity 5: Clean-up exercise and stakeholders' consultation to prepare Marine Management Plan (To address the objective of: **securing the involvement of resource users and other stakeholders in developing recommendations aimed at addressing the problems**

Quarterly clean-up was done at the Clifton harbour and various areas on the Island. Stakeholders' meeting was conducted at the Clifton Court where representatives of the different stakeholder group attend meetings to decide on a management use plan for the area.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The project was very successful thanks to the help of our hard working co- sponsors Sustainable Grenadines' Projects and the Friends of Union Island Tourism who work hard to help us achieve our goals in getting this project up and running to its end and now pledge to work with us on the Second phase of our project.

CHALLENGES/LESSONS LEARNT

Although there were some challenges, we realized that people are interested in the projects and what we are doing. However, we will like to see that some form of security is adopted at the water Front to ensure adherence to anti littering and environmentally friendly practices. Also, we noted with concern that the amount of activities taking place on the island will provide a bit of challenge as it come to putting things in place.

However, the planning process was remarkable although there were some inconsistency in attendance by other groups who expressed interest in joining the effort. The end result of the project was beyond measure given the stage we start from to where we are now where we have seen results. The hardest lesson however that was despite the best efforts to do something

good for the community, some people will not respect the effort it took to get things the way it is now. This was evident when the group realized that immediately after one Radio program was aired, persons were annoyed that the garbage situation was spoken about; The group recognizes that nothing good comes without great effort and to have any success in life we have to continue to work towards our goal and make the people more aware of what they are doing and how to do it right.

CONCLUSION

The project has been having wide impact in Union Island. This is seen now by the willingness of business persons, churches, schools, etc, who work along with the organization in getting the work done. The group, though it has limited resources has been getting the recognition of persons throughout Union Island and even persons overseas who have been voicing their satisfaction with the group by means of face to face conversation, telephone conversation and by Email. While it was not intentional, the group has seen a number of organization/ clubs/ individuals (even if they don't formally join the group) are now willing to work along with the organization in its efforts.

The project has brought about almost single handedly, a significant amount of awareness on the importance of the environment and has highlighted topics such as the illegal dumping of garbage (by local and yachts), small business and the environment, environmentally healthy home practices and water/ beach and general pollution.

From an organization of 28 members, the group, while recognizing a need for more work, has embarked on broadening its support base by co-partnering with more groups rather than trying to do it alone. In this regard, it has become the vanguard for the promotion of this kind of work and from an "Environmental group of self help community workers" to an organization that is internationally known.

And as a result of this project Union Island will be a healthier environment if all of us work together by doing what is to be done and everyone that come in and out of our island will find it to be the best of all.

Appendix 5: News Releases

<p>Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies</p>	<p>Projects Promotion Ltd. St. Vincent and the Grenadines</p>	<p>Carriacou Environmental Committee Carriacou, Grenada</p>	<p>Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines</p>	
 <p>University of the West Indies Barbados</p>	 Lighthouse Foundation	<p>Government of Grenada</p>		

List of Press/News Releases for 2008

Communication Channel	Date	Topic	Agency	Records
Radio Announcement	24/03/08	Effective Writing Skills Workshop Announcement	Sister Isle Radio WEE FM Radio	filed
Radio Announcement	07/07/08	Caring for Litter Workshop Announcement	WEE FM Radio Sister Isle Radio	filed
Newspaper Article	25/07/08	Bird ID Launched	The Vincentian	filed
Newspaper Article	Sep-08	Grenadines Hold Anti Litter Workshop	Caribbean Compass	filed
News paper Article	05/09/08	Grenadines to take part in ICC 2008	Grenada Informer	filed
Newspaper Article	07/11/08	Keeping it clean in the Grenadines: ICC Day 2008 A success	Caribbean Compass	Filed

Appendix 6: Project Fair

Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies  University of the West Indies Barbados	Projects Promotion Ltd. St. Vincent and the Grenadines  LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION	Carriacou Environmental Committee Carriacou, Grenada	Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Government of Grenada 
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Sustainable Grenadines Project Fair
Displaying the achievements of the Sustainable Grenadines Project in exhibition, presentation and discussion.

The Sustainable Grenadines Project (SusGren) has been committed to the conservation of the coastal and marine environment and sustainable livelihoods for the people of the Grenadines since 2002. This is being achieved through capacity building and increased awareness of the environment for non-governmental organisations and community groups through its core activities and associated projects:

CORE ACTIVITIES

- **Project Unit**
- **Sector planning workshop**
- **Training workshops**
- **Mini-projects**
- **Attachments/exchanges**
- **Institutional self-assessments**
- **Communication & networking**

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

- **Water Taxi Project**
- **People & Corals**
- **MPA Management Effectiveness**
- **Reef Check Training & Monitoring**
- **Ashton Lagoon restoration**
- **MarSIS**
- **OPAAL**
- **SIOBMPA and TCMP**
- **Sea moss farming**
- **Supporting research**
- **Baseline surveys**

As Phase II of SusGren comes to an end in 2009, you are invited to join the Staff, Grenadines groups and researchers as they present their work to donors, universities, businesses and environmental Agencies.

Objectives:

1. To showcase the impact of the Project on the development of the Grenadines.
2. Provide an opportunity for stakeholders and other beneficiaries to interact and display their areas of progress received through the assistance of the Project.
3. To seek continuity/support of the Project beyond the end of its second phase.
4. To analyze the project including the e-group.

Format:

The fair will be held for one day in Union Island. (Date and location to be determined)

1. Presentations and Discussion:

15 mins. presentation by Groups/individuals with question and answer following immediately

2. Booths:

Participating groups displaying achievements/activities undertaken in SusGren core and associated projects in exhibition of posters, pamphlets, pictures and presentations.

Theme: *Impact and visibility of SusGren in the Grenadines*

Date/Time/Location: (to be determined)

Approach: (for discussion)

- Community groups, NGO's, stakeholders, interest groups/individuals and other beneficiaries through out the Grenadines will be asked of their interest in participating in the Project Fair.
- The objectives and the benefits of participating will be outlined to the prospective participants (e.g. exposure to funding institutions, donor or prospective members).
- Prospective participants will be briefed on what is expected at the Fair (e.g. presentations and booth display).
- Key stakeholders, donors and other contributing agencies to the Project will be invited to the Project Fair
- Brief Remarks from Donor Agencies (CERMES/UWI and Lighthouse Foundation)

Symposium Budget				
Output	Quantity	Budget EC\$	Budget Breakdown	COMMENTS
1. Location (Square/Bank Yard)	1 day	100.00	*contribution	remove
Tables	20	200.00	\$200 per day	can we get them donated
Chairs	100	300.00	\$300 per day	can we get them donated
Tents	6	600.00	6 x \$100 per day	can we get them donated
2. Meals	80 persons	3,200.00	80 persons @ 40.00 X 1 day	Remove, we can use 600 for snacks on the day
3. Transportation	10 persons from Grenada (Osprey)	1,800.00	10 @ 180 = 1,800.00	lets budget for 45 persons
	25 persons from Grenada/Ccou/PM (10 GND, 15 C/cou, 5 PM - Magic from C/cou)	900.00	1 return trip = 900.00	
	20 persons from St. Vincent & Grenadines	4,600.00	20 @230.00 per ticket	
	10 persons from Lesser C'bbean	9,000.00	10 @ 900.00 per ticket	
	5 Persons from Greater C'bbean / US	12,500.00	5 @ 2,500.00 per ticket	
3. Accommodation	15 rooms at Clifton Beach (some sharing)	3,000.00	15 @100 per room x 2 nights	we may have to use the dorms at the church
	15 rooms at Kings Landing (some sharing)	4,800.00	15 @ 160 per room x 2 nights	we may have to look at deals
	12 rooms at Lambies (some sharing)	2,400.00	12 @ 100 per room x 2 nights	we may have to look at deals
	8 rooms at St. Joseph (some sharing)	1,600.00	8 @ 100 per room x 2 nights	
4. Per Diem	60 persons	12,000.00	60 @ 100 per person x 2 days	we may have to find ways to reduce, maybe have dinner & breakfast at lambie's
Advertisement		1,500.00		

Stationeries / ID's	Paper, booklets, badge, flyers		5,000.00	
Subtotal			63,500.00	
Contingencies		10%	6,350.00	
Miscellaneous		5%	3,175.00	
Total			73,025.00	
Other ideas				
Video taping and documenting the project			20,000.00	
Cocktail				
* Can we suggest a small charge for the cocktail? (E.g. \$30 Single, \$50 couple)				
* Can we ask one of the Gov'ts to have their information service (API or GIS) document the project as part of their contribution?				

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October 17, 2008

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sustainable Grenadines Project Fair 2009

As you may be aware, the second phase of the Sustainable Grenadines Project comes to an end in December 2009. However, in an effort to highlight the impact and contributions of the Project on the development of the Grenadines, the Project will be hosting a "Project Fair" schedule for January....., 2009.

The main aims and objectives of the "Fair" are to:

5. To showcase the impact of the Project on the development of the Grenadines.
6. Provide an opportunity for stakeholders and other beneficiaries to interact and display their areas of progress received through the assistance of the Project.
7. To seek continuity/support of the Project beyond the end of its second phase.
8. To analyze the project including the e-group.

In this regard, you are invited to participate in the activity which will be held for one day, on January....., 2009 at the Mulzac Square, (or NCB Yard) Clifton, Union Island, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and take the following format.

1. Presentations and Discussion:

15 mins. presentations by Groups/individuals with questions and answers following immediately.

2. Booths:

Participating groups displaying achievements/activities undertaken in SusGren core and associated projects in exhibition of posters, pamphlets, pictures and presentations.

3. Suggested theme: ***"Impact and visibility of SusGren in the Grenadines"***

You are therefore requested to complete and submit the enclosed registration form indicating your interest in participating in this event by November 17, 2008.

An outline of your presentation will be greatly appreciated so that the necessary arrangements can be made for accommodation at the Fair.

Please feel free to contact our Office for any further information/clarification which will enable you to participate fully in this important activity.

Sincerely,

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Martin Barriteau
Project Manager

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Carriacou Environmental Committee Carriacou, Grenada

Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Government of Grenada



SusGren Project Fair 2009

DATES:	January.....2009
VENUE:	Mulzac Square, Clifton, Union Island
TIME:	9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M

For further information, contact SusGren at (784) 485 - 8779

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

ORGANIZATION:.....

POSITION:.....

TELEPHONE NO:.....

FAX NO:.....

E-MAIL:.....

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MONDAY 17, NOVEMBER 2008

Appendix 7: CONCEPT PAPER FOR PHASE THREE

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SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN THE GRENADINE ISLANDS

CONCEPT PAPER FOR PHASE THREE OF THE SUSTAINABLE GRENADINES PROJECT

Phase two of the Sustainable Grenadines Project (2004-2009) will end in December 2009. The challenge between now and then will be to ensure that the work of the Project can be sustained for a further period until it is self-sustaining

The SusGren Project has been successful in its aim of strengthening the capacity of civil society in the Grenadines to contribute to sustainable development there. This has been done with an emphasis on conservation of the marine environment as the basis for development and livelihoods. The activities of the Project include participatory planning and project implementation, direct capacity building activities and enhancement of interaction and communication among stakeholders.

SusGren's achievements to date are described in the mid-term 'accomplishments' leaflet. In addition to the core funding provided by The Lighthouse Foundation, the project has succeeded in attracting over US\$200,000.00 in additional funding in its first four years. These funds have been spent directly in the Grenadines in partnership with the NGOs of the Grenadines.

The challenge that faces all stakeholders in the project is how to sustain this initiative until it becomes self-sustaining. It is well known that initiatives such as this one may take in the order of 10 years to become self-sustaining. Therefore, our aim is to secure support for another period of five years, during which the emphasis will be on transitioning to an institutional arrangement that can be self-sustaining. The most obvious possible arrangement is the establishment of a transboundary NGO for the Grenadines with support from both governments and the international donor community.

It must be noted also that ideas regarding the establishment of a Grenadine Islands World Heritage Site (WHS) are gaining currency. The next phase of SusGren should also be prepared to pursue these ideas. The area has considerable strength in both natural and cultural heritage. It has diverse marine habitats including the most extensive area of coral reefs in the south-eastern Caribbean and two active volcanoes. Terrestrial biodiversity is emerging as important also. The finding of a new species of lizard on Union Island is an example of what may be revealed with further investigation. Culturally, there is a wealth of pre-Columbian sites yet to be explored, traditions of boat building and sailing, traditional whaling, well preserved African

traditions such as Big Drum and maroon festivals and colonial forts, all within this relatively small area.

Phase three of the SusGren Project will continue to pursue realisation of Goal 2 of the St. Georges Declaration which is to *'Incorporate the Objectives, Perspectives, Resources and Talents of All of Society in Environmental Management.'* It will be structured in such a way as to continue to facilitate the growth and development of Grenadines NGOs and their role in sustainable development. It will continue to build capacity at the level of the individual, the organisation and strategically at the level of the Grenadine Islands.

In order for there to be a viable Phase three, SusGren will require core support in the form of an office, salaries for staff, and operating expenses. The support of both Governments in the form of funds or office space will be essential if other donors are to be attracted to provide core funding. This core funding is essential for the project to continue to play its role in developing proposals and seeking funding for projects and activities that will build capacity and make it possible for Grenadine NGOs to play the role that they can in sustainable development.

The current level of core support from the Lighthouse Foundation is US\$150,000 per annum. This includes funds for a range of activities such as workshops, mini-projects and attachments. The Project has also been provided with excellent office space by the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Ideally, it would be best to maintain the current level of support. However, the bare minimum that would be necessary to sustain the office and its coordinating functions would be about US\$100,000, which would cover salaries, basic travel within the Grenadines office costs and Steering Committee meetings. All remaining funds for activities would then have to be derived from proposals submitted to other donors.

Our aim is to seek commitments from donors and the governments of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines and to have these in place by July 2009.