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The Saint Lucia National Trust's Experience in Resource Mobilization for Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas

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Presentation Outline



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 - Who we are?
 - What we do?
- SLNT Resource Mobilization – over the years!
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SLNT – Who we are?



- The Saint Lucia National Trust is a membership organization established by an Act of Parliament on 26 September 1975.
- The objects of the Trusts include but not limited to:



Floissac House



Sea Urchins & Sea Grass off Maria Is.

SLNT - Who we are cont'd



Presentation at Youth Env. Forum



Saint Lucia Whiptail

Governance:

- The Trust is governed by a Council comprising
 - 7 nominated members (at its AGM);
 - 2 representatives of the Archaeological and Historical Society; and;
 - 2 representatives appointed by the Minister responsible for the subject of the Trust.
- Established ad hoc committees



SLNT - Who we are cont'd

- The staff complement of the Trust
 - Director
 - Conservation Manager
 - 8 Programme Officers
 - 7 Programme Assistants
 - 6 CSSRs
 - 6 Landscapers
 - 1 Ranger

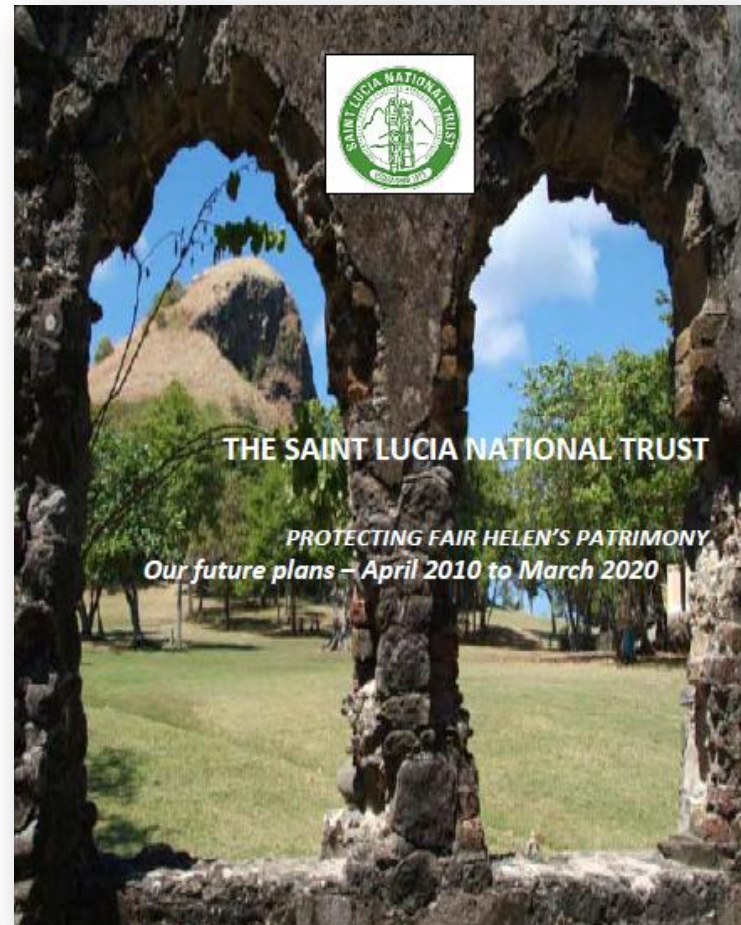


Landscapers at work on site

SLNT - What we do



- Work Breakdown Structure
 - Facilitation & Coordination
 - Conservation
 - Natural Heritage
 - Built Heritage
 - Education & Advocacy
 - Membership
 - Corporate Services
 - Business Services & Events



SLNT – What we do cont'd



- Business Services and Events Department
 - The mandate and activities include branding and Product Development; Brand Signature; Flagship Conservation Enterprises and Events Management leading to a diversified portfolio of products and services that profile Saint Lucia's heritage, and the SLNT;
 - Identifying sustainable revenue streams
 - Proposal Writing – A recent change in focus, as directed by the "new" council to focus on grant funding to support programme implementation



SLNT – What we do cont'd

- Maintain natural and historic sites vested by individuals and the State
- Membership Activities
- Education & Advocacy
- Revenue Generation & Resource Mobilization



The Maria Islands



Membership Activity



Powder Magazine



SLNT Revenue Generation

- Main sources of Revenue for the Trust
 - Venue Rental
 - Weddings
 - Tours
 - Gate Receipts - PINL
 - Membership Fees
 - Annual Subvention from Government
 - Others





SLNT Resource Mobilization

- Financial Resources
 - National Budget
 - International Governments
 - Regional and International Organizations
 - Universities
 - Financial Institutions
 - Private Sector Companies
- Technical Resources
 - Local Government Agencies
 - Regional and International Organizations

Resource Mobilization for Biodiversity Conservation



- The Trust has received project funding for Biodiversity and Protected Area Conservation initiatives:
 - Islands without Aliens: Building Regional Civil Capacity to Eradicate Alien Invasive Species;
 - “An Endangered Species - The Conservation of “*Bothrops caribbaeus*” on the small island developing state of Saint Lucia”;
 - Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund

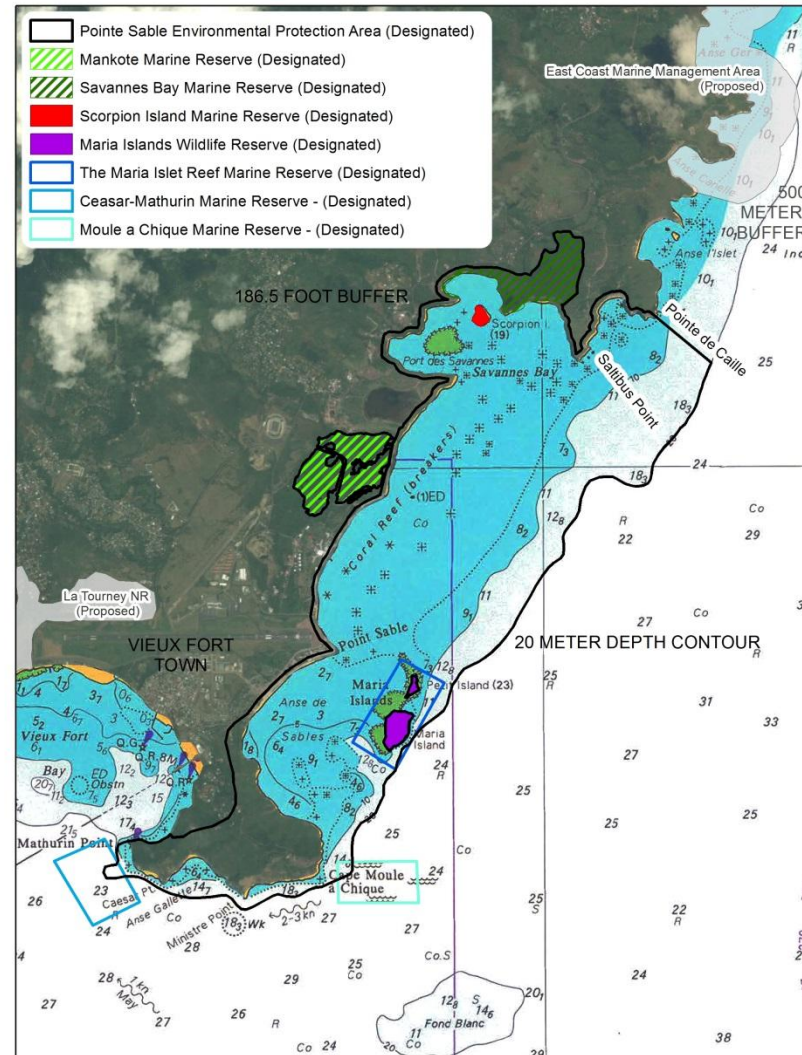


Resource Mobilization for Protected Area Conservation



Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA) was declared a protected area in August 2007

- Mangroves
- Islets
- Coral reefs
- Seagrass beds
- Anse de Sable Beach
- Associated Livelihoods



Resource Mobilization for Protected Area Conservation



- ECMMAN - Strengthening of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area along the South-East Coast of Saint Lucia
 - Sustainable Finance Plan
- Building sustainability of the coastal communities of Vieux Fort, Saint Lucia and the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area
- Sustainable Seamoss Production



Constraints

- Limited communication between some government agencies who have information about funding possibilities and keep the information until the last few days, and then share it with the NGO Community;
- Limited institutional capacities of NGOs to access funding especially in the area of proposal writing, project and financial management;
- Very few NGOs have an interest in environmental issues. The various NGOs address more socio economic issues.



Opportunities

- Strengthen linkage between NGOs and government agencies to advance work in various thematic areas;
- Timely notification for calls for proposals especially in areas where funding is earmarked for NGOs and CBOs;
- Strengthen and build capacity of NGOs in proposal writing and financial management so they can capitalize on funding opportunities available;
- Strengthen the NGO base through education and awareness on thematic areas;
- Further the development of the Civil Society Coalition for Sustainable Development in Saint Lucia.



Recommendation

- To create a donor funding clearing house mechanism which researches, collates and shares information on funding opportunities for access by NGOs, as information about funding opportunities is difficult to come by.



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