



North Saba National Park, Phase I

Targeted territory: Saba

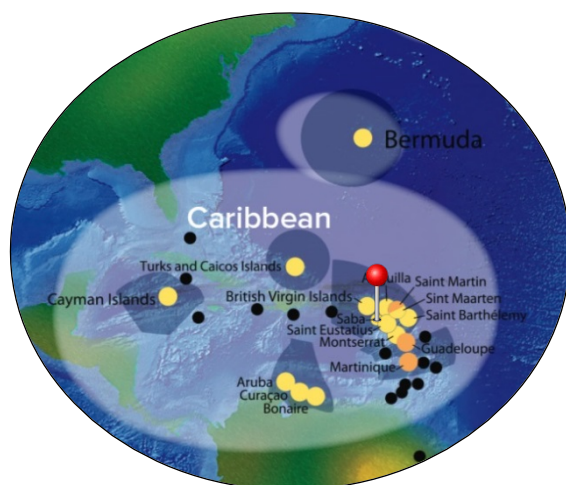
Total project budget: 98,871 Euros

BEST 2.0 grant awarded: 98,871 Euros

Duration: February 2017 – July 2018 (18 months)

Lead organisation: Public Entity of Saba (Openbaar Lichaam Saba)

Partner organisation/s: Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF); Saba Archaeological Center (SABARC)



Background:

The northern and central parts of Saba are regarded as the most biodiverse areas of the island. There is an existing terrestrial park that is owned and protected by the Saba Conservation Foundation, however, it only covers a relatively small area (35 hectares). In addition, while the mountain top above 550 meters is subject to a (partial) non-building regulation, a further legal basis is deemed necessary to adequately protect the area. The current law does not include any provisions for species protection, and international conventions such as the SPAW Protocol and the Biodiversity Convention have not yet been implemented. One of the sustainable development goals of the Government of Saba is to establish a National Park in the northern part of the Island. The majority of the land in the proposed area for the



park is private land which was abandoned approximately 80 years ago and for which no clear ownership titles exist.

Description of the Project:

The project aims to safeguard both the biodiversity and the archaeology in the northern part of Saba by preparing the draft legislation necessary to establish a National Park and draft legislation for species protection. A draft decree will be prepared for the assignment of Saba Conservation Foundation as the management organisation for the Park.

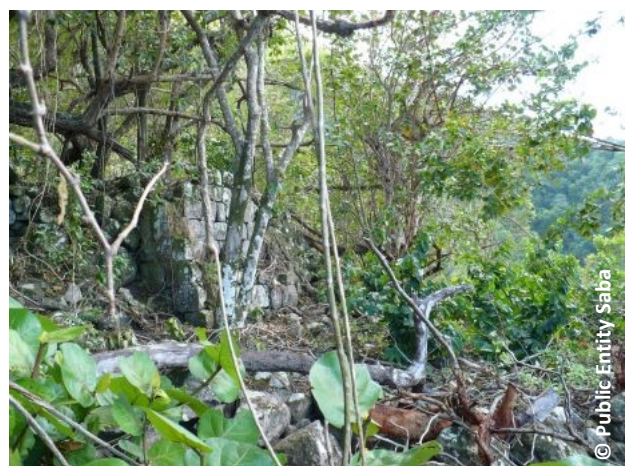
A management plan for the National Park and a draft management agreement with Saba Conservation Foundation will be prepared.

Practical actions will also be taken to demonstrate the possibility of sustainable use of the park area by upgrading the tourist value and accessibility of a small part of the area known as Mary's Point. This will be done by improving the old trail, preserving the ruins of a small historical settlement and producing a brochure about the natural and historical values of the area.



Intended results:

- Draft legislation for the establishment of the National Park and for species protection approved by the Executive Council and submitted to the Island Council of Saba.
- A management plan for the National Park is approved by Executive Council for implementation.
- A draft agreement between Public Entity of Saba and Saba Conservation Foundation for the management of the National Park is issued to the Island Council of Saba by the Executive Council.
- Mary's Point trail and historical artefacts are restored and officially opened to the public.



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