STINAPA Bonaire is... the non profit foundation that manages the Bonaire National Marine Park and the Washington Slagbaai National Park on behalf of the island government of Bonaire. It is dedicated to the conservation of Bonaire’s natural and historical heritage through the sustainable use of its resources.

Bonaire National Marine Park

The marine park extends from the high-water-mark to the 60 meter (200 feet) depth contour, encompassing the entire coast of Bonaire including Klein Bonaire and Lac. The marine park’s area of 2,700 hectares (6,700 acres) is home to important and endangered species such as sea turtles, conch, and sharks as well as globally threatened ecosystems such as coral reef, sea grass, and mangroves. As an International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN) demonstration site, the Bonaire National Marine Park is a model of its kind in the Caribbean, protecting the marine environment while maximizing appropriate levels of recreation and commercial use. Marine park staff maintain around 100 public moorings, conduct scientific research, provide information to users, monitor human and natural impact and enforce the park’s laws and regulations.

Nature and Environment Education

Bonaire’s economy is highly dependent on the sustainable use of its natural resources. Information and education for the public is essential in order to gain support for conservation policies and practices.

Aimed at reaching all levels of the community, STINAPA has developed education and information programs that share the purposes of: increasing awareness and involvement, creating a positive attitude towards environmental protection, and informing the people of Bonaire about the role they play in protecting their environment.

Each year many school children participate in STINAPA’s educational programs, including after school snorkeling activities providing children with the opportunity to experience the beauty of Bonaire’s waters, and to understand the importance of the conservation of our parks. The more advanced youth program, ‘STINAPA Junior Rangers’ focuses on gaining knowledge, understanding and a sense of ownership of Bonaire’s ecosystems while developing leadership and critical thinking skills.

STINAPA seeks to motivate the public to respect park rules and regulations while building awareness of the value of nature and conservation. This is achieved through various leaflets, brochures, posters, banners, signs, STINAPA’s website and Facebook page.

Bonaire’s Fringing Reef

Bonaire and Klein Bonaire are surrounded by an almost continuous fringing reef. A shallow and narrow terrace slopes down gently from the shoreline to a depth of 10 meters (30 feet) and then drops, typically at an angle of 45 degrees, to depths of 40 meters (130 feet). There are, of course, some variations to this general description, like vertical walls or double reef formations.
DIVE SITES

01 - Boka Bartol
02 - Playa Benge
03 - Playa Funchi
04 - Mako's Marto
05 - Wayaka
06 - Boka Slagbaai North
07 - Nukove
08 - Care's Vision
09 - Karpata
10 - La Dania's Leap
11 - Rappel
12 - Bloodlet
13 - Tolo
14 - Country Garden
15 - Bon Bini na Kas
16 - 1000 steps
17 - Weber's Joy
18 - Jeff Davis Memorial
19 - Kalli's Reef
20 - Oil Stick Leap
21 - Barkadera
22 - Andrea II
23 - Andrea I
24 - Petries Pillar
25 - Small Wall
26 - Cliff
27 - La Machaca
28 - Reef Scientifico
29 - Buddy's Reef
30 - Bari's Reef
31 - Front Porch
32 - Something Special
33 - Town Pier
34 - Calabas Reef
35 - 18th Palm
36 - Windsock
37 - Corporal Meiss
38 - Bachelor's Beach
39 - Chez Hines
40 - Lighthouse Point
41 - Punt Vierkant
42 - The Lake
43 - Hila Hooker
44 - Angel City
45 - Alice in Wonderland
46 - Aquarius
47 - Larry's Lair
48 - Jeannie's Glory
49 - Salt Pier
50 - Salt City
51 - Invisibles
52 - Tori's Reef
53 - Pink Beach
54 - White Slave
55 - Margate Bay
56 - Red Beryl
57 - Atlantis
58 - Vista Blue
59 - Sweet Dreams
60 - Red Slave
61 - Willemstoren Lighthouse
62 - White Hole

DIVE SITES KLEIN BONAIRE

A - No Name beach
B - Ebo's Reef
C - Jerry's Reef
D - Just a Nice Dive
E - Nearest Point
F - Keepsake
G - Bonaventure
H - Monte's Divi
I - Rock Pile
J - Joannes Sunchi
K - Cap. Don's Reef
L - South Bay
M - Hands off
N - Forest
O - South West Corner
P - Munk's haven
Q - Twist
R - Sharon's Serenity
S - Vallerie's Hill
T - Mii Dushi
U - Yellow man
V - Carl's Hill
W - Ebo's Special
X - Leonora's Reef
Y - Knife
Z - Sampler

PARK INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Please pay the mandatory Nature Fee/tag before using the Bonaire National Marine Park. $45 for scuba divers and $25 for all other water activities. This tag is valid for one calendar year.

Your contribution provides funds to manage the parks and guarantees our lasting success in nature protection and conservation.

Pay the entrance fee at any dive school or activity center. Having paid the entrance fee of $45 you may enter the Washington Slagbaai National Park free of charge by showing the written receipt of purchase of your tag and a picture ID.

All users of the marine park

• A dive orientation from your dive operator is mandatory before you can dive in the Bonaire National Marine Park.
• Anchoring is forbidden in the Bonaire National Marine Park. Please use the mooring buoys provided.
• Spearfishing is prohibited. If you have a speargun, please leave it at the Customs office.
• Wearing gloves in the Bonaire National Marine Park is prohibited except with permit from Park Manager.
• It is forbidden to remove anything alive or dead from the Bonaire National Marine Park.
• Do not damage the reefs in any way. Especially don't touch the corals and avoid silting up the bottom.
• Kite surfing is prohibited on the waters of Lac.
• Building campfires on the beach is prohibited.
• For more information on regulations check the brochures, our website or contact us.

Buy your tag before entering our Marine Park!