

Year Report 2005

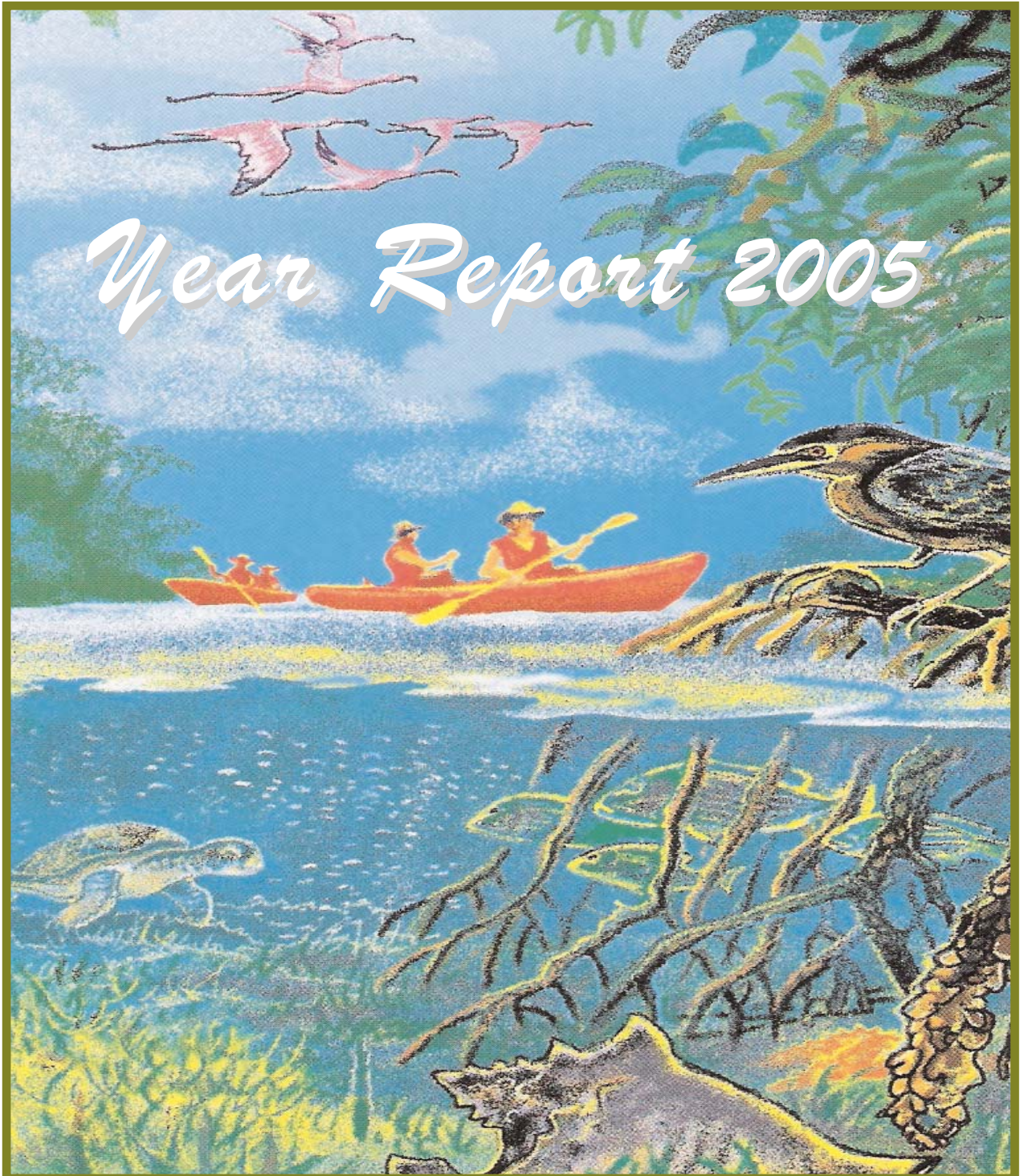


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a world where there are fewer and fewer natural areas, where many coral reef eco-systems are dead or at risk and where numerous land and water based species are endangered, STINAPA'S mission "the conservation of Bonaire's natural and historical heritage through the sustainable use of its resources" becomes even more critical to the island's future. Both the Bonaire National Marine Park and the Washington Slagbaai National Park report many significant accomplishments this year, including a new fee system, expanded staff training and responsibilities, and improvements to park facilities and equipment. The accomplishments noted in this report would not be possible without financial and technical support from numerous NGO's and government departments, tourists, volunteers, the eighteen (18) STINAPA staff members, the nine (9) board members and, of course, the people of Bonaire. However, in spite of the many achievements, many challenges remain if Bonaire's fragile eco-system is to survive for the use of future generations.

The introduction, implementation and marketing of a single Nature Fee for access to both the Bonaire National Marine Park and Washington Slagbaai National Parks were a major initiative this year. The resources derived from the fee are critical for continued park management, administration and maintenance. Implementation of the new fee structure is complete except for the mechanism for collecting the one day pass fee from cruise ship passengers.

Visitors to Washington Slagbaai National Park Visitor Center will see improvements. A new two bedroom house for researchers and volunteers was constructed, and toilet facilities expanded. While continuing to expand and improve the museum with the addition of an Archeology exhibit, the restored skeleton of a juvenile Bryde's whale has been added to the outdoor exhibits.

Educational initiatives carried out this year include close interaction with schools to provide lectures, information and support materials on various environmental topics such as sea turtles, birds, bats, coral reefs, plants, etc. In addition, special after-school snorkeling programs help young people appreciate Bonaire's unique undersea environment. This year, one hundred and five (105) children participated in a five (5) week program which combines theory with "masks on" experience in the water. An eight (8) week advanced program was added for teenagers attending Jong Bonaire.

Significant progress was made in the development and implementation of monitoring protocols for both marine- and land park. Training was provided on AGRRA (Atlantic & Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment) protocol which, when implemented, will provide valuable data for tracking reef health.

Unfortunately there is still a need for active enforcement of environmental regulations. Training and subsequent giving Special Police Powers to (ten) 10 STINAPA employees will enhance enforcement capabilities. Of particular concern this year was continued spear fishing, conch poaching, dumping, and coastal construction and sand removal. While a number of incidents were punished, expanded legislation and zoning is necessary to protect coastal areas and reef systems from unconstrained development.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Introduction of the Nature Fee and the implementation of the plan to inform users of the new fee structure.
- The Visitor Center of the Washington Slagbaai National Park expanded with: new structures, an archeology exhibit and a skeleton of an eleven (11) ton juvenile Bryde's whale.
- 10 employees were sworn in by Governor Herbert Domacasse in the status of 'Special Police Powers'.
- Realization of monitoring protocols for the Bonaire National Marine Park.
- Stronger organizational management, resulting in better nature management.
- Commemoration of the Bonaire National Marine Park 25 year anniversary in the Netherlands.
- Minister Alexander Pechtold from the Netherlands, Minister for Reform and Kingdom Relations, visited STINAPA/Bonaire National Marine Park.

ISSUES

- Political constraints, communication with government, and government support are major issues facing the management of the protected areas.
- Unsustainable development in all sectors identified as the main physical threat facing the Marine Park.
- Nutrient enrichment in the sea is seen as a major threat to our reef system.
- Considerable concern over the planned development at Lac/Cai and Sorobon, and its likely negative effects on the environment.
- The roads of the Washington Slagbaai National Park, which are in poor condition, hinder an increase in visitors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is critical for Bonaire to have a zonation plan.

After establishment and approval of the plan by the Island Council the necessary legislation needs to be enacted. Nature laws need to be updated and new laws made.



RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER NGO'S (NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS):

DCNA (Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance) - This NGO is established to safeguard the biodiversity of the islands of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. All the NGO's of the Netherlands Antilles islands and Aruba that manage protected areas for their government are members of DCNA. The Managing Director of STINAPA holds the seat of treasurer on the Executive Board of DCNA. Through the DCNA, we now have a relationship with a group of nature protection NGO's in the Netherlands who are members of the Support Group of DCNA in the Netherlands. They assist us with advice and technical assistance.

WWF-NL (World Wildlife Fund Netherlands) - Our relationship with WWF goes way back to the start-up of the Bonaire Marine Park. As one of the co-founders of the park they have contributed with over one million guilders in grant money to STINAPA/Bonaire National Marine Park over the past 25 years. We often turn to the WWF for advice, and support. On their part they are very proud of us and use Bonaire as an example of a well managed underwater park in all their presentations and campaigns. WWF-NL is a member of the DCNA Support Group in the Netherlands.

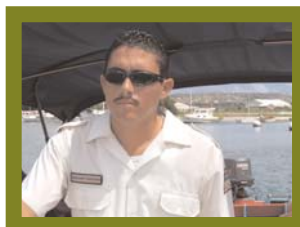
Stichting DOEN - Stichting DOEN, a NGO from the Netherlands granted us in 2000 funds to hire a manager for the Washington Slagbaai National Park. It was for the first time that the park, which was established in 1969, had a manager. Initially the grant was for three years with the condition that the newly hired manager would structure the park such that it would become self sustainable. We soon noted that we could not comply with the condition, the backlog was too big. What was accomplished in the first three years was remarkable and that gave Stichting DOEN confidence to extend the support for another three years but made it very clear to us that they cannot support us beyond that. This is the last year of the project. We are very satisfied and convinced that we have now most of the tools in place to be ranked as the 'model park for the region in terrestrial park management'.

NPL (Netherlands Postcode Lottery) - through DCNA we received funding from the Netherlands Postcode Lottery. A two year grant to cover operations cost for management of the parks, travel to meetings and administration of DCNA.

IUCN (The World Conservation Union-National Committee of the Netherlands) - administers the funding of the Netherlands Postcode Lottery on behalf of DCNA and its members. IUCN is a member of the DCNA Support Group in the Netherlands.

PBCF (Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds van Aruba en de Nederlandse Antillen) - has supported the Washington Slagbaai National Park very well over the last years. Several exhibits in the museum of the Visitor Center have been created with funding from this organization. They have also funded the collateral materials, enabling the park to give more exposure and information to potential visitors.

AMFO (Antiliaanse Mede Financierings Organisatie) - started its operation in the Netherlands Antilles in 2003. It had funding from the Netherlands to be used on projects in the Netherlands Antilles. We took advantage of this funding and received the grant for training in 'special police powers'.



RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER NGO'S (NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS):

NGO Plataforma Bonaire - STINAPA Bonaire is a member of this organization. This is the platform where the NGO's of Bonaire can receive information and submit their project proposals for grants from AMFO. The Managing Director holds the seat of secretary on the Executive Board of NGO Plataforma Bonaire.

Aliansa Naturalesa Bonaire - All the nature protection NGO's of Bonaire, including STINAPA, are a member of this organization. The voice of Aliansa is mostly heard when there is a threat to nature on Bonaire.

Instituut voor Professionele Studies en Vorming in de Beveiliging - The instructors of this NGO, a group of retired policemen, gave us the training in 'special police powers'. We created a very good relationship and they are now our advisors on law enforcement issues.

STCB (Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire) - We assist and cooperate with the STCB and on many different levels; we monitor the nesting of sea turtles, we participate in the satellite transmitter placement program and in awareness campaigns.

Fundashon pa Bon Koral (Coral Resource Management) - The director of this foundation is the former manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park. She allows us to pick her brain and advises us on different projects. She is currently the director of DCNA and is very busy; nevertheless she never denies us assistance.

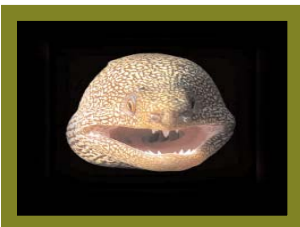
CURO (Counsel of Underwater Resort Operators) - The members of this organization and their employees are our eyes underwater. The success of the Marine Park is greatly due to the good relationship we have with CURO and its members. It is a tradition that the manager of the BNMP attends the monthly meetings of CURO. The goal is to keep the members informed of the innovations of the park. CURO has a seat on the board of STINAPA Bonaire.

BONHATA (Bonaire Hospitality and Tourism Association) - Bonhata has a seat on the board of STINAPA Bonaire. Through the BONHATA office we keep contact with the hotel members of the organization.

TCB (Tourism Corporation Bonaire) - TCB has a seat on the board of STINAPA Bonaire. The TCB office in Bonaire and the overseas representatives support us by distributing our collateral materials and passing information about the parks to potential visitors.

USONA (Uitvoeringsorganisatie Stichting Ontwikkeling Nederlandse Antillen) - Our relationship with this NGO is very young. We recently submitted a project proposal for renovation of the roads in the WSNP. Since the WSNP is a very important tourism product, it falls under the projects that the government has submitted to USONA for funding as part of the island's Sustainable Economic Development Plan.

Jong Bonaire - Since the establishment of Jong Bonaire, an after school program for teenagers, we have had a great relationship with this organization. Each year they allow us to bring nature conservation and preservation education programs to these youngsters.



RELATIONSHIP WITH GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS AND OTHERS:

DROB/MNB (Dienst Ruimtelijke Ontwikkeling en Beheer/Milieu en Natuurbeheer) - The Managing Director has an ongoing relationship with the department of Environment and Nature management of the island government. In our meetings we share information about the activities and progress of the projects in the parks.

SEK (Servisio di Edukashon i Kultura) - Our relationship with the education department of the island government is very important in the planning and execution of our education projects. This relationship is what reminds these decision makers about the subject of nature protection and conservation when it comes to the development of curriculum for the schools.

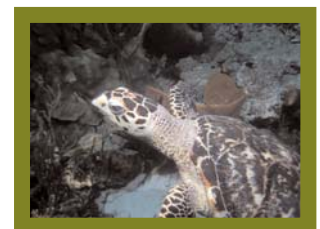
JAZ (Juridische en Algemene Zaken) - We had good contact with the legal department of the island government this year. Together with the public servant of the department of Environment and Nature management we worked on the new legislation for the Nature Fee and the on the Nature Ordinance.

CMM (Commissie Marien Milieu) - This committee was formed in 1991 when the Marine Ordinance was approved by the Island Counsel. It is an independent committee that gives advice, asked or not asked, to the government on all issues related to the marine environment. The Bonaire National Marine Park is an advisor to this committee and its manager attends the monthly meetings.

VOMIL (Ministry of Public Health and Social Development/Department of Environment & Nature Conservation) - This Central Government department assist us with advice and counseling regarding nature conservation issues. They also manage two (2) small grant funds; MINA (Milieu en Natuur) and KNAP (Kleine Natuur Projecten). We have several projects which were funded by these grants.

Schools - Our relationship with the principals and teachers of the schools of all levels is very good. The schools are our vehicle to reach the children to provide education on nature protection and conservation.

Kustwacht van de Nederlandse Antillen & Aruba -The Coast Guard of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba have assisted us for the past years during the Bonaire International Sailing Regatta. This yearly event is the biggest event in the Marine Park with the largest number of people in attendance. The Coast Guard also assists us during the weekend of 'Dia di Rincon'.



THE MANAGEMENT BODY

Stichting Nationale Parken Bonaire (STINAPA Bonaire) is a non-governmental foundation that manages the protected areas of Bonaire for the island government.

Mission Statement:

STINAPA Bonaire is dedicated to the conservation of Bonaire's natural and historical heritage through the sustainable use of its resources.

Goals:

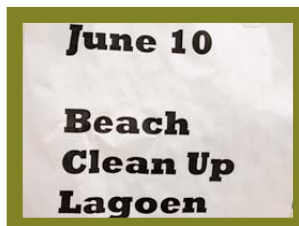
- 1) To protect, conserve and restore all the natural resources, including but not limited to the native flora and fauna of Bonaire for future generations;
- 2) To ensure that the conservation of these natural resources is given the highest priority in all public decision making processes;
- 3) To ensure that the residents of, and visitors to, Bonaire receive quality education and information about the protection of nature and the environment;
- 4) To ensure that the natural and historical resources of Bonaire are used in a sustainable manner.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The STINAPA Board of Directors has a supervisory role over the Management Team and their activities. All Board members are volunteers and receive no financial compensation for their time and effort. The Board met 10 times in this reporting period. The Board has a maximum of eleven (11) seats:

Seven seats are reserved for groups that have a vested interest in the park systems:

- 1 Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB)
- 2 Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association (Bonhata)
- 3 Counsel of Underwater Organizations (CURO)
- 4 Koperativa di Kriadonan di Bestia Boneiriano (KRIABON-representing the farmers)
- 5 The fishermen
- 6 The government of the Island Territory of Bonaire has two (2) seats.



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the end of December 2005 the Board of Directors consists of the following members:

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| Mr. Evo Cicilia | President (Government member) |
| Mrs. Ronella Croes | Secretary (TCB member) |
| Mrs. Jeannette Nolen | Vice President (Independent member) |
| Mr. Herbert Piar | Treasurer (Independent member) |
| Mrs. Diana Sint Jago | Independent member |
| Mr. Bruce Bowker | CURO member |
| Mrs. Corine Gerharts- | Bonhata member |
| Mr. Jack Chalk | Independent member |
| Mr. Felix (Papy) Cicilia | Government member |

THE FOUNDATION CONSISTS OF FOUR UNITS:

1 Bonaire National Marine Park (BNMP)

The BNMP was established in 1979 and encompasses all waters around the island of Bonaire and Klein Bonaire from the high water mark to a depth of 200 feet (60 m). The terrestrial area of the island of Klein Bonaire is also included in the park. In 2005, 29.015 SCUBA divers paid to enter the BNMP and 7.025 entered the BNMP for other activities. For the SCUBA divers this is an increase of almost 10%. This is the first year that others besides SCUBA divers paid to enter the BNMP.

2 Washington Slagbaai National Park (WSNP)

The WSNP was established in 1969. At first it was only the Washington plantation that was proclaimed as a nature sanctuary. In 1979 the Slagbaai plantation was bought and the sanctuary was enlarged. It is the first protected area of the Netherlands Antilles. The WSNP received 19.331 paid visitors in 2005. Although this is an increase of almost 10% over last year, still the numbers are not what they used to be in the '90's, when the park used to receive more than 20.000 visitors. The roads, which are in bad condition, are keeping the people from coming.

3 Nature and Environment Education

Natuur en Milieu Educatie is Dutch for Nature and Environment Education. The education program was initiated by STINAPA and the other environmental NGOs of Bonaire with funding from World Wildlife Funds- Netherlands (WWF-NL) to develop school materials, train teachers in their use, and offer a variety of educational programs about Bonaire's natural environment.

4 Management, accounting and administration

This is the administrative unit of the foundation. The purpose of this unit is to ensure that the mission of the foundation is being fulfilled; that the financial administration of the parks is being taken care of; that all contracts, agreements, policies and legislations are being respected and to administer and manage all personnel matters.



THE FOUNDATION CONSISTS OF FOUR UNITS:

The units of the Foundation are managed by the Management Team:

The STINAPA Managing Director, the Manager of the Bonaire National Marine Park, the Manager of the Washington Slagbaai National Park, the Nature Environment Education Coordinator, and the Accounting Manager. The Foundation administration is supported by an Administrative Assistant, an Interior Maintenance Person and one All Around Person. Each park has its own Rangers.

The Management Team concept was introduced in 2003 when the Foundation hired a Managing Director for the first time. The Managing Director represents the Board of Directors on the work-floor and presides over the Management Team's weekly meetings. The team met 32 times in this reporting period. These meetings are to keep the members informed about the activities in each unit and to reach consensus on strategic and tactical decisions. The Management Team manages the Integrated Plan and Budget, which is derived from the Mission Statement and goals of the Foundation.

The Integrated Plan and Budget consists of:

- 1) The 2004-2006 Strategic Plan, with clearly stated, achievable and measurable objectives.
- 2) The Work Plan for each unit in which Management Team members clearly state the actions and the time frame required to achieve each objective.
- 3) The operational budget.
- 4) The budget notes. Any policy-related suggestion is presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

A general meeting is held once a month to keep all employees informed about the activities of the Foundation. Management Team members report to their colleagues about what is happening at the executive level. Other employees react to happenings in their areas and bring forward questions, concerns or suggestions. The staff attended 10 general meetings in this reporting period.

The Board of Directors is kept informed through the minutes of the Management Team meetings, the minutes of the general meetings and the quarterly financial reports.



OBJECTIVES 2005

| Objectives 2005 | Status | Remarks (more can be found in the report) |
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| Administration - Human Resources | DONE | |
| Hire 1 Assistant Ranger or maintenance person for the WSNP and 2 assistant Rangers for the BNMP | √ | 3 Assistant Rangers were hired for the BNMP and a part time maintenance person for the WSNP. |
| Hire 1 project manager | | Not done |
| Develop a Ranger Training Manual | √ | |
| Attend trainings | √ | Trainings we attended: Radio Operator, Upgrade of Medic First Aid, 'Special police powers', Open water SCUBA diver, Coral ID and Monitoring course. |
| Keep STINAPA volunteers group active | √ | They did fish count; participated in Coral ID course, arranged the dive tags and came to the annual gathering |
| Yearly evaluation of personnel | √ | All employees received positive evaluations and moved to the next level of the compensation scale. |
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| Equipment and Infrastructure | | |
| Replace two pick up trucks | √ | Two new trucks were purchased, one for the WSNP and one for the BNMP. The old trucks were sold |
| Laptop computers for staff | √ | |
| Maintain boats moorings, vehicles, and other equipment of the BNMP | √ | |
| Hunting weapons for the WSNP | | No reply yet from the Governor on the permit request |
| House for researchers and interns at the Visitor Center of the WSNP | √ | |
| Renew fence of Slagbaai | | Postponed to 2006 due to lack of funding and priority given to finish the structures first. |
| Regular maintenance of the roads of the WSNP | | Not done due to lack of funds |
| Renovate the road system of the WSNP | | Grant pending |
| Turn garage into a library at the Visitor Center of the WSNP | √ | |
| Build locker room for the employees of the WSNP | √ | |
| Expand the museum with an Archeology exhibit at the Visitor Center of the WSNP | √ | |
| Add more toilets at the Visitor Center of the WSNP | √ | |
| Research possibility to buy land around the park to create the buffer area for the WSNP. | | Grant pending |
| WSNP regular maintenance: Cutting branches, paint buildings, paint and repair signs etc. | | Regular maintenance was behind schedule since we concentrated on finishing the structures. |
| Acquire land in town to relocate the STINAPA headquarters | | We are waiting to hear from the government on our request. |

OBJECTIVES 2005

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| Monitoring and Research | | |
| Have monitoring protocols in place | | The WSNP did not have the manpower or the equipment to engage in monitoring activities. The BNMP attended a lecture at the Nature Forum; sent a volunteer to Barbados to get training in AGGRA and attended a training in Bonaire about Coral ID. |
| Law Enforcement - policy - legal issues | | |
| Negotiate the transfer of ownership of land of Slagbaai | | pending |
| Negotiate management contract of Labra and Brasil with the government | | pending |
| Insure that government approves the Construction guidelines | | pending |
| Give written citations to violators of the Marine Ordinance | √ | |
| Participate actively in the development of the Nature Ordinance and the updating of the Marine Ordinance | | In progress |
| Education information and outreach | | |
| Hold awareness programs and lectures in community centers | | Not done, lack of staff and funding |
| Design, create and distribute the STINAPA newsletter. Create a separate section for children or create a newsletter dedicated to children | | Not done, lack of staff and funding |
| Hire part-timers to input data from BNMP sale of tags booklets | √ | |
| Use database to make e-mail drops and send newsletters | | Not done, lack of staff and funding |
| Update websites | | In progress |
| Make press releases about all relevant issues | √ | |
| Organize or create a new classroom activity or box | √ | |
| Set up framework for the 'Turtuganan di Boneiru' club. | | Not done, lack of staff and funding |
| Produce a video/DVD featuring both parks | | Not done, lack of staff and funding |
| Create educational activities for school children about the visitor center of the WSNP | √ | |
| Include SGB (local high school) in our nature education program | | After 10 years of having this objective, we still cannot get into the local high school to provide material for nature education. We reach a small group of high school students through our relationships with Jong Bonaire and Stichting Project. |

OBJECTIVES 2005

| Projects | Status | Goal |
|---|---------------|---|
| Waste water treatment project of Bonaire; project funded by European Union | in progress | Remove the waste water from the coastal zone in order to safeguard the coral reef. |
| Introduce Fish Protected Areas; grant pending | pending | Increase the body mass of coral reef fish |
| Create management plans for the parks: The manager of the WSNP made the management plan for the WSNP as part of his thesis for his master studies. The making of the management plan for BNMP is funded by WWF NL | in progress | The management plan for the WSNP is awaiting approval of the board. A consultant has been contracted to start on the management plan for BNMP. |
| Seek World Heritage title for the BNMP; funded by UNESCO-World Heritage Program | in progress | Get the BNMP on the World Heritage list. |
| WSNP model park for the region; Project funded by Stichting DOEN | in progress | Provide the park with the necessary tools to become financially self sustaining. |
| Salary assistant to the Education Officer; project funded by Stichting DOEN | finished | Provide the Education Officer with assistance |
| Salary Education Officer; project funded by Island Government | in progress | To provide consistent nature education to the school children of all levels |
| Information and Outreach; funded by WWF NL | in progress | Make the new fee system known to visitors. |
| Prince 2, project management training; funded by DCNA | finished | Have standardized project management for all members of DCNA. |
| Attend DCNA board meetings; funded by National Postcode Lottery of the Netherlands through IUCN | in progress | To facilitate the travel costs of DCNA members to board meetings |
| Training in 'Special Police Powers'; funded by AMFO | finished | To adequately enforce the Marine Ordinance legislation |
| Furnish the new office of the Managing Director; funded by NGO Platform | finished | To create a better working environment |
| Archeology Exhibit in the museum of the WSNP; funded by PBCF | finished | To teach visitors how history is revealed through archeological activities |
| Alternative energy for the Visitor Center of the WSNP; funded by PBCF | finished | To promote the use of alternative energy |
| Printing of collateral materials for the WSNP; funded by PBCF | in progress | Increase the number of visitors to the park by promoting the available activities |
| Proper work tools for the assistant to the Education Officer; funded by PBNF | finished | Provide proper work tools in order to achieve the tasks as planned |
| Renovation of the roads of the WSNP; funded by U-SONA | in progress | To contract a consultant to write the grant proposal to U-SONA |
| Bonaire Bolivia Park; funding pending | in progress | Protect this natural corridor between the north and south and also the evidence of tsunamis and hurricanes that have hit the island in the past |



ADMINISTRATION

Human Resources

The Foundation had eighteen (18) employees by the end of this reporting period:

One (1) Managing Director, one (1) Accounting Manager, two (2) Park Managers, two (2) Chief Rangers, one (1) receptionist/administrative person, one (1) Education Officer, one (1) interior maintenance person, one (1) 'All around Person', three (3) Rangers, one (1) Maintenance Person and four (4) Assistant Rangers.

During this reporting period the following changes took place: an assistant to the Education Officer was hired partially funded by Stichting DOEN. By the end of the year the Education Officer resigned and the assistant to the Education Officer was promoted to the position of Education Officer. Three (3) Assistant Rangers resigned and four (4) were hired.



In 2005 the employees participated as an individual, or in group, in the following trainings:

- >Special Police Powers training funded by AMFO (Antiliaanse Mede Financiering Organisatie)
- >Open Water SCUBA Diving course sponsored by Buddy Dive, Toucan Diving and Carib Inn
- > Radio Operator course
- > Coral ID and monitoring course
- > Corporate Governance training given by Plataforma NGO Bonaire
- > First Aid refresher course
- > Reef Resilience workshop in Akumal, Mexico, given by The Nature Conservancy
- > Prince 2, project management training in Curaçao, given by DCNA (Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance)
- > Payroll Pro salary software program in Curaçao, funded by NGO Plataforma Bonaire
- > Communications with creditors training

The Foundation renewed its retirement contract with ENNIA Insurance and signed a new pension plan called; 'FLEXI pensioen'

All the employees were positively evaluated during this term and they moved to the next level of the compensation scale.

We celebrated the fact that Clifford Cecilia served ten (10) years in STINAPA as a Ranger of the WSNP.

We continued the relationship with the local high school; we gave practical practice positions to their students in our



ADMINISTRATION

administration department.

Equipment and Infrastructure

A new computer was purchased for the assistant to the Education Officer with funding from Prince Bernhard Cultuur Fonds, project 'Classroom activities'. - Due to theft, a fifteen (15) h.p. engine needed to be purchased in replacement

All boats were serviced and new stickers were placed on them with the name, registration number and logo of STINAPA

Two (2) VHF radio's were placed in the boats and one (1) hand held radio was purchased

All 103 public moorings were serviced; the buoys were painted, rope and pick-up line replaced

Two (2) barrel moorings were replaced for drill moorings

Three laptop computers were purchased replacing the two five (5) year old laptops; the Marine Park manager's computer was on the verge of crashing and he is now using a laptop as his main computer; and so is the Managing Director. The Managing Director's old computer is now being used by the Rangers for writing out fines for law breakers. The Accounting Manager is now working part time from home using a laptop computer

Two (2) new pick up trucks were purchased replacing an eight (8) year old pick up truck and a six (6) year old one.

New structures at the Visitor Center of the Washington Slagbaai National Park;

-->A two (2) bedroom house for researchers, interns and volunteers was built

-->What used to be a garage next to the museum has been turned into a small library

-->A new locker room for the rangers was built, creating room in the museum to add an Archeology exhibit

-->The number of toilet facilities was expanded. Before there was one (1) building divided into one (1) toilet for females and one (1) for males. Now there are two (2) buildings. One building is for males and it has two (2) toilets and three (3) urinal and the other building is for females has three (3)toilets. This expansion opened the possibility for the touring companies to add the park as a stop on the tours to the northern part of the island.



ADMINISTRATION



The BONAI (Bonaire Archeological Institute) group, consisting of 18 youngsters under the guidance of Dr. Jay Havisser, a renowned local archeologist, contributed an addition to the open air exhibits of the Washington Slagbaai National Park. They restored the skeleton of the baby Bryde's whale which arrived in Bonaire dead on the bow of a cruise ship on January 11th 2001. The baby whale weighted 11 ton and was 13 meters long.

MONITORING AND RESEARCH

Monitoring

In 2005 a number of the volunteers and employees of STINAPA Bonaire participated in a training given by Dr. Paul Hoetjes from the Department of Nature and Environmental Management of the Central Government. He was assisted by Susan Porter, a volunteer, who traveled to Barbados on behalf of the Bonaire National Marine Park to learn AGRRA (Atlantic & Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment) procedures and to coordinate follow-up trainings. The course was in coral identification and the AGRRA protocol, which is the best overall method of tracking reef health. A majority of the group which attended the training is now actively practicing these techniques.



Monitoring of carrying capacity: the carrying capacity monitoring program is designed to gather information about the use of the public moorings for the dive industry and to give the BNMP management body solid ground to make decisions about the opening or closure of dive sites. It is also intended, in the long term, to confirm the data presented by van 't Hoff and Scura in their publication, 'The ecology and Economics of Bonaire Marine Park'. We estimate that the total carrying capacity for Bonaire is still not reached, but with out doubt, some specific dive sites surpass the carrying capacity recommended by van 't Hoff and Scura. In the long term the idea is to group the top 5 dive sites and compare the state of the reef with control areas (the marine reserves or bottom 5 dive sites) and see if the damage is considered "acceptable" or if the dive sites need to be closed.



Some of the employees of the Foundation participated in the annual count of the endemic and threatened Yellow shouldered parrot (*Amazona barbadensis rothchildi*) while the Managing Director participated monthly in flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber ruber*) counts at Lac.

¹The World Bank Environment Department - Division paper no. 1993-44 Sep. 1993.

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Both counts happened simultaneously at various locations over the island.

In 2005 sixty-two (62) sea turtle nests were found on Bonaire: twelve (12) in the Washington Slagbaai National Park, forty-three (43) on Klein Bonaire and seven (7) on the rest of the island.

Research

Scientists doing ongoing research on our reefs were: Dr. Robert Steneck from the University of Maine, U.S.A. and his students Jeanine Brown and Suzanne Arnold. Dr. Aileen Morse from the University of California, U.S.A. Andrew Bruckner from the NOAA-Fisheries Habitat Conservation, U.S.A. Ivan Nagelkerken from Institute for Water and Wetland Research, Radboud University, Netherlands.

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Law Enforcement

Instituut voor Professionele Studies en Vorming in de Beveiliging was contracted to teach the employees of the Foundation the material needed to achieve the status of police powers (Buitengewoon agent van Politie). Twelve (12) employees started the course and ten (10) completed the course successfully. Having acquired this status, we complied with one of the conditions stipulated by the Island government for giving us subsidy.

During this reporting period we stopped four (4) construction projects in the coastal zone which were being conducted without the proper permits.

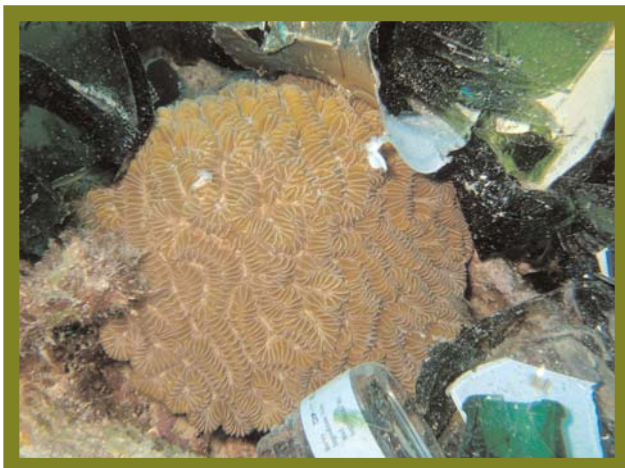
On three (3) occasions we caught people taking sand in areas where it is not permitted by law or without a permit.

On several occasions we spotted people poaching conch in Lac and seven (7) times we caught them in action. All equipment used in this illegal action was confiscated and written citations were given to these violators of the Marine Ordinance.

Sadly enough, spear fishing is still taking place in our Marine Park. Twice we caught people in action, we confiscated all diving gear and equipment used in the illegal act and we wrote citations.



²Source: Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire



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One case of illegal netting was reported and the net was confiscated.

A cruise ship dumped 51.5 kilo's of glass on the reef. We wrote citations for this offense. A group of STINAPA volunteers and rangers of the BNMP spent eighteen (18) hours diving to remove the glass. They used syringes with chewing gum at the end to remove the fine glass pieces from between the coral polyps.

We assisted in the recovery of the remains of three (3) humans from the sea during this reporting period.



The government's department of public works ordered the taking of sand from Boka Onima, a sea turtle nesting beach. There were two (2) nests on the beach when the sand was removed and the nests were destroyed. Sea turtle nests and eggs are protected by international treaties and by the island ordinance of Marine Environment. Together with Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) a public protest was organized on the beach petitioning to put the sand back. Two days after the incident, on a routine patrol of nesting beaches the official from STCB found tracks of a turtle trying to find a spot to lays her eggs but could not since the sand was gone. Together with STCB, we are still in negotiations and discussions with the government officials to restore the damaged beach. To date no decision or actions have been taken.

On a routine patrol rangers of the BNMP noticed a large pool of a dark substance that looked like oil on the grounds of Bonaire Petroleum Corporation (BOPEC). The incident was reported to the department of Environment and Nature Management of the government. They are currently in contact with BOPEC to determine how to restore the polluted area.



Policy

Mrs. Kalli de Meyer from Fundashon pa Bon Koral (FPBK) was contracted to prepare the project proposal for the Management Plan of the BNMP. Later in the year of this reporting period Duncan Mac Rae from Coastal Zone Management took over the contract since de Meyer started in another position. She will remain on board as our advisor to the project.

Meetings were held in preparation of a contract for the operators who sell kayak trips in the mangroves of Lac and to discuss the certification procedure of the guides.

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A course was given to the guides who take tourists on kayak trips in the mangroves of Lac. The 'Lac Kayak Guide Handbook' was designed by Fundashon pa Bon Koral for these purposes.

In 2004 the board of STINAPA advised the government to make a change in the fee legislation of the BNMP. The advice was to charge all users \$10 and to increase the fee for diving to \$20. In 2005 the government informed us that they accepted our advice to charge all users of the Marine Park \$10. Although, they found that research has established that the tourists are willing to pay the maximum of \$25 for nature conservation. Further the government argued that Bonaire is in the top 5 of the world for pristine coral reefs and therefore they find that we should advise them to raise the fee for SCUBA divers to \$25. The board complied.

With the introduction of the new fee structure the board decided to introduce the concept of 'one fee-two parks'. Everybody who paid to enter the Marine Park could enter the Washington Slagbaai National Park for free.

Legal issues

By a new legislation the yachts having a length of less than 18 meters (55 feet), now pay US\$10 per day to tie on a mooring buoy in the bay of Kralendijk.

The legislation introduced in 1991 to charge divers for the use of the BNMP was changed. It now reads that an entrance fee is charged to all users of the Marine Park; SCUBA divers now pay US\$25 for a calendar year and all who enter the park for other purposes than to SCUBA dive pay the fee of US\$10 for a calendar year or US\$ 2 for one (1) day use.

- Because of the chaos and delays that could occur on the pier when collecting the one day pass from cruise ship passengers; the government requested the Foundation to exempt this group until they have negotiated a more organized system. The Foundation stated in writing its disapproval but agreed to obey the request till the cruise season of 2006.

- Upon request of the tourism office the government agreed to add to the legislation a one (1) day pass of US\$10 per day for SCUBA divers.

- Mrs. Janne de Lege, a lawyer from the government department of nature management in the Netherlands, came to assist us in writing the Nature Ordinance for the island and to update the Marine Ordinance. Together with the island government's legal department, the department of environment and nature management, we put in a lot of days and





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hours to produce a draft ordinance. Unfortunately due to several delays it is not finished yet.

Advice to the government

The Foundation wrote several letters and had meetings with one or more island government officials advising on nature issues. To name some:

We alerted the government that they should not allow further mining of sand and coral stones from the shoreline. It will have negative consequences on nature and the infrastructure of the island. They are permitting an illegality, destroying the shoreline and removing research and scientific historic material by allowing this action. We also advised the government to start with development of a policy for import of and and stones in which they will incorporate measures to control invasive species.



The government had the intention to grant permits for the construction of a two (2) story restaurant at Sorobon and to give land in long lease for construction of a bar/restaurant. We reminded them in writing that the area of Lac has a delicate eco system. It is therefore, protected by several island government policies and international treaties; SPAW Protocol, Ramsar Convention, and Nature Policy Plan of Bonaire.

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Education

The education department of STINAPA continues to be involved in the after-school program for elementary school children, offering snorkel lessons. In this reporting period a new elementary school has been incorporated into the program. Through the end of 2005, twenty four (24) youngsters received their snorkeling certificates.

The wife of the Governor Domacassé, Mrs. Maria Elena Domacassé Vis, is still volunteering with the snorkel program. She gives the theory classes to the children in the after-school program.

The Sea Turtle Awareness Campaign, given the slogan, 'Protehá Nos Turtuganan' (Protect our Turtles), which initiated in November 2004 finished in December 2005; From January through March STINAPA and STCB held PowerPoint presentations at all elementary schools about the



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sea turtles in our region. To help the children better understand the information, we produced throughout the entire year, a monthly newsletter with articles about important issues, and lots of games and quizzes. These were distributed at the schools. This was a joint campaign funded through DCNA, and it also ran on the other islands of the Netherlands Antilles.

An educational program, running the length of the school year, was developed and presented for approval to all school principals, the school boards and to the government's Department of Education. In previous years there was no such program. This educational program gives a clear picture of what is offered throughout the year, bringing structure both to the STINAPA education department and to the schools.



During the entire school year, Educational Boxes were distributed amongst the primary schools. Each box is on loan to a school for a period of six weeks. We were forced to shorten the period that the boxes are on loan at the schools to accommodate the new primary school we have on the island. After the period of 6 weeks, the box moves on to another school. Each box has a theme and is designed for specific education levels. The schools now have a new system, kindergarten doesn't exist any more. The new system works with multi-age groups. For the age groups from 4 to 8 years we have: In the Sea, On Land, In the Sky, Pets, Donkeys and Trees and Wood. For the age groups of 9 to 13 years the school boxes are: Reptiles, Birds, Bats, Sea Turtles, Coral Reefs, Fishes, Plants and Lac. There were no outdoor activities offered from January to June 2005; the STINAPA education department was involved in presentations to the schools for the Sea Turtle Awareness Campaign.



A second 'Treasure Hunt' at the Visitor Center of the Washington Slagbaai National Park was developed to educate children about the museum and the park's outdoor exhibitions. The treasure hunt is for groups of five to six children and has duration of about 90 minutes.

The Snorkel program 'Turtuganan di Boneiru' was offered, just as in the past ten years, to all seven primary schools within the context of the "Skol di Bario" after-school program. Around 105 children participated in the program this year. The program is five weeks long and consists of one theory session and one practical session each week. In a typical week, one day is dedicated to theory and one day is out in

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the field, snorkeling and experiencing what was taught in the theory session.

The program includes the following subjects:

a) Week One: Introduction to the BNMP and explanation of the snorkeling program. "Turtuganan" (sea turtles) are discussed, using the BNMP Educational Box 'TURTUGA' and an employee of Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) is present to explain what they do to inform the public about sea turtles and how they work to protect and track the turtles visiting or living on our reefs. During the first snorkel lesson, there is a swimming test and children learn how to use the snorkel equipment.

b) Week Two: "Reef fish" are discussed and work is assigned from the teacher's guide and the workbook "Turtuganan di Boneiru". During the snorkel trip children see and learn about reef fish.

c) Week Three: "Coral" is discussed; using the BNMP Educational Box 'CORAL' and work is assigned from the workbook. During the snorkel trip, children see and learn about coral.

d) Week Four: "Lac, mangroves and conch" are discussed, using the BNMP Educational Box 'KARKO' (conch), the teacher's guide and the workbook for assignments. The children are taken to the Mangrove Kayak & Info Center where they go on a kayak trip. They see and learn about the ecosystem of Lac.

e) Week Five: Final week of the snorkel program with a boat trip to Klein Bonaire and a ceremony to award certificates.



In October 2005 the STINAPA education department initiated an advanced snorkel program. It was offered to the teenagers that attend Jong Bonaire, an after school program for teenagers. The weekly program lasted for 8 weeks. The first 4 weeks were used for the theory sessions and the swimming tests. In the last 4 weeks the group went out on snorkeling trips at different sites on the island.



The sea turtle campaign was a success. During the whole year there were different types of activities focusing on the turtles. Some of these activities were newsletters for the primary schools and the development of a jingle which was played regularly on local radio stations. Posters, stickers and buttons were produced and distributed widely. During the campaign a lot of people were commenting that they were not aware that the sea turtles were on the brink of extinction. In the older generations some were looking forward to the day they could eat turtle meat again and they protested the fact that we protected the sea turtles in Bonaire for them to swim

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to feeding grounds elsewhere to be caught and eaten. The newsletters were very well received by the school children and they always looked forward to the next issue. We heard from several parents that they also enjoyed the information in the newsletters.

Assisting Stichting Recycling Bonaire in introduction of the subject of recycling of glass in the schools of Bonaire, we produced an educational box for the primary schools. The box contained visual cards, different stages of crushed glass and a teacher's manual in Papiamentu.

During the annual celebration at the Washington Slagbaai National Park the children participated in a treasure hunt; in different games and other activities such as; face painting, handcraft, working with clay, and coloring and walk the trails.

On Earth Day we held clean-ups; one group did clean up at Lagoen and one group at Playa Chikitu in the park.

The World Wildlife Funds Netherlands developed an educational DVD named 'Eigenwijs op Reis met de Wereld Natuur Fonds'. It caters to teenagers, and in order to commemorate that Bonaire has operated its Marine Park for more than twenty five (25) years, they added Bonaire to the DVD.

Junior Ranger program ran with 12 teenagers participating in a boat handling course, medic first aid, Open Water SCUBA diving and a fish identification course. The program was organized by Stichting Project and STINAPA/Bonaire National Marine Park in cooperation with Toucan Diving and the STINAPA volunteers. The participants were teenagers with study and behavior problems. The objective of the program was to broaden their perspective of other possibilities that exist in life.

Information and Outreach

We interviewed 200 residents of Bonaire to get their opinion on the Marine Park. The results were to be used in the management plan of the park. Here follows a brief summary of the results: Most of the local residents interviewed were aware that there are rules about the use of the waters of Bonaire, and they agreed with the rules. However, most of them did not know that all the waters around Bonaire are protected. The majority took care of the marine environment by not littering or removing litter, while the activity most of them engage in is swimming. Most of them felt that STINAPA should give more information to the public.



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Students from the University of Virginia in the U.S. visited us and received a short lecture on the ecology and biology of the island.

The implementation of the plan to communicate the introduction of the new legislation to charge everybody who enters the Marine Park and to raise the fee for SCUBA divers started. We called this new concept 'Nature Fee'. As part of the plan the followings were done:

The news of the new fee was sent to the overseas representatives of the Bonaire tourism office asking them to communicate this to the media, travel agents, tour operators, SCUBA diving schools and retail stores, airlines and cruise companies in their countries.

Locally, all the dive schools, hotels, small inns, water sport operators and others who sell activities to tourists were informed. (Note: In 2004 we already met with them to inquire about the change and how they felt about it. The reactions were very diverse.)

The Nature Fee brochure was designed, printed and distributed. The brochure explains the new legislation, how the user can enter the Washington Slagbaai National Park for free and what we use the income for.

Advertisements were designed and posted in the arrival hall of the airport asking the tourists to pay the Nature Fee.

As part of the plan big banners were made and placed at strategic places on island, thanking the tourists for paying the Nature Fee. Models were chosen and photo shoots organized to design the banners.

Many people were involved in creating the slogan used on the banners; 'Bonaire, the world's best protected marine environment'.

Posters were designed, printed and posted to explain how to enter the Washington Slagbaai National Park for free.

Acrylic displays were purchased to display the brochures.

Advertisement space was purchased on the in-flight video of Air Jamaica.

The implementation of the new fee structure was funded by



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the World Wildlife Fund of the Netherlands.

A new style was designed to give all the outreach materials of STINAPA the same 'face'. Besides, we needed to update the brochures to add the Nature Fee information. We contracted the artist Dominique Serafini to make the drawings for the brochures. During this reporting period all the drawings were done and we have printed the Lac brochure as the first brochure with the new 'face'. The design and printing of these new outreach materials was funded by the World Wildlife Fund of the Netherlands.

Big displays were placed at Lac and Sorobon to inform/educate the public about: sea turtles, the mangrove eco-system, the conch (*Strombus gigas*), CITES protocol, (trade in endangered species). The information is written in both English and Papiamentu.



A new board was designed to be used when the dive schools give the Marine Park information on the orientation dive. This was needed to add the two new dive sites; Carel's Vision and Kalli's Reef.

Information on the protected areas and the work that STINAPA does was given to a group of 15 elderly citizens, members of the foundation for the elderly UPAH. (Union Pensonado Antias Hulandes)

We gave a presentation at the Bonaire First Investment Conference. Unfortunately only one person attended to the presentation.

We participated for the second year in the 'Fair of Professions' organized by the local high school. Public Relations.

We gave several interviews and wrote several press releases for the local and international media during this reporting period.

We have been able to document that the work of the Foundation was mentioned in the local and international press eighty four (84) times.

Bonaire was mentioned in the Wall Street Journal in an article ranking countries that contribute positively to climate change solutions. It was placed 6th on the list.



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Steve Chaple visited Bonaire to write an article to be published in SCUBA diving magazine on the underwater park.

The Vice President of the Foundation, C. M. Jeannette Nolen-Heitkönig, wrote the article about the history of STINAPA and its relationship with the bank, which appeared in the book 'Looking back on more than 40 years of Maduro & Curiel's Bank Bonaire'.

Carel Drijver from the World Wildlife Fund invited the Minister for Reform and Kingdom Affairs, Alexander Pechtold to visit the Marine Park of Bonaire. Together with STCB and the island government we hosted the minister. The minister found that our conservation work was important and stressed that Bonaire should have proper legislation to protect the protected areas. He advised Governor Domacassé, who represented the government, to approach the Netherlands for funding to get legal assistance to develop a zonation plan and the necessary enforcement ordinances. To date there is no follow-up on this.



The Managing Director attended to a meeting in Curaçao to prepare the Prince 2 training with the consultants from the Galan Group.

World Wildlife Fund Netherlands organized a festivity in the Netherlands to commemorate that the BNMP has existed for 25 years and that the legislation passed to raise the divers' fees and charge all users. World Wildlife Fund Netherlands was a co-establisher of the Bonaire Marine Park. Their goal is to establish protected areas and to guide them until they are financial sustainable. This new legislation made the Foundation financially sustainable and WWF NL felt that this achievement was worth celebrating. A party was held in the Antillean House in The Hague. Minister Alexander Pechtold was the guest of honor. In his speech he stressed the importance for Bonaire to have a zonation plan and to have the protected areas legally bound. The Managing Director and the President of STINAPA traveled to the Netherlands to attend to this festivity and were interviewed by a reporter from the radio station 'Radio Nederland' and the dive magazine 'Sport Duiken'.



While in the Netherlands, the Managing Director of STINAPA, in her capacity as a board member of DCNA (Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance), met with the Support Group. The Support Group consists of members from the nature NGO's (Non Governmental Organizations): IUCN-NL,

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Natuurmonumenten, Conservation International NL, and Vogelbescherming. They assist the DCNA members with technical advice.

The Managing Director, in her capacity as board member of DCNA, traveled to Saba to attend to a DCNA board meeting. Attendance at these types of meetings is funded by funding received from National Postcode Lottery through IUCN.

The Managing Director participated in Curaçao in meetings to select a consultant to conduct a nutrient study for Bonaire. The study was to set standards for the amount of nitrogen the effluent could contain in order to use it safely for irrigation in the coastal zone. Alterra B.V. from the Netherlands was selected.



The Accounting manager participated in a training on how to use the payroll software 'Payroll Pro'. The training and also the purchase of the software was funded by NGO Plataforma Bonaire.

Marine Park manager attended a Reef Resilience Workshop organized for The Nature Conservancy in Akumal, Mexico.

The BNMP sent a STINAPA volunteer, Susan Porter, to attend the Atlantic & Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment (AGGRA) workshop in Barbados.

The manager of Washington Slagbaai National Park attended the Alternative Energy Conference in Curaçao organized by the Caribbean Solar Energy Society.



The Managing Director and the manager of the Washington Slagbaai National Park participated in a training in Curacao. Prince 2, a training on how to manage projects. The training was organized and funded by Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA).

WWF-NL, Staatbosbeheer, De Landschappen, The Education Officer, the Vice president of the board and a Ranger were invited to have lunch in Curaçao with Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands on her visit last year.

PROJECTS, GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES



1) The salary of the Assistant to the Education Officer was funded by Stichting DOEN. The funding received resided first with Aliansa Naturalesa Bonaire. Since the organization did not have the manpower to manage the project as asked by Stichting DOEN, the board requested to transfer the funds to STINAPA and Stichting DOEN accepted.

2) Stichting DOEN funded for the second time a three (3) years program for the WSNP. The goal of this program is to give the park the tools necessary to create the environment to grow and become financially sustainable. The project is now in the second year.

3) This funding from World Wildlife Funds Netherlands is to ensure that the new fee system, the Nature Fee, is widely communicated and that the visitors are aware that they have to pay the fee. The funding is also to develop a management plan for the BNMP.

4) The training in project management, Prince 2, was funded by Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance. The objective of the training was to standardize the project proposals and project reporting among all the members of DCNA.

5) Through DCNA we received a grant from Nationale Postcode Loterij and IUCN-NL to cover the travel expenses to attend board meetings of DCNA.

6) AMFO (Antiliaanse Mede Financierings Organisatie) funded the training of 12 employees in the disciplines of 'special police powers' (buitengewoon agent van politie).

7) Through the small grant fund of NGO Plataforma Bonaire we received funding to furnish the new office of the Managing Director.

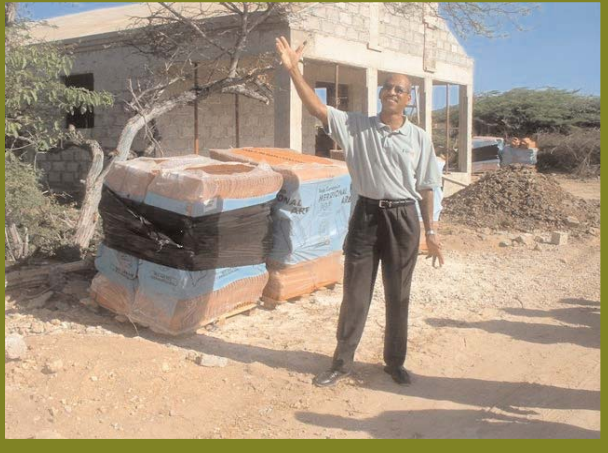
8) Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds gave funding for three (3) projects to the Washington Slagbaai National Park during this reporting period: Printing of brochures, creation of an Archeology Exhibit and for alternative energy for the Visitor Center.

9) Prins Bernhard Natuur Fonds funded a computer for the assistant to the Education Officer.

10) The Island Government of Bonaire subsidized the salary costs of the Education Officer. Education is one of the primarily the tasks of the government. This funding is received since STINAPA gives education to school children.

11) Bonaire Bolivia Park: this project has the objective to purchase land at Bolivia in order to preserve this landscape which holds scientific evidence of past tsunamis and hurricanes that have hit Bonaire. We are afraid that if we do not purchase this land, very soon the sand mining will have removed all the evidence and destroyed the landscape and habitat of many species. Together with Dr. Anja Scheffers and her husband Sander are we looking for funding to

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purchase the land. At the same time, negotiation is going on with the owners to lower the purchase price. Dr. Anja Scheffers is from the Department of Geography University of Duisberg-Essen Germany.

12) World Heritage Nomination: the objective of this project is to nominate the Bonaire National Marine Park as part of a Trans-boundary World Heritage Site together with Curaçao, Aves and Los Roques. The progress is very slow.

13) Waste Water Treatment Plant: The objective of this project is to remove the sewage waste water from the coastal zone, inhibiting it from leaching through the limestone, in order to safeguard the coral reefs and improve public health. The proposed method is to treat it in a waste water treatment plant and sell the treated water to the hotels for irrigation. STINAPA Bonaire and the other members of Aliansa Naturalesa Bonaire were not convinced that the effluent that would return from the proposed sewage treatment plant to the hotel gardens in the coastal zone for irrigation would not be as harmful to the coral reef as when it was in raw sewage stage. We turned to World Wildlife Fund in the Netherlands for advice and they suggested that we ask for an expert opinion from the staff of UNESCO IHE Institute of Water Education. They reported that the calculations in the Feasibility Study on the proposed project did not convince them that the amount of nitrogen that will leach through to the sea will be sufficiently reduced by the implementation of the proposed project. The question remained: how much nitrogen should the effluent contain for irrigation in the gardens of the hotels in the coastal zone? The Alterra BV from the Netherlands was contracted to come up with the answer. The assignment was to give a critical review of the proposed effluent and irrigation standards for the Bonaire waste water treatment project.

14) The proposal to contract a consultant to write the subsidy request for the project 'Renovation of the roads of the WSNP' was submitted to USONA.



SPECIAL THANKS

In 2005, we received assistance, being financial or in kind, from several individuals and organizations. Most of them are already mentioned in this report. We thank them all, without their support, this year would not have been as successful. Although, the report would not be complete without mentioning Carib Inn, Captain Don's Habitat, Bonaire Dive and Adventure, the Illinois Math & Science Academy and Support Bonaire.

OBJECTIVES 2006

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| Objectives |
| Human Resources |
| Promote 3 out of 4 Assistant Rangers to Rangers |
| Hire 2 new employees for WSNP |
| Hire a Communications Officer and a Project Manager |
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| Trainings: |
| Ranger Course graduations |
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| Equipment – Infrastructure |
| Create a better working area for maintenance of the BNMP |
| Have three functional boats suitable to our needs |
| Set up a long term plan for the realization of a STINAPA Research Center |
| Purchase one pickup truck for the WSNP and 2 for the BNMP |
| 2 nd floor in the storage room at WSNP |
| Acquire land in town to relocate the STINAPA headquarters |
| Study possible protocols for the monitoring program |
| Create five fully functional groups of volunteers |
| Coral survey team (AGRRA) |
| Fish survey team |
| Carrying capacity survey team |
| Nutrients monitoring team |
| Data handling team |
| Finish implementation of the Monitoring Program |
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| Law Enforcement- policy – legal issues: |
| Write out citations for all violations of the Marine Ordinance |
| Insure that government approves the Construction Guidelines |
| Together with the Environment Department of the government set priorities for research |
| Approval of the WSNP Management Plan by the STINAPA board and government |
| Define situation on Labra and Brasil |
| Continue discussing with the governor in his capacity as chief of Police to have an Environment Police in the department of DROB-Environment and Nature Management |
| Participate actively in the development of the Nature Ordinance, updating land based laws and the updating of the Marine Ordinance |
| Acquire ownership of Slagbaai |
| Sign contract with the kayak operators and graduation ceremony for guides. |
| The Management Team together with the board should evaluate the Strategic Plan 2004-2006 |
| The Management Team together with the board should create a Strategic Plan 2007-2009 |
| Negotiate management contract of Labra and Brasil with the government |
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| Education - information – outreach – PR |
| Continue the existing education projects and implement new projects |
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OBJECTIVES 2006

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| Projects: |
| Finalize and implement the BNMP Management Plan including Klein Bonaire and Lac |
| Establish at least one Fish Protected Area |
| Create at least one new educational box. Topic - Washington Slagbaai National Park. |
| Organize an educational and awareness campaign. Topic - Conch. |
| Run a Junior Rangers program |
| Establish the club 'Turtuganan di Boneiru' |
| Design, create and distribute the STINAPA newsletter |
| Hold an Open house/Job fair |
| Finalize the last component of the Stichting DOEN project |
| Renovate the roads of the WSNP |
| Draft a plan for control of exotic species in the WSNP and reforestation of the park |
| Launch the new STINAPA website |
| Print new brochures for the parks and their activities |
| Make poster to inform the public about the Nature Fee |
| Get funding to support the communications projects |
| Create and implement communications plans; for locals and visitors |
| Acquire land in town to relocate the STINAPA headquarters |
| Acquire funding to purchase land at Bolivia |
| Participate actively in the progress of the waste water treatment project for Bonaire |
| Create an Information video/DVD. |
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FINANCE

BALANCE SHEET as at December 31, 2005

| | | <u>December 31, 2005</u> |
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| | | ANG |
| ASSETS | | |
| FIXED ASSETS | | |
| Tangible fixed fssets | | 528.817 |
| Financial fixed asset | | 400.000 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Project subsidies receivable | 209.916 | |
| Other current assets | 148.423 | |
| Cash at banks | <u>601.546</u> | |
| | | <u>959.885</u> |
| Total Assets | | <u>1.888.702</u> |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| EQUITY | | |
| Foundation's capital | 100 | |
| Fixed assets funds | 334.974 | |
| Accumulated results previous years | 443.940 | |
| Result current year | <u>352.593</u> | |
| | | 1.131.607 |
| APPROPRIATED SUBSIDIES | | 583.500 |
| SHORT TERM LIABILITIES AND ACCRUALS | | |
| Social premiums and taxes | 26.401 | |
| Accruals | <u>147.194</u> | |
| | | 173.595 |
| Total equity and liabilities | | <u>1.888.702</u> |

FINANCE

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 20052005
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INCOME

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| Project subsidies | 414.183 | |
| Project expenses | (180.504) | |
| Investments in tangible fixed assets | <u>(242.352)</u> | |
| Project (surplus) / deficit | <u>(8.673)</u> | |
| Projects Result | | |
| Donations received | 10.600 | |
| Operating revenue | 1.435.652 | |
| Government grants | <u>(58.026)</u> | |
| | 1.504.278 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 1.495.605 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Personnel expenses | 796.921 | |
| Operational expenses BNMP | 36.363 | |
| Operational expenses WSNP | 51.190 | |
| Transportation expenses | 63.834 | |
| Housing expenses | 37.212 | |
| Information and education | (929) | |
| General expenses | 135.589 | |
| Depreciation | 70.520 | |
| Release of fixed assets funds | <u>(44.344)</u> | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>1.146.356</u> |
| Operational result | | 349.249 |
| Interest | | (4.314) |
| Extraordinary gain / (loss) | | <u>7.658</u> |
| Net result | | <u>352.593</u> |