

National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority Newsletter

Outreach Activities

Lowmans Literacy Camp

Members of the National Parks, Rivers, and Beaches Authority (NPRBA) in collaboration with members of the Fisheries Division and the Lowman’s Windward Anglican School, as well as the Lauders Primary School recently hosted an environmental based literacy camp for 17 students who had just completed 5th grade. From July 17th – July 20th students attended a literacy based camp at Lowman’s Windward Anglican School where they learned a myriad of topics every day. Day 1 of the camp focused on littering, and the impact littering has on the earth. Day 2 of the camp focused on pollution, watersheds, and rivers. Day 3 focused on the water cycle and oceans. Day 4 focused on sea turtle conservation. Overall, the camp was a success. A pre and post-test was administered to gauge the effectiveness of the program, all 17 students did better on the post-test than on the pre-test. If you would like more information on the topics taught please contact the NPRBA at the email address below.



Park Highlight

La Soufriere Volcano Cross Country Trail

La Soufriere Volcano Cross Country Trail is located on the northern part of the island. The Soufriere volcano, located 4,048 feet above sea-level is the only active volcano on the island and is one of 20 other active volcanoes located in the Lesser Antilles. The last violent eruption was in the year 1979. The Soufriere Trail is approximately 9 miles (15 km) long and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding land and seascape. The La Soufriere volcano Cross Country Trail site is open from 9am – 4pm daily.

Fisheries lab supplies donation

On July 31st, 2017 the National Parks, Rivers, and Beaches Authority handed over approximately EC\$14,000 of lab supplies and equipment to the Fisheries Division procured through the Eastern Caribbean Marine Managed Areas Network (ECMMAN) Project CaMPAM small grant component. The items provided will be used by the Fisheries Division to support testing of water quality as part of ongoing water quality monitoring program.



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GNMPA MEETING

The NPRBA recently participated in the 7th Annual Grenadines Protected Areas Network Meeting entitled “Fisheries Livelihood and Stewardship” held in St. Georges, Grenada. The meeting took place on the 22nd - 26th August, 2017. Among the attendees were representatives from the NPA - Nyasha Child, Community Outreach Officer and Fisheries Division - Jeremy Searles, (South Coast Marine Conservation Area). The overall objectives of the meeting was to facilitate the exchange of information among members on sustainable livelihood opportunities for fishers associated with MPAs, as well as to share on the efforts by MPAs to promote the development and implementation of sustainable fisher livelihood and stewardship initiatives. The Grand Anse Marine Protected Areas was introduced as the newest member of the GNMPA network. Participants were given the opportunity to refresh their knowledge in lionfish handling by the network for local fishers of the Woburn Clarks Court Bay Marine Protected Area. Special emphasis was given to members sharing their experiences on a local and regional level, facilitating the promotion of sustainable livelihood initiatives for fishers and water taxi operators. In an effort to reinforce the sharing of experiences, a presentation was done by Mr. Lucito of the Ayuso Audubon Society of Belize; highlighting his experiences on MPA management, enforcement strategies, and community outreach in Belize. To expand and promote the GNMPA network, a Facebook account was established. If you would like more information on this meeting please contact the NPRBA at the email address below.

Botanical Gardens Donation

On Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 the charity group Friends of the Botanical Gardens donated equipment to the Botanical Gardens to aid in the upkeep and maintenance of the Gardens. Two members from the Friends of the Botanical Gardens were present to hand over equipment to the Curator of the Gardens, Mr. Gordon Shallow, and the Director of the National Parks, Rivers, and Beaches Authority, Mr. Andrew Wilson.

