

Enhancing the effective management of Savannes Bay within the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area to support livelihoods and protect biodiversity

Type of priority area	Terrestrial Protected Area	Key Biodiversity Area	Marine protected area	
Primary objective	Management Effectiveness	Livelihoods	Governance	
Target groups	Local Communities	Women	Farmers/Fishermen	
Main activity focus	Co-management	Livelihoods/ Alternative economic activities	Ecosystem/Habitat Restoration	Capacity building/ awareness raising/ education



Duration
01/02/2023 to 31/01/2024

Type of grant & budget
EUR 42,444.76

Location
Saint Lucia, Caribbean

Protected & Conserved Areas
Savannes Bay: Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area (PSEPA)

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555593009

BIOPAMA RRIS Link
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Project Lead

Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund

Project Partners

Department of Fisheries

Description of the project

Project funding will support piloting of governance and capacity building measures intended to improve the effective management and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources. In the main the project scope will address issues related to the use of coastal and marine resources within a protected area, that includes potential user conflicts; deterioration of coastal and marine habitats and unregulated and unsustainable practices. The project will also contribute to the long-term goal of effectively managing resources and resource users and supporting the sustainable livelihoods within the PSEPA. These include:

- ✓ Mapping, zoning, and demarcation of the areas in Savannes Bay that is dedicated solely for the cultivation of seamoss, and which does not impact on other resource users;
- ✓ CVQ and HAACP certification and registration for sea moss farmers who wish to farm in Savannes Bay and export their product.
- ✓ Establishing necessary governance mechanisms and foundational and operational documents, of an interim body that will ultimately lead to the formation of a Cooperative of Sea Moss Farmers in Savannes Bay.





Diagnostic Tools Used

N/A



The BIOPAMA AC Objective(s) Addressed

✓ Enhanced management and governance of protected or conserved areas.



Priority Need Addressed

Enhanced management and governance of protected or conserved areas



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

This project will improve management and governance of Savannes Bay's natural resources through interventions that regulate and promote sustainable livelihoods through sustainable use of resources within the protected area including zoning and the certification of seamoss farmers. It is envisaged that the project activities will help to:

- Contain sea moss farming within a specified area thereby preventing encroachment into the PSEPA;
- Reduce encroachment and stabilize and enhance the PSEPA which is already suffering from beach compaction, coastal devegetation, erosion and sedimentation of drains and the barrier reef;
- Curtail conflicts with other resource users in the bay whose own livelihoods are impeded by uncontrolled sea moss farming; and
- Reduce ecosystem and resource degradation in Savannes Bay because of uncontrolled seamoss farming; and
- Reduce praedial larceny since only certified farmers will be able to sell their product.

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