



Training and implementation of sustainable agricultural practices in the villages adjacent to the Foret du Pins Forest Reserve of Haiti which will reduce the increased pressure caused by COVID-19 on the deforestation rates of the Foret du Pin Forest Reserve.

Type of priority area

Key Biodiversity Area

Terrestrial Protected Area

Primary objective

Livelihoods

Target groups

Local Communities

Youth

Farmers

Main activity focus

Participation

Livelihoods/Alternative
Economic Activities

Threatened Species

Ecosystem/Habitat
Restoration



Duration
30.11.2021 – 30.01.2023



Type of grant & budget
Rapid Response Grant| 45.856,43 €



Location
Haïti, Caribbean



Protected & Conserved Areas
Parc National Foret des Pins, Boucan
Chatte



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Project Partners

Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC) and Plant With Purpose

Description of the project :

To reduce forest degradation and protect the critically endangered Black-capped petrel (BCPE), the project activities will include training in sustainable agricultural practices to local farmers associations, teaching environmental education in local schools, building two community tree nurseries, and enhancing research and conservation of the BCPE.





Diagnostic Tools Used

N/A



The BIOPAMA Action Component Objectives Addressed

Maintained livelihoods and/or enhanced resilience of local communities to major shocks caused by COVID pandemic, whilst effectively contributing to protected areas management.



Priority Need Addressed

After COVID-19 was detected in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, many citizens returned to Boucan Chatte; a village located in the buffer zone of the Forêt-des-Pins National Park. The returning citizens cleared forested areas for agricultural use thereby accelerating rates of environmental degradation in the region. These unsustainable agricultural practices threatened the primary forest that provides habitat for the critically endangered Black-capped Petrel (BCPE).

The project aims to address the need for improved agronomic techniques and enhanced environmental awareness to reduce deforestation and land degradation which threaten biodiversity.



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

The project is implemented near the Forêt-des-Pins National Park providing locals with the opportunity to work as part of an association that provides farmers with access to loans and savings, obtaining skills in land restoration and sustainable agricultural practices. This will reduce deforestation for agricultural expansion.

It is envisaged that with the construction of three tree crop nurseries farmers will have the capacity to continue restoring degraded areas.

Additionally, the project will provide the opportunity for field staff researchers to identify additional BCPE nest cavities and better understand drivers and cause of the species decline in the community and potential measures to mitigate against threats. Furthermore, the environmental education subjects taught in local schools will help kids to develop a passion to protect their environment.

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