

## CEPF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

<b>Organization Legal Name:</b>	Grenada Dove Conservation Programme
<b>Project Title:</b>	Strengthening the Legal Protection of Mt. Hartman National Park Key Biodiversity Area and Beausejour/Grenville Vale Key Biodiversity Area in Grenada
<b>Date of Report:</b>	
<b>Report Author and Contact Information</b>	

**CEPF Region:** Caribbean Islands

**Strategic Direction:** 1. Improve protection and management of 45 priority key biodiversity areas

**Grant Amount:** \$103,892

**Project Dates:** November 1, 2012-June 30, 2014

**Implementation Partners for this Project (please explain the level of involvement for each partner):**

Conservation Impacts
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*Please explain/describe how your project has contributed to the implementation of the CEPF ecosystem profile.*

*Please summarize the overall results/impact of your project.*

**Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal):** The Beausejour/Grenville Vale and Mt Hartman KBAs are legally gazetted through a Government of Grenada Act of Parliament, allowing for legally binding protection and enabling effective conservation of its unique biodiversity and ecosystem, particularly helping prevent the extinction of the Grenada Dove, while also furthering Government of Grenada's protected area policy and international commitments.

**Actual Progress Toward Long-term Impacts at Completion:**

Action to accelerate the process of gazetting has taken place, but neither KBA has been gazette during project implementation, in spite of Cabinet approval for both sites. During the project implementation period, the sites had support from the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries & Environment to move the gazetting process forward to Parliament. This included re-gazetting the Mt Hartman National Park (and KBA) to include the 2008 re-designated boundaries (originally gazette in 1996) and an original gazette for the crown lands of the Beausejour Estate (and KBA) to be added to the adjacent 1996 gazetted Perseverance Protected Area and Dove Sanctuary. Elections and a change in government mid-project implementation delayed implementation and required re-focusing a portion of the project's Component 1.

Mt Hartman National Park KBA: The Mt Hartman KBA was gazetted in 1996 and a portion remains gazetted, but the 2008 re-designated boundaries have not reached parliament for their legal declaration. Elections and a change in government during the project implementation period delayed implementation and progress of this action. The Minister of Agriculture (2014) is supportive of re-gazetting and that this be forwarded to Parliament. In progress post project implementation, this will be resent to Cabinet as "Note" by FNPD to request submission to Parliament. Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA: Cabinet approval of legal protection of the Crown lands to the adjacent Perseverance Protected Area and Dove Sanctuary, which would protect critical dove habitat and create a corridor linking these sites, though no gazetting has taken place during the during project. A current proposed housing development on the Crown lands of the Beausejour Estate (within the KBA) has shifted this CEPF project's focus and priorities from gazetting and increasing on-the-ground management of this site (and resulted in a project amendment) to working to inform government about the significance of the site and ongoing conservation efforts at or near the site.

**Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal):**

1. There is strengthened legal protection of the Mt Hartman KBA and Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA through gazettement;

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1. There is strengthened legal protection of the Mt Hartman KBA through gazettement and the Government of Grenada decision making regarding the proposed housing development at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA is informed by information about the significance of the site and ongoing conservation efforts at or near the site.
2. Increased protection of 70 hectares that comprise the Mt Hartman National Park KBA through increased on-site management presence and public awareness;
3. Increased protection of 45 of hectares at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA through on-site management presence, infrastructure and public awareness;
4. Management activities at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA are fully integrated into Forestry and National Parks Department work plans and budgets;
5. Increased awareness of and support for the protection of the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA and the Mt Hartman KBA and its biodiversity by the sites' neighbouring communities (Concord, Brizan, Black Bay, Grenville Vale, Beausejour, Woburn, Mt Hartman, Grand Anse Valley), and key government and private sector stakeholders involved in protected areas;
6. Organizational capacity of the GDCP to support biodiversity conservation and protected area management in Grenada is enhanced (as measured by the CEPF Civil Society Tracking Tool).

**Actual Progress Toward Short-term Impacts at Completion:**

1. There is no legal protection for the KBAs, but action to accelerate this process is in progress, but currently halted at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA due to a proposed development.
2. There is increased on-site management presence and public awareness to further protect the Mt Hartman National Park KBA. Numerous activities were carried out at the site to further this impact, outlined in the deliverables section below. Signage has been developed, procured and installed, including boundary signs, billboard, ranger patrols of identified boundaries.
3. There is limited increased on-site management presence but greater increased public awareness to further protect the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA. Signage has been developed, procured and installed on non-controversial portions of KBA in areas was erected, and public awareness activities took place but were limited to ensure maintain non-controversial project activities.
4. Management activities at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA and Mt Hartman National Park/KBA are fully integrated into FNP work plans and budgets.
5. Numerous activities to increase awareness and support for the protection of the KBAs have taken place, as outlined in the deliverables in Component 3.
6. Organization capacity has been enhanced. Financial and accounting systems are in place, with a Financial Operations and Accounting Procedures and Policy Manual in draft. Two positive financial audit has been completed. Strategic planning is completed. Partnerships and affiliation have been developed and expanded.

**Please provide the following information where relevant:**

**Hectares Protected: 0**

**Species Conserved:** Increased on-the-ground activities and management at the Mt Hartman KBA has furthered the conservation of the Critically Endangered Grenada Dove.

**Corridors Created: n/a**

***Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impact objectives.***

As identified in the risks in the project document associated with this project, the legal protection (gazettement) of the KBAs is outside the control of the project, and can only be done through a Government of Grenada Act. Though identified as a possible though unlikely risk in the project document, the proposed housing development on Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA (BGVKBA) had been identified in the past (1980s-1990s). Though identified in the project planning stage, this risk was not expected to be realized, and project activities at both KBAs were designed, in part, to address any potential development at the KBAs by increasing on the ground management activities. With Cabinet Approval for protection of the

crown lands of the BGVKBA, lands critical habitat of the Grenada Dove, this risk seemed small. Though on-the ground activities were initiated, timing and varying government priorities have resulted in this current pending issue. As a result of this pending housing development, this project chose to halt on-the-ground activities at the BGVKBA and shift its focus from gazettement to informing decision makers and key stakeholders about the biodiversity significance of this site ongoing conservation efforts at or near the site through this and other projects.

Elections took place and government changed during project implementation. This resulted in stakeholder focus on elections and the subsequent newly elected government, resulting in project implementation delays and effectiveness during this period. A change in government also can lead to varying priorities and/or focus, resulting in a varied approach to address project goals.

**Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)? n/a**

### Project Components

**Project Components:** Please report on results by project component. Reporting should reference specific products/deliverables from the approved project design and other relevant information.

**Component 1 Planned:** The process to gazette the Mt Hartman National Park KBA and the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA is accelerated.

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The process to gazette the Mt Hartman National Park KBA is accelerated and approval of a proposed housing development on the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA is influenced by information on the significance of the site to biodiversity and ongoing conservation initiatives at or near site.

**Component 1 Actual at Completion:**

- 1.1 Action plan developed and outlined in memo from the Chief Forestry Officer, Forestry and National Parks Department (FNPD) to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.
- 1.2 Action plan initiated but halted for elections and post-election government change (and shifting stakeholder focus and interest). Election took place in March 2013, approximately 5 months into project implementation.
- 1.3 Mt Hartman signage improved
- 1.4 SRO carried out, with recommendations for including non-protected privately owned portions of the BGVKBA into protection.
- 1.5 Community and key stakeholders are consulted and engaged through meetings and informal gatherings (see Component 2). Awareness assessments carried out at project beginning and end.
- 1.6 GEF Tracking Tool (2) completed.

Amendment 2014. Consultation were carried out with key decision makers regarding the proposed housing development at Beausejour, and information regarding its national and international significance to conservation was conveyed.

**Component 2 Planned:** Protection of the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA is strengthened through on-site management presence.

**Component 2 Actual at Completion:**

- 2.1 Signage has been posted at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA, but only in areas not deemed controversial given the pending decision regarding the housing development by government.
- 2.2 Trails have not been built at the BGVKBA due to the proposed housing development on these lands, but rather has been initiated and developed at the Mt Hartman NP KBA.
- 2.3 A stakeholder management team has been established and meeting taken place.
- 2.4 At least 6 community and stakeholder consultations have taken place to address the BGVKBA land use and activities. These include 3 formal community meetings and at minimum 10 formal and informal consultations with community residents and community groups (Community Pastor, Community spokesperson, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, others) and government stakeholders (Senator Steill, Minister Bhola, PS Austin Cadore, PS Jessamy, and the former late Minister Lett.

**Component 3 Planned:** Public support promotes protection of the KBAs and their biodiversity through awareness and outreach activities targeting the KBAs' neighbouring communities (Concord, Brizan, Black Bay, Grenville Vale,

Beausejour, Woburn, Mt Hartman, Grand Anse Valley), and key government and private sector stakeholders (including the Mt Hartman resort developers) involved in protected areas.

**Component 3 Actual at Completion:**

- 3.1 Outreach activities (over 6) took place, including a march with over 400 children (Girl Guides and Boy Scouts) for Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival (2013), presentations at the both the 2013 and 2014 Forestry Department's celebration of International Day of the Forests, numerous production of a documentary on Grenada's protected areas, initiation of a school outreach programme, collaboration and participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds Conference (now BirdsCaribbean) including Boy Scouts. Details and photos are in attached files.
- 3.2 News articles (including for the Caribbean LIAT airlines magazine), TV interviews, article for AsianGeographic magazine, and the development of a web site are amongst the activities carried out through this project. See Component folder for additional detail.
- 3.3 BirdsCaribbean/CBT collaboration is ongoing, and trail development partially completed at Mt Hartman, including guide training, and trail development is continuing through a grant from the Sandals Foundation to GDCP and USFWS (though BirdsCaribbean). Trail development at the Beausejour/Grenville Vale KBA was halted due to a pending housing development.
- 3.4. Awareness assessments (Jan 2013 and June 2014) indicate only slight changes in awareness between the 2 periods related to the Grenada Dove, protected areas and dry forest habitat. Detailed report in Deliverables folder.

**Component 4 Planned:** GDCP Institutional capacity strengthened through financial management and planning, strategic planning, improved organizational structure and governance, and expanded partnerships and affiliations, with implementation of the CEPF Civil Society Tracking Tool for Capacity Building to monitor effectiveness.

**Component 4 Actual at Completion:**

- 4.1 Staff was hired as outlined in the project document.
- 4.2. Equipment, software and supplies procured, as outlined in the project document. These included 2 laptops and a desktop computer, colour printer, financial software (Quickbooks), Microsoft Office.
- 4.3 Financial management oversight provided a financial management consultant, which resulted in the production of a financial management manual (see 4.4 below).
- 4.4 A financial management manual was produced by a financial management consultant. An accounting system implemented, which included purchasing and implementing Quickbooks and systems outlined in the manual.
- 4.5 A financial management plan was developed
- 4.6 A strategic plan consultant was hired and a plan developed through to assist the GDCP to clarify its mission and grow institutionally.
- 4.7 Organization is strengthened through the implementation of the above mentioned activities.
- 4.8 New networks, partnerships and affiliations include Caribbean Birding Trail, Global Parks, Girl Guide Association of Grenada, Milwaukee Zoo that were wither developed during this project or expanded upon during project implementation.
- 4.9 Two presentations made to FNP during project implementation, including 1 at Project end.
- 4.10 See 4.4
- 4.11 Civil Society Tracking Tool completed (2) completed.
- 4.12 Project positive audits carried out (2), including at Project end.

***Were any components unrealized? If so, how has this affected the overall impact of the project?***

Project Component 1 was not unrealized, as there is increased political support for gazetting of Mt Hartman with a request by the Minister of Agriculture to help move a cabinet Conclusion to Parliament. However, acceleration of gazetting of the BGVKBA was not realized due to political factor beyond the scope or control of this project.

***Please describe and submit (electronically if possible) any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.***

All project deliverables are submitted in the attached folders, listed by component and deliverable within each component.

## Lessons Learned

***Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building. Consider lessons that would inform projects designed or implemented by your organization or others, as well as lessons that might be considered by the global conservation community.***

Assistance from CEPF to build/strengthen institutional capacity facilitated ease of organization's ability to implement project with adequate and needed equipment that will continue to assist the organization as it expands in scope. Strengthened financial management, including 2 annual audits, has provided needed documentation and assurances for additional successful grant applications as well as for institutional credibility.

***Project Design Process: (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings)***

Contribution by CEPF to the capacity building component of this project's design contributed to the successful implementation of the project.

***Project Implementation: (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings)***

Including deliverables that were dependent on government Acts of Parliament can be risky. Outlined as a possible risk to a portion of this project's successful implementation during the project preparation phase, this risk did result in an Amendment to the project refocusing a portion of Component 1 as well as one of the project's short term goals.

***Other lessons learned relevant to conservation community:***

Close and productive collaborative relationship with a government department, in our case a 20+ year collaboration with the Forestry and National Parks Department, greatly contributes to the successful implementation of a project. This is particularly true when working with national parks and protected areas under the responsibility of a government department. In addition, integration of project activities into a government departments work plans and programmes greatly enhances long-term sustainability of [these endeavours](#).

### Additional Funding

**Provide details of any additional funding that supported this project and any funding secured for the project, organization, or the region, as a result of the CEPF investment in this project.**

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
Grenada Dove Conservation Programme	A,B	US\$49,500	Grant from Sandals Foundation to increase outreach and education at Mt Hartman National Park and KBA. Activities include expanding on school programme initiated in this CEPF Project, contribution to collaborative BirdsCaribbean/CBT work. Funds for additional outreach materials including interpretive displays (outdoor and indoor) produced, etc. Carried out in collaboration with FNPDP.
	B	US\$4,500	Increased attention to this KBA likely assisted with a grant from American Bird Conservation to initiate an invasive predator programme at Mt Hartman and Perseverance Protected Area, in which over 400 mongoose were trapped over a 6 month period. Carried out in collaboration with FNPDP.
BirdsCaribbean	A, B	US\$6,000	Portion of grant to BirdsCaribbean/Caibbean Birding Trail (CBT) from USFWS for the Mt Hartman National Park and related outreach activities for Mt Hartman. Contribution to poster printing, billboard, trail, viewing tower, school education, etc and other activities that are ongoing.

**\*Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** Project co-financing (Other donors or your organization contribute to the direct costs of this project)
- B** Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF funded project.)
- C** Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)

### Sustainability/Replicability

**Summarize the success or challenge in achieving planned sustainability or replicability of project components or results.**

Increased institutional capacity, primarily equipment and financial systems, has and will continue to assist the GDCP in implementing projects and grants. GDCP audits and financial systems in place have positively affected other grant implementation currently under way.

FNPDP has integrated this projects activities into its work plans and programmes, furthering likely outcomes of protection for the KBA being addressed in this project.

**Summarize any unplanned sustainability or replicability achieved.**

N/A

### Safeguard Policy Assessment

***Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.***

N/A

**Additional Comments/Recommendations**

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**\*\*\*If your grant has an end date other than JUNE 30, please complete the tables on the following pages\*\*\***