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Bon Doet volunteers came through in 2021

Even with a pandemic the heart and charitable spirit of the people of Bonaire shined through at the 11th Annual Bonaire Bon Doet on May 28th – 29th. Initially it looked as if the two and a half month postponement due to the island's high Covid -19 level rating and lockdown measures would affect the turnout. On May 15th a mere 381 registered volunteers had signed up to do the work for 109 jobs for the organizations. The numbers seemed ridiculously low as last year's volunteers numbered over 1600 for only 98 jobs.

The event was advertised as Covid free with a volunteer goodie bag containing not only a Bon Doet T-shirt and cap but also a covid mask and hand sanitizer. A drive through closing ceremony was planned to prevent any possible virus transmission. With more and more people fully vaccinated or having at least one shot and very few active cases, people should have felt more comfortable registering for the event. Bon Doet organizers Orange Fonds and NGO Bonaire hoped Bonaire's volunteer spirit would prevail and people would register to do the much-needed jobs.

And they did. With only a few days remaining to sign up, the numbers grew from 381 to 889 registered volunteers. And with the additional 554 from the registered job organizations the number skyrocketed to 1,453 hard working volunteers for Bon Doet 2021.

The jobs filled were diverse and included difficult tasks like cleaning an overgrown school yard in Rincon, shoveling gravel for a new dog run and painting at the animal shelter, repairs at the Rincon's soccer field and putting a new roof on the Barracuda's storage container. Some volunteers and MiVaBo helped out with a lunch for housebound or disabled seniors while divers did a much-needed underwater fishing line cleanup for Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire while others helped Reef Restoration at one of their coral farms. Rincon's judo facility received help with a fresh coat of paint

and new stage as Regatta House volunteers constructed new boat racks and gave the house a good cleaning. Some volunteers held after school activities for kids at several schools with games and even a three-course cooking competition with adult judges. This is only a few of the many amazing jobs performed by the great Bon Doet volunteers.

As for the Covid-free closing event, volunteers drove through the NGO parking lot for food and drinks as the Bon Doet 2021 video, photos and award ceremony were projected on a huge screen. Some volunteers parked across the street

and watched the event on their phones.

Bon Doet awarded four big prizes:

For being well prepared - Fundashin kuchara won a coffee maker from City Shop. They decorated a space at another organization.

Organization which was the most hyped – S.V. LA FAMA received a water filter from City Shop. They had a music DJ and great food for the volunteers.

Participated for the most years – Goldfinch received a breakfast buffet for two from Divi Flamingo.

Youngest volunteer – five year old Brayden Statie was awarded a gift card from Courtyard by Marriott for a pool pass plus hamburger, fries and soft drink.

Some organizations received a gift package from DA store for exceptional help with BonDoet:

BS De Pelikaan was the first to register; inspired by MG shared promotional material online and the Kiwanis Club sent updates on their Bon Doet job.

In the last year jobs for our charitable organizations were left undone due to strict Covid-19 distance and gathering measures to keep us all safe. Many jobs were accomplished during BonDoet, but there are always more to be done. Consider volunteering at your favorite organization, it's fun and does a world of good. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Bon Doet 2021.

Story and photos by Julie Morgan



Hanging balloons for an after school program at Trans World Radio's BSO De Oceaen.

American and Delta flying again

On June 5 American Airlines and Delta Airlines will resume direct flights to Bonaire from Miami and Atlanta on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Bonaire International Airport can provide antigen testing for arriving travelers who were not tested in their country of origin within 24 hours before departure. Travelers must also show a negative PCR test result from within 72 hours before arrival on Bonaire.

Travelers from the United States can get their required return tests at three testing facilities on the island.

Local business that have qualified will soon be displaying their "Bonaire Friendly Safety Seal." The BFSS will assure visitors that the business or service provider adheres strict security, health, and cleanliness protocols. *DMR*

Court warns Knops

Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Raymond Knops has been warning Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten that they will receive no further liquidity support loans if they fail to proceed with the financial reforms they have agreed to. Now the Court of Audit in the Netherlands has warned Knops that the first tranche of loans he approved to the three islands were not legal.

According to the court, in 2020 Knops used "emergency provisions" in the Government Accounts Act 2016 to loan 621 million euros to Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, because the financing was urgent and the legislation had not yet been approved by the Dutch parliament. The Court said that for future new loans the Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations should follow a regular budget law and request prior approval from the House of Representatives. The request must include a risk analysis.

When questioned on Curaçao about the ruling by members of Parliament, Knops explained that a draft of the lending proposal was circulated among various ministries in the Netherlands, but because of the urgent needs of the islands, time did not allow all them to complete their reviews. He assured the members that the current agreement providing liquidity support, subject to financial reforms, would not be affected by the court's ruling. *DMR (Curaçao Chronicle)*

KPCN issues online fraud warning

According to the police, online lenders operating under the names "Pacific Finance" and "Global Investors" have been offering attractive loans at low interest rates with few requirements. This is a fraudulent scheme to collect identity details and banking information from people who apply, the police say. If in doubt, ask your bank for advice, and always file a report if you have become a victim of fraud.

New covid relief available for those who lost their jobs



Employees and entrepreneurs who are coping with an unforeseeable, inevitable, and sudden reduction of income due to the corona crisis can now apply to public entity Bonaire for support that covers essential housing costs. The "Alivio" (alleviation) will apply retroactively for the three months from 1 January, 2021 up to and including 31 March, 2021. *DMR*

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Soldiers continue to contribute while training here



Major Marcel Krul with the memento Lieutenant Governor Edison Rijna gave him on behalf of the island. Major Marcel Krul has been training troops on Bonaire for many years. A new assignment is waiting for him in the Netherlands.

Soldiers of the Company in the West (CidW) have ended their exercises on Bonaire. They have been very visible on the street during their social patrols that helped the police enforce covid restrictions. They also aided various charities.

Soldiers from the 11th Airmobile Brigade, when practicing on Bonaire, have committed to several volunteer projects as well. Recently they spent a weekend helping the "Mangrove Maniacs," a local volunteer group, maintain the channels in the Lac mangrove forest. If excess sediment and regrowth are not removed periodically, water circulation throughout the mangrove forest will become clogged and trees will die.

The soldiers also helped to dig about 500 holes on Klein Bonaire where endangered Sabal Palms can be planted. The reforestation project is led by Former STINAPA director Elsmarie Beukenboom.

Covid-19 round-up

Florida's governor Ron DeSantis (R) apparently believes American travelers have a constitutional right to spread the corona virus to other countries. When Celebrity Cruises announced it would require 95% of its passengers over 16 to be vaccinated, and 98% of its crew members, DeSantis said that requirement "violates the spirit" of his executive order barring "vaccine passports," as well as a state law that goes into effect July 1. He said the cruise line will be "subject to a fine of \$5,000" for each customer it asks to show vaccination status. Celebrity said it plans to go ahead and require proof of vaccination

A European Digital Corona Certificate, is coming that should make traveling abroad easier. It will be available in the Netherlands on June 21 and in the islands as soon as possible after that. The certificate will state whether a person has been tested negative for corona, or has been vaccinated, or has recovered from a corona infection. A person is considered fully vaccinated if they have had the first corona shot, then the second shot more than two weeks previously. Bonaire has already announced that vaccinated passengers from Curaçao and Aruba can enter without restrictions. The island will probably find that proof of vaccination will be a new key the government can use to unlock many doors.

Bonaire now has one of the highest vaccination rates in the world according to Bonaire.nu, with 73% of the population having had the first covid injection, and 57% the second. Although the vaccination program was slow to get rolling, the island has been catching up steadily, especially compared to other countries in the American hemisphere, where Bonaire is an absolute leader.

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Covid-19 on Bonaire

totals as of June 1, 2021

8 active	8884 tested
1588 positive 7296 negative	0 hospitalized 17 deceased

For up to date covid news go to the online Reporter <https://bonairereporter.com> FB

Work begins on Sunset Club

After many years of many proposals and many cancelled projects, the future of Bonaire's best natural--and therefore public--beach seems to be sealed. Heavy equipment has started clearing the site of the Sunset Club in preparation for construction.

Initially four lots were created between Harbour Village and Den Laman. The one immediately north of Harbour Village was developed as Eden Beach. The next lot remained empty, but now is about to be developed as the Sunset Club. The old Sunset Beach Hotel (officially the Bonaire Beach Hotel) was constructed on the third and largest lot. It was eventually shut down, burned down, and torn down. It is now being replaced by the Chocogo resort under construction.

The fourth lot, next to Den Laman, was reserved for public use. The beach peters out by that point, but the public lot opens onto the rest of the beach. Bonaire law assures the public unobstructed access to all "wild" beaches--that is those formed by nature, as this one was. During the years of uncertainty, the public had free access to the beach, as it did previously when the old Sunset Beach resort dominated the area.

Historically developers have been reluctant to build on those lots because they did not like the public access provision. They wanted permanent ownership

and control of the beach in front of their resorts. They also did not like the long lease (erpacht) provision. They wanted permanent ownership of the land as well.

Presumably the public will still have free use of the beach in front of the two resorts under construction. And presumably the people of Bonaire will still own that beachfront and have only leased it to the developers for 120 years. We haven't been told, though. Those two subjects don't seem to have come up during the recent discussions.

Other questions arise. Presumably Europarc is paying to have the land cleared. Is the work legal if they do not have a construction permit? Has anyone checked whether they have one? If the work is not legal, who has responsibility and authority to stop it, and will they stop it? DROB says they have not issued a current building permit. Is it possible that, as development projects proposed by different parties came and went over the years, an old construction permit got attached to the site? Or . . . and this is an ugly question to ask . . . have quiet deals been made behind the scenes, undisclosed arrangements even the government leadership is not aware of? Given the history of development on the island, people can't help wondering about that possibility too. *DMR*



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POLICE REPORT

Property crime

May 17-19. Late afternoon between 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm, a scooter was stolen from an apartment complex on Boulevard J.A. Abraham where it was locked with a steering lock in the parking lot. It is a gray Kymco scooter, model Agility with license plate MF-331. The luggage compartment contained a Nolan helmet and a chain lock.

May 19- 20. A black / gray Speed Fight scooter with registration number MF-216, was taken from the yard of a house on the Kaya Proud. The scooter was locked with an ignition switch.

Between May 20 and May 21, a door of a restaurant on Kaya Princess Marie was forced open. Among other things, a black iPad, food items and bottles of alcohol with a total estimated value of \$ 2,900 were stolen.

May 24. Between 10:30 am and 12 noon, at the dive site Andrea 2 at Kaminda Turistiko thieves destroyed the rear window on the passenger's side to enter a car. They took a Furla beach bag and a Tusa diving bag with, among other things, a Rose gold Garmin watch, Fenix 6S pro Sapphire, Rayban sunglasses, various clothing items, a black diving suit, a diving lamp and a mask.

May 27. Between 1 and 3 am, thieves stole an Eastpack backpack which contained a pink iPhone, from a tourist accommodation on Kaya Proud.

May 26. Around 2 am thieves broke into a residence in Lima and took a television, an iPad, three iPhones, two watches and cash, among other things.

Between May 25 and 26, thieves stole Oakley sunglasses with black frames and orange lenses, and an iPhone phone charger from a table on the porch of a house on Kaya Galaksia, a side street of Kaya Lima.

Arrested/held in custody.

May 22. At around 11:45 am, at Kaya Pos di Amor a woman stabbed a man with a knife. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment. The woman was arrested.

May 27. In the evening, around 7:15 pm a brawl took place in a snack at the Kaya Libertador Simon Bolivar. When the police arrived, a man, 51, insulted the police and also did not comply with police orders. He has been arrested for both offenses.

May 30. A brawl took place in the center area. A lady was assaulted with a weapon and her face was injured. The perpetrator, a woman, 43, was arrested.

Traffic accidents/violations

May 19. At around 6 pm a car and moped collided on Kaya Nikiboko Noord. The moped driver stated that he was heading for Playa and then was about to overtake the car on the left when the car suddenly turned left causing the moped to collide with the left side of the car. The driver of the moped received a police report because he could not show an insurance certificate or the correct

driving license. The moped also had no license plate.

May 19. At around 5:30 pm, a scooter crashed on Kaya C.E.B. Hellmund. The scooter driver braked, slipped and fell. The driver was taken to hospital by ambulance for a medical check-up.

May 20. A collision between a car and a scooter took place on the Kaya Grandi at around 5:45 pm. The scooter tried to overtake two cars on the left. The car in front was turning right and the car behind it stopped. As soon as the driver of the scooter was about to overtake, the second car suddenly turned left, causing the scooter to collide with the left side of the car. The driver of the scooter was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

May 23. Around 9:45 pm, a car hit a lamppost on the Kaya Ramona. The driver stated that she wanted to avoid some goats, lost control of the steering wheel and crashed into the lamppost. As a result of the collision, power cables became loose and the passenger received a slight electric shock. She was taken to hospital by ambulance for further medical check-up. The driver was under the influence of alcohol and was taken to the police station for a breath analysis. They issued a police report and a driving ban for two hours.

May 25. In the afternoon a car hit a man on Kaya Caracas and drove away. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance.

May 30. Around 4 pm, the police station received a report that a car had hit a pedestrian at Kaya Korona. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

May 30. Around 12:30 am, a car hit a lamp post on Kaya Monsignor Nieuwindt. The fire brigade was called up because sparks were visible at the power cables. The driver of the car was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

Traffic control

May 18 & 24. During traffic checks at Kaya Korona 39 vehicles were checked. Eight police reports were issued. Drivers were fined between \$30 and \$225 for: driving without valid insurance (3), driving without a seat belt (2), driving without a license (2), and driving without a number plate (1).

During regular traffic checks in recent days, several drivers at various locations were fined for driving without number plates attached, without seat belts and for calling while driving. Driving without a seat belt in particular was often fined.

May 27. An alcohol check was held on the Kaya Internashonal. The drivers of 91 cars and 11 scooters were stopped to take a breathalyzer test. Of the 102 drivers, four had to go to the police station for a breath analysis.

If you drive under the influence of alcohol you will receive a fine, and a (temporary) disqualification from driving. If



Ask Kate Bonaire real estate advice

Hi,
I see properties for sale on websites, but when I inquire about some of them, I'm told they are "pending" or "under offer?" Why are they still on the website? If I want to pay a higher price, can I still make an offer? Peter

Hi Peter,
Great question! In both cases, the property is still on the website because the final deed transfer/closing has not taken place yet. Generally, when a sale is listed as "pending," it means the buyer and seller have signed a purchase agreement. They could be waiting for the Notaris to transfer the deed, or there could be a contingency on the agreement that still needs to be fulfilled, such as a technical inspection or a financing contingency. When a sale is "under offer," it means that the Buyer and Seller are in negotiation, with the buyer making an offer and the Seller considering it, or the Seller making a counter-offer and the buyer is considering it. If either

agrees to the conditions of the other, it is then considered pending. However, if a buyer makes an offer and the Seller rejects the price or terms without making a counter offer, then the property is no longer considered under offer. In either case, tell your real estate agent you would like to present an offer if a pending or under offer sale does not complete.

All the best,
Kate Butler and Jean Searce
Re/Max Bonaire

If you have a real estate question or want to buy or sell property, email us at kate@bonairehomes.com.

the situation is serious you may receive a prison sentence. If you are involved in an accident then you will be tested for alcohol consumption.

May 28. An alcohol check was held at the Kaya Internashonal. The drivers of 115 cars and 8 scooters were stopped to do a breathalyzer. Of the 123 drivers, four had to go to the police station for a breath analysis. Three drivers were banned from driving as a result of the breath analysis.

Fire

May 29. In the morning hours the police station received a report of a fire in a house on Kaya Hulanda. The cause of the fire is unknown. One person who

was in the house had inhaled a lot of smoke and was helped on the spot by the ambulance personnel. The fire brigade extinguished the fire. No one else was injured.

Public service /Vandalism

May 25. A man, 74, was found dead at a kunuku on Kaminda Tra'i Montaña. The medical examiner declared a natural death. Strength to the relatives of the deceased.

May 29. The police station received a report that a stone was thrown through the rear window of a car parked at an apartment complex on Boulevard E.E.G., opposite the airport.

Drug smuggling found at BIA

On May 23, 2021, two persons were arrested at Flamingo International Airport on suspicion of possession or smuggling of narcotics. The arrests took place following a collective control by the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMar) and the Customs Caribbean Netherlands.

During the check, a number of persons were given a urine test to see whether they might have drugs in their bodies. Two persons tested positive. They were arrested by Customs CN and handed over to the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee.

After the arrest, both suspects submitted to a body scan, which shows whether there are drugs carried in the body. After the scan, one person was released, while the second person remains in custody pending further investigation.

At BIA airport, the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee and the Dutch Caribbean Customs carry out regular collaborative

checks with the aim of identifying and stopping cross-border crime. The Royal Netherlands Marechaussee carries out the further investigation on behalf of the Public Prosecution Service.

May 31, during a regular check on outgoing passengers for the KLM flight from Bonaire to Amsterdam on Monday, May 31st, Customs found 710 grams of cocaine on a male passenger.

After an interview with this passenger, it was decided to conduct further investigations. During the check of the hold baggage some anomalies were observed at the bottom of the suitcase.

Upon closer inspection, a double bottom was found in which the cocaine was transported. The cocaine has been seized and the suspect with initials J.A.F. of 20 years was arrested.

After his arrest, the suspect was handed over to the KMar for further investigation.

Royal Netherlands Marechaussee

Letters & Opinions

The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the various authors and forum participants do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of The Bonaire Reporter.

The government keeps answering the wrong questions about development.

Bonaire has a long history of surprise developments popping up on the island. Public outrage did succeed in blocking a new resort in the mangroves at Sorobon, but only after land clearing had begun. Planning for major projects at Karpata and Klein Bonaire were well under way when public resistance shut them down.

Nevertheless, many structures exist on the island that simply sprang up over the years, even though they violated building restrictions the public thought were in force. Nothing could be done because “It was too late.” Those days are behind us, we would like to think. But much public mistrust is being expressed, with some justification.

There are two definite things we have been told, but they do not inspire confidence. And the government has not answered explicitly two important policy questions.

First, we were told no Sunset Club building permit had been granted or even applied for, though preliminary paperwork had been filed and a permit application was expected. That was confirmed by a person from DROB when interviewed by Julie Morgan, publisher of *The Bonaire Reporter*. (See the May 19 - June 2 edition.)

This morning, two weeks later, as this issue goes to press, heavy equipment is clearing the Sunset Club site for construction. (See page 3.)

Second, *The Reporter* interviews produced many assurances that the island building regulations are being rewritten to make them consistent with the government’s new vision of Bonaire as a small, ecofriendly destination for the high-end tourist market. However, the respondent also confirmed the more stringent requirements will not be released until 2022. *The Reporter* was asking about how permit approvals are being weighed between now and then.

The Reporter did not receive direct answers to either of the two direct questions.

First, if an application to build a major development was filed today, would it be approved under the old guidelines, the ones written 35 years ago that were not intended either to restrict growth or to protect the environment? In other words, could a developer “beat the clock” by applying for a permit between now and then?

Second, what about those building permits granted under the old guidelines? If a developer, or a private individual for that matter, acquires owned land or an erfpacht with a 20 year old building permit attached, can they ignore land use restrictions the government has imposed in the years since?

Governor Rijna is absolutely correct. The government cannot, and should not, speculate about rumored, or even planned, projects until the bureaucracy has received an application for a building permit, vetted it, declared it consistent with existing regulations, and forwarded it to the BC for consideration.

But *The Reporter* was asking questions about policy, not about specific projects. Bonaireans deserve straightforward answers to policy questions.

Many building permits have expiration dates and often performance requirements. If the government treats them as sacrosanct documents that create permanent rights for the applicant, it can write all the well intentioned land use restrictions it wants. The public will not have control of development on Bonaire unless the government requires holders of old permits to reapply under the new rules. The government should also freeze major developments until they have been approved under the new regulations.

Don M.Ricks

Potholes

Letter to the editor

Dear Mr Kroon

In opposition to your opinion, we the inhabitants of Sabadeco are not marmots that need potholes as lookout into the environment or to get air in our tunnels. We are - though “macambas”-normal humans. We pay tax, give work to people and have also the right of drivable roads.

The potholes on the way to Sabadeco are car damaging, life threatening for cyclists or bikers, and provoke risky driving.

Why does repair mostly stop in Hato? For us it’s a kind of discrimination, even racism. An unpaved bypassing road is in better condition than the main street. It’s shameful.

By the way: you tell us always that there is no money in stock. You only need three steps:

- 1 Declare what you are really planning
- 2.Let do them work
- 3.Present a reliable bill when the work is done.

It’s money enough in Holland. You must only ask for it with step 1 to 3. That’s it.

*Dr med Wilfried Kersting
Bonaire-Sabadeco*

Potholes and asphalt



In response to Ron Sewell’s letter on pot holes. It is sad to see deep pot holes just four feet away from new pavement left open and unrepaired when a pile of new pavement material is left behind. I think responsible persons would have put a shovel of the asphalt in the hole so drivers could avoid breaking their car like what happened to Ron. And why are they leaving excess asphalt along side the roads when they could be using it to fill the countless pot holes? Is this not illegal?

Al Catalfumo

Construction

Dear editor

I was happy to read the article in the last reporter about all the construction that is going on.

More and more luxurious bungalows and resorts are coming here.

Some of those resorts are exact copies of the ugly resorts you see in the Spanish Costa Blanca typically made for mass tourism.

A shame for the eye, specially here on Bonaire.

For years we are talking about a more sustainable Bonaire (the Pourrier report from decades ago was a great start.....but never got any follow up).

Now we are talking about a green economy and a blue economy.

More money for the people on Bonaire!

Really????

Whom do I have to believe? the government? really?

I do not trust any politician (neither Dutch or Bonairean), but I trust my eyes.

And what I see is a small island still focusing on mass tourism.

Cruise ships are not sustainable and are pure mass tourism. And a polluting one!

Those new resorts are exactly the same.

There is nothing sustainable in this whole concept.

I doubt it very much that much of the profits made by those new big resorts stay here on the island.

What I see now reminds me of a cartoon I saw some time ago.

A politician takes a callgirl out for dinner and tells her to trust him, because he is a politician. Upon which she says, sure honey, and I am a virgin!

Keep dreaming!

Hans Voerman

A Garden? Just Do it!

Dear Angliet:

It was my pleasure to meet you on the street the other day and personally thanked you for inspiring me to start my garden again. I had tried before but never with much success until I started following your articles and learned a lot of tips that helped me do better and my plants grow stronger. Now I wake up each day excited to go out and spend some time caring for my garden and enjoying the beauty and harvesting the food plants are so willing to share. My garden is growing, and I’m also growing in mind and spirit and I “Thank You” for caring enough to share.

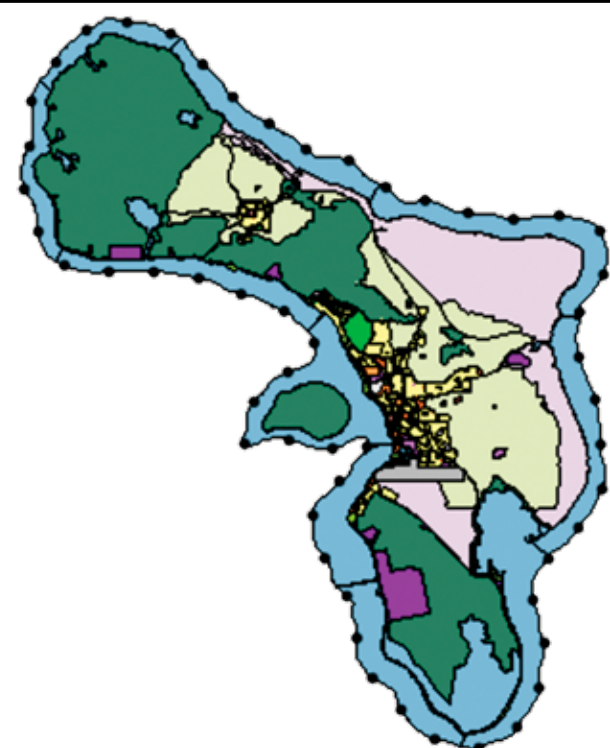
Moogie

Bonaire’s current zoning map.

For a larger version of the map that is interactive go to:

<https://rho.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6c-c4a2397de445e9849b-6de08614134d>

Both the map and the construction rules are scheduled to be revised by January 2022.





Reef Glimpses

by Dee Scarr

More Than Background



A spotted moray peaks out of a purple tube sponge.

Underwater photography instructor Dave Woodward always assigned sponge portraits to his beginning students. “Sponges are big,” Dave would say, “so they fill the frame. They’re colorful so they please the eye. And they don’t swim away!”

A few years later, Skin Diver magazine was coming to do a story on Bonaire. I was ready: I knew where spotted morays and lettuce sea slugs were likely to be, where filefish were comfortable with cameras, where juvenile French angelfish had cleaner stations. What did Editor/Publisher Paul Tzimoulis ask for? Sponges!

Luckily for me, we found big, colorful, unusual sponges on every dive. In fact, as far as my experience goes, Bonaire’s reefs are the best in the world for sponges.

And sponges do make great photo backgrounds, but they are so much more!

Sponges are colonies; each cell is capable of independent life. Water enters the colony through small pores and exits through large pores or tubes. The cells push water through the canals, and take food particles and oxygen from the passing water. The term “life span” doesn’t apply to a sponge colony; individual cells may die but the colony can prevail for years. There’s an orange elephant-ear sponge on the reef off Playa, that I first noticed in 1981. It was more than 4’ (1.2 m) tall then. It’s bigger now.

As delightful as a 40-year perspective is, though, sponge watching can also offer instant gratification. Rope sponge colonies give cover to trumpetfish, soapfish and even an occasional lionfish.

Touch-me-not sponges – stocky, brick red to brown in color with large, irregular exhaust openings – host gobies, who swim like crazy against their sponge’s exhaust current. Sponge tubes of various colors and species accommodate pairs of shrimp.

And that’s just in the daytime!

Some fishes rest inside sponges at night. Some fishes who hunt at night – including spotted morays – investigate sponge tubes at night for that very reason. There used to be a spotted moray off Captain Don’s Habitat who took this a step further, spending much of every night in a sponge tube. We figured that, instead of actively hunting, this moray just skulked inside the tube for a sleepy fish to enter, and gobbled it down.

Bonaire’s sponge colonies thrive in water as shallow as 3’ (1m), and down to more than 100’. They grow on rock, mooring blocks, pier pilings, debris, and a few types of crabs. They display almost every color and shape imaginable.

But although sponges are incredibly versatile and amazingly hardy, they have one vulnerability: siltation. If a colony is heavily silted, its cells have more difficulty bringing in fresh water, and thus they receive less and less oxygen and food. Obviously, this is not good.

What is good is that this is a problem which we can help solve!

When you see sponge colonies that have fine sand on them, you can fan the water near the sponge to dislodge the silt. Don’t touch anything (including the sponge), just create a current that carries the silt off the sponge. This helps clear the sponge’s water-entry canals, so the entire colony can pull in more water with more oxygen and food – a sponge version of a breath of fresh air.

I learned about dusting sponges from Captain Don Stewart, but he didn’t warn me about two of the effects it would have: first, that helping would change

my perspective toward the environment forever (more about comparing proactive to inactive at another time).

Second, that dusting sponges would change my relationship with my photographer buddies. For a while they stopped asking, “Hey, shall we dive together today?” and began asking, “So, where did you say you dived yesterday?” We solved the problem of silt in their photos by doing the dusting down current of photographers – who now sometimes wait around for everything to settle so they can get really bright sponge photos.

Dave Woodward knew what he was talking about.

Dee has been guiding divers on Bonaire since 1982. She’s written about her undersea experiences in her books, Touch the Sea, The Gentle Sea, and Coral’s Reef (for children); in Dive Training Magazine from 1990 to 2000, with “Coral Glimpses” in the Bonaire Reporter, and now with “Reef Glimpses.” The Bonaire Reporter is delighted to bring “Reef Glimpses” to you free of charge. Dee’s books are available for purchase at the Carib Inn on Bonaire or through touchthesea.com.

Before dusting sponges, please note:

1. You must be a skilled enough diver to avoid any contact with the sponges, and also to avoid any contact with the reef itself (such as with your fins as you concentrate on finning with your hands).

2. You must be able to recognize sponges, and to recognize living coral colonies, and to distinguish them from each other.

Bonaire has many dive professionals who can help you.

STCB begins sand temperature project



Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) began a three-year pilot study on May 19th to gain a broader insight into the effects of climate change on nesting turtle sites.

With this study, STCB is collecting standardized data measuring beach temperatures and profiling the distribution and density of vegetation at important nesting sites on Bonaire.

Beach temperatures can affect sea turtle survival because the incubation temperature (temperature in a nest during the 50-60 day incubation period) plays a vital role in determining the sex of sea turtle hatchlings. Temperature-dependent sex determination in sea turtles can be summarized as ‘hot chicks, cool dudes’. This means that higher nest temperatures leads to more female hatchlings. Therefore, the increased temperatures of cli-

mate change could potentially cause a lack of males in sea turtle populations, affecting the survival of this species.

Another climate change related factor to keep in mind is the available nesting space. Beaches are dynamic by na-

ture, thus the physical layout of a beach changes from one year to the next. When in balance, this dynamic does not affect available nesting space, it only changes the distribution of nests in a certain area. However, erosion, accretion and

distribution of vegetation may affect the space available for nesting as well as the productivity of nests. With that in mind, STCB will also be recording the profile of the beaches where temperature loggers are deployed.

The first data collection used Klein Bonaire as an index beach with the deployment of 40 data loggers. Playa Chikitu and beaches in the south of Bonaire will follow, with more participants for a total of 98 temperature loggers on Bonaire.

This pilot study was initiated by the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), an international treaty to which the Netherlands is a signatory party and STCB is an active member. Funding for this study has been provided by WWF-NL. *STCB. Photo Julie Morgan*



Covid concerns shape union, government negotiations

The government and the unions that represent the central government civil servants have negotiated a new three year contract, pending worker approval. Together they adjusted to the worsened economic situation caused by the covid pandemic by agreeing on a new pension scheme and revised employment conditions.

The pension plan in the previous contract was designed to provide people at retirement age an income amounting to roughly 70% of their average salary over 40 years of employment. It was based on a targeted pension fund accrual rate of 1.75% annually. However, Pension fund Caribbean Netherlands informed the negotiators that it can no longer achieve the 1.75% accrual rate because of the worsened economic situation

and low interest rates. Employees could face an enormous loss of income when they retire.

To avoid having to increase the pension contribution during hard times, the negotiating parties agreed to raise the retirement age to 66 in 2030, to cap pensions at a maximum annual income of \$47,500, and to update the disability pension. They also agreed to a one-time payment in 2021, as well as a reduction in working hours to a 36-hour week and an allowance for civil servants in high-risk professions, starting in 2022.

The reduction of working hours will allow approximately 50 new government jobs to be created in the Caribbean Netherlands, further strengthening the economies of the three islands. *DMR*

Islanders' crime rate higher in Netherlands than in the Islands

A study has revealed that 4.4 percent of registered crimes in the Netherlands are committed by people with an Antillean or Aruban migration background. They are the population group with the highest crime rate overall, being the most suspected, prosecuted, summoned, convicted and detained. Also, their crime rate at home in the islands is lower than in the Netherlands.

The Annual Integration Report 2020 of the Central Bureau of Statistics reveals these facts. A number of experts have suggested explanations. Essentially they all come to the same three conclusions.

First, Caribbean migrants have problems integrating in the Netherlands. They often do not speak the language well, feel little connection with the society, and lack knowledge of how things are done or what assistance is available to them.

Second, various socio-economic factors are involved. Antilleans who have migrated to the Netherlands have a high school dropout rate, high youth unemployment, and limited skills. They often are burdened by debt and poverty.

Third, cultural factors play a role. At home in the Antilleans the migrants lived with family and friends in tightly knit communities that provided more

social guidance and control. Men tend to give up crime when they marry. However, single-parent families with the mother in charge are typical of the Antillean population in the Netherlands. Young men have little role to play in these families, and according to one authority, more mature Antillean men tend "to lead a nomadic existence because they are part of several families," all of which they may help support.

So Antillean men tend to stay trapped in the criminal life style. Societies usually conform to what is known as the age-crime curve. A huge peak in crime is observed between the ages of 15 and 25, with the crime rate beginning to drop sharply at 23. But on average Antillean criminals continue longer much longer.

The experts also agree on the two solutions. As a matter of policy, a way needs to be found to embed young male Antilleans migrants constructively into Dutch society—and to find them employment.

"But we also have to mention the good news," one commentator said. "The children of immigrant Antilleans are doing a lot better. The second generation has much lower crime rates than their predecessors." *DMR*

Unkobon and EZ Air disagree about canceled flights

The consumer's organization Unkobon has accused EZ Air of avoiding its obligation to refund the fares of passengers when flights are canceled. EZ Air had denied the accusation, citing several reasons. It says most cancellations have resulted from government decisions to close the borders, not decisions made by the airline. It also says that customers are offered vouchers when a flight is canceled, but a future flight does not meet the needs of some travelers. When a customer chooses to buy lower cost 'non-refundable' ticket, they have accepted the risk of cancellation themselves, the airline says. EZ Air spokeswoman Sueyenne Dammerman pointed out that customers always have the option of purchasing a flight insurance policy that covers cancellations. *DMR (Bonaire.nu)*

People can be reimbursed for pothole damage

According to Boneriano (EXTRA), people can be reimbursed for the costs of repairing damage to their vehicle caused by potholes. A spokesperson from the department of Legal and General Affairs (JAZ) of the Public Entity Bonaire explained how to apply. "You need to have a recent photo of the hole with the exact date of the incident," he said, emphasizing that the applicant should apply at once so the pothole can be inspected immediately. "It would be good to make a report to the police, although you don't always have this," he added. The information, along with an estimate from a garage for the cost of repairing of the damage, should be submitted to the Bestuurkantoor. *DMR*



Book "Nos ta Boneiru" presented to Island government

Authors Marlene Boekholt, Nishanti Balentin, Reinisha Molina, Sainara Koeiman, and Sharnise Alexander present their book "Nos ta Boneiru" ("We are Bonaire") to Christopher Frans of the public body Bonaire. The five authors are participants in the Talent Development Program Bonaire (TOP). The book, written in both Papiamentu and Dutch, tells of the history of Bonaire, its cultural symbols and its language. The book is also available for download. Click on:

<https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/documents/publications/ocw/we-are-bonaire/we-are-bonaire/index>



Books donated to the public library

The Bonaire Public Library has received nearly 140 books donated by Hans Michels, a former online bookseller in the Netherlands. The books include novels, detective stories, children's books, nature and history books. Cookbooks, art books and craft books are included, as well as philosophical and esoteric study books. Michaels donated Dutch, English and German books and paid the transport costs to Bonaire. Young and old can become members of the Public Library and enjoy its books. *DMR*

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Foundation Save Plantation Bolivia holds silent auction

The Foundation Save Plantation Bolivia (SPBF) is excited to host a silent auction of an original painting of Plantation Bolivia by well-known local artist Janice Huckaby Baillie.

The SPBF silent auction began June 1, 2021 and will continue through the month of June. So there is plenty of time to see the painting and/or bid on it at Janice's gallery located at Kaya Grandi #14 in Playa. The landscape of Bolivia is bright and colorful measuring 39"x39" (100 cmx100cm). Anyone wishing to bid on the painting leave a sealed bid at Janice's gallery or send a private message to saveplantationbolivia on Facebook. The minimum bid is \$4,500.

Janice has graciously pledged the proceeds from the sale of her painting to the Foundation. She recently received the high honor of member of the Order of Orange Nassau from His Majesty King Willem-Alexander for her continuing contribution to the island, its people and



its culture.

Janice said, "Plantation Bolivia is a very special, pristine example of Bonaire's Nature. My hope would be that this painting represents the area in a way people can embrace the concept of keeping it natural and worth preserving. There are so many details I could have added like donkeys running through, goats grazing, parakeets singing, lizards and iguanas basking in the sun, and all the little birds, bees and bats that live in this area. In the end I decided I would rather let the viewer visualize and dream of these details to keep Plantation Bolivia in its natural state for generations to enjoy."

Prints of the painting will be available in the future. If you are interested in a print please send a personal message through Save Plantation Bolivia Facebook page. A list of sizes and their corresponding prices will be provided to you.

NOBO develops tag for reef renewal

Plastic recycling initiative NOBO has collaborated with Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire (RRFB) on a new tag for divers or anyone else that supports Bonaire's reefs with the new 'Donature Tag'.

The idea for the tag was presented by NOBO to various nature NGOs on Bonaire as a possible source of sustainable income. RRFB immediately embraced the idea for a branded RRFB recycled plastic tag to support their work.

The Donature Tag can be attached to a BCD or used as a key chain. The tag made by NOBO from recycled plastic is imprinted with RRFB's logo and will initially be sold at reef restoration affiliated dive shops. All tag proceeds will directly support RRFB's reef restoration work in Bonaire and it is only \$10.

RRFB is the reef restoration organization that is planting corals to restore Bonaire's reefs. They offer a dive-training course where divers can learn about the reef restoration methods that are used on Bonaire.

"Collaborations between nature organizations on this island are critical to make the difference", says Francesca Viridis, RRFB Coordinator, "and we hope that people will show their love for Bonaire and support to local nature protection and restoration initiatives by purchasing the unique Donature Tag".



It is a well-known fact that plastics have a negative impact on marine life and there are many global efforts to rid the oceans of the toxic plastic soup we have created. A recent study published in the journal 'Science', (Lamb et. Al. 2018), explores what threat plastic pollution poses to coral reefs. They found that:

1. Plastic can block light and oxygen from corals that are essential to the survival of reefs.

2. Plastic increases the chance of coral disease. It is important to recognize this connection between plastic and corals and the need to prevent plastic leakage on Bonaire.

Bonaire residents can help by separating their plastics from household waste and drop it off at Plasa Medio Ambiente. The other important step for Bonaire is to implement a ban on single use plastics, because this will lead to a significant reduction of plastics going to the landfill.

NOBO is currently sourcing type 2 (HDPE) plastic they use in their recycled products from Fundashon Mariadal and Selibon's recycling center. But one idea is to actively involve divers in separating their plastic waste. Divers could hand in their type 2 plastic like shampoo bottles at the dive schools where the Reef Renewal tag is sold. The plastic would then be recycled into new Donature Tags.

NOBO hopes more NGOs will develop their own Donature Tag. The tag offers the unique opportunity to support local nature conservation efforts, while at the same time creating awareness for environmental challenges with regard to processing plastic on Bonaire.

NOBO's ultimate goal is to develop large plastic recycled products that use a lot of plastic. The tag is only made from 5 grams of recycled type 2 plastic and this is not enough to combat the huge amount of plastic used daily on Bonaire. NOBO is making a start by bringing new life to used plastic.

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MiVaBo participates in Bon Doet

One of Bon Doet's goals emphasizes the importance of being a volunteer. And during Bon Doet you can get a taste of what that really means.

Every year MiVaBo participates in Bon Doet, and this year they wanted to emphasize the elderly on Bonaire. To be exact, the elderly who do not participate in programs such as Kas di Kuido, Villa Antonia, etc. With the easing of covid restrictions, MiVaBo was very happy that small groups can get together again, so they decided to organize a lunch at El Mundo.

MiVaBo's thinking was that everyone needs to eat, and eating together is nice as you can get to socialize, have fun and meet with old friends and new people. This was especially good for the group of people attending the luncheon. And El Mundo is an establishment with easy access for people with limitations, so that made it even better.

Transportation was provided by MiVaBo and RoRo with extra assistance from Bon Doet volunteers wearing recognizable white T-shirts with the Bon Doet logo on it.

For the meal, each diner could choose beforehand either fish or beef soup and fried fish or cabrito stoba. And that is what the El Mundo cook whipped up. The meal was very delicious and the drinks of awa di lamunchi and fruit punch tasted sweet and were very refreshing. Bon Doet volunteers provided any necessary help and a DJ from Alpha FM played music for a nice ambiance. Photos were taken for a memory of the day and everybody could chat, eat and enjoy. It was very nice to meet old friends after such a long time. And when the food and drink were finished, no one wanted to leave.

MiVaBo wishes to thank the organization of Bon Doet, El Mundo for the hospitality and RoRo for the transportation.



MiVaBo and el Mundo restaurant hosted a luncheon for 31 guests in celebration of Bon Doet. Many of the elderly diners have been isolated during the last year so this was a great opportunity to get out, see some friends and enjoy a nice meal.

We should repeat this activity again next year, because people need people and we all need each other.

MiVaBo is an organization that is known to have a big heart to anyone with a disability. Their main goals include:

1. Bonaire has a modern disability policy.

MiVaBo wants to ensure that policy makers, politicians and commercial parties participate in a modern disability policy on Bonaire with proper implementation. To achieve this, MiVaBo performs an active lobby.

2. Bonaireans are aware of the problems of the disabled.

Able and disabled Bonaireans know their rights and obligations in the field of disability. People with a disability

can better defend themselves and people who do not have limitations can take others into account. To achieve this, MiVaBo organizes public relations actions.

- 3: Disabled Bonaireans know their surroundings and available support

Disabled people know which places on Bonaire are, or are not, accessible to them. They also know what help is available and how to find it. They are aware that the information can be found on the MiVaBo website.

All activities of MiVaBo result from these three goals. To achieve these goals, we work together with governments, politicians, retailers, tourism companies and social organizations in Bonaire, Curaçao, the Netherlands and the US. *RiaEvers-Dokter: Photo Julie Morgan*

Caribbean Shark Coalition Launched



The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) and Beneath the Waves (BTW) have launched the Caribbean Shark Coalition (CSC). The coalition brings together over 45 new members from 24 countries.

The Caribbean is key to advancing the global target of protecting 30% of the world's ocean by 2030. The CSC has three primary goals. Firstly, the CSC seeks to collaborate in shark and ray research and policy, and to build the area's capacity for conservation. Secondly, the CSC will seek to explore ways in which transboundary protections can better safeguard the long-term health of shark and ray populations. Finally, the CSC aims to promote a sustainable future for these species as well as the

human livelihoods that depend on them.

Dr. Austin Gallagher, Chief Scientist of Beneath the Waves, shares, "Over the years we've had so many stakeholders from throughout the region express their interest in getting engaged in basic research or education around sharks, but a lack of resources or technical or operational expertise limited them from taking action. We hope the coalition can play a role in creating that friendly, open, and supportive community those voices have been looking for."

CSC members represent a collection of experts from NGOs, local communities, intergovernmental organizations and governments, academia, and policy insti-

tutes, and local businesses. Members work together to advance the study and conservation of sharks and rays found in the waters of the Greater Caribbean. The CSC will provide cross-disciplinary training, region-wide assessments, and will issue grants to CSC-member projects. The CSC will represent the interests and goals of members and, more broadly, sharks and ray species of the Caribbean at the UN (UNEP-CEP and the Regional Activity Center for the SPAW Protocols of the Cartagena Convention), IUCN-Caribbean, CITES, CMS, CBD, and other international gatherings.

For information visit www.caribbeansharks.co

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About Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance

The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance is a nonprofit organization created to safeguard nature in the Dutch Caribbean through supporting Protected Area Management Organizations. DCNA seeks to consolidate knowledge and bridge funding gaps for conservation within the Dutch Caribbean.



About Beneath the Waves

Founded in 2013, Beneath the Waves is an ocean NGO using cutting-edge science to advance scientific discovery and catalyze ocean policy, with a focus on threatened species and ecosystems. Their work has generated nearly 100 scientific publications, numerous first-ever discoveries, and they have been involved in the study and conservation of nearly one million square kilometers of marine protected areas.

Now that Bonaire is down to risk level 2, many restrictions have been eased or lifted. Here are the main changes announced by Lieutenant Governor Edison Rijna:

The advice to work from home has been rescinded. Twenty-five people are allowed to gather in private, such as at home and on the beach. Restaurants, gyms, churches, saunas, casinos and cinemas are allowed to run at normal capacity again. They should still observe social distancing.

The public is allowed to attend sporting events up to 50% of the venue's capacity. Dancing and singing are permitted, but only outside in the open air. Public consumption of liquor is still not permitted. All the new rules can be found on the website bonairecrisis.com

Central quarantine has been replaced by five-day home quarantine, if and when needed.

Fines are being collected for covid violations. KPCN has forwarded to the Public Prosecution Service 371 reports of violations of the emergency covid ordinance. During April and May, 276 letters of fine were delivered by the bailiff, and \$2,050 was collected in fines. Most charges were for curfew violations (\$246 to \$150 fine), alcohol ban (\$37 to \$150 fine), assembly ban (\$67 to \$150 fine), and combinations of these violations (\$250 fine). Fines can be paid directly to the bailiff by debit card.

Arriving passengers can now get an antigen test at Bonaire International Airport. On arrival passengers

are met by Public Health Department employees who check their health certificates and PCR test results, and send them to the test lane if necessary. Passengers are tested in specially equipped containers next to immigration at the airport, then sent to the waiting area for results.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate at their holiday address, where they will be monitored by public health authorities. Travelers coming to the island can book an antigen test in advance by downloading the "Bonaire Safety Travel app" at www.bonairecrisis.com.

Not all vaccines are equal. Spain, for example, will accept travelers who have been vaccinated with Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna or AstraZeneca, but not those vaccinated with Sputnik V. Sputnik V is widely used in Latin American by countries that have approved it for emergency purposes. WHO has not yet approved Sputnik V.

Following a spike in corona cases, French St. Martin reimposed an 8 pm to 6 am curfew. Only hotel bars and restaurants are allowed to stay open later. On the other half of the island, Dutch Sint Maarten had a similar spike, but it seems to have leveled off, so no curfew has been imposed. To prevent people from driving from the French to the Dutch part in the evening, the police are checking at the border crossings. On the French side, residents are allowed to on the streets only for medical reasons or necessary work. *DMR*



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Creating optimal health

by Irene da Cunda Costa

When it is no longer possible to fight or flee



In several of my articles I have written about stress, aiming to clarify its adaptive function. The more we can understand stress the better we can manage it so it does not have a negative impact on our health.

In this article I am going to explain with more depth the stress response and why in the present we must generate strategies to counteract its negative effects, when in the past this was not necessary.

The fight or flight response, characteristic of acute stress, has been a key survival mechanism. Primitive men who lived in a very relaxed way did not live long enough to pass on their genes to future generations, since they were not alert enough to react, either fighting or fleeing, when a threat such as the saber tooth tiger appeared. So this leaves us predominately wired to be mostly alert.

The fight or flight response activates the sympathetic part of our autonomic nervous system. The consequences are seen as increased heart rate, increased respiratory rate, dilation of the pupils, shifting of the blood flow to the limbs, increased sweating and others.

In the origins of humanity and until a few thousand years ago, stressors or threats, were very easy to identify. They were direct threats to survival: predators, weather events or attacks from rivals or other tribes. These events triggered a response that produced a physical reaction which solved the problem. When the situation was solved, this physical disruption was balanced by feedback mechanisms and the organism returned to its previous state of balance.

It is important to understand that threats to our internal balance are not only those events that we consider negative. It is interesting to note that if we receive news that we were fired or we won the lottery, the physiolog-

ical reaction triggered in our body is the same. This is due to the activation of the sympathetic nervous system making our heart rate increase, sweat covers our skin and our breath becomes short and fast. Obviously what is going to be different is the short, medium and long term consequences of each event.

Our physiological response system to threats has not changed much, but environmental stressors or threats have. Fundamentally in the last 100 years we have generated so many and such radical changes in our environment that these responses fail to provide an adaptive solution to the problems of the present. The possibility of expressing the stress response in a physical way has also changed. In the past we fled or fought before a threat, in the present, if our boss is unfair or our job security is at stake, in most cases, it would not be appropriate to give a fight or flight motor response.

For this reason, it is important to know strategies that help us counteract the activation of the sympathetic nervous system. Some of these strategies aim at the activation of the parasympathetic nervous system through the control and management of breathing, relaxation techniques, certain music, certain sounds, art, massage or certain aromas. When the sympathetic nervous system is activated, the heart rate slows down, breathing becomes subtle and relaxed, blood pressure drops and digestive function is favored, among others. We need to find what works better and find ways to implement it in our lives.

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Tera Barra makes Bonaire green

Bonaire is often described as a small island with a desert landscape of cactus and scrubby trees. And that is mostly true, but it wasn't always that way. There was a time when much of Bonaire was covered in a dry forest of vegetation. Organizations like Tera Barra and Echo Bonaire are working to return the island to that state.

In 2009, the Tera Barra foundation was established to reinvigorate Bonaire's native environment of plants on a five hectare (12.35 acre) piece of leased land. The foundation was headed up by architect Harren Streefkerk and former Bonhata head Irene Dingjan. But when they returned to the Netherlands in 2018, botanist Johan van Blerk took over the job.

It turned out that Johan was just what Tera Barra needed and a dream come true for Johan. He had been working for his dream since childhood. In elementary school, Johan had learned from rangers all the scientific names of the trees and plants in a forest near his home in the Netherlands. He later studied botany at a university. When coming to Bonaire in 2003, he went to work at Green Label setting up their nursery programs. In 2016, while still at Green Label, Johan managed Echo's three year reforestation project and when that ended his dedication to Tera Barra shifted to full time.

With a long history of green running through his veins, Johan's dream has been to work with plants and educate people. And with Tera Barra that is quickly becoming a reality. Johan said, the intention of Tera Barra was not to make it a botanical garden but more of an interactive public garden to show the biodiversity of the island.

Tera Barra, (claylike soil/ground in Papiamentu) is thickly covered with everything native to Bonaire. The more than 100 species of plants (with more discovered everyday) have been replanted in areas that allow their ultimate growth potential.

Seeds gathered from all over the island



Johan shows off the multitude of plants growing in his main greenhouse measuring 33 x 8 m (108 x 26 ft).

have been brought to life in one of the two greenhouses where they are grown and replanted.

"We plant a lot of evergreens and they grow and are spread by the birds. The goats want to eat the evergreens, so if you want a nice area ...then you keep the goats fenced off." said Johan, "You can't let them go everywhere. The island needs to be zoned because the goats and an evergreen dry forest don't go together."

Johan has nothing against goats but believes they need to be managed. He is planning to bring a few of his own to the property as a part of the Tera Barra experience. But they will be fenced off.

He said that 'back in the day' big herds were fenced in on plantations at the Washington Bakuna plantation near Lac.

Knowing what Bonaire plants will grow best where is a science. For instance, the Seku, a ground bromeliad should be planted under the shade of the mesquite trees as the goats love it, but the mesquite could deter the animals.

Another good tree for Bonaire is the Oliba macho or flowering tree. Once established, this tree doesn't need a drip of water.

The Watapana is an evergreen that almost disappeared because the trees were used for tanning leather and the goats

love to eat them.

Johan said, "The most important tree for Bonaire is the evergreen, Wayaka. Even during the driest time of year it survives. It blooms twice a year providing food for the parrots, (loras), prikichis, butterflies and other insects."

The tree provides shade year round and brings down the temperature on the island. Four hundred years ago the

Wayaka was overly harvested for its dense wood and is still considered endangered. Like most trees on Bonaire it has medicinal use and the parrots love the fruit. There are some that date back 1000 years.

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A tourist tree fence is planned to surround the perimeter of Tera Barra.



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Volunteers work at the kunuku two days a week and Johan said without them Tera Barra would not be possible. The meandering path within the property was cut by volunteers through the thick forest of trees and growth. They help Johan tend the 10 bee boxes on the property and collect the honey. And the two greenhouses that contain hundreds of plants were built and are maintained by volunteers and Johan too, of course.

Tera Barra is evolving everyday and growing just like the nurtured plants. Plans include an informational program for kids and a public park with native plants. An educational visitor center is almost complete with displays of Bonaire archaeology and plant information.

Plans for public plant sales are still a few months away but Tera Barra honey is available now at Green Label. Johan hopes Tera Barra will be open to the public sometime in October.

*"If you give nature a chance,
it will spread."*



Selibon's Environment Square now open Sunday



As of May 30, you can leave separated waste at Selibon's Environment Square at Kaya Industria from 8 am to 1 pm. The Square's other hours are: Monday to Friday from 7 am to 4 pm; Saturdays from 8 am to 3 pm.

In the year 2020, 21,327 visitors left a total of 271 tons of separated waste at the Environment Square at Kaya Industria. In the first months of this year, 9723 visitors have left a total of 129 tons of separated waste.

With waste separation stations in Kralendijk, Lagun and Morotin, Rincon, Selibon reminds us that the more waste we separate, the less waste is buried at the landfill in Lagun.

**Get vaccinated: We are all safe
when we are all safe!**

Make a quick connection

Have you tried out the new linked business ads on the online Reporter's "At Your Service" business directory? (page 14) Most every ad has a direct link to the advertiser's Facebook, email or website. With this new addition, readers' interested in a particular service can save time by just clicking the ad to make contact or see what the business is all about. No longer do you have to do your own search, the connection is right there. Try it! Photo Julie Morgan



What's Happening

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Animal Shelter: Open by appointment Mon-Fri 10-12:30; 2-3:30. Sat. 10-3. phone/whatsapp: 7014989 or 7174989. Email: animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Pakus di Pruga (Shelter flea market store): Saturdays from 8 - 4. Masks required.

June 13	Clean Coast Bonaire. 4-6pm Te Amo Beach. Collect marine litter & data by donating your time working as a citizen scientist. .
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June 20	Father's Day
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Breast cancer screening resumes



Mrs. Shahira Salas-Libier is in charge of the breast cancer screening project.

Women aged 50 to 75 years on Bonaire can participate in the breast cancer screening program again as of Wednesday, May 26, 2021. In October 2019, a coalition of local stakeholders on Bonaire started offering population screening for breast cancer. 341 women were screened over a six-month period. Breast cancer screening stopped in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reliable quality. Experienced laboratory technicians at the Fundashon Mariadal hospital take the mammograms (X-rays) for the screening. Two screening radiologists at the Amsterdam UMC read the mammograms. The Dutch Expert Centre for Screening is responsible for their training and the quality of the screening.

Agreements on follow-up care. Clear agreements have been made with the family doctors and the hospital on Bonaire about follow-up care. The family doctor informs the women who were screened about any detected abnormalities. He refers them to the radiology ward or the outpatient clinic for breast cancer (in Dutch: 'Mammapoli') at the Fundashon Mariadal hospital for follow-up testing. The appointment takes place within a week. Depending on the results, the Mammapoli will arrange further testing and any treatment that may be needed.

Early detection is critical to successful treatment, and often involves less invasive interventions. If breast cancer is found early, there is also a better chance of survival. The Centre for Population Screening (part of RIVM) will also be organizing the population screening for cancer in the Caribbean Netherlands, as mandated by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.

More information

<https://www.rivm.nl/bevolking-sonderzoek-caribisch-nederland>

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Making Bonaire Accessible

by Ria Evers-Dokter

A special guesthouse.

Having children with severe retardation or complex limitations is very hard for parents. And it is especially hard when the parents get older. Some of these parents prefer to have their kids at home and not in an institution or special home, but it is difficult.

For the retarded children it is equally as difficult because they always have to be with their parents. Other children get to go see their friends and have sleepovers where they cannot.

The parents need respite-help. They need time away from their special child. And their retarded child needs time away

from them as well. Sometimes the parents are divorced and the child with retardation gets to stay a few days with the father and a few days with the mother.

When one of those parents gets sick, needs to stay in hospital, or cannot care for the child for whatever reason, their retarded child needs a place to stay. A safe place where they're known and where they get the attention and affection they need. The retarded child also needs a place away from home where he/she likes to go and feel safe. And the parents need to be assured that their child is well taken care of.

The parents and family-members of the persons with mental retardation on Bonaire should get together and start thinking of how to set up a respite-home for their special children or siblings.

Set up a foundation, get specific advice and help from financial advisors, special educators and foundations that offer these services and work on a good plan of execution.

They will have to be and stay in charge as they get together with, in this case, the ZVK, and ask their help as well. After all, sound finances are extremely important. They should seek advice from comparable organizations in Holland where this form of respite care is in action every single day. Parents with retarded children are always loyal, will always share knowledge and expertise and help each other.

For staffing they need to take great care in selection. Staff in respite-homes like

this are pure gold. They need to know what they do, be very well educated in special care, have a friendly personality and be very dedicated. And they must be reliable. Volunteers are also gold in these cases.

For the time being parents need all the help they can get. Maybe even get together with specific home-care organizations like Mantelzorg. Here they must be able to apply for a substitute mom, when the mother requires hospitalization or just needs relief. The substitute Mom comes to live in the house for a while and the real Mom gets a little free-time or to recuperate.

Being a parent is a big job and a hard job. But when you are the parent of a special child, you will always be special parents for the rest of your life. So if you need some kind of replacement, you will need to see to that, because only you know.

Ask a Geek by Brian Niessen

Welcome back tourists!

Hopefully by the time you read this, things on Bonaire should feel a bit more "2019" again.

Assuming it happened, you, the tourists, are back enjoying Bonaire and all the while trying to connect to your virtual lives online.

On Bonaire, there are a few solutions depending on how you want to access the Internet.

First and easiest is just to get on WiFi at a variety of the restaurants, coffee shops and bars on the island. Many of them have "free WiFi" if you buy something. If you take advantage of this, please don't buy only a coffee and sit there for three hours. Enjoy the food, the drinks, and the ambience.

The downside to this is that by the time everyone is connected, the shared bandwidth is reduced to speeds so slow

that you cannot do video or sometimes even audio only skype/zoom/etc, and even if you can, it can be quite noisy and non-private.

Luckily, there are a couple alternatives. If your phone is not locked to a carrier in your home country, and you don't mind swapping out your SIM card (or if you have the capability of two SIM cards), you can buy one cheaply at either Digicel, Telbo or UTS and then go on a prepaid internet plan as low as \$2 per day and up to 50 mbit bandwidth speed.

If you do not want to swap your SIM because you need to use it for your phone calls, or your phone is locked, you can get a MiFi from Telbo which provides

you a portable WiFi hotspot for up to 10+ people to use at up to 50 mbit bandwidth speed.

I prefer the MiFi because it is self-contained, smaller than a deck of cards, works pretty much everywhere on the island as long as you can get a Telbo cell phone signal, and whether you are on a beach, on a boat, or in a restaurant, you have your own private and fast internet.

Hoping you get connected and enjoy life outside of your screen.

If you need help with your computer you can contact me at: geek@bonairetechsupport.com or +599 700 9094 (Phone/Whatsapp)



A Garden? Just Do It!

by Angliet, Nature Lover

From the garden to the table

It's now mango and tamarind time on Bonaire and this is the time to make use of these fruits. You can make jams, chutneys, syrups, juices, fruit salads, ice creams, frozen fruits, marmalades, cakes with mango and more. We should make use of what our garden gives us for the day and the season. The most healthy way is to go into the garden in the morning and pick the fruit and vegetables which are ready to consume. You can then make your menu for the day from what is ready in the garden. Doing this will give you the fullest nutritional values from your vegetables and fruits which leads to ultimate health for your body. The longer food travels by boat, airplane, or vehicles and is then stored in the shops, the more it loses its health value. The shorter the time that it is on its way to you, the higher the value in vitamins,

minerals, liquid and fiber. That's why it is important to have vegetables and fruits in your own garden. There is no loss in food value, when it goes from the land into your stomach.

Maybe for some weeks you eat only mangos because the tree is full of mangos, but that should not be a problem. Prepare mangos in different ways and it feels like it's something different every meal. In the past when there weren't a lot of imported fruits and vegetable, the locals had different recipes for tamarind, papaya and spinach. I researched old time recipes and there was such a delicious variety for cookies, tarts, beverages, stobas and rice stews. It's a pity these local, healthy cultural foods lost their glamour and have been replaced with fast food and food that comes from afar sprayed with all kind of chemicals.



BONTJI Kunuku (Fabaceae)

They make it look good from the outside while there is not much health value left on the inside.

While cycling around Bonaire I was

surprised to find the delicious BONTJI Kunuku (Fabaceae sp) in a few yards. In the past, this was a bean that was in almost every yard on Bonaire. It takes a small space, one little branch produces a lot of beans. Locals collect green pods and add the green beans to the aros brua, a stewed rice with beans. Butterflies love to lay their eggs in the young beans so they need to be sprayed often with tea made from the neemh tree leaves. When the pods are nice and round but still green, it's time to pick the pods and take the beans out. The shells are good food for the goats, so nothing gets lost. You can also mix the beans with other veggies in a wok.

These plants grow easily here and can stand the drought very well. When the pods are dry on the plants they are ready to plant straight into the soil or in small containers and later in the ground. Ask locals for the seeds. And don't forget to protect the young plants from the iguanas and lizards. In a few months you will have your own beans on your menu.

Believe me and start now, just do it.

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Pets of the Week

Vincent and Valentino



Meet the brothers Vincent and Valentino. Vincent and Valentino came in together with their two sisters, Vivian and Victoria. Vincent and Valentino are approximately 14 weeks old and are the sweetest kittens. They stole the staff's hearts right from the beginning. They are very playful and love to cuddle with people. Vivian and Victoria were adopted a few weeks ago but Vincent and Valentino are still looking for their forever homes to spread some happiness and love. How can you resist their cuteness and don't you need a cuddle buddy? Then please contact the shelter at 701-4989 (call or whatsapp) or email us at animalshelter-bonaire@gmail.com to make an appointment to meet these little boys.

Story and photo: Thamar Cachemir

Taz and Toby



Interested in adopting two dogs? Well, Taz and Toby would be a smart choice. They are two brothers from the same litter, around nine months old. The boys are looking for their forever home and if possible together!

Taz and Toby are active dogs, love to play, show love and they are also great companions and guards. Their beautiful big paws, short coat and "smile" are all characteristics of American Staffordshire mix. Taz and Toby are sterilized, vaccinated, micro-chipped and in excellent health. They are ready to bring joy into your life. Call/whatsapp 701-4989 or email animalshelter-bonaire@gmail.com to make an appointment to meet this terrific pair.

Story and Photo by: Edseyenne "Zaza" Pietersz

Shelter News

WISHLIST

Coming to Bonaire?

With more flights now coming in from around the world, the Shelter hopes to see more visitors in the coming weeks. If you are bound for Bonaire, the Shelter could also use some help in obtaining items that we cannot readily get on the island. We would be most grateful if Reporter readers would be willing to purchase some items on our "wish list" and bring them to the Shelter when you visit. We are always in need of the following items:

- Kitten Replacement Milk Powder
- Puppy Replacement Milk Powder



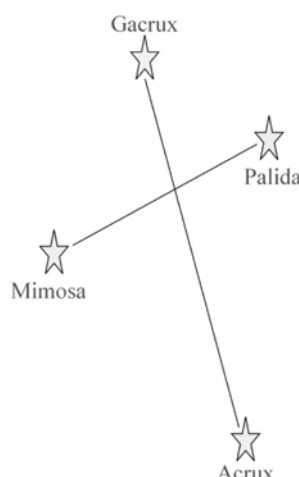
- Nursing bottle kits for puppies and kittens
- Cat and dog toys
- Cat scratching posts/pads
- Terramycin Antibiotic Ophthalmic Ointment
- Frontline Plus for Cats
- Simparica or NexGard for dogs

Of course anything you would like to bring for us is greatly appreciated. We hope to see many of you soon!

Jane Disco

Bonaire's sky park

The Southern Cross



No matter the hour or date, the Southern Cross climbs to its highest point in the sky when it's due south. The Cross is fairly easy to visualize, because it stands upright over the horizon.

Joe Rao, writing for Space.com, tells us that: "Crux certainly looks like an almost perfect small cross, perhaps marred to a slight degree by a dim, superfluous fifth star. (Two of the main four stars, Acrux and Bacrux, are of first-magnitude brightness.) From top to bottom, Crux measures just 6 degrees — only a little taller than the distance between the pointer stars of the Big Dipper. (Reminder: Your clenched fist held at arm's length is 10 degrees wide.) In fact, the Southern Cross is the smallest (in area) of all the constellations." Diagram thanks to: <https://astronavigationdemystified.com/the-southern-cross/>

The Southern Cross

Thanks to Bruce McClure, EarthSky.com.

The Southern Cross — also known as Crux — is visible every clear night for people south of the equator.

If you're in the Northern Hemisphere, you too can see the famous Southern Cross, if you're far enough south, and know where and when to look. Bottom line: The Southern Cross can be seen by northerners, as long as you're below 26 degrees north and know where and when to look! (Bonaire is 12°N.)

If you're in the Northern Hemisphere's tropical and subtropical regions, the month of May is a good time for finding Crux in the evening sky. You can see the Southern Cross at other times of the year, but not at such a convenient time. In middle March, for instance, you have to wait till about 1 am to catch the Southern Cross at its highest point in the sky. In December and January you have to catch Crux before dawn.

Although the Big Dipper is a fixture of the Northern Hemisphere skies, this star formation has a close kinship with the Southern Cross. Both the Big Dipper and the Southern Cross reach their highest point in the sky in unison. Remember spring up and fall down. That's Northern Hemisphere spring we're talking about.

The Big Dipper soars highest in the sky on late northern spring evenings. When the Big Dipper is seen above Polaris, the North Star, the Southern Cross is seen standing over the southern horizon in southern Florida and Texas.

If you are elsewhere

Ring of Fire. On June 10 star gazers in northern Canada, parts of Greenland, and northeastern parts of Russia can see the moon pass right in front of the sun to stage an annular - "ring of fire" - solar eclipse. When the moon passes between Earth and the sun; we pass into the moon's shadow. A partial eclipse means the sun isn't totally obscured. In the northeastern US Virginians will experience 35% blockage, Mainers will get 80% and Michigan will get 85% solar coverage. Because of the way our eyes work, it won't look dark unless we get above 90% coverage, but that doesn't mean you can't see the eclipse!

To watch, ALWAYS use special glasses, or look online to make an eclipse viewer out of a shoe box and a pin (it's TOTALLY worth it!)

Manhattanhenge. Every year around May 29 and 30 — and again for a day or two around July 12 — people in New York City look forward to Manhattanhenge. It's a phenomenon where the sunset aligns perfectly with the streets of Manhattan, particularly along 42nd, 34th and 14th Streets. It happens twice every year — around the end of May and early July. The phenomenon of Manhattanhenge is fun, one of similar alignments that occur around the world on various dates. Think Stonehenge at the equinoxes and solstices. Deborah Byrd, EarthSky.com

Sources: <https://earthsky.org>; <https://www.stargazeronline.org>; <https://www.timeanddate.com>

Inflation rate on Bonaire -3.2 percent in Q1 2021

In Q1 2021, consumer goods and services on Bonaire were 3.2% cheaper than one year previously. The inflation rate was still -5.2% in Q4 2020. Prices also decreased on St Eustatius and Saba, by 4.1% and 1.3% year-on-year respectively, as reported by CBS on the basis of the consumer price index for the Caribbean Netherlands.

The low inflation rate on Bonaire is mainly due to the reductions in the fixed usage tariffs for electricity and water on Bonaire as of May 1, 2020. In Q1 2021, electricity was 14.3% and water 16% cheaper than one year previously. Throughout Q1 2021 as well, the coronavirus crisis had an impact on how the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was compiled for the Caribbean Netherlands.

Especially the lockdown on Bonaire in March resulted in substantially fewer in-store price observations that month.

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Relative to the previous quarter, in Q1 prices on Bonaire rose by an average of 1%. This was mainly caused by higher *variable usage tariffs* for electricity and water. Although the variable tariffs increased quarter-on-quarter in Q1, the total rate (the sum of fixed and variable tariff) remained below the level of one year



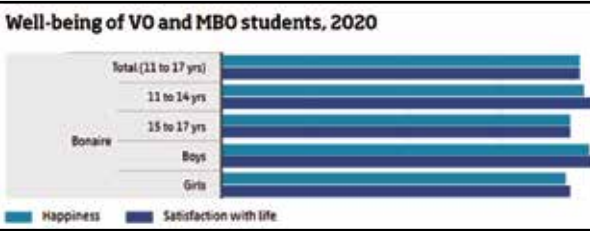
previously.

Average food prices remained fairly stable in Q1 relative to the previous quarter. Prices of poultry fell by nearly 3%, while fresh fruit prices rose by 1.5%. In addition, women's clothing became 4.6% more expensive. *CBS*

How are the kids doing?

Both on Bonaire and on Saba, boys between the age of 11 and 18 are on average more likely to report being happy than girls. The main leisure activity of young people on Bonaire is gaming, while Saba's youth also likes to spend time outdoors with friends. On both islands, over one-quarter say they often feel bored; on Saba, it is mainly the girls who often feel bored. This is indicated by new figures from the 'Scholierenonderzoek Caribisch Nederland', a survey conducted among students in the Caribbean Netherlands at the end of 2020 as part of the National Youth Monitor.

Students up to age 18 in both secondary (VO) and vocational secondary education (MBO) were asked to give a score between 1 and 10 for their level of happiness and their satisfaction with life. In 2020, Bonaire's youth rated both their happiness and life satisfaction with an average score of 7.7. On Saba, happiness was rated a 7.1 and life satisfaction a 6.7.

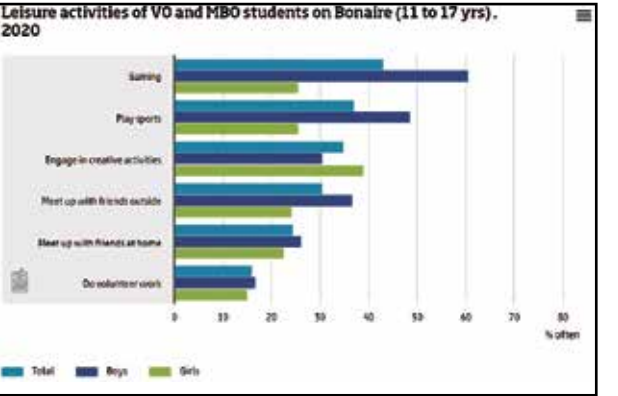


Both on Bonaire and on Saba, boys are happier than girls. On Bonaire, life satisfaction is also greater among boys than among girls; on Saba, this is virtually the same for both sexes. In addition, on Bonaire the average scores for happiness and life satisfaction are higher among those up to age 15 than among those aged 15 to 17. On Saba, the scores are almost equal for both age groups.

Students were asked how often they do a number of activities in their spare time. Boys (61%) are more likely to play video games than girls (26%). They also play sports and meet up with friends outside relatively more often. Girls, on the other hand, are more likely to be engaged in creative activities: 39% versus 31% of boys.

Both boys (17%) and girls (15%) are least likely to do volunteer work as a leisure activity.

On Bonaire and Saba, over one-quarter of 11 to 17-year-old VO and MBO students indicate that they often feel bored. On Saba 44% of girls say they frequently feel bored: more than twice as much as among boys, but also more than among girls on Bonaire (29%). It is mainly 11 to 14-year-olds on Saba who get bored compared to their peers on Bonaire. *CBS*



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COVID-19 measures per risk level

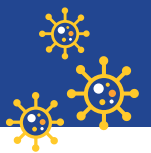


This overview indicates which measures (at least) apply per risk level on Bonaire. In each subsequent risk level, the other measures of the previous levels remain in effect. Depending on the situation, it can be decided to deviate.

More information: www.bonairecrisis.com

	Risk level 1 Alert	Risk level 2 Worrisome	Risk level 3 Menacing	Risk level 4 Serious	Risk level 5 Very Serious	Risk level 6 Lockdown
Private meetings (e.g. home, beach or park)	Basic rules	Max: 25 pers	Max: 10 pers. (excl. kids <13 years) <i>Advice: stay home for vulnerable groups</i>	Max: 2 households with max 10 pers (> 13 year). <i>Advice: stay home for vulnerable groups</i>	Max: 1 pers. from outside the household	Stay home as much as possible. Only go out with roommates
Prof. organized events (See 'clarification sports' for sports events)	Basic rules	Max: 50% capacity and 50 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing	Max: 50% capacity. Inside: max 25 pers. Outside: max 50 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing	Inside not allowed. Outside: max. 50% capacity and 25 pers. Registration obligation. No singing/dancing.	No grouping together	No grouping together
Funeral service and wedding ceremony	Basic rules	Max. 100 pers	Max. 100 pers	Max. 50 pers	Max. 30 pers	Max. 10 pers
Restaurants en cafes (incl. watertours/ - restaurants)	Basic rules	Registration obligation and health check. No singing/dancing	Max: 50% capacity. Fixed seats. Closing time 00:00	Max: 4 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Closing time 22:00	Take-out only	Closed
Hotels	Basic rules. 1,5m distance from other guests	Basic rules. 1,5m distance from other guests	Basic rules. 1,5m distance from other guests	Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: 'level 4 Restaurants and cafes'	Bar/restaurant for hotel guests: open regularly. Non-guests: take-out only	Bar/restaurant only open for hotel guests
Essential shops	Basic rules	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 1 pers. per household (excl. kids <13 years). Mandatory cart/basket	Max: 1 pers. per household. Mandatory cart/basket
Non-essential shops	Basic rules	Basic rules	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years)	Max: 2 pers. per group (excl. kids <13 years)	Closed	Closed
Churches	Basic rules	Registration obligation and health check	Max: 50% of the capacity. Go home directly after service. Sing softly with windows open	Max: 50% of the capacity. Go home directly after service. No singing	No physical services	No physical services
Sports activities (also see 'clarification sports')	Basic rules	Registration obligation, health check and no audience	Max: 50% capacity inside, 100% outside (for >18 years). Go home immediately after exercise	Max: 50% capacity inside, 100% outside (for >18 years). Go home immediately after exercise	Facilities closed. Limited sports allowed. See 'clarification sports'	Facilities closed. See 'explanation sports'
Work	Basic rules	Basic rules	Work from home as much as possible	Work from home as much as possible	Work from home is mandatory where possible	Work from home is mandatory where possible
Contact professions	Basic rules	Basic rules	Face mask	Face mask	Closed, unless medical indication	Closed, unless medical indication
Nightclubs	Basic rules	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Adult Entertainment	Basic rules	Basic rules	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gambling halls, casinos and cinemas	Basic rules	Registration obligation and health check	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 02:00	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 00:00	Closed	Closed
Saunas	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Registration obligation and health check	Max: 50% of the capacity. Closing time 02:00	Max: 50% of the capacity	Closed	Closed
Daytime activities elderly	Basic rules	Basic rules and 50% capacity	Basic rules and 50% capacity	25% capacity	Only emergency shelter	Only emergency shelter
Primary education and after-school care	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Only emergency shelter
Secondary education and after-school care	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Basic rules. Adults to maintain 1,5m distance from each other and students	Reduce number of students per day	Only emergency shelter
Child care	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adult	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Basic rules. 1,5m distance between adults	Only emergency child care
Always comply with the basic rules Complaints Stay at home and call 0800-0800 1.5 meters Keep at least 1,5 meters away from others Avoid crowds Avoid forming large groups with other people Wash hands Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds Do not touch Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth Cover Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a handkerchief Ventilation Provide good ventilation indoors Cleaning Frequent cleaning of premises						





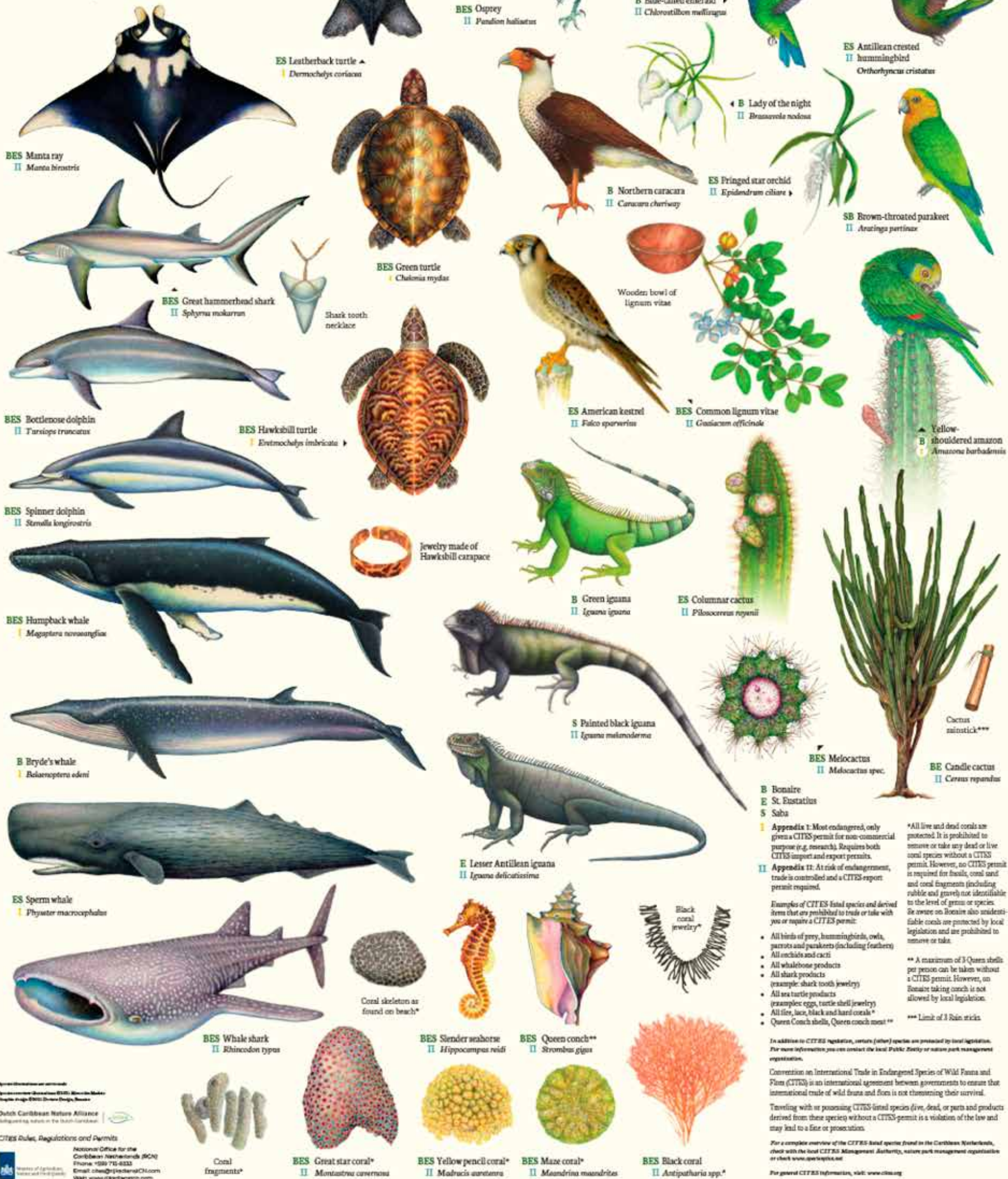
Sports activities

Sports activities are understood to mean engaging in a sport. In the list below you can see which sports may be practiced at each risk level, provided the general risk-level measures are adhered to. Children under the age of 18 may continue to play sports regardless of the level. From level five onwards they are no longer allowed to exercise indoors.

	Risk level 1 Alert	Risk level 2 Worrisome	Risk level 3 Menacing	Risk level 4 Serious	Risk level 5 Very Serious	Risk level 6 Lockdown
Athletics	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually	✓ yes, individually
Baseball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Basketball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Beach tennis	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Beach volleyball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Billiards	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no
Bodybuilding	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Bolas	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Boxing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no	✗ no
Checkers	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Chess	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Cycling	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Dominoes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Fitness	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Free diving	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Indoor soccer	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Judo	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Karate	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Kayaking	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✓ yes, individually	✗ no
Kickboxing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Kite surfing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
MMA	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no	✗ no
Optimist	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✓ yes, individually	✗ no
Scuba diving	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Shooting	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Soccer	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Softball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Sunfish	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✓ yes, individually	✗ no
Swimming	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually
Table tennis	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Tennis	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	👤 max 2 pers.	✗ no
Volleyball	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	🏠 yes, if outdoors	🏠 yes, if outdoors	✗ no
Water polo	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✗ no
Windsurfing	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes, individually



Examples of CITES-listed species of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba

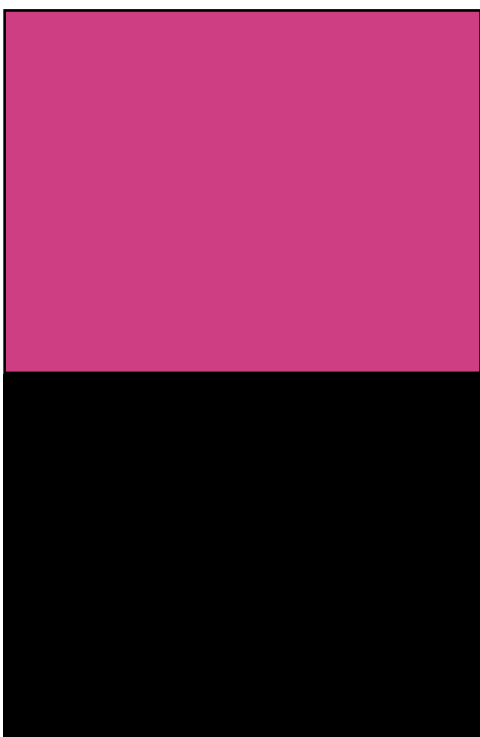


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