



Man (L) and Fisherman Humphry (R) clean their catch after a long day on the water Photo by Julie Morgan

Regulating Bonaire fishing for the future

In the last 20-30 years fishing has declined due to overfishing practices worldwide. Talk to any fisherman, and he will tell you the fish are smaller and there are fewer of them.

Due to this decline, laws and regulations for fishing worldwide and in the Bonaire National Marine Park (BMP) are needed to protect fish reserves and keep them viable for the future.

According to BMP manager, Judith Raming, the laws for fishing are originally based on 'real law' from the Netherlands and filled in or defined locally. The island has the final decision on rules of the waterpark. National Parks Bonaire Foundation, STINAPA Bonaire, is the administrator but they don't make the rules, yet they do enforce them. Fishing rules and regulations apply to everyone fishing on Bonaire.

The 1991 Island Decree, Eilsbesluit onderwaterpark Bonaire EU, has been updated several times, most recently in 2010. The decree defines rules and regulations for BMP and new policies are being written. Currently two reserves are designated on Bonaire where fishermen or divers cannot enter: a marked area from Boka Slagbaai to Playa French (presumably Playa Frans) and a marked area from Karpata to the breakwater in front of Goto Lake.

Fishermen are allowed to troll through the reserve with traditional equipment. Shore fishing is also allowed.

Traditional fishing gear is described as fishing lines (lina), rods and cast nets (tarai) and pull nets (reda). A reda (net) must be certified by STINAPA. BMP rangers will measure the hole size and the net itself. Fishermen must sign a contract and notify STINAPA when they use the net as someone must be on watch. They can use the net for only 10 days. Rangers will do a net inspection during that time by snorkeling to check on the health

and type of fish netted. The nets usually catch smaller fish like big eye scad.

It is prohibited to anchor in the BMP, although fishing boats of not more than four meters (12 ft) may use a stone anchor in areas of Kralendijk with permission of the harbor master. Spear fishing equipment, explosives, rifles and firearms are not allowed to be advertised for sale, sold or used. Persons certified or with a permit may catch and kill harmful species, for example lionfish.

Traps are prohibited unless by executive council permit.

Collection of sea animals by nets under Kralendijk piers and within a radius of 20m (60 yds) is forbidden.

Snorkel fishing is not allowed except in certain areas



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(see map).

Several fish species are not allowed to be caught. (See list on page 13.)

Piskabon, an organization for fishermen was set up in 2017 with the help of WWF-Netherlands' Stacey McDonald. The organization communicates with locals, charter boat owners and weekend fishers.

Director Martin Delannoy of Piskabon said, "Fishermen are a very rare breed. They have a very hard life, get up at 4 a.m., mostly seven days a week, on their boat by 5:30, hoping they find bait and head 11-12 miles out to the open sea in the sun, rain and high seas. They come back very tired hoping they caught something to provide for their family because they don't have another job. They don't want to hear complaints."

With about 60 Piskabon members, communication in relating the rules and regulations is working and the fishermen's needs are being heard.

"This island is like no other as the whole island is surrounded by a marine park. They [fishermen] are trying to think environmentally but people need to eat and provide for their family," said Delannoy.

The fishermen have deployed six FADS (Fish Aggregating Device) of their own design one to two miles past the boundaries of the marine park waters. A FADS attracts the type of fish the fishermen want to catch and it also deters reef fishing.

Raming said, "Charter operators working commercially need to have a nature permit to operate within the marine park. With the growth of Bonaire and more companies.... The nature permit person is backlogged for five years."

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OLB's goal to draw more affluent visitors reflected in new tourist tax

The Island Council has approved a \$75 Entry Tax instead of \$50, its previously announced intention. And visitors will pay upon every arrival rather than only once per year. The \$75 tax per visit will apply to non-residents 13 and older. Parents will also pay \$10 for each child 12 and under.

Residents of the former Netherlands Antilles and arriving cruise ship passengers will also pay \$10. Bonairean students studying abroad will be exempt.

The tax, to take effect on January 1, 2023, is expected to increase island revenues more than \$6 million annually.

Reportedly the new tax has generated a great deal of online comment, most of it negative. Issues regarding procedural errors and ambiguity of language have been raised. A new vote is likely. *DMR*

Minister of Energy says: "Let's get going"

When the new Minister for Climate and Energy, Rob Jetten, took office, he found the sustainable energy plan the Water and Energy Company Bonaire had submitted. It had been gathering dust at the ministry for 2 years. "I want to move to one hundred percent sustainable energy as soon as possible," he promised. "We are already going to take major steps in the short term."

With more wind turbines, solar parks and battery storage, energy production on the islands can be increased quickly to 80 percent. Jetten announced that before summer his ministry would come up with a plan to accelerate the sustainability of energy production on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The plan would contain concrete steps and a "total package" for each island, including financing.

Jetten, who says the Caribbean Netherlands is his favorite subject, believes the BES islands have the potential to set an example for the rest of the world in the field of sustainability. That is why the minister is looking for more money than the cabinet has reserved in the coalition agreement.

In the shorter term, Jetten says the five million that the cabinet has earmarked for compensating increased energy costs, plus an earlier reservation of two million, is enough to get started.

Jetten predicts that when the 80% target is met, the remaining 20% will probably have to await further developments in OTEC, a system in which temperature differences of the seawater are used to produce electricity. So far OTEC is still too expensive to meet the hard condition set by the Executive Council of Bonaire: that sustainability must lead to a lowering of rates.

DMR (Dossier Kingdom Relations)

Dutch troops pitch in again



B company, 'Wonju,' marches through the mangroves. Photo: Arno Verhoeven - Mangrove Maniacs

During their training rotations to Bonaire, Dutch soldiers always look for opportunities to volunteer. B company, 'Wonju,' from the 11 Airmobile Brigade is on Bonaire for exercises. It has rendered major assistance to a Mangrove Maniacs channel clearing project.

The Maniacs have been opening a system of channels in the mangroves over the last couple of years. They are restoring water circulation to areas where the mangroves struggle to survive because of sedimentation and siltation. They aim to improve the conditions, like water flow and salinity levels, so the forest gets a chance to stay alive, maybe even to grow back.

The soldiers helped the Maniacs with the present pilot project, which will connect the Isla Yuwana area with a system of channels they opened previously. The area is deep in mud and difficult to reach. The Maniacs say the soldiers waded right in. They soon had widened the track already laid out and dug a 30 meter trench.

The Maniacs report the troops made the job fun, joking that working in the heat

and humidity of the mangroves was jungle training. According to the Mangrove Maniac Facebook page, "At the end the guys thanked us, when we wanted to thank them. Their sense of service and modesty says a lot about their mentality. We loved it. Thank you Wonju, for helping to preserve the nature of Bonaire."

The Wonju infantry company has begun a four month rotation to Bonaire and Curaçao with a week of maneuvers on the island. The company is supported by engineers, medical personnel, and ordinance disposal specialists.

The troops will practice military operations while getting acquainted with the geography and population of the island and experiencing the tropical climate. When deployed here army units train with the Marechaussee and Bonaire police, and they assist other NGOs like STINA-PA, the Animal Shelter, and the Donkey Sanctuary. They are also available to provide emergency assistance if requested by the local government. *DMR (Bonaire.nu; Mangrove Maniacs)*

Teach chefs in Papiamentu? Parliament debates

A long standing subject of discussion on Bonaire is again being disputed in the House of Representatives. On May 10 Parliament will vote on whether to amend the BES Education and Vocational Education Act to allow Bonaire schools the alternative of offering MBO level 3 chef training in Papiamentu. The Act now requires that all MBO 3 training be conducted in Dutch. Cooking students on Bonaire complete their MBO level 1 and 2 training at their place of employment. Some of them do not speak Dutch, and further have no intention of ever working as chefs anywhere except on the island.

Only four of the 20 political groups in parliament took part in the debate, with the parties of the right opposing the amendment and those of the left supporting it. Presumably the votes of the CDA center party will decide the issue. Observers say the "will of the house" cannot yet be predicted.

The debate was long and sincere. The more conservative members argued that MBO graduates who do not speak Dutch

would be blocked from further training in the Netherlands and would be left stuck on a "little Bonaire." The right was also concerned that the amendment would set an unfortunately precedent; that eventually all vocational training courses on the island might be taught in Papiamentu.

The more conservative members also questioned whether, as claimed, there is "broad support" on Bonaire for educating young people in Papiamentu rather than Dutch or English.

Those on the left argued that the effects of the amendment would be minor, since only about 15 students per year participate in the chef training. They also said The Hague should not only be sensitive to cultural differences and govern flexibly, but that in the European Netherlands, MBO institutions are already free to provide education in another language, and some do.

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Covid-19 on Bonaire

Week of April 18 - 25, 2022

54 active cases (- 68)	2 hospitalized 29 deceased
In the week of April 18, the incidence of active cases decreased - 54 versus 122 in the week of Apr. 11.	

Government site is <https://www.bonairecrisis.com/en/>

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René Hakkenberg van Gaasbeek 28-09-1942 to 18-04-2022

René Hakkenberg van Gaasbeek, diving pioneer, builder of Bonaire's salt works, and prodigious friend of the island, died of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis on April 14th in his home surrounded by family. Born in Curacao on September 28th, 1942 to Henri and Geertruida Hakkenberg van Gaasbeek, René was truly a child of the Antilles. His imprint upon Bonaire cannot be overstated.

René was a diving pioneer and marine explorer who holds a distinct place in the history of scuba diving and marine conservation in the Antilles. René's experiences in the underwater world were an integral part of the person he would become. After his father acquired proto dive tanks from Jacques Cousteau in Paris in the late 1940s, Henri, René and brother, Peter, rigged them with hoses and commenced what were likely the first scuba dives in the Antilles, and perhaps the whole Caribbean. Shortly after, the trio collaborated with Fred Fischer, the Austrian photographer, to fashion a housing for an underwater camera, bringing to the world the first underwater pictures of Bonaire's marine bounty, which were detailed in "Caribisch Steekspel" (Hakkenberg 1955). In the 1960s and 1970s, René and friends embarked on a series of epic underwater adventures around the island when hammerhead sharks, enormous grouper, and schools of hundreds of barracuda were commonplace. On one of his spearfishing trips near Bopec, he glimpsed broken masts and anchor lines disappearing into the deep. He returned the following day with scuba tanks and discovered the sunken Windjammer. He would return many times in the years to come, guiding visitors like the marine explorer Hans Hass and the astronaut Buzz Aldrin, on deep dives to this and other treasures under Bonaire's waters. His status as a marine explorer would see him consulting (and serving as stunt man) for movies shot on Bonaire, like "Shark's Treasure" (1975), and guiding dive and snorkel trips with the likes of Dutch Prince Bernhard. While spearfishing adventures were the initial catalyst for a life dedicated to preserving Bonaire's marine resources, with dwindling sea life and damage from coral bleaching becoming an ever-present threat, he later devoted himself to the goal of marine conservation. He served,



among other roles, as Treasurer of Bonaire National Park Foundation (Stinapa) and as the President of Bonaire's Recompression Chamber.

René was also a builder and an engineer. After earning his Masters in Civil Engineering from McGill University in 1968, René returned to the island and got to work building things. Perhaps best known for his work building and then managing Bonaire's Salt Works for the International Salt Company's (now Cargill), he would travel the world from China to Venezuela, from Indonesia to Turks and Caicos, to design and build solar salt plants. In the late 1970s, he built the Bonaire Beach Bungalows in Belnem, which would come to accommodate countless marine biologists and underwater photographers from all over the world. And most important, over almost 80 years, René built a family and community of friends on the island, leaving an indelible mark on those whose lives he touched.

René was also a great friend of Bonaire, giving his time, energy, and expertise to the island that gave so much to him. René devoted himself to philanthropy for those in need, while working tirelessly to get others to donate as

well. The list of causes he fought for on Bonaire is long. In addition to Stinapa and the Recompression Chamber, René founded the organization Save the Lora, working with volunteers to feed the drought-stricken parakeets with old mangoes from Venezuela. He worked with Tene Bonaire Limpi (Keep Bonaire Clean), and the Maria Hoppner Foundation. He helped promising students gain access to education in Holland, and even served a stint as President of the Bonaire Jazz Festival, bringing international jazz musicians to the island while connecting local Bonairian artists and musicians to the broader world. But no cause was nearer to his heart than Jong Bonaire. As Co-founder and President, René helped steer Jong Bonaire for over 20 years, providing opportunities for hundreds of young adults across the island, and building momentum for the successful organization that is still going strong today. "I got help with my homework, and took part in activities that helped me develop personally and in my career," said one graduate of the program. "Jong Bonaire helped me find my hidden talents", said another. Because of his tireless work for the Bonaire community, René was appointed Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau (Benoemd tot Ridder in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau) in 2005.

René lived a tremendously interesting life - one of adventure, of building, and of giving. And even in terminal illness, René worked to help others suffering from the same lung disease that eventually took his life, co-authoring a book on the topic recently published in the USA. His memory on the island and in the world will live on in his son, Christopher, his wife, Soledad, and the countless lives he touched along the way.

A remembrance service was held at la Birgin di Coromoto Catholic Church on April 23. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to Jong Bonaire or Adra Foodpantry.

In celebration of René's life a website is available to view and share,

<https://chrishakkenberg.wixsite.com/renehakkenberg>

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POLICE REPORT

The new anonymous tip line is 9310

Property crime

Apr. 15. A red/black Yamaha scooter parked at Wilhelminaplein was stolen between 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. In the saddle of the scooter was a backpack containing clothes, diving masks, a green iPhone 11, Oakley sunglasses, Ocean Specs sunglasses and cash.

Arrests

Apr. 19. When a house in the Antrio district was searched under the Opium Act BES, narcotics were found and seized for further investigation. A man, 43, was arrested for violation of the Opium Act BES.

Apr. 17. During the night hours a man, 52, was arrested on Kaya Mendelsson. He was stopped for a check because the car had no rear lights. During the check, he was unable to show a driver's license or insurance certificate. He was given a breathalyzer test and as a result was arrested for driving under the influence. The car was impounded until he can show a driver's license and insurance certificate.

Apr. 12. During the night hours, a woman, 33, was arrested for attempted murder. She stabbed a man with a knife.

Apr. 12. In the morning hours, a man, 52, was arrested for death threats and assault with a weapon.

Traffic accidents/violations

Apr. 16. At about 2:30 a.m. two scooters collided on E.E.G. Bulevar, causing both drivers to fall. The driver of the front scooter stated that he had to brake suddenly because the car in front of him also had to brake suddenly. Ambulance personnel treated both people at the scene.

Apr. 15. At about 8:15 pm the police received a report of a car flipped over on the road to Salina near Salt Company. The driver was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

Apr. 13. Just before 10 p.m., the police station received a report that a pick-up

overturned on Kaya Corantijn. A little earlier, the driver of this pick-up assaulted a person at a bar on Kaya Nikiboko South, got into his car and soon crashed. The driver of the pickup was taken to hospital by ambulance. He was probably under the influence of alcohol. The assault victim was also taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

Apr. 12. Around 10 p.m., three cars collided at the entrance to Rincón near Mangazina di Rei. Three occupants, two women and a man, were taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment. The man's situation was critical.

Public safety

Apr. 21. The police station received a report that a diver was missing on the south coast near the Red Slave dive site. The Coast Guard and KMar were notified, after which a search was started immediately. The diver was found a few hundred yards offshore. The Coast Guard picked him up and dropped him off near shore, from where the diver swam to shore. He was in good condition and did not need an ambulance.

Apr. 19. Around 1:30 p.m. police officers and the Coast Guard went to Klein Bonaire after receiving a report that an 84-year-old female tourist drowned while snorkeling there. The forensic department investigated the case.

Apr. 12. The police station received a report that a diver was missing at Red Slave dive site. When a group came out of the water, they missed a person. A little later, the missing man surfaced. He stated that he thought his wife and son were going to shore and so he continued to dive. They were warned to stay together while diving next time.

Apr. 11. At about 5:40 p.m. the police station received a report that a 17-year-old young lady was missing. After a short search and a media appeal, the girl was found in one piece.



CRUISE SHIP RATING

Seabourn Odyssey visited Bonaire April 18 carrying around 300 passengers with a capacity for 462. In the past few years the cruise line has won a few environmental awards but still received an F rating from Friends of the Earth environmental report card. They are a part of the 'F' rated Carnival Fleet but boast more environmental technology than the standard fleet. Seabourn received: sewage treatment – 'C'; air pollution reduction – 'D-'; water quality compliance – 'F'; transparency – 'F' and have had criminal violations.

Ask Kate & Jean

Bonaire real estate advice

I want to buy a home to retire to Bonaire in about 3 years and while I was on the island, I couldn't get in to see any properties. I understand that agents probably don't want to waste time with me if I'm not buying now, but how can I see what my money will buy and make financial plans for the future? Alan

Hi Alan,

Good for you for planning ahead! Properties for sale now will not reflect market prices in 2025 when you want to buy. What you can do is view the 3d tours we have online for almost every property, which enables you to virtually walk around in the property. You can



L-R: Jean and Kate

view many properties this way and get a sense of what is available at current rates. To help you plan, we suggest figuring a 25% increase to these prices to allow for future market conditions.

*Kate and Jean, your Bonaire team
Re/Max Bonaire*

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

Covid round-up

Covid testing for travels no longer required.

The number of hospital admissions has been low and stable for a long time. Therefore Bonaire has transitioned to post-pandemic travel requirements. Regardless of their vaccination status or country of departure, visitors have to complete a health declaration only. Testing is no longer required. If a new covid variant shows that is infectious, the travel conditions may be reassessed and new restrictions declared.

Residents can get vaccinated in their neighborhoods.

The Public Health department is offering the corona vaccine and booster shots in the neighborhoods.

- May 3, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sentro di barrio Amboina
- May 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Former general practice Castro, Rincon
- May 5, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sentro di bario Antrio, Plasa Chicu Goeloe

New infectious disease doctor at Department of Public Health. Dr. Bert Wolters has succeeded Dr. Loes Jaspers as a doctor for

infectious disease control and society at the Department of Public Health, effective April 1. Since 1992 Dr Wolters filled a similar position at the GGD in Groningen. He was also a tuberculosis specialist and a forensic physician.

Dr. Jaspers will stay on Bonaire another year to continue the research into lung covid, the complaints people continue to have following a covid infection. *DMR*

Self-testing is now Bonaire's first line of defense against covid. The Public Health Service has launched the campaign Biba kun'e (Live with it) to teach people how to conduct their lives safely now that getting infected with covid, or infecting other people, is a low-level but permanent day-to-day risk. The first defense, Public Health says, is for people to self-test before visiting the elderly or gathering with large groups. That way they can assure they are not a danger to others.

Public Health has been contacting groups that will participate in the Dia di Rincon celebration. They are asking everyone to self-test that morning. Group leaders can pick up self-tests for their whole group in advance. *DMR*

Why a passive manifesto? Differentiation YES, Discrimination NO

From 10-10-10 we form an integral part of the Dutch Polity. We are covered by the same constitution. Article 1 prohibits discrimination on any ground and recognizes the principle of equality as a fundamental human right. We are under the same government in The Hague. We have the same parliament in the Senate and House of Representatives, which we have also elected. We have the same undivided Dutch citizenship.

Our social security system cannot be the same as that of the European Netherlands because the circumstances are not the same. However, the system must be equivalent to that of the system in the European Netherlands. The system must be applied equally to Caribbean Netherlands, e.g. Social assistance and AOV benefit at 70% of the minimum wage.

In order to realize this system, a social minimum (subsistence minimum) must be established. This can no longer be postponed. The people of Bonaire from all sectors call on the government to set this social minimum this year. With this determination we can set a minimum wage so that work pays and at the same time those who are somehow unable to participate in the labor market can obtain a decent living income.

Come all and support the Peaceful People's Manifestation.

Date: May 5, 2022. Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Trade union building, AFBW on Kaya Korona 13.

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.

Is Breemhaar in charge?

Employees of Rho consultancy (Rho) from Rotterdam have recently been commissioned by the OLB to work on a new version of the Zone Plan Bonaire. The previous version dates from 2010. So, it is time to develop a new version.

Fig 1 Concept zone plan
R&O / Rho preliminary design March 22, 2022



A color version can be found at: <https://www.saveplantationbolivia.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ROB-2022-plankaart-totaal31.pdf>

Recently we were able to view the concept of the new zone plan (see figure 1 for an overview map). For the whole of Bonaire, this map shows in great detail which area has and/or will receive which destination and provides insight down to the level of each individual plot. So, your garden is also visible on it. However, there is one notable exception: the entire Bolivia plantation is white. Almost three thousand hectares are WHITE. You might still think that Rho has made a mistake, but that is not the case. Rho has been instructed by the Executive Council to leave the planning for Bolivia to the Breemharen and their advisers from the offices of Stedelijke Planning (urban planning) from Amsterdam and Metafoor from Almere. Even conservation organizations such as Stinapa, Echo, Wildconscience, BonBèrdè and DCNA were not allowed to interfere in the planning for Bolivia. In sessions in preparation for the new plan, they were unable to give their opinion about plantation Bolivia. So, they cannot get in the way of Breemhaar, the Executive Council thought.

Will Breemhaar's development plan for Bolivia (Figure 2) replace the white area in Bonaire's new zoning map (Figure 1) and destroy nature?

This gives Breemhaar a say in what will happen to the Bolivia plantation in the coming years, 10% of Bonaire's ter-

Fig 2 Development Model Plantation Bolivia Source: Metafoor Ruimtelijke Ontwikkeling & Kuiper Compagnons (2021)



Area with white dots: phase 1 of the planning (950 houses); Brown blurs: phase 2 (next 950 houses); Green areas: agricultural development; Grey blurs: 5 eco-resorts: indicating the size of the development. ([See a color version online.](#))

ritory. Unless the Island Council puts a stop to that. Let's hope that the members of the Island Council take the principles of 'Bonaire Blue Destination' (sustainable development while preserving nature and culture) seriously and have already put that 'stop' in place. If you don't include Bolivia's undevelopable 900 hectare coastal area, about 1900 hectares do remain for development. Breemhaar wants to develop more than half of this and have 1,900 homes built so that a residential core is created that is three times larger than Sabadeco. That has nothing to do with nature conservation, but everything to do with nature destruction. This is clearly visible on the map. The largest dry tropical forest of the Antillean

islands is being sacrificed to the greed of a member of the Quote 500 elite. A noisy boaster who is only interested in himself and money and who said two years ago that he wanted to gain 100 million from the development of Bolivia. And that against the background of figures from the Central Bureau of Statistics in the same draft plan, which clearly shows that all future 28,000 residents of Bonaire up to 2050 can live in a house without even a single house being built in Bolivia!

Breemhaar is after money, a lot of money at the expense of Bonaire's nature and its inhabitants.

Foundation Save Planation Bolivia
Wilma Nijland

Recycling is only part of the answer

Dear Editor

I had mixed feelings when I read the article "Love Your Mother." Most important to me is that recycling is NOT the answer. While it's great to see the increase in recycling on Bonaire, my sentiments are the same as this quote listed below.

"...we cannot recycle our way out of the growing plastic pollution crisis. Instead, we must enact new laws and regulations—which Coca-Cola often opposes—to substantially reduce the production, usage, and disposal of plastics. - Judith Enck, President, Beyond Plastics (<https://www.beyond-plastics.org>)

Editor's note

Thanks Sarah, Yes, as stated in the article, recycling is just one part of helping our Earth. Others, as noted, are:

- eliminating limiting fossil fuels and replacing with renewable energy,
- producing our own food,
- reforestation to encourage nature and eliminate run-off,
- going vegetarian to produce less carbon dioxide,
- removing plastics from daily use,
- keeping our land and oceans free of trash
- and yes recycling - reduce , reuse, recycle instead of constantly buying more and more products.

Julie Morgan, publisher

ABN AMRO issues press release apologizing for historical involvement in slavery

Amsterdam – Recent historical research has shown that a number of ABN AMRO's legal predecessors in the 18th and 19th centuries were involved in the slave trade, plantation slavery and the trade in products that originated in slavery. Slavery has caused indescribable suffering. ABN AMRO therefore offers its deepest apologies for this involvement.

ABN AMRO commissioned the Institute for Social History (IISH) in Amsterdam to investigate the involvement of the bank's predecessors in slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries. This research shows, among other things, that ABN AMRO predecessor Hope & Co. played a pivotal role in the 18th-century international slavery economy. Thus, Hope & Co. not only a large part of its profits from slavery-related activities, but also actively interfered in the management of the plantations. Another predecessor of ABN AMRO, Mees & Zoonen, was involved as a broker in insurance of slave ships and transport of products harvested by slaves.

Dr. Pepijn Brandon, senior researcher at the IISH and head of the research team: "The research provides new knowledge about the slavery involvement of historical predecessors of ABN AMRO, and about the financial sector they were part of. Hope & Co. was the largest financial and trading company in the Netherlands at the end of the eighteenth century. Slavery-related activities were a core activity of this company. Mees & Zoonen was a smaller player, but its activities were also

deeply intertwined with slavery. Financial decisions made in offices in Amsterdam and Rotterdam directly impacted the lives of thousands of enslaved people."

CEO Robert Swaak: "In the more than 300-year history of ABN AMRO, the bank has a lot to be proud of. We recognize that this past also has its dark sides. The current ABN AMRO cannot undo this period in its history. We realize that this past injustice has continued after the official abolition of slavery. ABN AMRO apologizes for the actions and pain caused by these predecessors in the past."

Over the past period, the bank has consulted with various representatives from the communities of descendants about the research results. This showed, among other things, that, in addition to acknowledging the suffering, they also need concrete steps that help improve the structural social disadvantage that descendants of enslaved persons may experience.

As a bank with a purpose of 'Banking for better for generations to come', ABN AMRO is today strongly committed to helping to improve social inequality and promote diversity and inclusion, both within the bank and in society as a whole. The findings and conclusions of the IISH study reinforce our commitment to these goals.

ABN AMRO will therefore continue to engage with community representatives to further explore how the bank can further leverage its existing activities and develop or support

new initiatives. We will report on our efforts and performance on this topic in our Annual Integrated Report. An example of such an initiative is the 'Social Impact' Covenant, which we recently signed as the first major commercial institution with the Municipality of Amsterdam. This describes agreements about internships and training places at the bank, debt counseling and the local purchase of products and services in Amsterdam Southeast.

ABN AMRO wants to be a reflection of our society. Diversity & inclusion is an important theme for the bank and increasing cultural diversity is one of its key priorities. ABN AMRO is actively committed to promoting human rights, which are still often violated in the world today. We actively engage in dialogue with our customers, employees and society on this subject. With the ABN AMRO Foundation we are committed to equal opportunities for children and young people. For example, ABN AMRO Foundation works together with almost 80 primary schools, of which more than half of the children have a vulnerable home situation. More than 6,500 employees of the bank help children to discover their talents and interests. And finally, we will ensure that the new knowledge about the dark sides of our history, which we have gained thanks to the IISH research, is given a permanent place in the public history of the bank.

(Press release ABN AMRO)

Pros and amateurs compete at Frans Paradise



FORSA King of the Caribbean freestyle slalom and wind surf competition was held April 14-18 at Frans Paradise. It welcomed 86 participants ranging in age from 9 to 60. Local Kiri Thode was crowned 'King' and 'Queen' was Sarah Quitta Offringa from Aruba.

The winners of all events were: Pro Freestyle men 1.Kiri, 2.Youp, 3.Taty; Pro Freestyle women 1.Sarah, 2.Oda, 3.Arianne; Pro Amateur Freestyle Men 1.Bimbi, 2.Luca, 3.Will;

Pro Slalom men 1.Taty, 2.Giovanni, 3.Terence; Pro Slalom women 1.Mylene, 2. Manouk, 3.Fay; Slalom amateur men 1.Terence, 2.Ezri, 3.Floris;

Pro Kids (boys only) 1.Storm, 2.Tycho, 3.Jean Carl; Baby Dragons kids amateur boys; 1.Lenny, 2.Kenny, 3.Eugendrick; Baby Dragons kids amateur girls; 1.Bobbi- Lynn, 2.Kit, 3.Lone

Photos: The King, Kiri Thode, and the Queen, Sarah Quitta Offringa, master the winds. Photos: Kuma



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Dive sites are cleaner, thanks to volunteers

On Saturday, April 23, Dive Friends Bonaire hosted their first big Quarterly Clean up Dive since COVID hit in March 2019. Fifty-seven volunteers gathered in between the new Chogogo Resort and Den Laman Condominiums to clean up the dive site Bari Reef and Front Porch. They picked up debris at the maximum depth of 19 meters.

A total of 120kgs (264.5 lbs) was collected. Most frequent items were: plastic fragments, cigarette filters, glass bottles and fragments and rubber fragments. The most unusual items were a car part and two condoms.

After the Quarterly Clean Up Dive, Dive Friends Bonaire hosted a free BBQ and rafle at their Hamlet Oasis location to thank all volunteers for their contribution. The rafle included several sponsored prizes by The REEF Store and ScubaPro. Dive Friends Bonaire would like to thank all the volunteers who helped! Story Dive Friends; Photo Julie Morgan



Eight divers joined the STCB, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, fishing line cleanup at the north pier on April 24 to coincide with Earth Day weekend. Remarkably every diver returned with a full mesh bag of a combination of fishing line and assorted trash. STCB is planning to schedule a fishing line cleanup each month. Pictured (L) - Jeannine Toy and (R) - Amy Young Photo J.M. More photos on our FB page.

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A Garden? Just Do It!

by Angliet, Nature Lover

Rincón Day and Fontein

Rincón Day

I guess Rincón Day will be very busy this year. Rincón will want to especially celebrate this day since we locals missed two years of Rincón Day because of covid lockdowns. And we have more tourists on Bonaire these days so I guess this will be one of the busiest Rincón Days ever.

We had a rather good rainy season so there must be a rich harvest in fruits, maishi, pumpkin, watermelons, sweet potatoes, yambo, sweet peppers, plantain, cucumber, chiki, bontjie (beans), papaya, bacoba, tomatoes, spinach, the leafy vegetable kalaloe, tamarind, mango, sorrel, coco, yuca and yes, all that good stuff that makes Bonairean food so rich. Think of aros bruah cu piska (rice stew mix with beans, fried fish and plantain and/or pumpkin) and tutu (a local dish made from red kidney beans with funchi and meat), maishi pancake and porridge with tamarin syrup, yambo soup with salted pigs tail, goat soup and goat stoba ku primenton, tomati, whole corn (goat stew with sweet pepper, tomatoes, corn and spices). People used to share their harvest with their families and friends and now they sell part of it in urban markets.



My friend's garden

pickup with all the stuff. Meanwhile our old friend was telling us stories about the old days and the old plantation that was once there. For sure it must have been a successful farm because of all the rain-water coming down from the hill slopes above the farm. The hill can be seen on the road to Rincón. With the very rich soil, the shade and animal manure, everything can easily grow there.

A month after our visit, I asked my friend how his plants and trees were doing with the rich soil and he sent me pictures and a video. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was like a miracle had happened there. From a dried piece of land he made a garden full of young plants like papaya trees, plantain, yuca, coco, lemon grass, sweet potatoes, hot peppers, yambo, wanda beans and more. You can see the loads of dry leaves on top of the soil and it all looks so nice green and vital. A lot of his plants came from my garden, such as the bacoba, plantain and cuttings from my yuca plants and way more. He helps me a lot in my garden with trimming, digging big holes and heavy jobs which I am not able to do.

We help each other and it works perfectly. The more people care and share, the bigger the satisfaction and harvest. And oh yes, my friend started to keep chickens, so we have manure and fresh eggs. This gives a farm feeling which makes me peaceful, satisfied and happy inside. If you can only put your strength and all the ingredients together to make it work. Start now, just do it. Such a beautiful place hidden in the heart of Rincón. Happy Rincón Day.

Angliet grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, and trained as a teacher; then in Alternative Healing. She has traveled the world - north to Russia and Alaska, south to Tierra del Fuego and Africa and all points in between. Returning to the Caribbean with her young family, she taught in St Eustatius and Bonaire. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.

Vista Royal Village announced



Samuel Theodoza-R and Harrold Son Balintina-L at ribbon cutting ceremony

. Photo: Julie Morgan

Vista Royal Village, a new 105 lot development on Kaminda Lac in Nikiboka was officially announced in a ribbon cutting ceremony with Samuel Theodoza and Harrold Son Balintina of Villa Mar Construction of Curaçao. A small ceremony with drinks and snacks was held for invested supporters and the owners of 59 of the 105 lots.

Lots are available from 500 to 1648 sq m. Houses are conservatively estimated to range in building costs from \$300 – \$700k. The Village will feature diabase roads, and a 2400 m communal garden at the rear of the property with existing cactus and trees native to Bonaire that are banned from removal. Four model homes are being built on the property with an

option for a pool at the individual homes.

Theodoza explained, preparation for water and electric has already begun and is expected to be in place in three months with remaining infrastructure finished by December. Local people and businesses will be used for the construction. The property is brokered by Remax and Azariah. This is test property expected to bring in \$50 million in the next seven years. Vista Royal Village is the first project for Villa Mar Construction on Bonaire.



Freedom activities planned for May 4/5

Bonaire's May 4/5 committee has organized activities to mark the island's annual celebration of freedom.

On May 4, after the commemoration of the dead, all will gather to listen to stories about war and peace during a joint brunch at the Terramar Museum.

On May 5th a Freedom Meal will be held at the Museum of SKAL. The interactive program includes both artists and speakers. The guests will talk about what freedom and lack of freedom mean. The aim is to strengthen historical and social awareness by bringing people from different backgrounds into conversation with each other.

Every year the May 4/5 committee publishes a book with Caribbean stories about the Second World War and about freedom. The book entitled, "Buki pa Pensa" ("Thinking book"), is given to



groups 7 and 8 of all primary schools.

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Reef Glimpses

by Dee Scarr

A Sponge Fanatic Is Born

Sappy movies. You know the kind: people are friends for years, and then one day, usually the result of some event, one of them sees the other in a totally new light.

This happened to me last week.

No, not in the romantic sense. The individuals that I'm seeing differently aren't human and are often considered as very primitive. In fact, they aren't even necessarily individuals. They're sponges.

My biggest new perspective was realizing that sponges are not colonies. I've been calling them that, incorrectly, for years; a colony is by definition comprised of individuals that are basically the same, such as coral polyps or human beings. All sponge cells aren't the same, so they're not colonies. Colin and Arneson (Tropical Pacific Invertebrates, 1995) call them "communal associations of cells, loosely arranged to form a network of inhalant and exhalant canals." It'd be accurate, I guess, to call them "communities", or "associations".

Sponges are often called "primitive," because they don't have organs or muscles. But some sponge cells have whip-like projections, called flagella, that create a current that moves water from the outside of the sponge, through the internal canals, and out the sponge's exhaust ports. Other cells have other jobs, working together to make every sponge an efficient water-filtration organism.

Really efficient. In the 1800's, a researcher strained a sponge down to the cellular level. In a couple of days, the cells had rejoined each other and the sponge had mostly rebuilt itself!

Even though sponges generally don't move (of course there are exceptions to that), they do have behaviors; at least one sponge "behavior" is increasing or decreasing the water flow through their communities. On Touch the Sea dives I often used food coloring to mark water flow through sponges, and I learned that once in a while there was no water flow! (This was pretty embarrassing the first time, after I'd described how water moved through sponges...) I figured that the sponge had enough food for the moment, but never thought about how that decision could be made by a community with no apparent leadership.

My acquaintance with sponges became closer during the renovation of the North Pier in 1989. Fifty of the Pier's 200 pilings were scraped bare to check for structural damage. The removed growth, mostly orange cup corals and sponges, was abandoned. We moved orange cup coral clumps to areas where they would be less silted, but what about all those sponges? And those bare pilings? Hmmm.

The Harbourmaster gave us permission to put the sponges on the pilings. In less than two years, divers participating in the Sponge



Captain Don Stewart checks out these tied sponges quite a while after they were attached. The original purple tube sponge was tied to this piling vertically, but clearly the conditions were more favorable in a different direction! Photo Dee Scarr

Reattachment Project tied more than 700 sponges back onto the Pier's pilings. All of the sponges had been rolling around on the bottom for weeks or months. Many of them were tube sponges, which couldn't be attached to the pilings in their original positions; we had to tie them vertically along the piling. We had no idea what their original depth or sunlight exposure might have been.

Nevertheless, almost all the tied sponges thrived, and most are still thriving. They're surprisingly difficult to recognize now because natural growth over the past three decades has blended in (and over, and around) with the tied sponges. Those sponges just reattached and went on with their lives, and no one really considered how amazing that was! What other creature – or association, or community -- could have done it?

It's so easy to overlook sponges because they're just ... there, they don't ever seem to do anything...

Try looking, instead, at how sponges grow, and consider how various forces – current, sunlight, other formations -- created the shape of each sponge community. Is there a sponge you remember from previous Bonaire dives or trips? How does it look now? Don't ya just want to hug it?

No, no, forget that, hugging sponges isn't a good idea (we could hurt them), and also prohibited (because we could hurt them, and one or two types could hurt us). However, for all the problems sponges have solved, there is one problem that can still plague them: siltation.

Sponge communities don't – probably



The syringe directs food coloring along the side of the purple tube sponge; the food coloring is drawn into the sponge and some can be seen exiting from ports on the inside of the sponge tube. small exhaust. Photo Dee Scarr

cannot – reverse their water flow. If sponges become silted, they stay silted, which means they must pump harder for food and oxygen. That's why Captain Don Stewart taught us years ago to fan silt off sponges, and why Bonaire is the better for it.

This particular sappy movie will have sequels, by the way. The sponges are worth it.

Dee has been guiding divers on Bonaire since 1982. She's written about her under-sea 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 through touchthesea.com.



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Making Bonaire Accessible

by Ria Evers-Dokter

Sacrifice?

It is amazing what most private caregivers will do to take care of their loved one. Mostly it is a very close family member that does all the caring, like the wife, husband, son or daughter. Because the relationship is so close, in Dutch this kind of caregiving is compared with a coat. A coat is a piece of clothing that is close to the body, there is little room for anything else.

Taking care means a lot of personal body contact. Hardly anything can come in between the bath giving, putting on clothes, treating wounds or other medical treatments and washing/drying the body. All this caregiving is highly personal, and it is always done because of love for a husband, wife, child, mother or father.

And when the person who receives all that care is no more, there is an enormous gap that is hard to fill. No more “musts,” only emptiness and loneliness.

All the time that has been used to care is gone and all the time in the world does not bring the loved one back.

What to do, how to act, needs to plan.... All gone.

One needs to learn two things, how to be alone and how to take care of oneself. People around us, don’t understand, they say, “Go, do nice activities, let me take you out, call me, if you need something.”

And all you want to do is be alone, not having to must, must, must. Learn to be good to yourself is the message. Because you will neglect yourself and that takes a long time to get over. As a matter of fact, this timeslot is different for everybody.

But then comes a day that the sun shines brighter than you are used to. The birds sing a song you never heard before and you begin to feel again. The numbness starts to disappear.


When someone invites you to go for a drive in the car, you accept and notice that nature has changed. It is clear, bright, sunny and you itch to sit in the sun, talk to somebody and you want to belong to them again.

You get invited to join a group of elderly to be physically active, you get a buddy who cares for you and takes you places. You discover how nice it is to sit with a group of peers and do some hand-crafting, join a group, and enjoy listening to music and even sing along.

That is when you realize that you are somebody, not part of a couple anymore. The loss is still there, and it still hurts, but you know how to handle it. When somebody asks you how your husband is, you do not burst out in tears anymore, but you are able to talk about those last days together.

You realize, you are not alone. There are people out there who care about you. There is a group of people who you can help because you know...you always did. And that makes you happy again.

Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she also used to work as a director at the FKPD and started Special Olympics Bonaire. She took care of her husband (R.I.P) for many years and feels that accessibility is the most important issue on our island.



Creating optimal health

by Irene da Cunda Costa

The food at Rincón Day, good for us

Not all traditions are worth preserving. Some are highly detrimental to all or part of the community. But in general, when we talk about artistic expression: music, songs, dance and food traditions, we can mostly agree that they should be kept alive in the heart of the community.


My area of expertise is better related to healthy diet than artistic expression, so I am going to talk about the virtues of the traditional gastronomy of Rincón Day. Unfortunately for the iguanas, their soup (sopi di yuana) is one of the main dishes of this holiday. This dish provides a high-quality protein, coming from an animal that has lived its time in freedom, fully developing its essence as an iguana, running freely, reproducing, feeding on its natural diet and having the right sun exposure to assure normal levels of vitamin D. I can’t think of a better quality land animal protein option here on Bonaire than that. Another of the traditional dishes is goat stew (kabritu stoba), also high-quality protein, from an animal that has also lived freely, enjoying a varied diet and regular exposure to the sun. Although clearly the first is a native animal and the second is an exotic animal with the consequent negative effect on the environment. The fact that it is not necessary to import goats, avoiding the expenditure of fuel and consequent carbon footprint, might offset the damage to our local vegetation.

The side dishes of Rincón Day are probably the least environmentally friendly since they are mostly imported, although the little spicy peppers are locally produced. I wonder if any of the dishes are accompanied with locally produced maize or is it only the song of their harvest preserved in the celebration?

Other traditional dishes such as fried fish (piska hasa) or tripe soup (sopi di mondongo) would not be on my top list. Although fish is a local product, most of what is called purunchi are reef fish and are cooked by frying them in vegetable oil, also not being the healthiest option to prepare fish. The tripe is not produced on the island, so its carbon footprint must be high, but the soup is tasty and healthy.

In the different food stalls, there are options for all tastes and, although not traditional, there will surely be vegetarian and vegan options for those who want that. Rincón Day is a celebration for the senses, filled with songs, dance, colors, flavors, highlights, and happiness. After a couple of years without being able to fully celebrate this festivity, 2022 will be a long-awaited encounter with island traditions.

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Bonaire’s sky park

Eta Aquarid Meteor Showers


Halley’s comet gifts us the Eta Aquarid Meteor shower peaking May 5th and 6th. To find it, hit the skies around 5 a.m. and look east. Mars and Saturn are both visible in the eastern sky and you can use them as guides. The Eta Aquarids appear to emanate from Aquarius. Aquarius is hard to see because he is so dim (but with the magic of computer apps you can locate him). The shower is named after the brightest star of the Aquarius constellation, Eta Aquarii. The meteors seem to come from Aquarius’ water jar and peak at up to sixty an hour.

Halley’s meteors are called earthgrazers because they make long streaks that seem to come from the horizon itself. The streaks are bits of ice and rock shed by the famous Halley’s comet. Comet Halley takes around 76 years to make a complete revolution around the Sun. The next time it will be visible from Earth is in 2061. The Eta Aquarids is one of two meteor showers created by debris from Comet Halley. The Earth passes through Halley’s path around the Sun a second time in October. This creates the Orionid meteor shower, which peaks around October 20.

The website, timeanddate.com, provides star watchers with a sky map and table to help them find the radiant (shower origin) from specific locations around the world.

Thanks to Trace Dominguez of stargazer-online and to timeanddate.com

Arte di Palabra Bonaire held



Bonaire’s Arte di Palabra speech competition, which has existed for 17 years, was held this year on April 23 at Mangazina di Rei. Twenty-two young people participated from secondary schools and, for the first time, from eight different primary schools. Arte di Palabra develops literary talents and literature in children who compete by reciting poems and telling stories.

The youths must either write an original poem or story or recite words from a poem or story already in print. They must perform in costume and present the piece as a performance. The piece must be in Papiamentu and its grammar must be correct. The students are judged by voice inflection, acting, body language and overall physical presentation. Participants have been training since February with coach Jonathan de Wind and his team.

Arte di Palabra 2022’s theme ‘Honor to acoustic music’ is dedicated to Emma Sint Jago. Sint Jago’s participation in the Grupo Tutti Frutti organization has helped keep Bonaire culture and language alive through song.

Arte di Palabra is held on Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao with participants from each island competing against each other. This year’s ABC island contest will be held on May 28 in Curaçao. Twelve students from Bonaire were selected to compete, two of whom are from Jong Bonaire. The students will spend two days on Curaçao to prepare and compete. Air, hotel, transportation and food will be provided by OLB.

Winners of the ABC island competition will receive gift cards, a grammar book in Papiamentu, a compilation of 2019 best works from the ABC islands Arte di Palabra and a trophy.

Bonaire’s Palabra winners who are headed to ABC competition are: Krysten Martis, Arlene Statia, Makaesha Makaya, Mishelly Alcantara; Maycy Trenidad, Kaylee Winklar, Trevor Anthony, D’annege Sint Jago, Maria-Luisa Troncon, Jeaniro Dorothea, Junella Josephia, Irienska Martinus, Yeminah Maria and Ramso Coffie. *Photo and story Julie Morgan.*

Jeanino Dorothea, winner best original story from secondary schools.

TUI landing dumps 300 unexpected passengers on Curaçao

On April 17, during a TUI flight en route from the Dominican Republic to Amsterdam with a stop at Bonaire, the cockpit window cracked. The pilot decided to turn back while over Anguila and headed for Curaçao, where he made a precautionary landing. The plane had 300 passengers aboard. The airport was shutting down for the night. Accommodations on the island were already overflowing with Easter visitors. Airline staff was overwhelmed and officials were not helpful. Things did not go well. *DMR*

Mastercard is shutting down Maestro

The Maestro debit card, a Mastercard product for more than 30 years, is being shut down. Debit Mastercard is replacing it. No more Maestro cards will be issued or renewed after July 1, 2023. All Maestro cards will have expired by July, 2027. Debit Mastercard is accepted wherever Mastercard is accepted, online and offline. *DMR*

"Magic glasses" allow Bonaire and Dutch surgeons to work together in real time

Recently a unique medical procedure was performed on Bonaire. While a surgeon in the Fundashon Mariadal hospital operated on a patient, another surgeon was observing the procedure in the University Medical Center (AUMC) in Amsterdam. The surgeon on Bonaire, Dr. Ralph Gadiot, was wearing "smart glasses" while performing keyhole surgery on a patient's abdomen. The glasses transmitted digital images of the procedure to the Netherlands, where another surgeon,

Jurriaan Tuynman, watched on a computer screen.

The patient is scheduled for abdominal surgery at the AUMC. The surgeon in Amsterdam will have already seen the inside of her abdominal cavity and will not have to begin by performing the exploratory keyhole surgery himself.

DMR (BESreporter)

Stadium's days appear numbered

The Executive Council of Bonaire is seriously considering moving the stadium from the center of Kralendijk to a new location, according to James Kroon, Deputy of Infrastructure. Traffic studies carried out several years ago recommended the stadium be removed so that, among other things, new roads could be built. In particular, the traffic bottleneck at the T-junction in front of the stadium could be eliminated. That is where traffic passing from the airport through the town center converges with the heavy traffic on both the Kaya Gilberto Croes and the Kaya International. Bonaireans are too familiar with the long traffic jams that build up there. *DMR*

Bonaire battling acute crisis in affordable housing

The Public Entity Bonaire (OLB), the State (the ministries in the Netherlands), and various social organizations continue to work with Fundashon Cas Bonairiano (Housing Association Bonaire) to tackle Bonaire's growing housing crisis at the lower end of the market, where affordable housing and rental housing are expensive and in short supply. In the past year Fundashon Cas Bonairiano completed 50 new homes. It also has 204 rental homes and 50 owner-occupied homes in preparation. *DMR*

Students can now take gap year at home before studying in the Netherlands

Young Bonaireans who have completed HAVO or VWO can now stay at home and enroll in a gap year program that will prepare them for advance study in the Netherlands. In the Netherlands one of every three Dutch students drop out during their first year. They are not prepared for advanced study, and in many cases have not committed to a course of study that interests them. The drop out rate is much higher for Caribbean students because they have many more challenges in adapting to an unfamiliar learning culture.

During the gap year on Bonaire, the participants will have an opportunity to relax from the rigors of preparing for examinations and take time to thorough-

ly orient themselves on their choice of study. They will explore their own interests and talents, and improve their command of the Dutch language.

The gap year will start in September. A new organization, the Fundashon Nos Ta Yuda Bo, was created to manage it, and the Education Institute Bonaire (OIB) will provide the content. Young people who have stopped their further education and have returned to Bonaire can also participate at the Gap Year. Interested? Please contact Gerty Koffijberg or Rosemarijn de Jong, +599 717 1141 or info.oibonaire@gmail.com. More information can be found on facebook or instagram: gapjaar.bonaire. *DMR*

Mangrove Maniacs report



Rik Vermeulen explains the topic of his thesis "A case study about the salinity issues at the mangrove forests of Lac Bay at Bonaire." Photo Julie Morgan

Bonaire's Mangrove Maniacs presented a summary of their on-going work to protect Bonaire's mangrove forest in a gathering on April 21. At the same time eight Netherlands students presented their research thesis topics

Sabine Engel, developer of the Lac Restoration project for STINAPA, said the Maniacs' concentration was still on Lac Bay where they are working to improve water circulation for healthy mangrove trees. She said the group is beginning to see the effects of their work.

The maniacs originally started in the easy areas of Lac but are now working in different terrain. They are digging down deeper to open the channels where they have discovered buttonwood trees, mangrove seeds and occasionally old coral heads under the mangrove peat. There has been a substantial change from 2014 to 2020.

Engel said sargassum continues to come in. It creates chemical build up and research is being done. Maniacs are working with other groups to secure funding to counter the sargassum.

Support from the Dutch military was very important to the Maniacs' channel work.

The group is working with 220 hydrological modeling.

The research students, who are for the most part here for three months, are funded through their universities, grants or other financial support. When their theses work is finalized back in the Netherlands the results will be shared with the Maniacs and published on the Maniac website: www.mangrovemaniacs.org and/or dcdb.nl. Their research topics are:

Lan Remeta - *Map of Erosion in Lac Bay, Potential Erosion in the Catchment of Lac Bay* (Wageningen)

Rik Vermeulen - *A case study about the salinity issues at the mangrove forests of Lac Bay at Bonaire* (Wageningen)

Femke van der Drift - *Effects of runoff on environmental conditions and mangroves performance in the backwaters of Lac Bay and Lagun, Bonaire*. (Wageningen)

Laura Schefold - *Distribution of fish communities across shallow-water mangrove habitats*. (Wageningen)

Laura Oosting - *On seagrass restoration* (Wageningen)

Thijs Hofstede - *The relationship between the seagrass *T.testudinum* and the green algae *Avrainvillea**. (Radboud Univ.)

Jasper Raijmakers - *Comparing survival and growth rate of two mangrove restoration methods and map planting sites* (V Hal Larenstein)

Bodi Ouwersloot - *WUR Turtle grass as bioindicator for eutrophication and trace metal pollution in the coastal bays of Bonaire, the Caribbean Netherlands*. (Wageningen)

Mangrove Maniacs began as a group of volunteers in the Ecological Restoration Project Lac and Southern Bonaire concentrating mostly on the mangroves. When the project ended the Maniacs received support from private donors. Current funding for the mangrove restoration work is through STINAPA and BEST20+ <https://www.best2plus.org>.

Julie Morgan



Support the people of Ukraine through a donation to one of these organizations or other verified charities.

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Mercy Corps (mercycorps.org)
Giro 555 (giro555.nl)


Activities, Events & Meetings


12 steps meeting: Every Wednesday evening 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Address: Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47 (in the yellow building)

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Every Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m. International Bible Church Kaya Papago 104 in Hato (Behind Bon Bida Spa and Gym and Bon Bida apartments). All welcome, regardless of primary addiction or no addiction at all.

Beach Tennis Bonaire can now be found at its new location, the Kaminda Djabou (direct left from Kaya Neerlandia --behind Budget Marine). It is open daily until 10 p.m. People can play for free or register for training and tournaments for a fee.


Bridgeclub Bonaire organizes a bridge evening Wednesdays from 7:15 p.m. You are welcome, whatever level you play. Contact us via phone 796 2819 or email peejeesee@gmail.com. See <https://www.facebook.com/BridgeclubBonaire>.

 **Manta Monday** - Nicole Pelletier of the Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation Program gives a presentation at Yellow Submarine every Monday 7:30 p.m.

 **Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)**. Free public presentations are held at Yellow Submarine, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, at 8 p.m.

NGO offices have moved

The office of the NGO Platform has moved from Kaya Amsterdam to Kaya Soeur Bartola (behind the hospital). Members and interested parties are welcome from Monday to Wednesday between 8 a.m. and 12 noon for questions or support. For more information about NGO platform: Email: info@ngobonaire.org; Phone: 717 2366 or 782 4569 (mobile)

 **Government's fitness program for seniors (55+) and people with disabilities**

Saturday, May 7, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
at Tera Kora, Amboina and Antriol

Saturday, May 21, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
at Nikiboko, Noord Saliña and Rincón

For information and transport
phone 715-5311 or 785-4374
Email:
moveshondenbario@bonairegov.com

Radiothon Fundraiser

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Bonaire's Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary service clubs teamed up with Mega Hit FM / Voz di Bonaire to raise money for families who are having a harder time making ends meet.

On that day people drove thru Mega Hit FM (Blv. Gobernador N. Debrot) to donate cash and/or non-perishable food items. Service club members also collected in Kaya Grandi, Kaya Kòrsou.

The monies raised will help two local foundations, the Food Bank and Food at School. Kiwanis can also distribute more baby food and care packages.

If you missed that date, you can still contribute by making a money transfer, using the bank account:

MCB 416.401.06
(Maduro and Curiel, Bonaire)
Kiwanis Club of Kralendijk, Bonaire
Please use Radiothon as the description
Together we can!

INTERESTED IN BONAIRE'S GEOLOGY?

Everyone who loves Bonaire has questions about the island's geology. How was the island formed and when? What is the composition of the island's topographical structures? Is Bonaire a volcanic island?

All your questions will be answered in a three-part fun class on the geology of Bonaire by André Nahr.

The class will be held on Tuesday 24, Thursday 26 and Saturday 28 in May. Sessions 1 and 2 are scheduled from 7-9 p.m. and session 3 brings everything together in a fun field trip on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The field trip will include visits to several interesting spots on the island to learn and see first hand examples of Bonaire's geology. Comfortable shoes are suggested, but there is no heavy hiking. The class is taught in English and will be held at DCNA, Kaya Nikiboko Zuid 56.

Cost is \$105.00 p.p. payable in cash at the first session.

Please sign up at geology.andrenahr@gmail.com, but don't wait too long, only 15 spots are available.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn Bonaire's fascinating geology.

Coming June

TASTE OF BONAIRE EVENT 2022 (TALENT EDITION) June 11. Experience food, culture, local handicrafts and all things offered on Bonaire. On top of that, taste signature dishes of well-known restaurants offered at special prices @ Wilhelmina Park. Start at 6 pm.

Bonaire Rum Week will be held for the first time June 14 to 17, 2022. The festival will begin with an opening party, followed by an island-wide cocktail competition featuring Bonaire's best bartenders, a rum-soaked lunch, a juicy rum Happy Hour; a multi-course culinary experience combined with rum, followed by a rum-and-cigar combination event.

For the most up-to-date information, schedule, events and partners, visit:
www.bonaierumweek.com

What's Happening

Bonaire Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza. Weekly schedule can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/BonaireArtsandCraftsCruiseMarket/>

Bonaire Library: Mon. 12-5; Tues. to Thurs. 8-5; Fri. 8-4:30; Sat. 8-12. Kaya Gramel 715 5344. Anyone can become a member. Free for residents between 0 and 18 years. For persons older than 18 years a membership costs \$6 a year. Members can borrow ebooks online. More than 20,000 Dutch and English novels and nonfiction can be found on www.onlinebibliotheek.nl


Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei in Rincon: Tuesday - Friday 9-4

Washington Slagbaai: Open every day. 8-5 (entry up to 1 p.m.)

STINAPA headquarters: Mon-Fri 8-4. +599 717 8444. +599 777 8444.

Animal Shelter: Open fully. Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 2-3:30 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. phone/whatsapp: 701 4989 or 717 4989. Email: animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Pakus di Pruga (Shelter flea market. Central Kralendijk): Pakus is back open, regular hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays. Masks required indoors, social distancing.

Wednesday April 27	King's Day. Public holiday. National day. Offices & services closed. Radiothon Fundraiser, 'Together We Can'. 12 - 6 p.m. Mega Hit FM / Voz di Bonaire. Raise money for the Food Bank and Food at School. See this page for bank transfer information.
Saturday April 30	Rincón Day. Regional holiday
Sunday, May 1 Monday, May 2	Labor Day. Public holiday. Offices and services closed Monday. Sunday May 1 TCB & Friends Group Simadan Parade @ Kralendijk 3:30 p.m. Starts at Van den Tweel and ends at Wilhelmina Park.
Monday, May 3	Workshop Nation Building & Branding. Terramar Museum. Register May 1, Lilianedegeus7171@gmail.com ; tel. +599-9-5657171
	Wednesday, May 4 Commemoration of the dead. Brunch at the Terramar Museum. Stories of war and peace. Thursday, May 5 Freedom meal Museum of SKAL with speakers and artists. See page 5. Thursday, May 5 5 p.m. Demonstration. Come and support the Peaceful People's Manifesto. Location: Trade union building, AFBW on Kaya Korona 13. See page 4.
Saturday, May 7	Barrio Festival Rincon, Caricari. (Behind the large church) 5 - 10 p.m. Tourists can get acquainted with Bonaireans, the island's culture and its products
Sunday, May 8	Clean Coast Bonaire. 4-6 p.m. Piedra Pretu. Collect marine litter & data by donating your time working as a citizen scientist. . https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire
May 19-June 2	Bonaire Culinaire Participating restaurants, lunchrooms and foodtrucks will offer diners a three-course dinner for \$33; a two-course lunch for \$22 and a foodtruck special for \$11. For more information visit: https://bonaire-culinaire.com

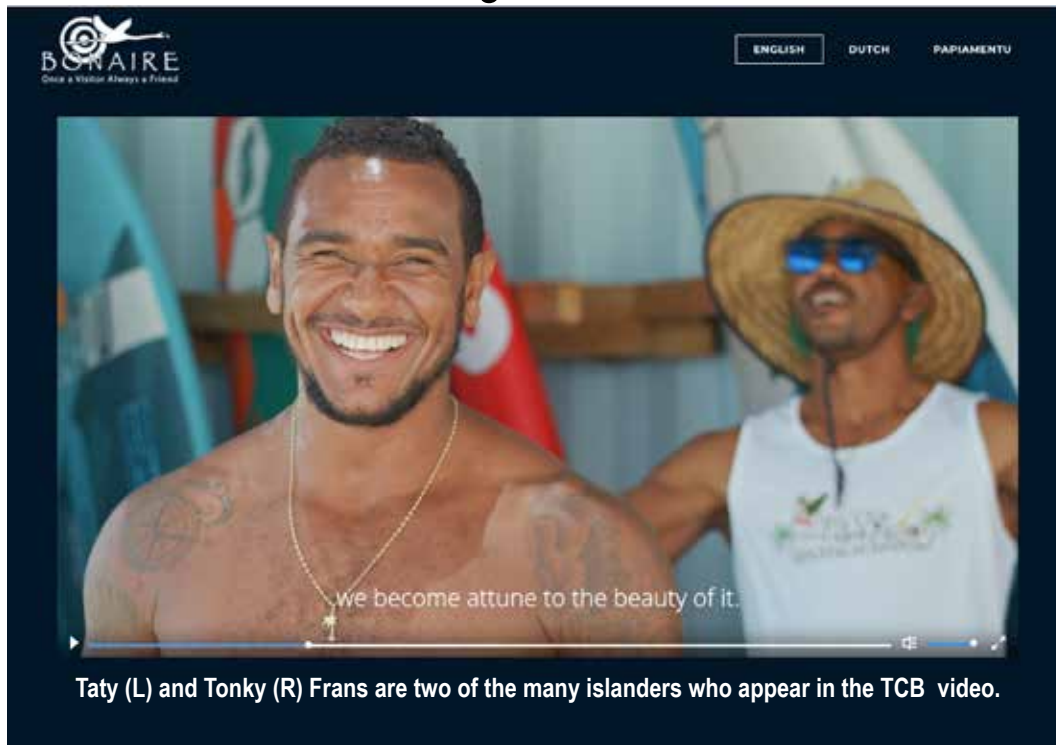
Tentative cruise ship schedule April - May

DAY & DATE:	DD/MM	CRUISE SHIP	TIME	CAPACITY	LINE
Wednesday	27-04	<i>Carnival Magic</i>	0800-1600	3690	Carnival USA
Wednesday	04-05	<i>Carnival Horizon</i>	0800-2200	4716	Carnival USA
Wednesday	11-05	<i>Mariner of the Seas</i>	0800-2000	4001	Royal Caribbean
Thursday	12-05	<i>Celebrity Equinox</i>	0700-1600	3420	RCCL/CEL
Tuesday	17-05	<i>Explorer OTS</i>	0800-1800	3938	Royal Caribbean

International Flights to Bonaire

Amsterdam (AMS)	KLM connects daily through Aruba arriving Bonaire 20:50. Departure 22:05 TUI Fly direct flights will start in March 2022. Now connecting Sat through Aruba and M. W. Th. F. Sun. through Curaçao. Times vary in afternoon and evening.
Brussels (BRU) Starting Nov. 4	Air Belgium starting in November will fly twice weekly F. Sun. Arrive Bonaire 15:05. Return departure 16:05. The triangle flight makes Bonaire the first stop from Brussels then carries on to Curaçao: BRU-BON-CUR-BRU
Atlanta (ATL)	Delta Four weekly flights: M. W. F. Sat. Arriving 14:44. Return departure 16:09 From April 10th through June Delta will fly twice weekly: Tues. Sat.
Miami (MIA)	American During March and April American will be offering daily flights to Bonaire from Miami, Florida. Arriving 14:30. Departure 15:37.
Houston (IAH) & New York (EWR)	United Sat. from Houston arrive 15:53 depart 14:40. Sat from New York Newark Liberty International arrive 15:53 depart Sun. 06:03.
Toronto (YYZ & YTZ)	Pearson International (YYZ) Seven routes with one connection via: Aruba; Miami; Punta Cana; Atlanta; Curaçao, New York; Huston. Billy Bishop (YTZ) One route with one connection via New York (EWR)

TCB launches “Bonaire Bond” campaign with magnificent video



Want to watch a superbly produced vision of the island and its people? Go to www.BonaireBond.com and scroll to the bottom of the web page.

Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) is using the video to launch a new destination pledge, the “Bonaire Bond.” The campaign invites visitors to sign a promise to travel responsibly and be supportive of the island and its people. The goal is to recruit visitors’ help in sustaining Bonaire’s natural appeal for years to come.

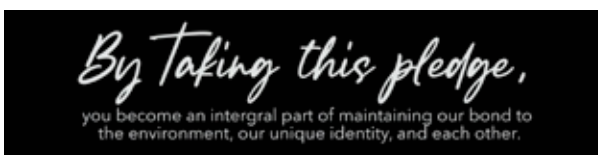
People who sign the pledge will adopt their own coral tree. The Reef Renewal Bonaire foundation will record them as the sponsor of the health and future of a specific coral growth on the reef.

The pledge commits visitors to respect the environment, to be mindful of the wildlife, and to honor the

community’s deep bond and stewardship of its island.

The TCB will use multiple channels to educate and encourage visitors to commit to the Bonaire Bond. Local businesses and residents can download a ‘partner toolkit.’ The toolkit gives easy instructions on how to share “The Bonaire Bond” on social media (Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn), email, websites, booking confirmations, and in real life via a printable QR-Code display card. The toolkit, like the video, can be found on www.BonaireBond.com.

While you are at the site, don’t forget to sign. DMR



Fishing, continued from page 1

Challenges today

Decisions need to be made about the many charter boats on Bonaire. How many people are allowed on a boat? What fish are the boats allowed to catch and what is the minimum size limit? Should the charter boats be restricted to catch and release?

“People want to fish [bone fish] in the Salinas and that usually means down south. Regulations for bone fishing are creating problems... we are writing policy now,” said Raming.

Due to new fishing regulations in Curaçao, many of their boats are coming to Bonaire. STINAPA and the local fishermen object. Fishing has turned into an international issue as well. Venezuelan boats have been spotted on the east coast with long lines. They are taking fish and bycatch and selling to other countries.

STINAPA and Piskabon have a working relationship which both Raming and Delannoy are happy about.

“We understand it [fishing] is part of tradition and culture and it should have a part but there needs to be a balance. Hope we can take the next step in realizing the things that need to be changed. We want to have fish 100 years from now,” said Raming. *Julie Morgan*

Island Protected Marine Animals

(Protected species)

Spotted eagle ray • Southern stingray • Manta ray • Sharks • Queen trigger • Marbled grouper • Goliath grouper • Nassau grouper • Hogfish • Mutton snapper • Cubera snapper • Red porgy • Parrotfishes • Bigeye Tuna

(Special rules and regulations)

Caribbean spiny lobster • Spotted spiny lobster • Smoothtail spiny lobster

(Protected, special rules and regulations and international CITES protection)

Queen conch

Adopt-A-Nest



Adopting a sea turtle nest at Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) supports over 30 years of research and conservation on hawksbill, green and loggerhead turtles. Your generous donation helps fund STCB’s ongoing research, including the collection and sharing of data with (inter)national institutes and networks. It helps protect sea turtle populations in the Wider Caribbean Region, and it supplies equipment needed by staff and volunteers when patrolling Bonaire’s nesting beaches.

With the support of their adopters, STCB has increased their capacity since the start of Adopt-A-Nest in 2015. Staff and volunteers patrol Bonaire’s nesting beaches every morning between May and December to confirm new activities, to protect nests and to collect data on hatching success. The organization continuously looks for ways to deal with existing and new threats, such as increasing sand temperatures, high tides and storm surges, and coastal development.

In the past seven years, 97 companies and families have become adopters. Together, they adopted 225 nests, which produced 25,230 hatchlings that safely made their way to the sea.

You can become an adopter this year! Supporting Bonaire’s widely-loved sea turtles by adopting a nest allows for prominent visibility: through press, word of mouth and social media STCB puts the nest adopters’ name and logo in the spotlight. But that’s not all: the adopters also receive a unique Adopt-A-Nest certificate, and their name and/or logo are displayed on STCB’s Nest-O-Meter, which is located outside of their office at Kaya Korona #53.

The promotion of the adopters not only increases their brand awareness, it also demonstrates their commitment to Bonaire’s community and unique wildlife. Adopt-A-Nest is therefore a great vehicle for companies wishing to do good and to be seen as doing good.

To Adopt-A-Nest you can call (+599) 717 2225 or send an email to Kaj Schut at stcb@bonaireturtles.org. For more information, please have a look at STCB’s website: www.bonaireturtles.org.

Kaj Schut

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Pets of the Week

If you would like to meet our cats and dogs, please come to Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26A. Open Monday - Friday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. nonstop. You can also call 7014989 or 7174989 to make an appointment, also via whatsapp, facebook messenger and email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com



Dear Humans,

We would like to introduce ourselves as the Shelter children. We are all staying in the puppy kennel and are a happy family of 27. Our youngest are 7 weeks and the oldest is 7 months. We come in different sizes characters and colors and we share but one simple wish - a HOME. We do have a lot of fun and a lot of friends and some days we see a lot of visitors who come play with us and cuddle.

But we really want a home and to be a member of a family although sometimes that's something that never seems meant to be. The nice people here tell us never give up hope and we will each get our own special home and family. So that's why we reach out to you and ask please come visit us and give us a loving home because that's what we all dream of, isn't it? We are waiting for you!

Story and photo: Sanne Attevelt

Shelter News

Spring cleaning? You can help the shelter and our community

The cost of just about everything has skyrocketed and times are economically difficult for many people on the island. As a result, the Bonaire Animal Shelter's second hand store, Pakus di Pruga is always in need of used household items which are sold at bargain prices. The store is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the newly donated items that arrive each Saturday are quickly purchased. Just about anything and everything home or family related is snapped up before it hits the shelves. Things like furniture, kitchen items, linens, bedding, beds, clothes, toys, kid's clothes, appliances, phone accessories, computers and computer accessories, just to name a few are needed. **Remember, even if you don't need it or use it someone else does and will!**

If you are doing some spring cleaning, moving, remodeling, or just making space in your cupboards please consider donating your unwanted used items to Animal Shelter's Pakus di Pruga. Your generosity will serve two worthy causes:



helping the island community and helping to feed and care for all the animals at the Bonaire Animal Shelter. The store is run and staffed by tireless, dedicated volunteers so there is no overhead and all the proceeds from sales go directly to the care and feeding of the shelter residents.

You can drop off your items at the Pakus di Pruga on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the Animal Shelter during their business hours. Pick up for large items can be arranged at your request. Pakus di Pruga is located on Kaya Simone Bolivar across from Brandaris Cafe. Remember, even if you don't need it someone else does!

Jane Disko



L-R: Jane Disko Sanne Attevelt Monique Degenaar Yolanda van den Nieuwenhof
The Bonaire Reporter Apr. 27 - May 11, 2022

Hi, my name is Daisy.

One day, a person picked me up from the street and put me in a small room at the shelter (kouchi) That was six months ago and I'm maybe a year old. Of course I was a little afraid at the beginning but I'm really a sweet cat. I like to be close to humans and I'm a laidback companion, not demanding.

I'm what humans call a tortie, best known as the divas of the catworld. I'm just a special cat, if I may say so.

I have had all my vaccinations, I'm sterilized and will be chipped the moment you decide that I will be your new family member. You can meet me in the cat palace at the Shelter. See you soon!

Story Monique Degenaar,

Photo Yolanda van den Nieuwenhof



Daisy

Parrots and People!

by Daria Taiakina and Caroline Walta

Echo celebrates Earth Day 2022

April 22 was global Earth Day, which is celebrated as a reminder to all to protect the environment and work towards restoring damaged ecosystems. This year's Earth Day also emphasizes the urgency of the climate crisis and how our livelihoods depend on protecting our planet.

"This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest In Our Planet." — earthday.org

Echo invests in our planet by restoring local forests and protecting the vulnerable animals within the ecosystem. We celebrated by re-potting about 50 trees and out-planting native trees during our last two Volunteer Saturdays. The vol-

unteers did great work to contribute to restoration of the local environment and enjoyed the whole experience!

"Not only was it a peaceful and fulfilling morning, we got to see and hear a lot of local birds. Lola and Kiki [resident Loras] kept us company from their enclosure, being quite chatty and charming, and I managed to count several different species of birds hopping around the foliage." — Nico Bachmann, Echo Volunteer.

We also celebrated Earth Day by collaborating with Digicel! Together we created a video about Echo and our conservation efforts. This video is posted on both Digicel and Echo Facebook pages. Check it out and comment on the video how YOU contribute to protecting our planet for Earth Day for a chance to WIN two tickets for a tour with Echo! We can't wait to read how you celebrated Earth Day and see two lucky winners on the tour.



Twist in lora love story: Ex shows up

The love couple loras at Echo are still very close. Man "Pinda" continues to feed his woman "Popje" every morning. An adorable way of showing his wife he is a good husband and that he can take care of a future family. But Pinda also spends a lot of time defending their territory. Especially since the former date of Popje showed up.

His name is "Oskar" and this ex-rehabilitated lora visits Echo now and then. And Pinda is NOT happy seeing his wife chatting to her ex. With loud calls and bold body language he makes it very clear to the intruder: you left and now Popje is mine!

To see and hear more about this lovely Lora Couples you can book your tour right now by sending us an email at info@echobonaire.org.

To learn more about Echo, parrots, people and plants, please check out our website www.echobonaire.org and join our Facebook page for the latest updates.

Meet the Artist: Josie Martinez

MoltenWolf Glass artist Josie Martinez Mangle explained the methods behind her popular Lionfish glass pieces in a "Meet the Artist" event on April 22.

Josie led the audience of approximately 30 people through the process of making her unique glass pieces.

She explained how she finds an image, draws it, cuts the glass, assembles it and then fires the piece up to six times. Each firing takes approximately 26 hrs. reaching temperatures of up to 1475F (820c).

Josie makes five lionfish at once in different sizes and colors so they can be used at a later time to make either plates, wall hangings or mini-sculptures. Depending on the designation, the piece then goes through another series of firing and contouring before the glass art is complete.

Owner Jeff Wolf said he and wife Valerie were looking for an artist to join their team at MoltenWolf. They needed someone who could draw and they discovered the talent of Josie Martinez Mangle. She is



an accomplished painter, does unusual cake art and tattoos.

Josie joined the team of Jeff, Valerie and artist Joel in December 2021. Meet the Artist is a series of events featuring glass artists that will be held throughout the year. MoltenWolf Glass is located at Kaya J.N.E. Craane and is open Monday – Friday from 9a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information about MoltenWolf Glass visit our business page or visit www.moltenwolf-glass.com. *Story and photo Julie Morgan*

Bikers compete in TimBo Funrace



Winner Tom Homburg. Photo Arjen van Dorsten

The TimBo Funrace attracted 35 cyclists on April 24. Of the 23 cyclists in Elite, Tom Homburg and Virgillio Batista were once again first and second place leaders with an end time of 1.10.52 for Tom and 1.17.28 for Virgillio. The Elite was three rounds of 11km. Eleven riders joined the Funrace with Damian de Wit taking first with an end time of 58.27 and second place going to Eric v.d. Keuken with 104.57. The Funrace is five laps of 4.7 km. See the full results on our online updates. <https://bonairereporter.com>



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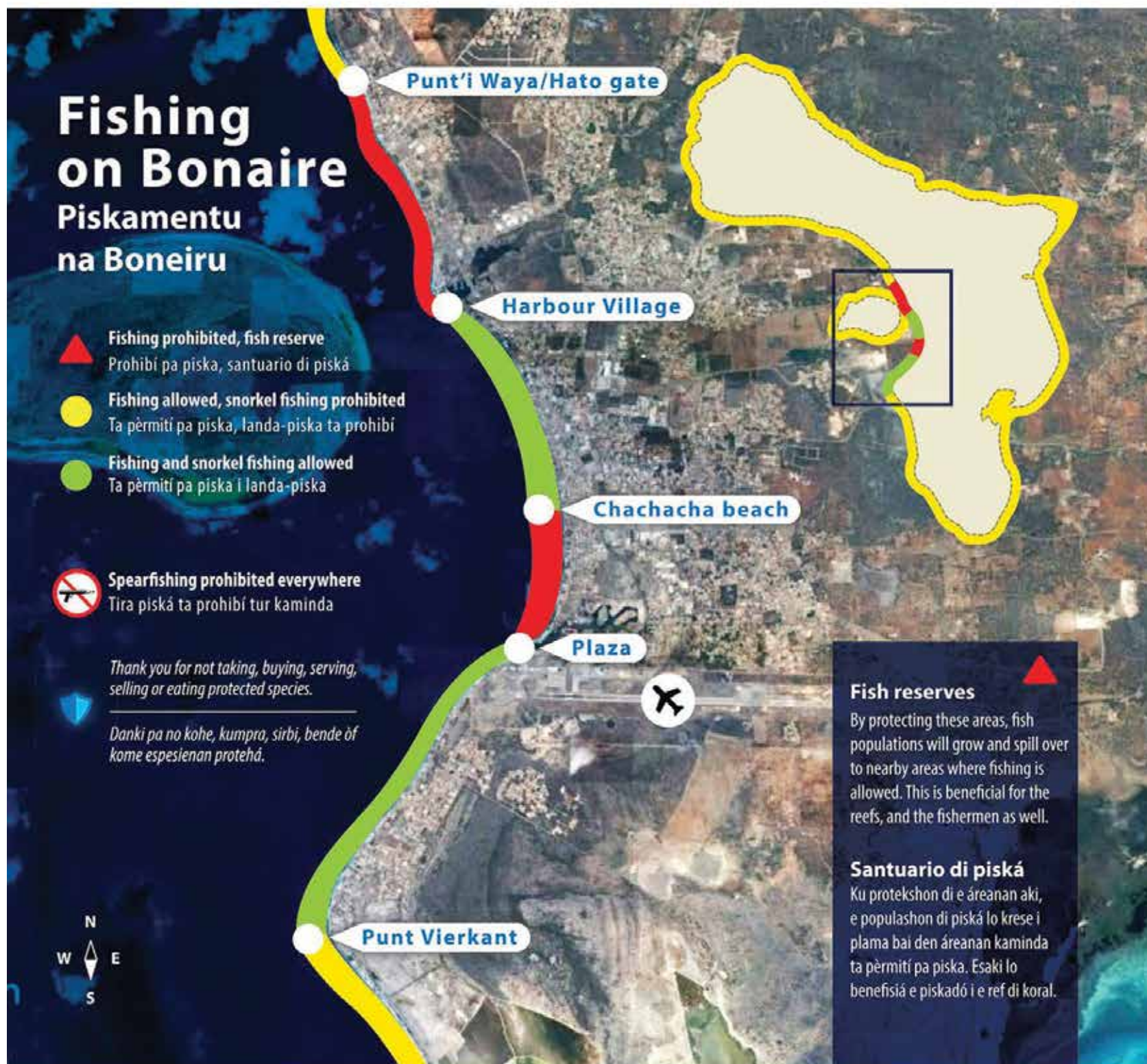




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