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Photo Julie Morgan

Exploring Bonaire Sabal Palm Park

With so many species in nature disappearing yearly due to human intervention, the identification of the Bonaire Sabal palm (*Sabal lougheediana)* as a unique species in 2019 was something to celebrate. This discovery by Quirijn Coolen, director of BonBerde and M Patrick Griffith of Montgomery Botanical Center of this palm found solely on Bonaire is just one more distinction of Bonaire's nature.

The Bonaire Sabal palm was actually discovered in 1979 but it took the scientific research of Coolen and Griffith to find how exceptional it is. The find is so remarkable that the Bonaire Sabal Palm Park (BSPP) was opened with government funding from several sources last May.

This is not only a park, but a full scale ecosystem recovery and makes it possible for more people to connect with Bonaire nature.

The first tour was last week and we were happy to be a part of the 20 people receiving a guided introduction by Coolen.

The entrance is open 24 hours a day to anyone but goats and donkeys. There is a hop over gate for walkers or cyclists (no electric) and a regular gate. BSPP is about 321 acres (130 ha) and contains three trails designated by rocks painted green, yellow and blue. Following the trails is important as much of the terrain looks the same and it would be easy to get lost. The trails are cleared but rocky and contain some rough iron shore, so be sure to wear suitable hiking shoes. To keep the goats and donkeys from entering and grazing on the palms, 2.3 km of Bonaire climate friendly plastic coated fence with plastic posts, line the perimeter.

Coolen told us, prior to setting the fence, they spent a lot of money to remove the goats and donkeys as they eat the palms and trample the young seedlings. Unfortunately, the most efficient way to get rid of the goats was to kill them. Two remain within the fencing and they have now become five.

Along the trails are signs giving a description of points of interest like the large Sabal palms and some juveniles fenced within a fence.

At the end of 2024, there were 1,638 palms and 21 were mature. Today there are 17 mature palms and almost 1600 palms in the seedling stage. We saw one of the mature palms that had fallen and died with five or six young plants at its base that were it's offspring.

Coolen said, "The mature palm was most likely brought down by a combination of circumstances. It had already been weakened by extreme conditions and waterlogged soil following a long dry period, together with strong wind gust it fell. The palm remained alive for several months after falling, but unfortunately the extreme drought this year caused it to die completely."

Coolen explained that 90% of palm offspring live in bushy plants, known as Manzanina di Bobo, Kamari and Mangel Blanku, or "nurse plants". They provide shelter, help retain moisture and create a kind of microclimate for the vulnerable plants.



Quirijn Coolen Photo Julie Morgan

After identifying some 800 potential Sabal palms in Kralendijk neighborhoods, DNA samples were taken from 150 potential Sabal palms to determine whether they belong to Bonaire's endemic Sabal palm population.

"The genetic testing is necessary because Sabal palms growing in gardens can look quite different from those in the wild. With more water and … more favorable growing conditions, garden palms develop much faster and can have a different appearance", said Coolen, "We expect the DNA results in 2027 and will share them…"

If the results are positive, Coolen hopes people will share the Sabal palm seeds with others so more can be planted across the island.

In the wild it takes 25 years for a Sabal palm to show a visible trunk, but in a garden a palm can grow several meters high in 15 years.

Coolen said, "Approximately 25 percent of the total Sabal palm population remains outside the protected fencing of BSPP. These palms grow on roughly 20 hectares of privately owned land adjoining the current BSPP. When the BSPP fencing was installed, we asked the landowners for permission to include and protect these palms as well, without seeking any rights over the property. Unfortunately, that permission was not granted. We remain hopeful that permission will eventually be granted so that these important palms can also be protected."

Campaigns supporting BSSP are OLB's Nos ta Biba di Naturalesaå and NTBDN with funding by NEPP through the Ministries of LVVN and L&W. In addition to support from Seacology, Cargill Bonaire and Montgomery Botanical Center.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan

Even with money in hand BES lacks capacity — Van der Burg

During the October 7 and 8 budget discussions, The House of Representative asked Cabinet to identify which public facilities in the Caribbean Netherlands require structural improvement in the coming years and to clarify how the necessary improvements can be financed. Van der Burg answered, in effect: All the public facilities need structural funding, and the European Netherlands can't afford to provide the funding they would require.

As Van der Burg framed the issue, the Dutch have provided funding for upgrading many existing facilities and the creation of needed ones. But the new initiatives are not getting off the ground because the Public Bodies do not have the capacity to carry them out. And because existing facilities are not being maintained, the projected costs of upgrading them steadily grows as time passes.

Van der Burg acknowledged that the current method of funding physical infrastructure prevents the island administrations from exercising full integral administrative and financial responsibility. Therefore, essential maintenance is not carried out, backlogs accumulate, and necessary investments are not made.

On the other hand, Van der Burg cited study after study about government services that have been funded, but the individual public bodies did not have the capacity to spend the money. Van der Burg said some of the Public Body failures to implement funding may cause serious crises in the BES. The AEF report for instance discussed, on an island-by-island basis, the uncovered challenges regarding infrastructure for drinking water and wastewater treatment and sewerage.



Eric van der Burg
State Secretary Kingdom Relations and Effective Government of the Netherlands

The islands have not taken advantages of the government's funding initiatives intended to assure a sustainable supply of electricity. Bonaire is making good progress, though, mostly because of ContourGlobal's commitment to install new wind turbines Bonaire's use of sustainable energy will grow from 20% to 70%.

Many other funded projects are on hold. *DMR*

The Dutch continue to walk softly; but they are buying a big stick

The Dutch government has announced two strategies for sharing the neighborhood with its volatile ally to the north. On the one hand, The Hague says it sees no reason to amend the so-called FOL treaty, which is up for renewal. The "forward operations locations" agreement enables the U.S. military to conduct flights for surveillance, monitoring, and the detection of drug shipments in the Caribbean. The U.S. has been cooperating in the fight against drugs for more than thirty years under the U.S.-led Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S).

On the other hand, on October 19, 2026 the Netherlands also announced it intends to strengthen its military capabilities in the Caribbean. The Dutch will establish a permanent Marine Corps unit in the islands and will support it with anti-ship missiles, advanced radar systems, drone-defense technology, and maritime surveillance. *DMR*

Dossier reports that Deputy Jennifer Mohamedjoenoes is leaving the Executive Council

According to Dossier the party has confirmed: the UPB is preparing for the imminent departure of Deputy Jennifer Mohamedjoenoes (Business Operations & Support). Last week, the parliamentary group already discussed possible candidates to succeed her.

Dossier further writes that two versions are circulating regarding the reasons. The first is that there is dissatisfaction within the party regarding Mohamedjoenoes's invisibility. She is said to be failing to give herself and the UPB sufficient political visibility. The second version is that she allegedly indicated upon taking office that she would remain in office until the adoption of the 2027 budget. "Mohamedjoenoes has indeed indicated from the start that she only wants to handle the strictly financial part," confirms interim party chair Jolinda Craane. It is known that, as a relative unknown, she was nominated by the UPB as a 'specialist deputy' primarily because of her knowledge of and experience in the financial sector.



Deputy Jennifer Mohamedjoenoes (Business Operations & Support).

Mohamedjoenoes was sworn in on April 2. If she leaves, she would be the second recent change in the Executive Council. on June 29, MPB Deputy Joselito Statia resigned under great pressure from coalition partner UPB. *DMR*

(Source: dossierkoninkrijksrelaties-nl)



It's a bus

The first bus for Bonaire's public transport system arrived on the island on Wednesday, October 14, bringing the introduction of public transport on Bonaire another step closer. The Public Entity of Bonaire (OLB) has been preparing for the service for some time.

According to the current planning, the first bus will operate on a temporary route. Four more buses are expected in early 2027, which will allow a new route schedule. In preparing the service, the OLB is working with Autobusbedrijf Curaçao (ABC), the bus company of our neighbouring island.

It is not yet known when the service will officially start. An exact date has not yet been announced. *DMR*

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If you need it, CariYou will deliver it

What is a CariYou?

A. A small Caribbean reef fish that lives in harmony with the Arrowhead crab
B. An aloe based skin cream manufactured on Bonaire.
C. An $8.00 food delivery service on Bonaire.



Jermain shopping for a client
Photo Julie Morgan



Jermain loading up his car for a delivery
Photo Julie Morgan

If you picked C you're right! CariYou is the brain child of a very enterprising young man, Jermain Alexander. Born in the Netherlands of Antillean parents, he fell Bonaire's pull from across the Atlantic and he made up his mind to return to this little island.

Jermain said, "From a very young age, I knew I wanted to return to Bonaire".

As a teenager, Jermain's first internship was at Subway in the Netherlands where he learned the in's and out's of working in a restaurant, and decided that wasn't for him. Next job was at a pawn shop learning the basics of opening up a shop, setting up the displays, handling

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POLICE REPORT

Contact the police via 715 8000, 911 or the anonymous tip line 9310.

Regatta 2026 passed without significant incidents

The police provided assistance where necessary and mediated in a few situations. Several people became unwell, and police called the Red Cross and/or the ambulance for help. Some people in the area were addressed about the temporary glass ban because they had glass bottles in their possession. A warning was also given to a catering establishment on Kaya Grandi for serving drinks in glass bottles.

In connection with the order for preventive searches, several people were checked and searched, during which a small amount of narcotics was found.

On October 14, the police, in cooperation with the hygienic service of the Supervision and Enforcement Department of the Public Entity Bonaire, closed a food and beverage establishment in the center area due to unhygienic and dangerous conditions for public health.

In summary, the KPCN looks back on a safe Regatta 2026 without any significant incidents. The KPCN would like to thank the organizers and partners for the good cooperation during the past week.

Property crimes

Oct. 21. A battery was stolen from a fat bike parked at a school on the Kaya Frater Odulfinus.

Oct. 14. 1:30 p.m. Police saw a man riding a scooter missing covers with several cables hanging loose. The moment the man saw the police, he increased his speed and tried to flee. The police went after him , signaling him to stop and eventually he drove into the garden of a house on Kaminda Djabou. Another person at the house said he owned the scooter. When police determined the license plate on the scooter was registered to a stolen scooter, they arrested the man who identified himself as the owner. Police confiscated the scooter for further investigation. The driver of the scooter was fined because he could not show a driver's license and insurance certificates.

Oct. 14. 10:55 a.m. A man, 45, was arrested for running off with children's clothing from a store on Kaya Lodewijk D. Gerharts without paying.

Oct.12. Two electric bicycles (fat bikes) were reported stolen from a parking lot behind a company on Kaya Grandi.

Arrests / Searches

Oct. 25. 11:10 p.m. A man, 36, was arrested at Kaya Skandèlchi for assault, threats, assault with a weapon and vandalism.

Oct. 24. 7:10 p.m. A man, 30, was arrested on the Bulevar Miguel A. Pourier for threatening someone with a weapon. During the arrest, an object that looked like a firearm fell from the suspect to the ground.

Oct. 23. In the early morning police stopped a car with two occupants on Kaya Soeur Bartola for a check. When the officers smelled narcotics, they proceeded to a more extensive check. During this check, the passenger saw his chance and fled on foot. The police immediately started a chase on foot. The suspect drew a firearm and pointed it at the officers. The police fired shots and managed to arrest the suspect, a man, 31, on Kaya Gavilan. No one was injured. The driver, a woman, 28, was also arrested for violation of the BES Firearms Act, violation of the BES Opium Act and death threats. The police have seized a firearm, presumably narcotics and the car. An apartment complex on Kaya Aguilá was also searched and goods seized.

Oct. 23. In the early morning, the Special Assignments Group (GBO) and the criminal investigation department searched a house in the Den Tera district. A man, 32, was arrested for violation of the Opium Act BES. In addition, various goods were seized.

Oct. 19. 3:00 p.m. A man, 29, was arrested at the police station for aggravated assault, threats and violation of the BES Weapons Act as a result of an assault that took place earlier that day near a mini-market on the Kaya Avelino J. (Abechi) Cecilia.

Oct. 19. 4:40 a.m. A man, 39, was arrested on the Kaya Andino for assault.

Oct. 18. 12:30 a.m. A man, 51, and a 37-year-old woman, 37, were arrested on Kaya Rafaela for assault.

Oct. 18. In the evening the police carried out preventive searches to people and vehicles at catering establishments in Tera Cora, Nikiboko and Playa Pabou. No abnormalities were found. The police thank everyone for their cooperation during the preventive search.

Oct. 17. 3:30 p.m. With the support of the Coast Guard a woman, 20, was arrested on a boat at sea in connection with the investigation into the shooting incident of a police officer's car. Earlier, the suspect was arrested on March 4 for assaulting a police officer at the Waf di Piskadó.

Oct. 17. 9:40 p.m. A boy, 17, was arrested on Kaya Veronica for assault.

Oct. 14. In the evening, the police carried out preventive searches at various locations on Kaya Korona and Kaya Lodewijk D. Gerharts. Both people and vehicles were checked, with the assistance of a customs sniffer dog. Among other things, a small amount of suspected narcotics, a knife and a 'grinder' were seized. A moped was also taken to the police station, because the driver could not show a valid driver's license and insurance, and the license plate did not match the vehicle. Some drivers without a license had to have someone else with a valid driver's license come to continue driving the vehicle.

Oct 12 – Oct. 14. In the evening and night the police carried out preventive searches of both persons and vehicles at various locations. A quantity of narcotics was seized and destroyed. A car and ammunition were also seized. A man, 41, was arrested on Kaya Korona for violation of the BES Firearms Act and a man, 37, was arrested on Kaya Grandi for violation of the Opium Act BES.

Driving under the influence

Drivers who register a positive result on a breath test given at their vehicles are arrested and taken to the police station for a breath analysis. Drivers are legally required to submit to a breath test.

From Oct. 28 to Oct. 26 police reported that eight drivers (including one scooter driver) were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Two drivers were identified when seen swerving on the road; one was stopped for a routine check; one driver collided with another car; one driver collided with a fence. One driver ended up with his car in the sewer near the roundabout at the Kaya International. One driver was warned by the police not to drive because of suspected alcohol consumption. Regardless of this warning, he was later found behind the wheel of a car. One of these drivers was fined for driving with expired insurance. Five driver's licenses were confiscated. Police impounded the vehicle of one driver who had been fined three times before for driving without a license.

Traffic accidents (breathalyzer test negative)

Oct. 25. 2:45 p.m. The driver of a scooter fell on Kaya Caribe and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Due to medical priority, a breathalyzer test could not be taken from the victim.

Oct. 24. 4:40 p.m. Two cars collided on Kaya Korona near Kaya Mulatu. Both drivers complained of pain and were taken to the hospital by ambulance. Both breathalyzer tests were negativd.

Oct. 13. 5:40 p.m. Two cars collided on Kaya Sonmontuno, near Kaya Merengue, and one driver drove on after the collision. The driver of the hit vehicle was in pain and an ambulance took her to the hospital.

Traffic, Parking and Speed Control

Speed limit is 40 km/h in built-up areas and 60 km/h outside. Traffic fines range from $30 to $225.

Oct. 14. Police impounded two cars because their drivers had been fined a number of times before for driving without a license.

Oct. 13. 11:35 p.m. During a traffic check on Kaya General Carlos M. Piar, police stopped two fat bikes, one without front lighting. One of the cyclists tried to drive away, but was stopped by an officer. One fat bike was confiscated because it did not have a chain and front lighting. The fat bike will be checked on a dynamometer.

Public order

Oct. 24. Police checks during 'Buskamentu di pampuna.' In the evening the 'Pumpkin Hunt' took place. To ensure the safety of all road users, the police were extra present. Officers issued several warnings and corrected the situations where necessary. Police identified some underage drivers who were not allowed to drive any further; golf carts were found carrying more people than allowed;, pick-ups were driving with people—including minors—in the cargo box, and fat bikes were stopped for driving without lights. Some drivers were driving recklessly. A number of fines were handed out for traffic violations.

Oct. 14. In the evening police and the hygiene service of the Supervision and Enforcement Department of the Public Entity Bonaire closed a food and beverage establishment in the center area. Police had detected a strong and unpleasant odor coming from the building in question. An unpleasant situation was found in the kitchen of the business that posed a danger to public health.

Fire

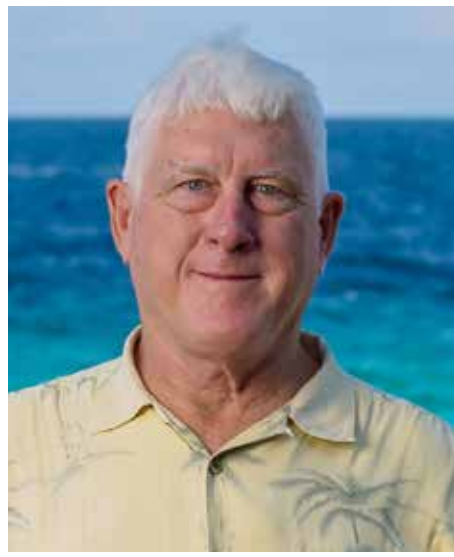
Oct. 22. 7:45 p.m. A fire was reported in the office of a supermarket on Bulevar Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot. Upon arrival, the fire brigade did not notice a fire, but smoke did develop in the building. A plug had overheated and caused a short circuit.

Oct. 22. 8 p.m. A fire was reported in a house on Kaya Krisolito. The fire brigade extinguished the fire in a bedroom of the house. There were no injuries. The fire was probably caused by a short circuit.

Oct. 22. 7:15 p.m. A fire that caused a lot of smoke was reported in the vicinity of Bario Mexico and Kaminda Lagoen. On the site of a kunuku a large amount of waste was on fire. The fire brigade brought the fire under control and extinguished it. Because of the smoke, the police asked residents to keep the windows and doors closed.

Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



Hi Bob,

I bought a property and signed a purchase agreement with a financing contingency for 6 weeks. The deadline for the contingency has now expired, but the bank has not yet approved my mortgage. I also did not ask for an extension. What happens now?

Regards,
Kyle

Hi Kyle,

This can become a serious problem. A financing contingency protects you only under the conditions and within the deadlines agreed upon in the purchase agreement.

If the deadline has passed without an extension, you may still be bound by the purchase agreement, even if the bank has not approved your mortgage.

In our purchase agreements at RE-MAX Paradise Homes, we always state that the deposit is due after the financing has been approved. However, this does not mean you can simply walk away from the purchase if the financing contingency expires without approval.

The seller may still hold you to the purchase agreement and take legal action if you do not fulfil your obligations.

You can still ask for an extension but the seller does not have to agree. Contact your real estate agent immediately and get legal advice if needed.

My advice: Keep a close eye on your financing deadline. If you see that the bank needs more time, first ask the bank how much longer it expects to take to make a decision on your mortgage application. Then contact your real estate agent and ask them to request an extension from the seller before the deadline expires.

This can save you a lot of trouble.

All the best,
Bob Bartikoski

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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.

Was the purchase of Santa Clara land reversed?

To the Island Council, Gov. Soliano, the State Secretary, the ACM and all it concerns:

I recently posted an open letter regarding the failure of the government (both Dutch and Bonairean) to correct the wrongdoings within itself particularly involving the Santa Clara land purchase. Nothing had been written about any corrective measures but it has been brought to my attention that the BC has reversed the purchase of the Santa Clara land (see #5 of the attached Government Publication). Please confirm that any and monies that may have been paid to the Abraham family or other entities regarding the purchase have been refunded to the Public and that the land has been returned to the seller at no cost or detriment to the people of Bonaire. Also, please advise if any legal actions are being undertaken in this matter to prevent future similar occurrences and if the initial purchase of the land by the Abraham family was from the Government of Bonaire.

Thank you, in advance, for dealing with this prime example of lack of integrity in Government.

Charles M. Baltayan

OLB's List of Public Decisions – Public Version

Date: 19 augustus 2026

Present: John Soliano, Jennifer Mohamedjoenoes, Timoteo Silberie, Dennis Martinus, Christopher Frans en Caroline Woestenburg-Bertels

Case number Z/26/034640

#5: The Executive Council has decided to revoke the decision of November 5, 2025, in which it had agreed to the execution of the purchase agreement for building plot Santa Clara 5-E-31.

Integrity Is corruption part of Bonaire's culture?

To the State Secretary (current and future), Governor of Bonaire, Island Council, the Public Prosecutor, ACM and all it concerns:

There has been much talk about government integrity but little action or enforcement even though the lack of integrity (aka corruption) in certain government actions is blatant and obviously criminal. A clear recent case in point is the land sale of a parcel belonging to a member of the Executive Council's family to the island of Bonaire. The sale occurred when there was no prior need for Bonaire to acquire the land, no proper action by the Island Council who should have been instrumental in the sale, the Island Secretary had to know that the Executive Council should not have been involved in the sale, the Governor should have been knowledgeable that it was happening, and worst of all it cost the island of Bonaire $50,000 more than the land was actually listed for.

A complaint was lodged with the ACM, the authority that is supposed to protect consumers like the people of Bonaire and, to their credit, the Executive Council that voted for the land sale is no longer. To the ACM's discredit, no one has been truly held accountable for the action, no reports have been forthcoming that the land sale has been reversed and no criminal charges have been brought, as the Prosecutors should have been involved.

Of course, this is not the first time the Executive Council and the Governor acted out of order. Years back a development of Sunset Beach was passed by virtue of a Governor's over-ride allowing residential and resort, clearly too large for the location, too lacking in parking and not meeting to numerous other building and fire safety measures to mention. Public outcry from those previously denied only small variances that were sought caused a reversal and , again, the island council should have been the deciders. The outcome was that the then Governor was given a plum job as a "special envoy" but, thankfully, it was a little while before the Executive Council reverted to the old, corrupt ways. One often hears cries of "it is our culture" when being applied to public road nuisance, but one must wonder if politicians feel that corruption is their culture.

The corruption on this island will continue as long as a blind eye continues to see but not report, not correct and not stop it from happening again. The State Secretary has spoken at length about integrity but does nothing to discourage bad behavior or encourage proper behavior- talk is cheap. The landfill, public transport, building permits are all dysfunctional. The building department should have time limits from the date of application to approval with a two-week time frame to either cite deficiencies to be addressed or approve the permit. The building code is reasonably straight forward: required parking, side yard clearance, proper electrical and plumbing, fire code, etc. It is not rocket science to check all the needed conditions and should not take more than 24 hours of a trained eye, to spot issues. Any variance to code should require approval by the island council, the Executive Council should not be involved. This is an island of 27,000 people- a population unable to fill a medium sized European Soccer stadium, and smaller than many Universities. These problems should not occur here.

The people of Bonaire deserve a proper government that functions on their behalf, not one that benefits the politicians and their families. If the current employees were to do their jobs as they are supposed to without meddling from others, Bonaire could rid itself of its current dysfunctional status. It is up to the politicians and the justice department to ensure that the government runs properly and the services that are supposed to provided to the people are delivered in a proper and timely manner.

Don't just talk about integrity, see that it exists and functions and when it is breached, correct it and make sure it cannot happen again.

Charles M. Baltayan



Caribbean Netherlands immigration chain looks ahead at mini conference on Bonaire

How can the immigration chain in the Caribbean Netherlands cooperate better, work smarter and deploy new technology responsibly? Those questions were the focus of the annual Caribbean Netherlands immigration chain mini conference on Bonaire. Representatives of the organisations involved looked back on the development of the chain from 10-10-10, discussed the current cooperation and explored opportunities to further strengthen the joint performance of tasks.

The participants also discussed the possible application of new technologies, such as AI, drones, algorithms and biometric identification.

In interactive breakout sessions, the participants held discussions with one another on three themes: new ways of working and integrated partnerships, the deployment of external private parties, and the application of new technologies. 5

This year, the conference was organised on Bonaire by the Repatriation and Departure Service, the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, IND CN and the Migration Policy Department of the Ministry of Justice and Security.

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money, customer service and salesmanship. At 17, he acquired his driver's license and added deliveries to his pawn shop duties and that clicked. With these learned skills Jermain returned to Bonaire to live with his grandmother with a delivery business plan in mind. He began delivering pizza for Pasa Bon Pizza with owner Terrence Bernabela becoming a bit of a mentor and career coach. With Bernabela's encouragement, Jermain expanded his delivery service and officially became CariYou. He has been successfully operating CariYou part time for over a year until recently going full time. Jermain makes deliveries all over Bonaire by both car and scooter. His service includes shopping for deliveries of groceries, food deliveries, prescriptions and just about anything anyone needs. CariYou is partnered with a growing list of restaurants for their deliveries. If you want it or need it, Jermain will deliver it.

Jermain talks about how he has always felt driven to become a professional with aspirations far different from people his own age. Because he was raised by his grandmothers in both the Netherlands and Bonaire, he has grown up surrounded by adults. Jermain gained the adult experience early and learned to do things for himself. He enjoys meeting people and hearing their stories and he cares about the people to whom he delivers. He has big plans and dreams which are materializing in phases. In the future, Jermain plans to expand his business, set up an app for the business which will include a variety of components and in general make life easier for his clients.

CariYou has recently begun partnering with a variety of different shops to help each other grow. For the deliveries Jermain has hot and cold bags for the restaurant food orders and groceries. Grocery delivery times are determined with the customer and restaurant deliveries are dependent on how busy the restaurant is, but it's usually 20-45 minutes.

Jermain said, "There are a lot of people who can't go out to shop. Not just the elderly but young people too. CariYou is for people who are working, diving, having a party, at the beach, in meetings or just don't have the time to go out and shop. We can help you save the time and effort. You can be busy with what you need to be doing."

Deliveries for restaurant food is from $6, groceries from $8 and pharmacy from $5. To contact Germain send him a message on WhatsApp or call +599-780 7476. Payments can be made in cash or through the CariYou bank account. In the near future Jermain expects to have a card swipe to make things more efficient and easy.

Like all good entrepreneurs Jermain saw this opportunity arise. So next time it's 5 o'clock and you're thinking of the bumper to bumper traffic on Kaya Korona and checking your refrigerator looking at that stale piece of Gouda and crackers for dinner, there's another option: Relax and call Jermain.

Visit CariYou Social on Facebook for all Jermain's latest news.

Story Virginia Knight
Photos Julie Morgan



Musicians jam at Yhanni's to say goodbye to Lucho



Sunday afternoon at Yhanni's Arepas is always fun with great live music, dominos and arepas, but this last Sunday was extra special. On October 25, local musicians gathered at Yhanni's for one last jam to say goodbye to fellow musician Lucho who is returning to Colombia. Lucho and Andreina have been entertaining guests with live music at Yhanni's every Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m. for the past year. L- R: Alex, Luis, Alegando, Enrik, Rafael, Yhanni, Andreina, Lucho and Steve. Photo Julie Morgan

Island children learn about climate while designing fabric



Meralney Bomba on behalf of Greenpeace Nederland presents a traditional 'Saya ku Djèki' dress to Zoning Deputy Dennis Martinus. The dress is a collection of children's drawings and messages on small pieces of 'lapi lapi' fabric, which have been processed into a traditional dress by artist Marjolein Finis. The drawings and messages are about what children want to protect against climate change on Bonaire. The children made them at Open Boat Days during the visit of the Greenpeace ship the Arctic Sunrise.

As deputy, Martinus is responsible for nature conservation and climate change protection measures. The presentation of the dress draws attention to the voice of the young generation and to Climate Affair Bonaire, where we demand protection for people of Bonaire against climate change. The dress symbolizes unity, community, inclusivity and a shared love for Bonaire. The dress will be exhibited publicly on Bonaire at a later date.
(Update on Climate lawsuit in the next issue of the Reporter)
Photo OLB

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Reef Renewal 2025
Annual Report - Part 2

Foundation for Regeneration



In 2025, we partnered with Coral Vita to implement Brain Coral, a platform that allows us to track the journey of every coral — from donor colony to nursery, outplanting, and long-term monitoring bringing donor colony records, nursery propagation, outplanting, and monitoring data together in one platform.

Healthy coral reefs depend on successful reproduction. Yet as coral populations on Bonaire become smaller and more isolated, many corals are simply too far apart to successfully exchange gametes during spawning events

By collecting gametes from genetically diverse parent colonies, including corals we've outplanted to the reef, we produce young corals with new genetic combinations that strengthen diversity, and improve resilience.

We expanded spawning monitoring to more sites than ever before, successfully bred additional coral species, and trained dozens of volunteer divers to help at every step of the process.

With the contribution of a lab microscope from Stichting Dierenlot, RR can document the development of coral larvae and recruits. An estimated 315,000 coral larvae were reared, 1,243 seeding units produced with 25+ coral recruits per seeding unit.

In 2025, we tested and implemented new breeding technologies, including larval settlement enclosures and a recruit grow-out nursery that allow us to monitor and care for young coral recruits before they are outplanted on the reef. These efforts are part of our ongoing collaboration with SECORE International and FUNDEMAR, supported by CORDAP, to develop and scale coral breeding techniques across the Caribbean.

SINGLE-COLONY SURVEYS

Track the survival, health, and performance of individual corals over time, revealing differences among genotypes and mortality stressors.

SITE-SCALE PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Creates high-resolution maps of restoration sites to measure changes in coral cover, restoration footprint, and recovery following disturbance.

REEF ECOSYSTEM ASSESMENT

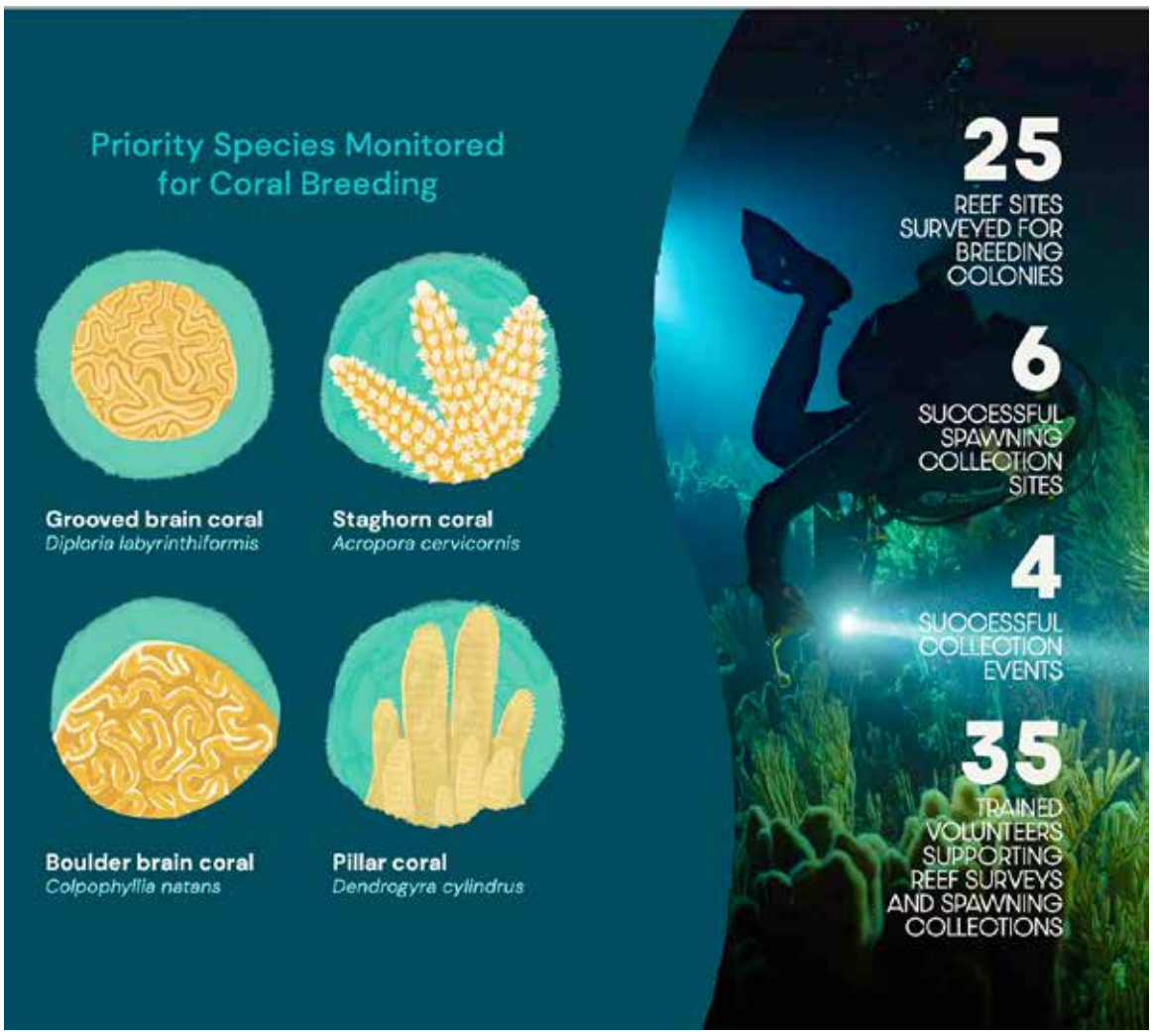
Assess how the wider reef community responds over time by tracking corals, fishes, invertebrates, algae, and benthic composition.

CORAL BREEDING MONITORING

Tracks reproductive success from spawning through settlement and early survival, helping us evaluate and improve each stage of the breeding process.

Restoring reefs starts with understanding them. Following two years of severe bleaching and disease, one of our main goals in 2025 was to better understand how Bonaire's remaining coral populations had changed.

To do this, we expanded our community science program by training volunteers, dive professionals, and partner organizations to identify, map, and assess key reef-building coral species. Participants learned coral identification, survey methods, spawning observations, and techniques for collecting gametes during spawning events.



Across Bonaire, we documented the location, distribution, size, health, and density of surviving colonies of the most vulnerable coral population. By bringing these observations together in a centralized database, we can better understand how isolated remaining populations are, identify the best opportunities for spawning collection and coral breeding, and focus our restoration efforts on the most vulnerable species and in the most vulnerable areas.

Priority Species Monitored for Coral Breeding: Grooved brain coral, Staghorn coral, Boulder brain coral and Pillar coral

In 2025,

• **two new dive shops joined, making the network 17 partner dive shops**, 39 instructors (+six in 2025) and 2,815 Reef Renewal certified divers +349 in 2025). We created a new Reef Renewal Instructor Course to standardize training and opened a shared training nursery at Andrea dive site.

• **there were 200+ active volunteers: 2,292 dives for volunteers, dive shop instructors and students: 1,623 RRFB staff interns and researchers and a total of 5,089 hours underwater.**

• **Reef Renewal expanded their education program** in schools reaching 390 students, 94 international students and hosted 26 educational events. In 2025, we expanded our internship program beyond the 10-week role by introducing two six-month positions. With support from the Pinetops Foundation, we also launched the Reef Renewal Traineeship Program to create career pathways for young people in Bonaire.

• **Reef Renewals digital footprin**t reached 404,000 views on Facebook, and Instagram with 1,500 followers and 11,000 interactions on restoration. Through community events they reached 542 people, 636 with weekly presentations and 281 on webinars.

• **The 2025 Reefiesta** was the largest to date with 120 first time restoration divers and snorkelers, 225 paricipants and 13 coral nursuries cleaned.

• **Research programs included** work with Van Hall Larenstein and Florida state University. Reginonal collaboration andkknowledge ewas exchanged with Colombia, Florida and the Dominican Repulbic. And a Dutch Caribbean Restoration Collective workshop was held with Curaco, Aruba and Saba.

Total fiscal year revenue for 2025 was: 2,323.835 from: donationa and sponsorships 260,694; Grants 708,032; donor restricted capital bequest (restricted to infrastructure or major capital assets) 1,300,196 and course and merchandise 54,913. Direct expense totaled 489,046. This included staff wages, salaries, fee, staff social benefits, tax, health insurance, staff training equipment, marketing, fundraising travel IT, office rent and utilities, accounting, outside overhead, support, bank charges, inventory and depreciation.

RRFB

Feel the island - release everything

Living on Bonaire with its beautiful multi-colored blue waters, cooling winds and laid-back atmosphere, life is often considered to be stress free and happy. But even here, stress does happen, and life takes the front seat sometimes. The solution is simple. As Marjolijn Beuzekamp of Massage Bonaire says, "Feel the island – release everything."

Marjolijn brought her unique massage therapy to Bonaire eight years ago and continues to grow in her own knowledge and what she offers to clients. With a list of 16 different massages and 22 treatments along with facials and rituals anyone new to Massage Bonaire won't know where to begin. Marjolijn solves that problem by creating a custom and tailormade therapy.

Marjolijn said, "We need to know if people are being treated for medical issues, taking medication or anti-depressants. All can have an effect on the massage as massage stimulates certain body processes. The lymphatic system works a little more efficient and effects of medication can be shortened. We only have one body, and we need to be very careful."

To streamline that process, clients are requested to fill out a short questionnaire online in addition to a short discussion prior to treatment.



A client receives a massage. Photo JUlie Morgan



Marjolijn with her newest and largest Tibetan Sound Bowl.
Photo Julie Morgan

Before coming to Bonaire Marjolijn discovered the benefits of massage after giving birth to a very tense autistic child. "He was very tense, and I needed to find how to relax him. I thought I was going to break him," said Marjolijn.

She discovered massage for children which calmed him, and with that introduction she quit her stressful job to do massage full time. Getting started wasn't easy, but after attending massage therapy school, she learned even more doing 200 massages in six months for Groupon at $5 per hour.

While visiting her sister on Bonaire, one of sister's children asked, "Why don't you live here?". And a short time later Marjolijn, her husband and two children found themselves living on Bonaire.

Bonaire Massage features relaxation, deep tissue, aromatherapy, hot stone, stone cupping and more. One of her unique offerings is a Hamman massage with a sequence of scrub, clay mask and silky soap foam that leaves skin glowing and the mind completely at rest. In addition to the treatments, Marjolijn does Sound Therapy with Tibetan singing bowls. Anyone that attended Global Awareness Day last summer was able to experience the feeling and vibration from this therapy to reduce stress.

Marjolijn said, "The bowls are made of seven different metals and the vibration is guided through the metals. During the sound, the body is receiving the sound and sound does so much. Everyone has a sound in their head that makes them happy or sad. It calms the nervous system."

Marjolijn recommends a once-a-month massage for maintenance saying, "You owe it to yourself".

Massage Bonaire held a workshop this past weekend teaching others what scrubs, natural facial care, oils and aroma therapy can do for the individual in addition to basic massage instruction.

Massage Bonaire is a part of the yearly Buki di Pret, for kids 1-6 years. They show the kids how to make their own scrub, do yoga and experience the sound bowls.

With so much going on, Massage Bonaire needs a bigger place, and they are currently in the stages of building a 60 sq ft two level building in Hato which will be large enough to accommodate the growing massage studio.

But for now, Massage Bonaire is operating in Belnem. In addition to Marjolijn, Massage Bonaire has four other therapists. They are open six days a week from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Appointments are a must.

Visit Massage-Bonaire.com for more specific information. *Story / Photos Julie Morgan*





Dee and Rocqui sail around Bonaire

Rocqui Martis and Dedrie Pedersen sailed around Bonaire as a fundraiser over two days, starting on Friday from Regatta House to Sorobon. At 7 a.m. on Saturday they set sail to complete the circumnavigation from Sorobon to Regatta House in 8 hours and 26 minutes.

Dee said, "It was quite an adventure! We faced waves over 5 meters high, strong wind gusts, and boat speeds reaching up to 15 knots. It was a real test of our sailing skills, teamwork, and determination!"

The boat accompanying them was Gaviota, sailed by John Craane and Rico Martis, Rocqui's grandfther and dad respectively. The Gavioto was built around 1900 by Jan (Kachi) Craane and was passed down from him to his son. The boat was later used as a harbour pilot boat in St Maarten.

The goal of the sail around Bonaire was to combine Dedrie and Rocqui's love for sailing and wish to raise funds to support the sailing community. Their goal was achieved and they will definitely do it again.



Dedrie Pedersen and Rocqui Martis
Photo Julie Morgan

Under 18? Nothing. Nada. Nix.



On October 14, Commissioner Timoteo Silberie unveiled the "Nothing Nada Nix18" mural to launch the "Nothing Nada Nix18" campaign. This campaign draws attention to the risks associated with alcohol consumption by individuals under the age of 18. The campaign targets young people, parents, family members, schools, professionals, and other adults.

A song and music video, available in Papiamentu, Dutch, and English addresses the consequences of alcohol consumption at a young age and is intended to spark conversation.

Visit: https://bonairegov.com/campagnes/campagne/nothing-nada-nix18

Covid-19 and Flu shots available from October 31

Residents aged 60 and older can receive their flu shot starting October 31, 2026. The COVID-19 vaccine is available to residents aged 70 and older, as well as individuals with serious medical conditions. Those eligible for both vaccinations can receive them during the same visit.

Flu and COVID-19 cases tend to increase during the final months of the year. Vaccinations help prevent infections and, most importantly, reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalization.

Walk-ins welcome at Jong Bonaire

GGD Bonaire will be administering vaccinations at Jong Bonaire on Saturdays: October 31, November 7, and November 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals temporarily staying on Bonaire who meet the eligibility criteria are also welcome.

Please bring a valid form of identification and, if you take medication, a list of your current prescriptions. You will also be asked a few questions regarding your health before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Other vaccination locations

- **Rincon Medical Center:** COVID-19 vaccinations (no appointment necessary) on November 3, 5, 10, and 12, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **General practitioners (GPs):** Flu shots available without an appointment starting November 2.
- **Care facilities:** Elderly residents in nursing homes or care facilities can be vaccinated on-site. The GGD has made arrangements with all such facilities.
- **At home:** Individuals who are bedridden or have limited mobility can schedule an appointment to be vaccinated at home.

Questions or need to schedule an at-home appointment? During office hours, please contact GGD Bonaire at +599 777 6102 or izb@bonairegov.com. For more information, visit www.ggdbonaire.com/prikken.

OLB release

Apply for permits for December and January by November 6

Are you organizing an event or a musical performance between December 11, 2026, and January 10, 2027? Or do you intend to sell or set off fireworks during this period? The Public Entity of Bonaire (OLB) urges residents and business owners to submit their permit applications and notifications no later than November 6, 2026.

This deadline applies to event permits, buffet permits, and the necessary (vending) permits for the sale and use of fireworks. Submitting applications on time allows the OLB to review the planned activities and ensure public order and safety. Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.

Permits and notifications for musical performances

A permit is required for public events and performances by musical groups—such as those playing gaita, aguinaldo, barí, or tambú.

In addition to the permit, you must notify the Traffic Department of the Caribbean Netherlands Police Force (KPCN) at least two days before the performance. For performances at the kiosk at Plaza di Frateman di Tilburg, a notification period of at least one week is required. At this specific kiosk, performances are permitted only on Sundays, outside of the hours when church services are held at the San Bernardo Church.

Permits will not be granted for performances at the following locations:

- The entire Kaya Korona;
- Ons Hoekje on Kaya Avelino J. (Abechi) Cecilia;
- The corner of Kaya L.D. Gerharts and Kaya Lib. Simon Bolivar.
- The corner of Kaya Grandi and Kaya L.D. Gerharts;
- Kaya Noord and Kaya Zuid Nikiboko;
- Kas di Hadrei on Bulevar Miguel Pourier.

Submitting applications digitally

Please submit your permit application digitally via the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) website. The final deadline for submission is November 6, 2026.

Do you intend to sell or set off fireworks? If so, please ensure you also apply for the necessary (vending) permit by this same deadline.

Will fireworks be used during your event? Please contact Selibon N.V. in advance regarding cleaning costs or a security deposit. Include proof of payment with your permit application.

Collecting your permit

Permits that have been applied for and granted by November 6, 2026, must be collected no later than December 17, 2026, at Kaya Industria Pariba 28.

Operating without the required permit constitutes a violation, for which the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) or the police may take enforcement action.

More information

Do you have any questions? Please contact the Legal and General Affairs department of the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB). For questions regarding buffet permits, please contact the KCC at 715 5330.

OLB release



Animal Shelter Halloween Market

Halloween was celebrated a little early at Animal Shelter Bonaire with a Halloween Market on October 25. Although the Haunted House was canceled, there were 13 stands filled with all type of goodies to buy for pets, used clothing, lionfish jewelry, books, dive gear and stuff to eat. The Shelter raised $1,705 from the sales to help care for Bonaire's shelter pets. Photos L-R: Egbert of BonDog - Cat, puppy kisses, Kazoorose, laser wood crafts, new dog friends and a Bonaire art display. . Photos Julie Morgan







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Regatta 2026, honoring traditions

The 59th Bonaire Sailing Regatta is one for the history books with 122 sailors competing in four yacht categories, Sunfish, RS Veva, optimist, microboats and the return of the cultural boto di piskado (fishing boats). Aqua Speed managed the sailing and did their best to bring the focus back to the "Real Regatta."

Aquaspeed Derchlien Dijkhoff said, "This year is a blueprint for the 60th Anniversary next year. We are trying to make it more of an international event. We wanted to go back to the traditional, like it was 20 years ago, which is due to the request of the participants."

Photos Julie Morgan



The full results of the winners are on the Reporter Extra pages online. First place winners in all categories are listed here:

Micro Boats D - Everardo Janga BON; **Micro Boats C** - Genaro Anthony BON;
Micro Boats B - Everardo Janga BON; **Micro Boats A** - Everardo Janga BON

Optimist A - Gianno Francisca CUR; **Optimist B** - Roemer van den Brink BON;
Optimist C - Vincent Seidman CUR

Sunfish A - Robberrt Verboon BON; **Sunfish B** - Beau Hilgers BON;
Sunfish C - Mees de Smet BON

RS Feva - Pien Zwart/Dedrie Pedersen BON
Yacht Racing - La Dolce Vita (Gareth Weber) CUR
Yacht Open - Melody (Winfried Merkies) BON
Yacht Commercial - Compass (Lars Keijser) BON
Fishing Sailing - Arantsa (Jovani Soliano BON

BONHATA: Despite stable visitor numbers, Bonaire is losing millions in tourism spending

Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) recently reported that Bonaire welcomed 12,758 stay-over visitors in September 2026, up 4.6% from the same month last year. BONHATA welcomes this positive news, but cautions that the broadly stable visitor figures mask a concerning economic trend.

Between January and September 2026, Bonaire received 146,258 stay-over visitors, compared to 146,810 in the same period of 2025, a marginal decline of just 0.38%. Where these visitors come from, however, has shifted significantly.

Visitor spending down by nearly USD 9.5 million

Over the first nine months of 2026, Bonaire welcomed 5,669 fewer visitors from the United States. Arrivals from the Netherlands grew by 2,726, while arrivals from Curaçao fell by 851.

Applying the average spending per visitor reported in the Tourism Impact Study 2025 by Economic Bureau Amsterdam, this shift translates into the following estimated financial impact:

Source market	Change in visitors	Spending impact
United States	−5,669	−$15,152,237
Netherlands	+2,726	+$6,678,700
Curaçao	−851	−$1,004,180
Core markets, net	−3,794	−$9,477,717

In other words, growth from the Netherlands makes up for only part of the decline in U.S. visitors. Across these three core markets alone, the change in visitor mix amounts to an estimated drop of nearly USD 9.5 million in direct tourism spending. Developments in other source markets are not included.

Bonaire lagging behind the wider Caribbean

While several Caribbean destinations continue to grow, visitor numbers on Bonaire have effectively stalled. This raises questions about the island's international competitiveness, particularly in light of a shrinking U.S. market and reduced airlift capacity.

BONHATA has therefore long called for a coordinated approach to destination marketing and airlift development, focused on restoring Bonaire's key source markets and increasing the economic value of tourism.

Revenue down, costs up

BONHATA's main concern, however, is that revenue is under pressure while operating costs keep rising. Electricity has become a particularly heavy burden, with businesses across the sector reporting increases of up to around 45% over the past year.

As a result, tourism businesses may face lower revenue and significantly higher costs, even when occupancy remains unchanged.

When revenue falls and costs rise sharply, the sector's profitability suffers. Ultimately, this affects investment, employment, and the contribution tourism makes to Bonaire's economy.

Growth in value, not just volume

TCB recently stressed that Bonaire should pursue tourism that generates greater economic value while respecting the island's nature, culture, and quality of life. BONHATA fully supports this vision, but emphasizes that this ambition must also be reflected in actual economic results.

The positive September figures are welcome, but they should not obscure the underlying structural trends. Visitor numbers alone do not tell the full story.

The challenge for Bonaire is not simply to attract more visitors, but to ensure that tourism delivers greater value for the island and its community.

BONHATA therefore calls for a clear and measurable destination marketing strategy that prioritizes international accessibility, the recovery of key source markets, and economic returns.

About BONHATA

BONHATA is the industry association of accommodations and tourism enterprises on Bonaire and is committed to a sustainable, balanced, and future-proof development of the tourism sector.

Reef Glimpses by Dee Scarr

Sailfin blennies



This is a wonderful look at the sailfin blenny perching on his pectoral fins. Photo Julie Morgan

Sailfin blennies provided some of my most frustrating moments as a dive guide.

A male emerges about halfway from his burrow, raises his astonishingly large dorsal fin astonishingly quickly, and then lowers it instantly. He does this a few times and then backs into his burrow.

How wonderful it would be -- and how easy to point out -- if the fish was only the size of a dollar bill! But sailfin blennies only grow to about 1.5 - 2" (38 - 50 mm), so the scenario would go more like this:

The motion of a displaying blenny catches my eye. I get the attention of my buddies, and point to the blenny. By the time they realize I'm pointing to this little fish from 3' (1m) away, he's done. We watch him for a while, and he watches us. From his burrow.

Eventually we continue our dive, and afterwards I get to say, "Remember that little fish who looked out at us from his burrow? Well, what you missed was this amazing …"

So, you pretty much have to find the display yourself, to recognize that characteristic movement (that always seems to be at the edge of my vision) of the sailfin blenny out of his burrow, flicking his dorsal fin up and down. You're most likely to find sailfin blennies far enough away from shore to not be affected by waves, but shallower than about 20' (7m). When I see them off town, they're usually in burrows in the rubble at the shallow edge of the reef. Sailfin blennies often rest on their large, graceful-looking pectoral fins, which is the easiest way to distinguish them from other blennies who live in such dens.



Julie caught this little guy at the very beginning of his sailfin display. Photo Julie Morgan

Sailfin blennies primarily eat plankton, occasionally zooming up from their dens after a particularly tasty morsel but usually staying closer to home. They have no scales and no lateral line, each of which contribute to the safety of a fish; their dens must be extremely secure.

But, since only one fish lives in each den, somebody has to leave home for mating. With sailfin blennies, it is the female. The male's invitation is, of course, his flicking dorsal fin display. An interested female leaves her den and backs into her successful suitor's den; he follows. A few moments later she departs – possibly to find another acceptable suitor. Shortly after she departs, the male emerges – possibly to display to another accepting female. Dad takes care of the eggs, which he fertilized after (each) Mom deposited them onto the walls of his den.

The eggs probably hatch around dusk. The larval sailfin blennies would spend a few weeks drifting with other plankton, until settling as juveniles onto the reef. But then what?

That's a question without a researched answer. In some cases, male sailfin blennies display some distance up from their dens with no females around. One author suggests that this is to attract settling juveniles. Once attracted, a young blenny would need a burrow, or at least some crack or crevice, for safety.

Recently, Julie witnessed a behavior caused by this problem. She visited a male sailfin blenny in his den, then realized that near him – but not in any burrow – was another sailfin blenny. The second individual was sand-colored and smaller, so she figured it was a female. But Blenny #2 did not slip backwards into the burrow. Instead, Blenny #2 began to mouth-fight with the Resident of the den. Ned and Anna DeLoach, in Reef Fish Behavior, had seen this behavior several times, from the beginning: their Blennies #2 had all emerged from crevices, not dens. They concluded that the #2 blennies, in the absence of available burrows, were trying to remove residents to acquire their dens for themselves!

The small sailfin blenny colony that Julie visits has been perfectly content to allow her to watch them. She compares this experience to the Men in Black movies when one being observes a miniature alien culture while the miniature aliens go casually on with their lives.

Most marine creatures allow us to get much closer than land animals do, and the sailfin blennies live their lives in a very small area. Take advantage of this, and enjoy your own views of an alien culture right off shore here on Bonaire.



Scarr's accomplishments were recognized in 2000 by her inaugural membership in the Women Divers Hall of Fame (with Kalli DeMeyer). Honors include Captain Don's Accolade Award, a NOGI Award and SeaSpace/ PADI Environmental Diver of the Year in 1991, Beneath the Sea and Boston Sea Rovers Diver of the Year in 1991 and 1993.



FARMERS BREAKFAST from Chef Corjan Hoogerheide

2 eggs • 1 tablespoon cooked corn kernels • 1 tablespoon peas • 1 tablespoon carrot, diced and cooked • 1/2 tablespoon chopped onion, cooked • 3 small potatoes, boiled • 50 g (1 ¾ oz) grated cheese • 1 slice of cheddar cheese • 2 slices of bacon, fried • 2 cherry tomatoes • 2 slices of cucumber • 5 slices of jalapeño pepper • Curry and chili powder • 2 slices of cold cuts of your choice • 1 slice of cheese of your choice • 5 leaves of baby spinach, arugula, or lamb's lettuce • 1 roll

Mix corn, onion, peas, carrot, and potato with grated cheese and season to taste with curry powder, chili powder, and salt. Meanwhile, boil 1 egg for about 8 minutes. Place in your desired shape on parchment paper and bake in an oven at 180º C (350º F) until the cheese is well melted and lightly colored. Let something cool down and now place it on a plate. Now fry the other egg and top the fried cheese/vegetable base with all the other ingredients, according to your own creativity.

Enjoy eating it with a bread roll.



Each issue Chef Corjan Hoogerheide shares a recipe for a personal dish created from Bonaire's fresh ingredients. Corjan works as a Sous Chef at "The Reef Bar" at Sorobon luxury beach resort Bonaire.

Events, Meetings

12 steps meeting: Wednesdays at Kaya Cacique, Centro di bario Nort 'i Saliña, Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. Info: 12stepsbonaire@gmail.com

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. https://www.bonaireaa.com

Animal Shelter's Paws and Foot Prints bi-weekly dog walking group. Every other Wednesday 8 a.m. for an hour at Seru Largu. Signup by sending a WhatsApp message to 599-701-4989 no later than 2 p.m. the day before the walk (so we know how many dogs to bring).

Apertivo evening from 5 – 8 p.m. Fridays Rosa Cafe. Stop in for a drink & free Italian appetizers.

Bridgeclub Bonaire organizes a bridge evening Wed. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. All levels welcome. Info: 795-0128 (Whatsapp text), bridgeclubbonaire@gmail.com. https://www.facebook.com/bridgeclubbonaire

Consultancy open to all immigrants and/or refugees every Saturday 4 to 6 p.m. at Bijkerk's law office in Antriol. Call 796 2650 (abog. Bijkerk) or 787 2373 (FUIB - Union of Bonairean Immigrants).

Cultural activities for the elderly at Hòfi Kultural Tues., Wed. and Fri. at Cultural Garden, Antriol Pabou, Skandelchi Street z/n Info: manon@culturalplatform.com or call +599 7708437

Fish ID course. Free. 7 p.m. at Trans World Radio (TWR) led by Carmen Toanchina. All welcome. Usually held last Thursday of the month. Check: https://www.reef.org/events/month

Live Music Yhannis Arepas (Kaya Neerlandia, behind Budget Marine) Every Sunday 1 - 5 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/yhannisarepas/

Museum Night, Terramar museum. Free access to galleries last Wednesday of the month. From 6 to 8 p.m., visitors are welcomed into a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where they can enjoy the galleries after hours and join a themed workshop (pay what you can).

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Bonaire. GET RID OF YOUR DRUG ADDICTION Monday 19:00-20:00. Kaya Tanki Matrimonio 30. Dutch & Papiamentu. Call Wensley 700 7289 or Remco 784 1782.

Radio program "Krese" Bonaire's development over the past 70 years.- Last Tuesday of the month, 6 - 7 p.m. on Bon FM 102.7 FM. In Papiamentu; A recap is planned in Dutch and English on https://www.facebook.com/share/1HPK6YY3Gm/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Radio program "Ban Lesa 2.0" Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. on Bon FM 102.7 FM. Multilingual; Guests in a warm and personal conversation, talk about a book that has moved them.

Rosicrucian Order, AMORC in Bonaire Michiel Bijkerk 796 2650, abogado.bijkerk@gmail.com

Sabal Palm Park three walking routes through protected landscape. Discover limestone formations, coastal vegetation, salt lakes, rare plant species and Bonaire's remaining wild Sabal palms. Signs provide insight into the history, geology and ecology of the area. bonberde.com/bonaire-sabal-palm-park

Manta Monday Free presentations Nicole Pelletier of the Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation. 7:30 p.m. Email: nicole.pelletier@mantatrust.org; Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation facebook

Reef Renewal Bonaire. Mondays 5:30 p.m. Breakfast Area – Buddy Dive Resort. Free. Learn about coral reef restoration. Questions? email: info@reefrenewalbonaire.org

Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB). Free presentations at Kaya Aruba 4E on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. . https://www.facebook.com/bonaireturtles/

Klein Bonaire nesting site patrol. *The important nesting site with an average of 70 nests per year. Our staff patrol the beach of Klein Bonaire and you can join them! When: May-October, Mon/Wed/Fri mornings 7:30 a.m. Cost: $40 adults & $20 children under 12. Bonaire residents $20.*
Reserve your spots: https://www.bonaireturtles.org/wp/nest-monitoring-patrols/

STCB quarterly photo contest *Each quarterly contest has its own theme and prize. You can submit your photo until Nov. 6 via our google form After sign-ups close, you'll find all contest entries on this page, ready to be voted on. The winning photo of every quarter will be displayed in the STCB visitor center and featured on our social channels. At the end of the year, all winning photos will be auctioned to support STCB.*

Coming Up

Nov. **28-29**	**Kaminda di Arte**. Open Art Studio Weekend. Artists open their studios to the public. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. https://www.sobremesa-bonaire.com/kaminda-di-arte
Get in shape now for... Sunday, Dec. **6**	'**From Tower to Tower' Chantiwawa organizes a 50-kilometer hike** from Willemstoren (Torno di Sùit / Southern Tower) to Malmok Tower. Sign up via WhatsApp at +599-700-5964. Limited to 100 participants. Registration fee is $20.
January **2027**	**Beginner Dutch lessons for Adults**. Two evenings a week, participants—newcomers from various countries—can receive instruction in the Dutch language. Current courses are full. Those interested can sign up for the course starting in January 2027. Contact: Paul Ruijs, 599 782 4569 lezenenschrijvenbonaire@gmail.com

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What's Happening

Tuesdays, 24 weeks starting June **2**	**Ban Lesa 2.0 at 5:30 p.m. BonFM 102.7** The series celebrates the diversity, and power of Caribbean books. Multilingual.
Aug. **8** - Dec. **1**	**Tene Pia Seku, Terramar Museum**. The exhibition looks at environmental change through the lens of community resilience and care. The exhibit joins international photography and research with local art and history.
Wednesday, Oct. **28**	**Environmental Expo for businesses** Sponsored by OLB for retail and wholesale sectors. At Jong Bonaire 2 - 5 p.m. Complying with April 2024 Environmental Regulations. Solutions for waste management, wastewater, and energy conservation—such as solar panels—with plenty of time set aside for networking.
Friday, Oct. **30**	**Big Live Nature Quiz Kids DCNA** hosts its online free Quiz on Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Maarten, and Sint Eustatius. 9 - 10 a.m. Teachers can register their team(s): https://dcnanature.org/quiz/
Saturday, Oct. **31**	**Nos Zjilea Cultural Event** *"Kokolode" A Scorpion's tale and a local herb* 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Rincon. Free entrance. Enjoy the music, dancing, crafts, amazing food and drink. Held last Saturday of each month.
Sunday, Nov. **1**	**First Triathlon Bonaire** Isidel Park. 6:30 a.m. Swim 750 m, Bike 20 km, Run 5 km. Compete individually or as a team. In the relay, a team consists of three people, the first member swims, the second cycles and the third runs. Register online https://raceroster.com/events/2026/165441/1st-triathlon-bonaire-2026r. **Fiesta di Salú** The festive conclusion of Fiesta di Salú will take place during Cyclovia on November 1, when the entire Bonairean community is invited to experience the Fiesta di Salú activities. **Cyclovia** A car-free open street event. Kids of every age can safely ride bikes, scooters, skates, and so on. There's music and bouncy castles, and sidewalk cafés for a bite to eat. Next on November 1. Watch for it on https://www.facebook.com/cycloviabonaire/?locale=nl_NL
November **2 - 6**	**DUO staff will be visiting Bonaire.** Address: RCN Studiefinanciering, Kaya Nikiboko Zuid #4, Kralendijk. Hours: Mon. 2nd noon – 5 p.m.; Tues. 3rd & Wed. 4th 11 a.m. -7 p.m.; Thurs. 5th 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Fri. 6th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. DUO provides student finance and manages loan repayments. Those with student debt can ask about the monthly repayments in 2027. Contact options listed on: https://duo.nl/particulier/contact-caribisch-gebied.jsp
Saturday, Nov. **7**	**Un Anochi di Rekuerdo – A Memorial Evening** Free Admission 7 to 9 p.m. Parke Isidel, Lanterns: Available for $5 each, including an LED light Lantern pre-sales: Mon - Fri. Nov. 2-6 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Hospice Kas Flamboyan, Kaya Guanare 11 see page 19
Wednesday, Nov. **11**	**Interactive Workshop 'Citizens and Democracy Bonaire'** 7 to 9 p.m. conference room of Habitat Bonaire Oceanfront Resort. Guests are welcome from 6.30 p.m. Participation is free but requires prior registration. For more information, visit www. kcdr-caribbean.org see page 16
Sunday, Nov. **15**	**HICARU presents Crossing Waters, contemporary jazz rooted in the Caribbean** One performance November 15 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) SACA Bonaire Kaya Korona 74 Tickets $20 cash only ($25 at door) Tickets available from Sat. Oct. 31 at SACA & El Canton Restaurant Tues. – Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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You will see:
A free subscription link. Sign up if you would like the online Reporter delivered to your email address.

A search engine for the archive. At the moment you can find stories written in years 2024 to present. We will be extending the search engine back to 2004, the year when we first took the Reporter online.

Our heartfelt thanks to our volunteer IT guru, Michael Copini, for these improvements.

VOTE for your library.

"We have been nominated for the best library in the Netherlands! Vote for us from October 1-31 inclusive: www.bibliotheekblad.nl/stem

"Biblioteka Públiko Boneiru has developed from a traditional library facility, with an outdated book collection and few activities, to a library that we can be proud of within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Great when everything comes together: wonderful people as employees, great programming, multilingual collection, keep up with library development in European Netherlands and even getting ahead in some aspects and that in a beautiful new location."

Head of Department Jennifer Pocornie Martis

Old shoes wanted

For Children's Book Week, we are looking for shoes that are no longer being worn.

On November 7, these shoes will feature in our major theater performance, 'Under the Shoe Tree' (*Onder de schoenenboom*). Do you have shoes you no longer use? You can drop them off at Biblioteka Públiko Boneiru between Monday, October 12, and November 4. There is a box at the entrance where you can leave your shoes.

2026 Cruise Ship Schedule

DATE	TIME	CRUISE SHIP	PIER
Wed. October 28	0800-2200	*CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests*	South
Thurs. October 29	0900-1700	*CARNIVAL GLORY 3540 guests*	South
Fri. October 30	0600-1800	*CELEBRITY REFLECTION 3046 guests*	South
Sun. November 1	0630-1800	*LE BELLOT 184 guests*	North
	0700-1800	*QUEEN ELIZABETH 2250 guests*	South
Tues. November 3	0700-1800	*CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE 2886 guests*	South
Thurs. November 5	0830-1500	*ROYAL CLIPPER 246 guests*	North
Sat. November 7	0800-1700	*CARNIVAL MIRACLE 2680 guests*	North
Sun. November 8	0630-2300	*FREEWINDS 540 guests*	North
Wed. November 11	0800-2200	*CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests*	South
Thurs. November 12	0600-1800	*CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE 2886 guests*	South
Sat. November 14	1200-2300	*ZUIDERDAM 2505 guests*	North
Sun. November 15	0700-1300	*MARELLA DISCOVERY 2074 guests*	North
Mon. November 16	0700-2100	*FREEWINDS 540 guests*	North
	0800-1700	*GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS 2440 guests*	South
Tues. November 17	1000-2200	*AIDABELLA 2500 guests*	North
Wed. November 18	0900-2200	*CARNIVAL MAGIC 3646 guests*	South
Fri. November 20	0600-1700	*SEVEN SEAS SPLENDOR 754 guests*	North
Sat. November 21	0730-1900	*MEIN SCHIFF 5 2506 guests*	North

Keeping fit ...

Becoming Movement Club Free monthly event for runners and walkers. Sorobon five-kilometer route Sunday 7.15 a.m. Check Facebook.

Beach Tennis Bonaire Free. Everyone welcome. Sportpark Rudy Boezem. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/beachtennisbonaire/
Sunfish Race Days: Barring inclement weather: BSSA Bonaire Sailing School Association Facebook.

Cyclovia A car-free open street event. Kids of every age can safely ride bikes, scooters, skates, and so on. There's music and bouncy castles, and sidewalk cafés for a bite to eat. Next on November 1. Watch for it on https://www.facebook.com/cycloviabonaire/?locale=nl_NL

Field Hockey. Kids 6-12. Thurs. free training in May & June. Adults train twice weekly. https://www.facebook.com/people/Bonaire-Hockey-Foundation/61576259612469/

JEU De BOULES CLUB Bonaire. ALL WELCOME. We play PETANQUE (the French version). Wed. & Sun. 2.30-6 p.m. Kunuku Allee, Kaminda Lac 38. We have spare boules (balls) for newcomers. jeudeboulebonaire@gmail.com or Peter Overman, 00599 7964037

Pickleball. • *Chinese Assoc. Kaminda Lac, Blue Building:* Tues. & Thurs 6-8 p.m. Sat. 3 to 5 p.m. • *Sports Hall Jorge Nicolaas, Kaya Amsterdam:* Sun. Social play and beginners from 8 – 10 a.m. Advanced Competitive play from 10 a.m. - Noon.Members play free, non-members pay $ 5.00 pp

Running & Aqua Zumba Free. Every Saturday. **Running** 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Playa Lechi at start of the Malekon. **Aqua Zumba** 7:45 - 8:35 a.m. Natural pool at Parke Tului

Tennis Eddie's courts. Everyone (18+) is welcome. Free Kid's Clinics at Sentro di Bario Nikiboko Tue & Fri 4-6 p.m. Sentro di Bario Nort'i Saliña, Mon & Thu 4-6 p.m. Register: app 599 782 4569 email info@bonairetennisassociation.com. https://bonairetennisassociation.com/events/ Mixed competition matches play Saturdays 4 to 10 p.m. on Eddie's courts.

You might want to visit ...

Animal Shelter: Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. phone/whatsapp: 701 4989 or 717 4989. Email: animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza. When cruise ships are in. Schedule at: https://www.facebook.com/BonaireArtsandCraftsCruiseMarket

Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei in Rincon: Tues.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 8-noon

Library: Mon. 1-5; Tues. & Thurs. 8-7; Wed & Fri. 8-5:; Sat. 10-2. 715 5344. Anyone can become a member. Free for residents 0 to 18 years. Adults $10 a year. Members can borrow ebooks online. www.onlinebibliotheek.nl

Marshe di Playa Local market Sat. 9-1. Kaya Industria, by Warehouse Supermarket.

Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter flea market) Kaya Gilberto F Croes, just past Caribbean Laundry. Saturdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pakus raises funds for the Animal Shelter by selling recycled and affordable clothes, furniture, books, music, housewares and more.

Terramar Museum Mon-Fri 9-2. Kaya J.N.E. Isla Riba 3. Admission $10. Residents $5. Tours $20. Children under 12 free. +599 701 4700 https://terramarmuseum.org
Each month: ***Family Saturday,*** Pay a "family" fee of $10 to enjoy our exhibitions and activities. Family is who you decide; ***Kids Workshop*** $10 per child. 10 - 12 noon. Register via terramarmuseum@gmail.com or phone. ***Museum at Night*** Free entrance. 5 to 6:30 p.m. to explore and shop; also ***Sisterhood Circle*** by Vibra Foundation 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pay what you can. Info. +599 785 4399

SACA Center Free entrance. Kaya Korona 74. During the day the garden is open to the public.

STINAPA headquarters: Mon-Thur 8-4. Fri 8-12 noon. Sat & Sun Closed +599 717 8444. After hours: +599 777 8444.

Washington Slagbaai Park: Mon. Closed. Open Tues. - Sun. 8-5 (entry to 2:30 p.m.) $40 (Free with Nature tag)

Sobremesa

Kas di Arte View or buy art from Bonaire's local artists. Tue-Fri 2 - 5 p.m. Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Abraham Boulevard 10. ***For those who love to make art themselves:***
- Fridays 3 - 5 p.m. After School Art. $20. Ages 8+. Studio Muzo. Materials included.
- Every Sat 11 - 2. Open Art Studio. $5 to use our space and materials but no guidance. 12+
- Every Wed 7 - 9 p.m. Art Club. $20 for all materials and professional help is available! Work on your own art project (2D). 16+ Whatsapp +599 700 7115 • email: sobremesabonaire@gmail.com

You can help keep Bonaire clean

Saturdays	**One Hour Cleanup Power**. Weekly coastal clean up every Sat. 9 – 10 a.m. Location on FB: https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanUpPower/
Sunday, Nov. 8	**Clean Coast Bonaire** clean up surveys second Sunday every month. 4-6 p.m. Piedra Pretu. Work as a citizen scientist to collect marine litter & data. https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire
Saturday, Nov. 28	**The Beach Boost** collects trash washing up on Bonaire's shores in Marine Park the last Saturday of the month. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join via WhatsApp groups +5997003749, +5997003748.

Interactive Workshop

'Citizens and Democracy Bonaire'

How are citizens represented in politics? What influences the relationship between citizens and their representatives? And what can research tell us about democracy on Bonaire? These are some of the questions that will be explored during the interactive workshop 'Citizens and Democracy', on November 11th at Habitat Bonaire Oceanfront Resort.

With the Island Council Elections of Bonaire in March 2027, this workshop will offer an opportunity to take a closer look at democratic representation in Bonaire.

Five speakers will share their perspectives.

- Researcher Pamela Jimenez Ablanque: technology and democracy.
- Ghislaine Nicolaas, researcher from Aruba: The Hague, Bonaire and its citizens.
- Labour Union Advisor Norwin Willem: trade unions, workers and Bonaire politics
- Melissa van Hoorn, CEO Stinapa: the importance of content-driven decision-making and governance.
- Wouter Veenendaal, Chair of Democratic Representation at Leiden University, will join online from the Netherlands to share insights about Representative Democracy on Bonaire since 10-10-10.

This evening is not just about listening to presentations. It is about creating a space where citizens can ask questions, exchange ideas, share experiences and engage in meaningful dialogue about democracy on Bonaire. Whether you are a student, a young professional, a worker, an entrepreneur or simply someone who cares about the future of Bonaire, join the conversation!

Practicalities: The event will take place on Wed. November 11, 2026, from 7 to 9 p.m. Conference Room of Habitat Bonaire Oceanfront Resort. Guests are welcome from 6.30 p.m. Participation is free but requires prior registration.

For more information, visit www. kcdr-caribbean.org

MVP Kenroy Belleau commits to URBE University in Miami

The Bonaire Basketball Federation (BBF) is proud to congratulate Kenroy Belleau, the 2026 Kings of the Bario MVP, on his commitment to URBE University in Miami, Florida, where he will continue his education while joining the URBE Tigers Men's Basketball Team.

Originally from St. Eustatius and currently living on Bonaire, Kenroy will relocate to Miami in January 2027, taking an important next step in both his academic and basketball journey. Kenroy will be joining a successful URBE basketball program. During the 2025–2026 season, the URBE Tigers finished with an impressive 22–2 record, captured the regular-season championship and advanced to the New South Athletic Conference tournament final

The opportunity came through a connection established by the Island Elite Sports Foundation, creating a pathway for Kenroy to continue his development as a student-athlete in the United States.

For Kenroy, the move therefore represents not only an opportunity to continue his education in the United States, but also the chance to enter a competitive basketball environment and continue challenging himself at a higher level.

Earlier this year, Aïsha Van Haute left the island to continue her academic and basketball development at Winston-Salem Christian School in North Carolina. Kenroy now follows as the second student-athlete moving from Bonaire to the United States to pursue basketball alongside his education.

Two players, two different journeys and two different opportunities — but both demonstrate what can become possible when local development is connected with opportunities beyond the island.

For BBF, this reinforces the importance of continuing to create environments in which players can train, compete and develop, while strengthening relationships with organizations that can help talented student-athletes find opportunities at the next level.



Kenroy Belleau, the 2026 Kings of the Bario MVP

BBF also extends its sincere thanks to Indebon for its continued support and to the Nederlandse Basketball Bond (NBB) for its guidance in the development of basketball on Bonaire.

Bonaire Basketball Federation

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Creating Optimal Health by Irene da Cunda Costa

Exploring the need for electrolyte supplements

Electrolytes have become one of those health products that seem to be everywhere: powders, tablets, sachets and brightly colored drinks promising better hydration and more energy. But do we really need to buy special electrolyte supplements? In most everyday situations, the answer is just no.

Electrolytes are minerals that carry an electrical charge when dissolved in body fluids. The most important ones include sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, chloride and phosphate. They are involved in maintaining fluid balance, nerve transmission, muscle contraction, heart function and energy metabolism.

Of these, sodium, potassium and magnesium receive the most attention. Sodium and chloride are easily obtained from ordinary salt. Potassium is abundant in vegetables, avocado, fruits and potatoes, while magnesium is found in leafy greens, nuts, seeds, cacao and many other whole foods.

Sea salt is sometimes marketed as a source of many trace minerals. Although it does contain tiny amounts of minerals other than sodium and chloride, these quantities are generally too small to make it a significant source of potassium or magnesium. In other words, sea salt is primarily a source of sodium and chloride, not a complete electrolyte supplement. Unfortunately, we don't have real data about the mineral content of our Bonairean sea salt.

It is easy to make a simple electrolyte drink at home.

For one liter:

1 liter of water • ¼ teaspoon sea salt • Juice of ½ lemon or lime • Optional: a small amount of fresh mint, parsley or basil

Shake or stir well and drink throughout the day.

This provides sodium and chloride, while the lemon and herbs contribute small amounts of potassium and magnesium. However, the herbs should be considered a nutritional bonus rather than a major source of these minerals.

For a more flavorful version, another option could be a herb and citrus electrolyte recipe:

1 liter water • ½ teaspoon sea salt • 1 tablespoon dried parsley • 1 teaspoon dried basil • Juice of ½–1 lemon or lime • Optional: a small amount of ginger

Allow the herbs to infuse for 10–15 minutes and strain if desired. The salt supplies most of the sodium and chloride. Parsley and basil contribute potassium, magnesium and other micronutrients, although the quantities remain modest.

For substantially more potassium and magnesium, it is better to eat mineral-rich foods alongside the drink. Avocado, leafy greens, pumpkin seeds, nuts, beans, potatoes and many vegetables are excellent sources. Animal foods also contribute important minerals, including phosphorus.

Electrolyte drinks become particularly useful when we lose significant amounts of fluid and minerals through heavy sweating, prolonged exercise, prolonged fasting, hot weather, sauna use, vomiting or diarrhea. For ordinary daily hydration, however, most healthy people can obtain everything they need from water and a varied diet.

There is also no advantage to consuming large amounts of electrolytes simply because they are marketed as healthy. Excessive sodium can be undesirable, while excessive supplemental potassium can be dangerous for people with kidney problems or those taking certain medications.

The simplest approach is therefore often the best: use ordinary salt for sodium, obtain potassium and magnesium primarily from food, and use a homemade electrolyte drink when your fluid and mineral losses actually increase.



Irene is passionate about health, neurosciences and personal growth. From Uruguay, she is an Integrative Psychotherapist (PNIE), Life Coach (ICF), Master in Nutrition(IUSC) and Yoga Instructor.

A Garden? Just Do It! -Unbelievable by Angliet, Nature Lover

Unbelievable, but from the two rain showers a few weeks ago, I actually got a tree full of cherries. I have several cherry trees in the garden, but two of the trees burst into bloom immediately after a splash of water. As for one tree, it is full of cherries, but small, and to my great disappointment, ants inside them. The ants are small, and I don't even know if they are ants. They lay eggs in the green cherries, and I can see that from the outside because the green skin looks bumpy. By the time the cherries start to ripen, the larvae hatch and eat the cherries from the inside out. That one tree always suffers from this, but I leave it standing because it makes the birds happy. They can truly empty a tree full of cherries in just two days. It amazes me how sharp their eyes are to see all the tiny, mostly green cherries among the green leaves and that takes very sharp eyesight.

The other cherry tree bears large, plump cherries and they are a real treat. The tree is also suffering from the ant larvae, but it still n has perfect, beautiful, juicy red fruit. The two trees stand 3 m (9.84 ft)apart. I wonder why the one tree has ants damaging all the cherries, and the other tree right next to it is mostly ant free. Some of the cherries have been eaten by ants and contain larvae too, but I will eat them anyway.

I first put them in a bowl of water with a spoonful of salt. After half an hour, I take them out of the water and start eating. I see the larvae lying in the saltwater. So remember that you can put fruit in salt water to rid it of larvae, eggs, dirt, etc.

I consider my own garden fruit to be superfruit and superfood. No fruit in the store can match the health value of this pure, natural and equally fresh fruit. Because that cherry bush stands low and closer to my house, birds are less likely to come near it than the one that is tall and stands farther away. All small, apparent differences contribute to getting something out of your fruit.

I have noticed that plants in many of my friends' gardens are withering away, despite good care. This is because the groundwater has dried up and saltwater is rising to the surface. Many plants cannot tolerate this, so the leaves turn yellow and shrivel into a brown clump. Even if you use fresh water, it doesn't help, because once the salt has penetrated into the topsoil, the plants suffer and wither away. Strangely enough, this does not happen everywhere in the garden. In some places, plants remain beautiful, while a little farther away, they die. If you want to save these plants, remove them from the ground and put them in pots, as far away as possible. Or put them somewhere else in the garden where the plants do reasonably well. It should also be clear that plants in pots must absolutely be kept out of direct sunlight. The sun is so relentlessly hot that no living thing can withstand being exposed to this unbearable heat day in and day out. Even the cacti in my garden are giving up. I have already had to remove many dried out pieces of cactus from my yatu hedge.



You can't fight against such a powerful weather phenomenon as this El Niño. And yet I keep saying: keep your spirits up. Keep tending to the plants, because look at my cherry harvest. I can eat from that harvest for another whole week (there are a lot of them), and I've got my daily dose of vitamins. And I also have pomegranates, a few star fruits, coconuts, and yes, two bunches of bananas in the garden: one small bunch of bananas and a large bunch of plantains. It is understandable that all the fruit is smaller than usual now. But that doesn't matter, I am very happy with it. I'm also seeing papayas, soursop, golden apples, cashew fruit, medlars, jamu, birambi dragon fruit and some other fruit here and there in other gardens.

There are many butterflies near the Trinitaria plants, despite the drought. I've seen some bird nests hidden among the flowering bushes, and a cat is roaming around here that has taken up residence without my permission. Funny, but the countless blue lizards that were in the garden not so long ago have taken off, because I don't see any anymore. The cat chased them away, and I am very happy about that.

Finally, keep enjoying every fruit and vegetable from your own garden. Don't let it lie around, don't waste it, do something with it. It is worth its weight in gold.



Angliet grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, where she trained as a teacher, then in Alternative Healing. Returning to the Caribbean, she taught in St Eustatius and Bonaire. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.

Make Bonaire Accessible by Ria Dokter

How does it feel….

It is very difficult to imagine how it feels not to be able to do what you want or to go where you want to when you do not come from a family where there is somebody unable to walk, talk, see, feel….. But when you grow up having a grandparent that had a stroke or with a peer that is blind, you know, because you have learned it, day by day. You get so used to it, that it just feels normal to you. As a peer, a parent, a nurse you know how overwhelming it can be or how desperate one can feel.

But the worst thing is, when people just do not know or just do not seem to care. When the roads are bad and so much care is needed but is unavailable. Often a lack of money is used as an argument for not to doing anything or leaving a situation as it is.

Most of the time the reaction is, we did not know, or we had no idea. So, the best way to explain about accessibility is by show and tell. Or even better, let people experience it.

Bring a wheelchair into the discussion and invite the opposite party to come and sit in that wheelchair. If you leave everything to the person pushing the wheelchair it seems to be very hard. Why - because the person in the chair needs to give up the reigns. They are no longer in charge. They also learn that traffic, roads or anything else is made for wheelchair use.

And the same goes for having a visual disability or auditary problems. What society does is teach these people to adapt, but society should also learn to adapt.

I remember taking part in a Dinner in the Dark. All dinner guests were securely blindfolded and we were taken into a room and placed at our seats. We were specifically asked NOT to touch the blindfold and enjoy the dinner. The dishes served we could only smell and we were not told what was on our plates. We could talk to our table partner, but not too loud, because noise could spoil the conversations people were having about the food.

We had no idea that not being able to see the food affected our taste. It appeared very hard to distinct what we ate and table manners changed abruptly. Since we could not see, we had to feel where the food and our cutlery were. It was an eye-opening experience and I feel it is time to repeat this once more.

It would be good to repeat these experiences, the dinner in the dark and the wheelchair rides. Maybe we could get Indebon involved to organize swimming events where people get to experience different kinds of disabilities.

When you know, you act differently, and that is what we need on Bonaire. Maybe that would decrease the number of people with disabilities from sitting at home. AND we need well instructed volunteers.

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Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she used to work as a director at 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.

Held on the ABC islands The 9th Educational Congress

The ninth edition of The National Education Congress Caribbean expanded in 2026 with its first Management Conference Caribbean. The congress traveled to the ABC islands: Aruba, October 26th; Curaçao on the 27th and 28th; and Bonaire on the 29th.

The 2026 theme "BrainPower: investing in the power to grow" highlighted a question concerning every education professional: What do children and youth need today to stand strong in the world tomorrow? After the keynote given by Willie Spears, the program consisted of hands-on sessions and workshops, so participants could take practical ideas, insights and skills back to their own classroom, childcare organization or school.

Much of the conference focused on leadership, including school leaders, deputy principals, administrators, MT members, staff officers, and childcare leaders. On Bonaire, the program took on a special emphasis with Prince Heyliger, director of the Rolf Group and his session 'Leadership that connects – stronger together on Bonaire'.

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Lila

Lila arrived in August 2023, and has been waiting patiently for someone to choose her. Month after month, she watches others find their forever homes, hoping that one day it will be her turn.

Despite the long wait, Lila hasn't lost her cheerful spirit. She is a gentle, happy girl who loves the company of other dogs and enjoys making new friends. Social, open-hearted and always ready for a game or a walk, Lila has so much love and happiness to bring into someone's life.

But what Lila really dreams of is a place to call home. A place where she can feel safe, loved and cherished. A family who will take her on adventures, play with her, cuddle with her and show her that she will never be left waiting again.

Story / Photo: Sanne Attevelt



Remy

This loving little heart is looking for a place to call home. Meet Remy, a beautiful calico girl of around two years old who has been waiting at the shelter for five long months.

Remy was found by a kind family who brought her to the shelter, hoping she would get the chance of a brighter future. Since then, she has been waiting for someone to notice her and give her the loving home she deserves.

With her gorgeous calico coat and sweet personality, Remy has so much love to give. She is very friendly with people and absolutely loves being petted. Give her a little affection, and you'll discover a lovely girl who just wants to feel safe, wanted and loved.

Unfortunately, life at the shelter has been difficult for Remy. The other cats haven't accepted her, and she is struggling to find her place among them. That's why we are desperately hoping to find Remy a home of her own — somewhere she can finally relax and be the special girl she is.

Remy deserves more than waiting day after day. She deserves a cozy spot to sleep, a kind person to stroke her beautiful fur, and a family who will make her part of their world.

Could you be the person Remy has been waiting for? Share Remy's story. Her special someone might be just one share away! *Story / Photo: Bo Attevelt*

MiVaBo bids farewell to board member Ria Dokter.

MiVaBo is saying goodbye to board member Ria Dokter. For more than eight years, she has worked with great dedication and commitment to advocate for the interests of people with disabilities and to foster a more accessible Bonaire.

Ria understands the importance of accessibility like few others. Drawing from her own experience as a long-term caregiver, as well as her own challenges with mobility, she knows just how significant an impact a lack of accessibility can have on daily life. She has channeled this personal experience into a strong commitment to raising awareness and driving improvements.

Ria's contributions extend beyond her board duties writing a column in the Bonaire Reporter on accessibility issues on Bonaire. Through this work, she brings topics that might seem self-evident to some, but are far from it for others to the attention of a wider audience.



MiVaBo is deeply grateful to Ria for everything she has contributed to the foundation and its mission over the past eight years. Her dedication, involvement, and persistence have helped ensure a sustained focus on creating a Bonaire where everyone can participate as independently and fully as possible.

Although her term on the MiVaBo board is coming to an end, Ria will continue to serve the community in other ways. MiVaBo wishes her every success and much joy, including in her role at *Hofi Kultural*.

Thank you, Ria, for your years of dedication and commitment. We wish you all the best for the future!

MiVaBo release

Join us November 7 for Night of Remembrance at Isidel

Hospice Kas Flamboyan will once again host the memorial evening 'Un Anochi di Rekuerdo' at Parke Isidel on Saturday, November 7, 7 to 9 p.m. at Parke Isidel. Everyone who is missing a loved one is welcome to come together to reflect on loss, love and remembrance.

During the evening, lanterns with LED lights will be arranged in the shape of a large heart. Each lantern will carry a name, a personal message or a memory. Together, the lights will form a heart symbolising the love that remains, even when someone is no longer with us.

New this year, you can purchase your lantern at Hospice Kas Flamboyan 4 - 6 p.m. from Monday Nov. 2nd through Friday Nov. 6th 4 - 6 p.m. You can write a message or decorate your lantern at the hospice, or do so at home. Lanterns can also be purchased on the night at Parke Isidel.

Music, poetry and connection

The memorial evening will include musical accompaniment by a saxophonist and poetry readings as well as space for quiet reflection, shared understanding and connection.

The evening is intended for anyone who is missing a loved one, regardless of how long ago the loss occurred. Former residents of Hospice Kas Flamboyan will be remembered. In addition, the evening will honour the seven people who were aboard the missing vessel Isidel in 1978, after which Parke Isidel was named.

The initiative for Un Anochi di Rekuerdo comes from Hospice Kas Flamboyan, which has been providing a loving, homelike environment for people in the final stages of life and their loved ones since 2018.

Everyone is welcome

Hospice Kas Flamboyan invites all residents of Bonaire to take part in this special evening. Admission is free. Anyone wishing to honour a loved one can purchase a lantern and make a personal contribution to the heart of light.

The initiative for Un Anochi di Rekuerdo comes from Hospice Kas Flamboyan, which has been providing a Wloving, homelike environment for people in the final stages of life and their loved ones since 2018. All proceeds from the evening will go directly to the hospice.

Hospice Kas Flamboyan

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Dive Friends holds their final cleanup for 2026



The final 2026 quarterly cleanup for Dive Friends was held October 24 with an amazing 103 divers participating.

Even with a cleanup site change from Karel's and the north pier area, due to a cruise ship in port, the dedicated divers did their best to scour the reef for any trash at TeAmo Beach. Very little debris was collected which is either from conscientious beach goers at TeAmo or as someone suggested, the winds carried everything out to sea or to Klein Bonaire.

The highlight of the quarterly cleanup was the evening Dive Friends thank you barbeque complete with a raffle and great prizes from Caribbean Manta Trust Foundation, Piedraso Golf, Bonaire Yacht Charters, Go with Jo Diving, The Bucket and Dive Friends.

The next cleanup and first for 2027 will be in January with date, time and location to be announced on Dive Friends Facebook page and the Bonaire Reporter.

Story / Photo Julie Morgan

The divers collected: 14 pieces of glass; 12 cloth pieces; 65 metal pieces; 9 pieces of paper; 1 mixed material totaling 303 pieces of debris with a weight of 47 kg (103.61 lbs).

(More cleanup photos will be available on the Reporter Facebook page.)

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		BOAT NAME	NR	CAPTAIN	
MICRO BOATS D (30)	**3**	Kachin	#2	Constantino Thielman	BON
	2	Roja 2	#50	Genaro Anthony	BON
	1	No Game	#7	Everardo Janga	BON

		BOAT NAME	NR	CAPTAIN	
MICRO BOATS C (35)	**3**	Extreme	#22	Everardo Janga	BON
	2	Mr.Dushi	#25	Mazarella Jansen	BON
	1	Mio	#100	Genaro Anthony	BON

		BOAT NAME	NR	CAPTAIN	
MICRO BOATS B (40)	**3**	Megalodon	#44	Mario Lampe	AUA
	2	RR	#52	Genaro Anthony	BON
	1	Khimani	#30	Everardo Janga	BON

		BOAT NAME	NR	CAPTAIN	
MICRO BOATS A (45)	**3**	Sassen	#1	Ye Lien Xie	BON
	2	Jibo	#63	Genaro Anthony	BON
	1	Kheian	#46	Everardo Janga	BON

Bonaire Regatta 2026
AWARDS

Optimist A	**3**	Justin van Dortmondt	CUR	# 2	
	2	Daan Langebroek	CUR	AHO # 28	
	1	Gianno Francisca	CUR	# 13	
Optimist B	**3**	Quincenn Gabriel	CUR	# 15	
	2	Brendan van Dortmondt	CUR	KM # 32	
	1	Roemer van den Brink	BON	# 23	
Optimist C	**3**	Joep van Heusden	BON	# 6	
	2	Sean Schipper	CUR	# 44	
	1	Vincent Seidman	CUR	# 40	
Sunfish A	**3**	Gerrard Vos	BON	# 311	
	2	Paxienrocque Martis	BON	# 5402	
	1	Robbert Verboon	BON	# 10	
Sunfish B	**3**	Bert Pol	BON	# 9	
	2	Konstanze Staud	BON	# 3	
	1	Beau Hilgers	BON	# 28	
Sunfish C	**3**	Petri Spijkers	BON	# 6	
	2	Travis Ruse	USA	# 2	
	1	Mees de Smet	BON	# 5	
RS Feva	**3**	Rebecca Porter/John Fondrk	BON	# 2	
	2	Antje Guenther/Carine Verhaagen	BON	# 4	
	1	Pien Zwart/Dedrie Pedersen	BON	# 3	
Yacht Racing	**3**	Jenk (Jan Henk van der Wien)	BON	# B 443	
	2	Chamba II (Henry Hernandez)	CUR	# NC 828	
	1	La Dolce Vita (Gareth Weber)	CUR	# NC 663	
Yacht Open	**3**	Jaggie (Ludwig Tolohreg)	BON	# B 501	
	2	Paraiso (Gerrit Fokke)	BON	# B 817	
	1	Melody (Winfried Merkies)	BON	# NC 18 Z	
Yacht Commercial	**3**	Lost Cat (James Cognito)	BON	# B 133	
	2	Aventura (Michiel van Heusden)	BON	# NB 388	
	1	Compass (Lars Keijser)	BON	# B 398	
Fishing Sailing	**2**	Unico (Mario Soliano)	BON	# B 902	
	1	Arantsa (Jovani Soliano)	BON	# B 651	



Oct–Nov Corals

NAFM	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
DATE	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	1-Nov	2-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov	5-Nov	6-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov
SUNSET	6:12 PM	6:11 PM	6:11 PM	6:10 PM	6:10 PM	6:10 PM	6:09 PM	6:09 PM	6:09 PM	6:09 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM
Diploria labyrinthiformis (70 MBS–10 MAS)	Grooved Brain Coral										5:00–6:20 PM			
Meandrina meandrites (10–70 MAS)	Maze Coral						6:20–7:20 PM (Expected nightly until at least Oct 26: new observations are							
Montastraea cavernosa (15–225 MAS)	Great Star Coral						6:25–9:55 PM (Peaks in first 90 min)							
Colpophyllia natans (25–115 MAS)	Boulder Brain Coral						6:34–8:04 PM							
Pseudodiploria strigosa (Early group 30–90 MAS)	Symmetrical Brain Coral						6:39–7:39 PM (Peaks in first 30 min)							
Eusmilia fastigiata (75–270 MAS)	Smooth Flower Coral						7:25–10:40 PM							
Montastraea/Orbicella franksi (90–150 MAS)	Boulder Star Coral						7:40–8:40 PM							
Dendrogyra cylindrus (90–160 MAS)	Pillar Coral		7:42–8:52 PM											
Dichocoenia stokesii (85–160 MAS)	Pineapple Coral		7:37–8:52 PM (Expected nightly from mid-Sept to mid-Nov: new observations are encouraged!)											
Stephanocoenia intersepta (160–255 MAS)	Blushing Star Coral						8:50–10:25 PM							
Montastraea/Orbicella annularis (185–250 MAS)	Lobed/Boulder Star Coral						9:15–10:20 PM							
Montastraea/Orbicella faveolata (185–255 MAS)	Mountainous Star Coral						9:15–10:25 PM							
Siderastrea siderea (195–280 MAS)	Massive Starlet Coral					9:25–10:50 PM								
Pseudodiploria clivosa (210–255 MAS)	Knobby Brain Coral							9:39–10:24 PM						
Pseudodiploria strigosa (Late group 200–270 MAS)	Symmetrical Brain Coral							9:29–10:39 PM						
Madracis senaria (All night)	Ten-Ray Star Coral							all night						
Agaricia humilis/Agaricia agaricites (All night)	Lettuce Coral							all night						



Eusmilia fastigata with eggs visible in tentacles before spawning (Photo: Mark Vermeij)

Late Nov Corals

NAFM	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
DATE	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec
SUNSET	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM	6:09 PM	6:09 PM	6:09 PM	6:09 PM	6:10 PM	6:10 PM
Meandrina meandrites (10–70 MAS)	Maze Coral				6:18–7:18 PM (Expected nightly through early Dec)									
Eusmilia fastigiata (75–270 MAS)	Smooth Flower Coral					7:23–10:38 PM								
Dichocoenia stokesii (85–160 MAS)	Pineapple Coral	7:32–8:47 PM (Known to spawn from mid-Sept to mid-Nov: please help us explore their late season spawning!)												

Fall Sponges, Brittle Stars, Gorgonians, and More

NAFM	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
DATE	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep
	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct
	26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	1-Nov	2-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov	5-Nov	6-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov
Holothuria mexicana	Donkeydung Sea Cucumber						12:00–6:00 PM							
Hermodice carunculata	Fire Worm						12:00–7:00 PM							
Diadema antillarum	Long-Spined Sea Urchin						12:00–9:00 PM							
Neofibularia nolitangere	Touch-Me-Not Sponge				2:00–7:00 PM									
Plexaura, Pseudoplexaura, Eunicia	Sea Rods					starting at 7:00 PM								
Plexaura homomalla	Black Sea Rod					7:00–11:00 PM								
Ophiuroidea	Brittle Sea Star/Serpent Star						7:30–11:00 PM							
Pseudopterogorgia spp.	Sea Plume					8:00–11:00 PM								
Spirobranchus giganteus	Christmas Tree Worm						9:00–11:30 PM							

Scientific name (and spawning window) | **Common Name**

Abbreviations & Colors

NAFM: Nights After the Full Moon
MBS: Minutes Before Sunset
MAS: Minutes After Sunset

Pale yellow: Spawning may be possible but data are sparse: Please help by diving on these dates

CARMABI orange: Spawning is possible: Spawning has been observed on these dates

Red: Spawning is likely: Spawning is often observed on these dates

Dark purple: Spawning is very likely: Spawning is reliably observed on these dates

Times are show using a 12h clock (AM/PM)
Colors are distinct for grayscale/CVD

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Tips for Success

- Spawning is never guaranteed in a changing climate: When in doubt, dive!
- Our predictions span the known range of spawning times without an added buffer; be sure to enter the water before the predicted spawning time.
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- Make multiple dives on multiple nights.
- Dive shallower than 50' to maximize time.
- Use a moderately bright dive light.
- Scan the water for clouds of spawn:
  - Spawn from most brain, star, elkhorn, and staghorn corals looks like snow, confetti, or polka dots.
  - Spawn from starlet, pillar, maze, and pineapple corals (and male great star corals) looks like puffs of smoke or sprays of fine sand.
  - Spawn from female great star corals looks like chunky vomit (hooray!)
- Spawning depends on local sunset times; to adjust dives based on your local sunset times, visit www.timeanddate.com

More Info & Ways to Help

- **Bonus features and PDF download:** Download this PDF, get notified when future calendars are released, and help us measure our reach: Please take our quick survey at www.tinyurl.com/CarmabiCal2026.
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- **Spawning community Q&As:** Join us for our Facebook Q&A series; we're answering spawning and larval propagation questions here: www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch.
- **Please share your observations:** Your discoveries help coral research and conservation! A new AGGRA database is collecting and distributing regional spawning data. If you monitor spawning, please record as many of the following details as possible: Date, location, site name (or lat/long), depth, species, setting time (if seen), spawning start/stop times, area monitored (m2), # of colonies monitored, % of colonies that spawned, # of male/female colonies (if applicable). Photos, partial records, and records of no spawn are all valuable! Send reports to carmabilog@gmail.com, v.chamberland@secore.org, kristen@marhaverlab.com, or post your observations at www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch.
- **Epic thanks** to everyone who has shared observations over the past 30+ years. Spawning has been a challenge lately, but larval propagation and genetic conservation teams continue to have success. The Curacao team wishes everyone a safe and productive spawning season!
- **Suggested citation:** KL Marhaver, VF Chamberland, and MJA Vermeij, “Coral Spawning Predictions, Southern Caribbean, 2007–2026.” CARMABI, Curacao.

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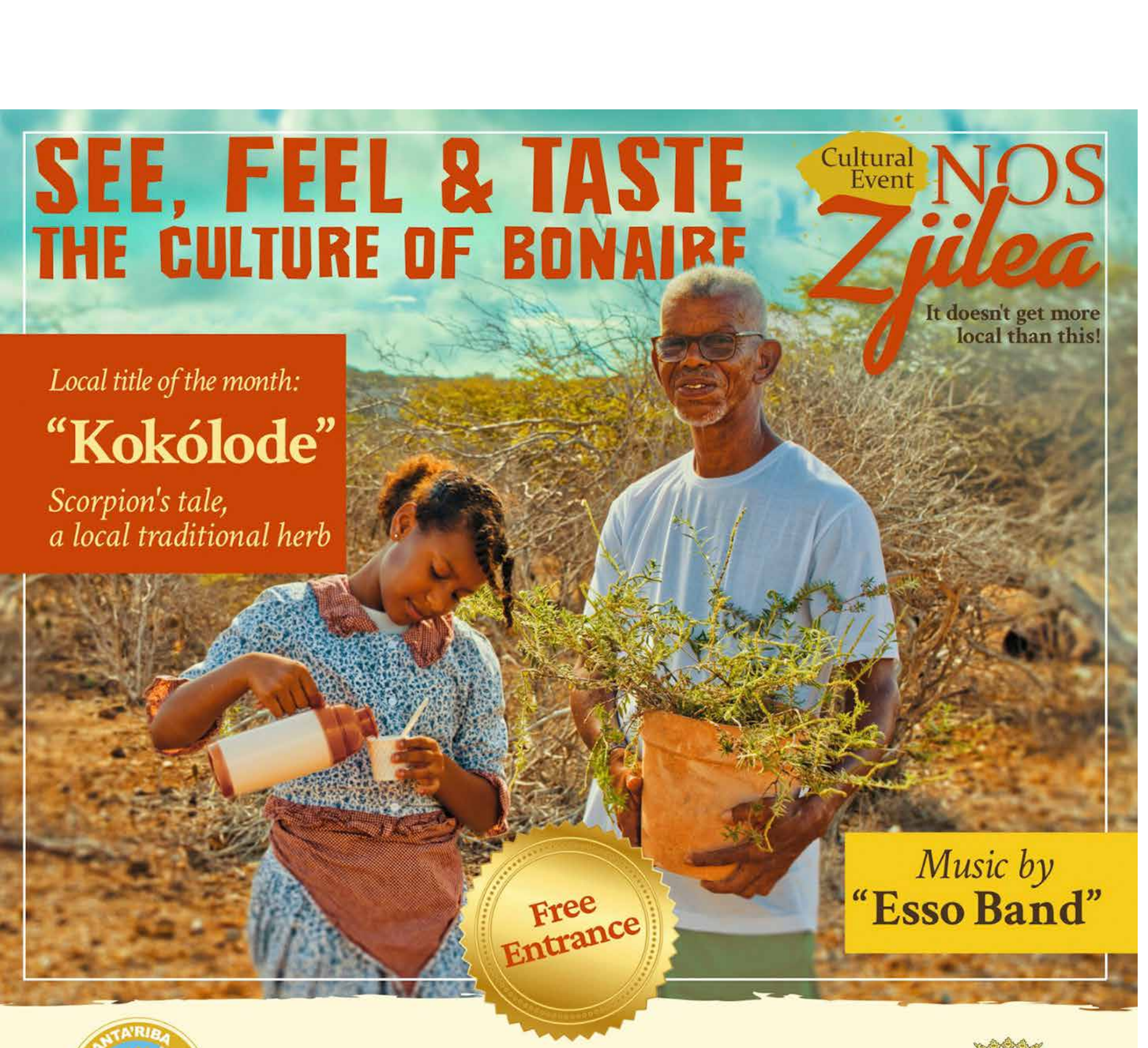
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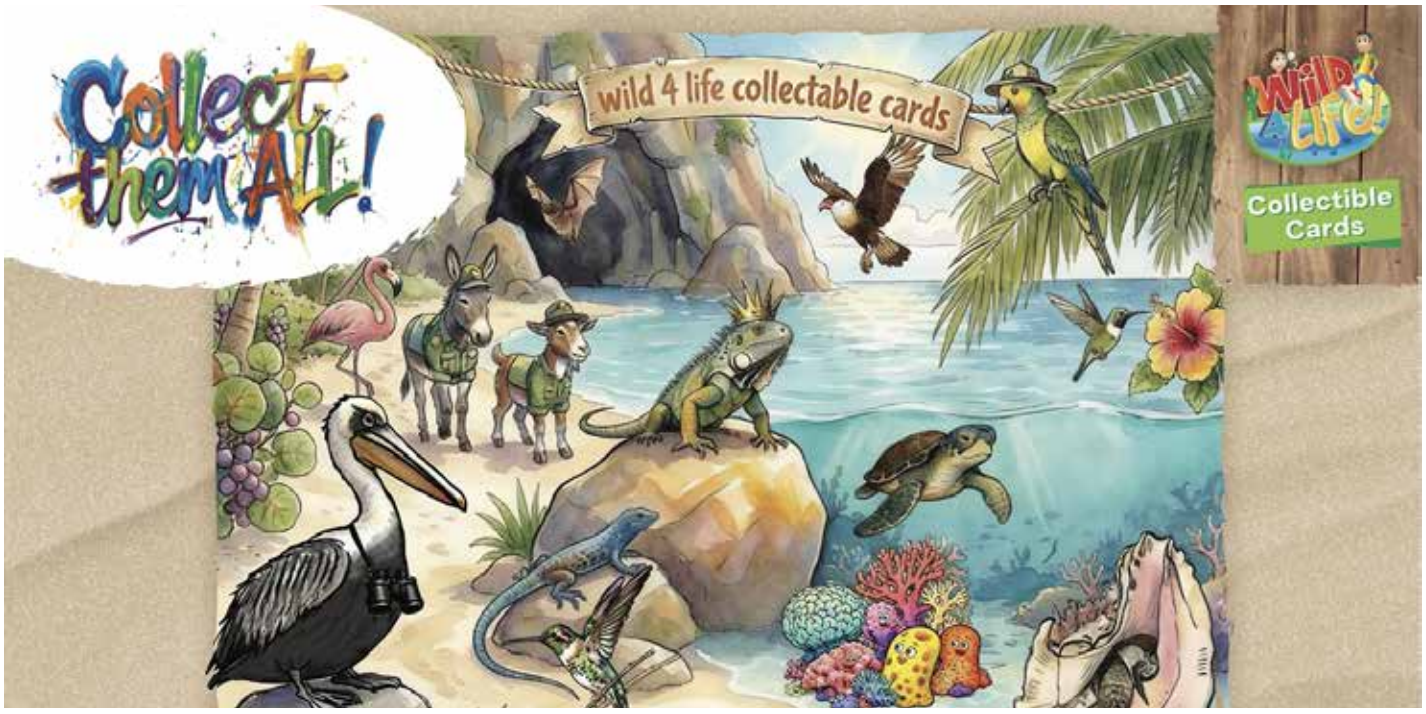
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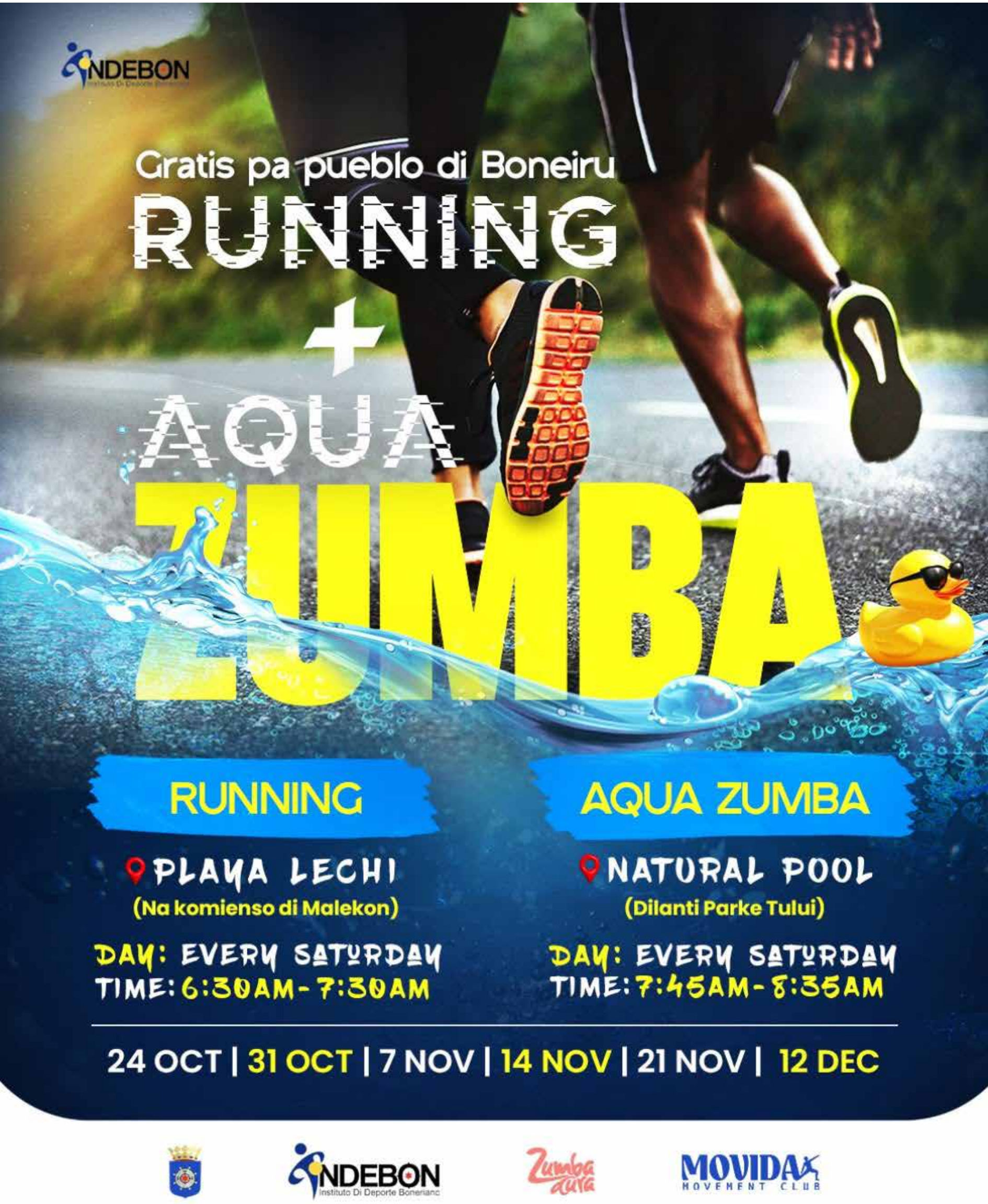
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16	Van den Tweel	6	-$13,08	2%
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19	Tesco	7	-$8,51	1%
20	Wing Cheung	6	-$8,11	1%
21	Top	6	-$5,30	1%
22	Caribe Nobo	2	$0,00	0%
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2	Caribe Nobo	26	$70,96	11%
3	Zhung Kong	19	$57,09	9%
4	Kadushi	12	$46,58	7%
5	Wing Cheung	17	$46,05	7%
6	Bondigro	8	$42,02	7%
7	Liagxiang	15	$39,08	6%
8	Rincon City	12	$34,10	5%
9	Van den Tweel	8	$32,92	5%
10	Jai Xing (kaya Salsa)	14	$24,04	4%
11	Tesco	7	$22,50	4%
12	Ideal	7	$21,15	3%
13	Supermarket na Kaya Korona 56	8	$20,85	3%
14	Good & More	9	$19,94	3%
15	Foodymark	9	$11,39	2%
16	Xu-Sheng	7	$10,95	2%
17	Sunshine	4	$10,55	2%
18	Famoso	7	$9,52	2%
19	New World	5	$7,07	1%
20	Top	6	$3,57	1%
21	Jai Xing (Kaya Korona)	5	$2,44	0%
22	Lucky	4	$1,35	0%
			$626,05	100%



BONAIRE MONTHLY TOURISM PERFORMANCE SEPTEMBER 2026

THE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

These data are preliminary figures.

NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR

12,758 **2026**

All non-residents are registered as visitors

NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR

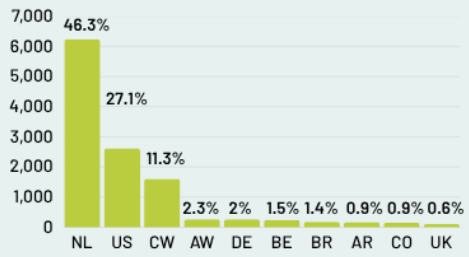
12,196 **2025**

2026 COMPARED TO 2025

4.6%

Increase in non-resident arrivals

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



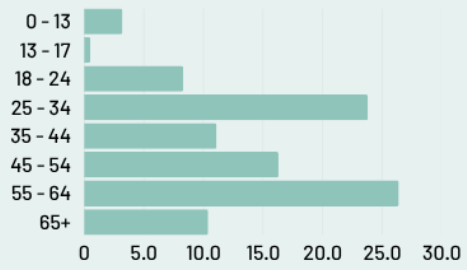
TOP STATES & REGION

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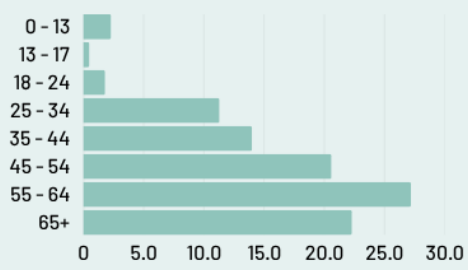
NL South Holland, North Holland, North Brabant, Gelderland, and Utrecht.

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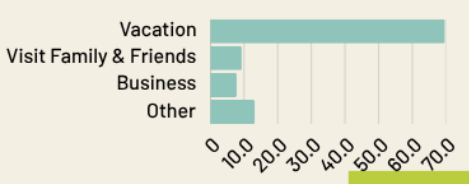
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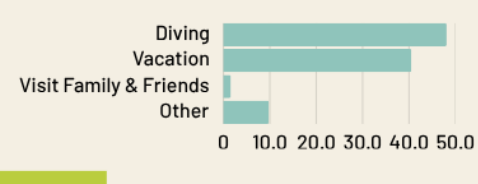
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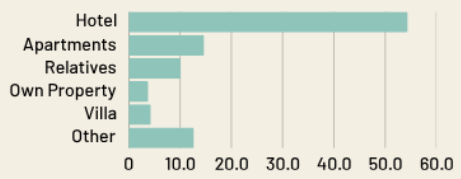


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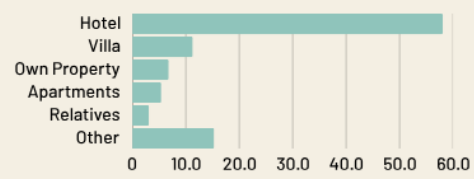


VISITOR BEHAVIOR

ACCOMMODATION TYPE DUTCH



ACCOMMODATION TYPE AMERICAN



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BONAIRE It's in our nature

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North America

Winter flight schedule

27 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

Airline	Destination	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
American Airlines	Miami (MIA)	✓	✓*	✓	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*
Delta Air Lines	Atlanta (ATL)			✓**			✓	✓**
United Airlines	Newark (EWR)						✓	
United Airlines	Houston (IAH)						↘	↗
WestJet	Toronto (YYZ)		↘	↗***				

↘ Arrival | ↗ Departure

* **American Airlines**
Tue from 22 Dec - Thu from 17 Dec
Fri from 2 Nov - Sun from 20 Dec.

** **Delta Air Lines**
Wed: 23 Dec – 3 Jan and 7 Mar – 31 Mar.
Sun: from 20 Dec.

*** **WestJet**
15 Dec – 7 April.

Flight schedule is subject to change.
For the most current information, please refer to the airline's website.



Europe

Winter flight schedule

27 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

Airline	Destination	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
KLM	Amsterdam (AMS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TUI	Amsterdam (AMS)		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
corendon	Amsterdam (AMS)		✓			✓		

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Caribbean

Winter flight schedule

27 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

Airline	Destination	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
DIVIDIVI Divi Divi Air	Curaçao (CUR) & Aruba (AUA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ZAir Z Air	Curaçao (CUR) & Aruba (AUA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WINAIR Winair	Sint Maarten (SXM) via Curaçao (CUR)			✓				✓
SKYhigh Dominicana Sky High	Santo Domingo (SDQ)					✓		
AIRCENTURY Air Century	Santo Domingo (JBQ)			✓*				

* **Air Century**
Wed: 9 Dec – **20 Jan**

Divi Divi Air
Operates **71** flights per week

Z Air
Operates 28 flights per week

Flight schedule is subject to change.
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WHAT IS 'BAN LESA 2.0?

A new radio series about Caribbean books with a new episode every week!

Starting Tuesday, June 2, the new radio series Ban Lesa 2.0 begins on BonFM. Every week at 5:30 PM, listeners will dive into the richness of Caribbean literature for half an hour. The series consists of 24 episodes of 30 minutes, divided across three languages: eight in Papiamento, eight in English, and eight in Dutch. In this way, the versatility of the Caribbean language area will be made accessible to a broad audience.

BAN LESA 2.0





2026 Clean Coast Bonaire Schedule 2nd Sunday of each month		
January 11th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
February 8th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
March 8th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM
April 12th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
May 10th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
June 14th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM
October 18th (Changed)	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
August 9th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
September 13th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM
October 11th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
November 8th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
December 13th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM


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No dogs on beaches

STINAPA POST:

We adore our four-legged friends, yet it's crucial we respect our delicate ecosystems.

Please adhere to these guidelines to maintain the beauty of our beaches and protect the wildlife.

Nesting Area Respect: No dog walking in sea turtle nesting zones. Fines of up to $170 may apply.

It is permitted to walk dogs between Punt Vierkant and the Salt Pier and between the Willemstoren and Sorobon, but only along the coast.

Off-Limits Shores: Dogs are not permitted on these specific beaches. View the map for details.

Playa Lechi (Sunset Beach)
Playa Lechi Suit (Boulevard)
Playa Chachacha
Playa pal'i mangel (Donkey's Beach)
Fòrn'i kalki (Bachelor's Beach)
From Saliña (salt pier) to Lacre Punt (Willemstoren)
Sorobon and Cai
Piedra haltu (Thousand Steps)
Tolo
Klein Bonaire



The areas where dogs are not allowed on the beaches are marked in red



BONAIRE FRIENDS

CELEBRATING THE BEST PART OF BONAIRE

DID YOU MAKE A FRIEND DURING YOUR STAY ON BONAIRE?

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US

We're celebrating the wonderful people of Bonaire and want to hear your stories! Have you met a local who made your visit unforgettable, maybe by showing you a hidden gem, helping you try something new, or simply lending a kind hand?

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