



THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR THE CAYMAN ISLANDS ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Financial Year 1 July, 2010 to 30 June, 2011

“To preserve natural environments and places of historic significance in the Cayman Islands
for present and future generations.”



Silver Thatch Berries
Coccothrinax proctorii

Photo by Frank Roulstone

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President since September 2010 but for the purpose of this annual report my message relates to the financial year July 2010 to June 2011.

The National Trust was in the very capable hands of our Vice President Tessa Bodden for the period July 2010 to September 2010 and under her careful guidance much was accomplished. This included the development of the Strategic Three Year Plan, which came into force in November 2010, together with revised job descriptions. Whilst this work is difficult for the public to measure, it provides the necessary framework for our staff to prioritize their work, and sets goals and timelines that enables the organization to function more efficiently.

With a full council, including for the first time in many years three Government representatives and a dedicated staff the organization forged ahead with the business of preserving our history and environment.

On the historic side, with two properties in need of restoration, a decision was taken to focus on the Eldemire House in Cayman Brac and steady progress has been made behind the scenes. A Structural Engineer's report (with drawings and recommendations) has been done, architectural drawings are almost complete and a fixed boundary survey is being finalized. The next step will be to complete a Scope of Works and select the contractor. We hope to begin work as soon as the necessary planning permissions have been obtained.

Work on the Historic Registry has also continued with the kind assistance of dedicated volunteers Isobel Taylor, Andrea Bothwell and Sue Gibb. It was decided to open the Registry on a district by district basis starting with Little Cayman and East End. You will be hearing more about this in the very near future.

The Mission House has seen some much needed repairs, with more to come and the Historic Programme has held several successful events and fundraising initiatives including a dinner at the Mission House, a Christmas lights bus tour and Spooky Traditions providing something for everyone.

Our Education Programme in the very capable hands of Erica Daniel, had another great year. In addition to continuing her work on the preparation of lesson plans for the historic sites, Erica also held a successful three week summer camp in July 2010 and gave 32 presentations on a variety of topics. Of particular significance was the delivery

of our native butterfly identification cards to several hundred school children. A very successful History Week was held at the Mission House in November 2010, which was attended by 150 students and this will now be an annual event.

Our Environmental Programme continued to make steady progress in many areas. Another 110 acres were added to the Mastic Reserve in early 2011 and much needed improvements were made to the Southern Trail head including a new boardwalk and composting toilet. Thanks to Stuart Mailer's skill and reputation as an excellent guide, the Mastic Trail is now the #3 Grand Cayman attraction on Trip Advisor. Paul Watler has continued the daunting but very necessary task of producing a Management Plan for the Mastic Reserve and has made good progress on updating the Environmental section of the Heritage Registry. In addition, Paul organized the first stakeholders meeting to address the increased threats to the Sister Islands Rock Iguana and plot a course for further action. In July 2010 we purchased 24 acres along the Salt Rocks Trail in Little Cayman and in May 2011 another 1.2 acres in Mahogany Bay, Little Cayman was gifted to the Trust by Brigitte Kassa.

The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme has had another busy year with many ups and downs. Our EU grant for the BIRP is well underway and the road to the Colliers Wilderness Reserve has been gazetted and will be completed by National Roads Authority by the end of 2011. We were very fortunate to employ Clare Lumsden as our accountant in September 2010 and she has been invaluable in making the very complicated EU financial reporting seem easy. As this is a Regional Grant affecting the British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the Cayman Islands, Fred Burton and I attended two meetings with all our BVI and TCI counterparts during the course of the year, one in TCI and the other in BVI both of which were very beneficial. Whilst this process has been long, slow and the complications are likely to continue, we can safely say that progress has been made and we hope to soon be in a position to approve a design for the visitors centre to be built in the new Reserve.

The Cayman Wildlife Rescue Programme had a busy year. With the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Volunteer Coordinator Allison Corbett was unable to devote sufficient time to the Programme so we entered an agreement with Saint Mathews University and Cayman Turtle Farm, which ensured that the Programme continued under the care and expertise of Dr. Lara Cusack. The Bat Programme continued its success under the very capable management of Volunteer Coordinator Lois Blumenthal and with the kind

sponsorship of CUC.

Although our Government continues to support us, as a sign of the times, our annual grant was cut by 14% in 2010. We therefore had to make adjustments and fundraising for general revenue has been our focus. With the assistance of a few dedicated members of council, Erika Walton has had a successful year of fundraising events including the HSBC Golf Tournament, the Gala Dinner and Art Auction. Erika has also produced our informative quarterly newsletter, *The Preserver* and kept members informed with a monthly calendar of events. In addition to general fundraising, our Land Reserve Fund was boosted by \$40,000 in May 2011 under the direction of Janet Walker.

I am extremely pleased to say that our audited accounts for the year ending June 2011 have been completed and will be available on the website. This is no small feat and I would like to thank our Treasurer Gary Redfern for his diligence and Clare Lumsden for her excellent work.

Looking forward to our next financial year we believe it will be even more challenging than the last. We will have even less Government funding and we must replace three staff members who have moved on to seek other opportunities. Yet the National Trust's role in our Islands is critical to the preservation of our environment and history particularly as another year has passed without the enactment of legislation to protect our natural and built heritage and without a new Development Plan. Now more than ever we need the support of our members and we ask that you support our events, volunteer when you can and urge family and friends to join the Trust as only with your help can we make a difference.

In closing I ask that you take the time to read the individual Programme reports as well as those of the District Committees as I have only highlighted some of their important accomplishments. I must thank our small but dedicated staff for another year of excellent effort and our outgoing members of Council for their dedication and service. I must also thank our volunteers, members and corporate sponsors without whose support it would be impossible to fulfill our mission. Despite the many challenges, it has been a successful year, together we accomplished much and I am proud of our contribution to the preservation of the natural and built heritage of these islands.

Carla Reid, President

Tessa Bodden, Cert. Hon. Vice President

Gary Redfern, Treasurer

Lois Blumenthal, Secretary

Angelyn Hernandez, Legal Advisor

Suzan Merren, George Town District Committee Chair

Debra Naused, Bodden Town District Committee Chair

Alice Mae Coe, Cert. Hon., West Bay District Committee Chair

Estelle Stilling, Cayman Brac District Committee Chair

Debby Truchan, Little Cayman District Committee Chair

Clarence King Flowers, Historic Programme Committee Co-Chair

Andrea Bothwell, Historic Programme Committee Co-Chair

Patricia Bradley, Environmental Programme Committee Chair

Jennifer Hunter, Education Programme Committee Chair

Darvin Ebanks

Peter Davey

Tommie Bodden

Simon Barwick

Janet Walker

Peter Milburn



Trust Council at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

L - R: Gary Redfern, Clarence Flowers, Tessa Bodden, Carla Reid, Simon Barwick, Andrea Bothwell, Lois Blumenthal, Darvin Ebanks, Jennifer Hunter, Janet Walker and Tommie Bodden.

Photo courtesy of Cayman Free Press.

HISTORIC PROGRAMMES



Denise Bodden



Aida D'Angelo

Eldemire House, Cayman Brac

In preparation for the upcoming restoration, the Historic Programmes Manager (HPM) has met with Department of Planning, Building Control Unit and the Lands and Survey Department, which has been very helpful in planning the way forward. The need to reestablish the site boundaries was recognized and acted upon and Mr. Kearney Gomez MBE JP, Permanent Secretary, kindly authorized the survey be carried out at no cost to the Trust. A Final report is pending.

The structural survey completed last year has been revised by volunteer engineer, Ali Sabti of APEC in collaboration with council member Mr. Tommie Bodden and the HPM. Meanwhile architectural drawings and a change of use application are being worked on by volunteer architect Andrew Gibb of Rutkowski Baxter Houghton. Once the Lands and Survey Department has finalized their survey, required documents will be submitted for approval by Mr. Gibb.

A volunteer project manager Gordon McLaughlin has now been identified for the restoration. The scope of work and selection of a contractor will follow the approval process.

Savannah School House, Bodden Town

Fence repainted by Goldman Sachs volunteers.

Watler Cemetery, George Town

Destructive Almond Tree was removed as it was causing further damage to the stone wall.

Mission House, Bodden Town

Site repairs were conducted including minor carpentry repairs, two air handlers being replaced and new hurricane shutters were constructed. Estimates were gathered for painting to be carried out early in 2011/2012.

HISTORIC PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE (HPC)

Co-Chair Andrea Bothwell

Co-Chair Clarence Flowers

Dr. Peggy Leshikar-Denton

Denise Bodden

John Doak

Sue Gibb

HISTORIC PROGRAMMES EMPLOYEES

Historic Programmes Manager, Denise Bodden

Mission House Coordinator, Aida D'Angelo

Nurse Leila's House, West Bay

Various oral history interviews were conducted by the HPM and assisted by Alice Mae Coe to gain a better understanding of the original set-up of the house and the work of Nurse Leila. Our tenant moved to a new location and it was decided not to rent the premises until it has been refurbished. New hurricane shutters were built and hung for the season.

General Maintenance

Historic properties were maintained throughout the year as funds allowed. Due to our Government grant being decreased, EMS Landscaping have decreased the number of site visits in the last 6 months. Special thanks to volunteer Rob Bennett at Nurse Leila's and Ron and Gracie Scott at Jackson Wall.

National Heritage Register

This is a major project to survey and catalogue all structures and sites of historic or cultural importance in the Cayman Islands. When completed the catalogue will be available to the public online and the data will be released on a district-by-district basis in the upcoming financial year. Data entry has been undertaken by Andrea Bothwell, Sue Gibb and Isobel Taylor.

Activities

- Spooky Traditions – HPM dreamed up a new twist to this old favorite which highlighted local spooky creatures like the May Cow, Duppies and Darwin Ebanks, our favorite Pirate.
- Christmas Bus Tours – Bursting with people, carols, food & good cheer. Tommie Bodden and the HPM were tour guides with Katie Moore on vocals.
- Slide Presentations – Two presentations were held one a collaboration between the HPM and local underwater photographer, Courtney Platt showcasing the historic and modern uses of our natural resources and the other on the value of Cayman's Built heritage.

- 1950's Themed Dinner at Mission House was the brain-child of the HPM and raised over CI\$7,000 to benefit site maintenance. Assistance from Arthurlyn Pedley, Sherril Bushfield and Ora Hollebon was much appreciated.
- George Town Historic Walking Tours were conducted by the HPM in the high season.
- The HPM worked on advertising and sales of items from an anonymous donor through Tessa Bodden.

Collaborative efforts with other programmes

- History Week at Mission House was a coproduction of the Education and Historic programmes. HPM offered assistance during planning stages and coordinated activities on the various days of the events. Special thanks to volunteers Kem and Ola Jackson, Mr. A.B., Loxley Banks and Dianne Conolly.
- The traditional Christmas tree contest and festive lighting display at the Mission House was a coproduction of Historic and Education programmes. The HPM arranging lighting, decorating and acted as emcee. Special thanks to CUC and to Stuart Mailer our Mr. Fix-It! Songs were provided by Wesleyan Christian Academy.
- Cooking classes – only one class was conducted this year at Bon Vivant due to shortage of staff in both the Historic and Education Programs. However Jolene Nelson was an excellent chef for the class and it was well received.

Press and Media

- The HPM was interviewed on Cayman Islands History by Jazz FM and on Watler Cemetery by the Jewish News.
- Submitted articles for "Know your Islands"
- Daybreak appearances for anything relating to the Historic Programmes

This coming financial year will present many new challenges as our Mission House Coordinator will be leaving in August and it is not expected that position will be filled in the short term due to budgetary constraints.

The Historic Programs needs your financial support and your volunteer hours more than ever, with only one staff member left to oversee 12 historic sites and various events throughout the year. Our historic sites tell a story of our heritage and our people, our trials and our successes. With your support we can make this coming year be a success, in spite of the challenges.

Mission House Report

This year, the Mission House Historic Site has been visited by many groups, visitors and journalists from all over the world. Tours were given to journalists from Esquire magazine, the Sunday Telegraph newspaper, JazzFM and the Jewish News. The Mission House was also featured in an article in the Air Canada's in-flight magazine and featured on the Department of Tourism's website.

The Mission House, a national historic site, has always welcomed school and church groups from across the islands to learn the importance of the site and our history and culture. This year the Mission House site was the venue for several events most of which catered to youth.

In May of 2011 the Mission House celebrated its fourth year as a historic site and visitors centre.



Top and Bottom: Winners of the traditional christmas tree contest from the Lighthouse School December 2010 and attendees at the 1950's event at the Mission House March 2011.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES



Paul Watler



Stuart Mailer

Planning

Mastic Reserve Management Plan(s)

Although the general boundaries were established for the Mastic Reserve no formal plan has ever been written. As we continue to expand our land holdings, the need for a cohesive management plan became more urgent. In January Paul began the process of drafting a management plan for the Reserve and Trail. Feedback was received from the EPC and the completed plan calls for continued maintenance of the Mastic Trail and the establishment of additional trails that will foster a greater appreciation for Cayman's natural heritage. The management plan is scheduled for ratification by Trust Council in July 2011.

Environmental Heritage Register

Past work done on the National Trust Heritage Registry was in need of updating. Due to the extensive work required to update the Environmental section of the registry, a sub-committee was formed composed of Paul, Patricia, Gina, Fred, and Jeremy Olynik from the Cayman Islands Department of Environment. Jeremy has been instrumental in providing much-needed maps of important habitats, along with estimating the effective area required to protect sensitive habitats. The updated draft is expected to be finished before the end of this calendar year.

Sister Islands Rock Iguana

Paul and Patricia organized a meeting of stakeholders in April to discuss the threats faced by the Sister Islands Rock Iguana. Chris Randall and Bonnie Scott-Edwards, representing the Cayman Brac District Committee of the National Trust, and Debbi Truchan and Mike Vallee, representing the Little Cayman District Committee of the National Trust, were able to attend thanks to support from Cayman Airways. The meeting served to ensure all partners had access to the information currently available regarding the

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE (EPC)

Chair Patricia Bradley

Seceratry Paul Watler

Frederic Burton

Peter Davey

Timothy Austin

Sandy Urquhart

Stuart Mailer

Lois Blumenthal

Wallace Platts

Gina Ebanks-Petrie

Frank Balderamos

Matthew Cottam

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES EMPLOYEES

Environmental Programmes Manager Designate,

Paul Walter

Field Officer, Stuart Mailer

Sister Islands Rock Iguana population. An additional meeting was planned for August, in order to prepare a species management plan.

Acquisitions and Improvements

A total of 134.67 acres was purchased by the National Trust for the Cayman Islands in the period from July 2010 to June 2011. Special thanks are owed to the firms Charterland and DDL Studio for their kind support in providing numerous discounted property valuations.

Mastic Reserve and Trail

The Mastic Reserve was enhanced with the addition of 110.67 acres, primarily consisting of a wetland which is vital for the growth of epiphytes along the Mastic Trail. A new outhouse was constructed at the southern trailhead which features a composting toilet. A boardwalk was constructed near the southern trailhead to facilitate crossing the wetland portion of the trail. New trailhead signage was designed and ordered for installation in August 2011. Special thanks to the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism for funding these improvements.

Salt Rocks Trail Reserve

Land adjacent to Salt Rocks Trail on Little Cayman was purchased, totaling 24 acres. The property consists of forest and shrubland thus providing iguana habitat as well as preserving mature forest.

Research, Field Work, Collaborations and Training

Blue Iguana Recovery Programme

Paul has been involved in the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme's Protected Area Planning Team headed up by Fred. The Team's role is to plan the development and use of the new Colliers Wilderness Reserve in accordance with the objectives of the European Union grant agreement. Paul assisted volunteers with the camp site and

participated in the helicopter airlift which transported much-needed supplies to the interior of the new Reserve in preparation for the upcoming release of baby blues.

Parrot Survey

Paul and Stuart assisted the Department of Environment with a population survey of parrots on Cayman Brac in August 2010. The survey was funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A further survey is planned for Grand Cayman in August 2011.

Training

Thanks to funding from the Governor's Office, Paul was able to travel to the British Virgin Islands in order to participate in a workshop focusing on the control of Invasive Species where he was able to network with a variety of other conservation organizations from the Caribbean region.

Visiting Scientists

In the past year, we facilitated researchers from the University of South Florida who took samples of a rare cactus from Cayman Brac and accompanied a researcher from the Florida Museum of Natural History to take samples of the endemic herb *Agalinis kingsii* from the Salina Reserve.

Unidentified Flora

Stuart collected samples of a previously unidentified tree found along the Mastic Trail which were sent to Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and the Smithsonian Institution. The tree was subsequently identified as *Zanthoxylum caribaeum*. Samples of another tree were sent to Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, where it was identified as *Drypetes alba*.

Speeches/Articles

Paul gave a speech on the Trust's protected areas at April's Biodiversity Dinner. Paul also delivered a report on the Trust's activities to one of the Trust's main contributors in May and supplied a number of articles for the weekly submissions for the Caymanian Compass.

Objectives for 2011/2012

- Complete update of Environmental Heritage Register
- Produce management plans for Booby Pond, Cayman Brac Parrot Reserve, Governor Michael Gore Bird Sanctuary, and Salt Rocks Trail
- Move forward with establishing the Sister Islands Rock Iguana species plan and begin necessary work
- Complete improvements to the Mastic Trail
- Begin improvements to Governor Michael Gore Bird Sanctuary
- Begin field research to gain a better understanding of the Cayman Brac Parrot

Field Officer Report

As Field Officer, I participate in general Trust activities and functions, but my primary focus is on matters related to Cayman's natural environment. Nature tours of the Mastic Trail are now offered several times per week. Most of my guests are visitors to the island during the winter tourist season and I typically have three or more tours each week. The increased popularity of the trail with visitors has resulted largely from favorable reviews and excellent ratings we have received on the Trip Advisor travel website.

In January 2011, the trail was significantly improved with the completion of 600 feet of boardwalk near the southern trailhead. Which crosses the lowest-lying areas of the wetlands and allows hikers to keep their feet dry. I am now able to routinely offer end-to-end tours of the trail, using the Trust minibus as a shuttle. Previously, most of my tours started from the northern trailhead, going to the halfway point and back. Another improvement to the trail is a composting toilet, located near the southern trailhead. This has proven very popular with my guests. This facility does not require any plumbing and is fairly simple to maintain.

In the last year I have taken several groups of school children on educational tours and have lead numerous birding expeditions. Many of these were on the Mastic Trail, but some centered on a visit to the Botanic Park. These included three large groups organized by Carefree Birders, with another eighteen birders expected in November. This repeat business is an excellent source of revenue for the Trust and one that I hope to build on in the coming year. Overall, my tours brought in approximately \$17,000 for the year.

In maintaining the trail, I sometimes receive assistance from volunteers. Danielle Bouchard remains my most reliable, hard working and longest serving assistant and deserves special thanks. Most the maintenance involves clearing overgrown vegetation and fallen trees and branches. I have also endeavored to make the trail safer by controlling rash-producing Maiden Plum, reducing trip hazards such as jagged rocks and roots and removing sharp, protruding branches. Recognizing that the trail is still potentially dangerous, Paul and myself renewed our First Aid certification in May 2011 and a liability waiver is now required for guests and volunteers.

I also perform inspections and maintenance of other National Trust properties, including signage. Roadside signs are frequently hit by motor vehicles and I have been making an effort when replacing signs to position them to be less vulnerable.

Due to budget cuts, Heritage Beach is no longer being maintained by Government and I have had to spend more attention on this property, such as dealing with garbage issues and erecting new signage providing rules and regulations for use of the facilities.

Finally, I continue to be the primary resource for members of the public seeking input on issues of an environmental nature, including television interviews, providing journalists with accurate information and with plant and animal identification.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES



Jennifer Hunter



Erica Daniel

Over the course of the last year the Education Programmes of the National Trust continued to thrive under the direction of Erica Daniel, Educations Programmes Officer (EPO).

The main goal for the last year has been to produce a Teacher's Manual of Historic Sites along with accompanying lesson plans to engage students of different ages and levels. This Manual, when completed, will be a welcome addition to the many resources that the Trust provides to educators and will enhance our Historic Programmes. A broad range of significant historic sites have been covered including the Mission House, the old Savannah Schoolhouse and Elmslie Memorial United Church just to name a few. Most of the research and work has been completed and the Manual should be ready to go on our web site in the near future where it can be easily accessed by all teachers and students.

As always, the National Trust supports an interactive approach to education by taking students on various field trips, walking tours and making presentations in the classroom throughout the school year. In November 2010, the National Trust created and hosted a History Week event at the Mission House for the first time. Over 150 Year 7 students from The Clifton Hunter High School were in attendance. The students learned about their heritage and moved through the various stations that were set up at the Mission House. These stations included cat boat demonstrations, cassava cake making, traditional medicinal plants and various slide show presentations including a three new slide shows about the important schooners in our history: the Lady Slater, the CIMBOCO and the Goldfield.

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE

Chairman Jennifer Hunter

Clive Baker

Dianne Conolly

Katie Moore

EDUCATIONS PROGRAMMES EMPLOYEE

Education Programmes Officer , Erica Daniel

As a result, the students were able to gain a much better understanding of why their school is named after Clifton Hunter and why the school academies are named after these three schooners. History Week was such a success that we hope to make it an annual event.

Other activities have included helping with Spooky Traditions, an annual Halloween event and organizing the three week annual Discovery Camp in July 2010. These activities have the advantage of bringing many children directly to the National Trust where they learn more about our mission. During the summer camp, a range of historic and environmental activities were provided and executed by the EPO along with some very helpful volunteers. By all accounts, the summer camp was a big success and we have received very positive feedback.

The EPO continued to initiate contact with all schools (public and private) and update them on what the Trust has to offer. This was done by sending electronic quarterly newsletters, providing a National Trust school calendar of events, inviting participation in a Traditional Christmas Tree design competition and by requesting attendance at curriculum planning days, professional development days and career days. Furthermore, in early March, the National Trust launched an island wide butterfly campaign in the schools and over 8,000 laminated native butterfly identification cards were delivered to schools and butterfly slideshows were presented to the 20 schools that requested this service.

In terms of public education, the EPO compiled articles of interest for publication in the Caymanian Compass and established a greater presence in the community by manning Trust stalls at various fairs, festivals and District Heritage Days. The EPO also chaired the Earth Month Committee and coordinated all the events during Earth Month. The EPO also led many historic tours in George Town, at the Mission House and along Boggy Sand Road.

The EPO continued to work on developing new materials including a new presentation on Parrots and an updated coloring/information book on Parrots which is now being printed.

The Three Year Plan that was adopted over a year ago has been followed to enable the structured growth of the Education Programmes. Future plans include offering training to taxi drivers and tour operators by providing them with the history of sites they drive by daily. At the end of the training, drivers and operators will be given a booklet that we intend to produce containing factual information on points of interest and will include National Trust historic and environmental sites amongst others. Lesson plans around the environmental sites that the Trust owns are also slated for development in the next year.

Sadly, we have recently said goodbye to Erica Daniel who held the position of Education Programmes Officer as she decided to return to teaching in the classroom. Since Erica's departure, Ms. Marnie Laing a former Education Programmes Officer, has been ably filling in to support and continue the work until a suitable full-time replacement can be found.



Top to bottom: H.E. the Governor Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor with Mr. Harper and attendees at the Fun Run April 2011, Children learning about cat boats during History Week at the Mission House November 2011.

DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING



**DEVELOPMENT AND
MARKETING EMPLOYEE**
Development and
Marketing Officer (DMO)
Erika Walton

The Development and Marketing Officer is responsible for the day-to-day public relations and marketing operations as well as the promotion and coordination of all fundraising events.

Fundraising

Spooky Traditions

This event was held on Saturday, 22 October in the Dart Family Park for children and adults alike to learn about traditional spooky legends and creatures in the Cayman Islands. All members of staff played a huge role in event set-up, execution and promotion. We raised \$700 for general funding.

Gala Dinner and Auction

Our largest annual fundraiser was held at the Marriott on Saturday, 30 October. The event was successful raising \$21,000 through ticket sales and auction items. All staff members played a role on the evening and we hope to have an even more successful event in the future.

The Jacques Scott Dinner and Wine Auction

This event was held as part of Cayman Cookout 2010 on Thursday, 13 January. This year Jacques Scott chose the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme as corecipient of the money raised on the evening. Fred Burton gave a speech and the bidding began, raising over \$26,000 for BIRP.

The Land Reserve Fund Appreciation Dinner

The appreciation dinner held on Tuesday, 5 April at The Brasserie followed a three month drive which raised \$77,000 for land purchase. The Brasserie provided food at cost and Blackbeards donated all wine on the evening helping us to keep our costs down. Council member Janet Walker played an important role in this cause.

The Mission House 1950's Dinner

This first time event was held on Saturday, 26 March at the Mission House. It featured a 1950's theme, 1950's variety style show entertainment and a traditional Caymanian Dinner Buffet. At \$75 per person the event was set at a lower price point to encourage a higher attendance. This event successfully raised \$7,000 from ticket sales, a silent auction and a raffle.

The HSBC Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the National Trust for the Cayman Islands

On Friday, 9 July we held our first Golf Tournament at the North Sound Club. The event raised almost \$27,000. HSBC donated \$10,000 as a part of their partnership and also donated an additional \$10,000.

Our second Golf Tournament was held on Friday, 6 May. Improvements were made to the event which was a huge hit with members of the golf community and once again had a waiting list. We raised \$17,000, \$10,000 was a donation from HSBC.

Art Auction

The National Trust held its third Art Auction on Friday, 20 May at the Thompson Residence on South Church Street. Guest were invited by invitation and art work was donated by many prominent artists. Grand Old House provided canapes at cost. The event raised \$17,000.

Blue Iguana Week

Four events were held during the first week in June to raise awareness about the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme and consisted of a Brunch at Guy Harvey's, a shop and share at The Cabana, a cocktail event at Michael's Genuine Food and Drink and a special Blue Iguana Safari. Awareness was raised and in future we would like to focus on raising funds.

In addition to large scale fundraising events the DMO also promotes and offers assistance for various events aimed at bringing in additional funds:

- Cooking Classes
- Earth Month events
- Christmas Bus Light Tour
- Mastic Trail and George Town Walking Tours
- Summer Camp
- Christmas cards
- Shop and Share and various other activities

Ongoing Activities

Ongoing activities include: creating quarterly newsletters, updating calendar of events in print and on website,

ensuring that local media have calendar items for inclusion in their community calendars, updating the website with the help of Stuart Mailer, writing press releases and submitting to media, coordinating “Know Your Islands” segments, television and radio appearances, coordinating advertisements with local publications, working with various journalists to have our properties/tours featured, utilizing as many forms of media as possible to spread the word including Internet; Facebook and Cayman News Service, Print; The Caymanian Compass and Cayman Free Press Publications, Cayman Net News iNews and Radio; Hurleys entertainment group (Z99 and Rooster 101), DMS Broadcasting (CayRock 95.6, Hot 104.1, Kiss 106.1 and X 107.1), Radio Cayman (89.9).

With the assistance of accountant Clare Lumsden the DMO has created a plan to re-vamp the gift shop and visitors centre in the Dart Park. New inventory has been ordered and a sale is scheduled for later in 2011. In future it is hoped that the Mission House visitors centre and the Trust houses in Little Cayman and Cayman Brac will also be improved.

Development

Development activities include: keeping members informed by sending e-mails and letters, recording donations, preparing the annual report, coordinating the Annual General Meeting, soliciting corporate sponsors, presenting to potential and current sponsors, sending thank you letters to all donors and volunteers and holding an annual appreciation event is held for volunteers.

A new sponsorship package for 2012 has been created which allows donors to become corporate sponsors and support various programmes and causes including the Land Reserve Fund and Partners for Historic Preservation and the annual Gala Dinner and Auction, based on the sponsorship level or their preferences.

Membership

There are currently 828 members for 2011. This figure consists of 318 life members, 5 corporate members, 320 family members, 96 individual members, 87 senior members and 2 youth and student members.

The National Trust is always looking for people to donate their time.

Our weekly volunteers Karin Hottentot and Katie Moore are an immeasurable addition to the National Trust Team.

Corporate Sponsorship

We currently have 5 corporate sponsors.

With the creation of the new corporate sponsorship package we already have 6 corporate sponsors for 2012, with 3 of those being new members.



Top to bottom: Representatives from The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman, Jacques Scott Ltd and the National Trust at the Wine Auction and Dinner January 2011, Attendees to the Land Reserve Fund Appreciation Dinner April 2011 and H.E. the Governor Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor with National Trust employees at the annual Gala Dinner and Auction October 2010.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

(Stated in Cayman Islands dollars)

	Unrestricted
Revenue and support from operations	
Donations, donated goods and services	426,781
Government grants	263,340
Fundraising events	174,274
Product sales to public	41,427
Tours	32,570
Membership dues - corporate	10,000
Membership dues - individuals	8,417
Interest income	445
Total revenue and support from operations	<u>957,254</u>
Programme service expenses	
Environmental preservation	244,472
Historic preservation	149,106
Educational programmes	59,215
Total program service expense	<u>452,793</u>
Support service expenses	
Operating and administration	277,065
Depreciation of fixed assets	80,344
Cost of fundraising events	44,046
Inventory write off	22,404
Pension	20,342
Total support service expense	<u>444,201</u>
Increase in fund balances for year	60,260
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,141,526
Transfers to permanently restricted fund	(804,866)
Transfers from temporarily restricted fund	644,223
Fund balances at end of year	<u>1,041,143</u>

NATIONAL TRUST FOR THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2011**

(Stated in Cayman Islands dollars)

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	1,477,221
Accounts and other receivables	108,016
Inventory	46,648

1,631,885

Non-current Assets

Fixed assets	446,864
Heritage Properties	8,148,979

Total Assets

10,227,728

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,641
EU Grant	313,234

319,875

Net Assets

9,907,853

Net Assets comprise:

Unrestricted	1,041,143
Temporarily restricted	717,731
Permanently restricted	8,148,979

9,907,853

GEORGE TOWN DISTRICT COMMITTEE (GTDC)

GTDC MEMBERS

Chairman Suzan Merren
Vice Chair Brett Basdeo
Treasurer Roger Davies
Secretary Ruthlynn Bodden

GENERAL MEMBERS

Darvin Ebanks
Roger Davies
Robert Henning
Beth Biega
Christine Jackson
Myriam Madegan

Eco Friendly Shopping Bags Project

Members plan to use the proceeds of the sales of the bags as a fund raiser for Watler Cemetery restoration and maintenance or otherwise as recommended by the Historic Programmes Committee.

ENERGY Wine Down

A high energy and stretch workout will be followed by tapas and wine at the Brasserie in Cricket Square. ENERGY has kindly offered a complimentary workout session for 25 people to raise funds for The National Trust. This event is slated for September 2011 when the Brasserie Restaurant reopens. It will be a very small fundraiser but with an important group as we work to raise awareness in various levels of the community.

Fort George Historic Site

This site is heavily used and appreciation is given to Darvin Ebanks our dedicated member who takes responsibility for checking the site every day and assists with cleaning up debris and trash on busy weekdays. Suzan raises the flag at the Fort on special holidays and as often as possible, the flag flying at Fort George changes the whole perspective of the site. Tourists are immediately lining up to take photos in front of the flag.

Dr. Roy's Ironshore Site

The popnut trees and thatches are growing back after being damaged by northwesterners and a bad car accident in May. Thanks to Ruthlynn Bodden for watching over the site and watering the trees. Members have been requested to work on fundraising to replace the plaques. This site holds many memories for those who stood on the shore to watch the boats leaving with loved ones going away to work and arriving back with goods.



Roundabout Adoption Project

The National Trust/CUC roundabout partner project involves the Kings Sports roundabout in Crew Road and continues to progress, albeit at a slower pace than originally expected. CUC remain steadfast as the corporate sponsor and partner and have recently confirmed their budgetary commitments to the project. Full mechanical drawings are with CUC and the landscape designer should soon be in a position to present three design options for CUC and GTDC's selection. The goals of the project remain quite ambitious and include a solar power element. Once the design is completed, there may still be further work required related to with Central Planning Authority and Roads Authority applications.

Maples Fiduciary Services Limited (MaplesFS) Community Services Committee

Members expressed interest in The National Trust activities and in particular about the Mission House and Fort George. As result Suzan arranged a meeting at the offices of Maples Finance (now known as MaplesFS) on October 12, 2010 at which Denise Bodden gave a well received presentation. Those present were interested in assisting with the Historic Programmes Registers and Fort George restoration.

WEST BAY DISTRICT COMMITTEE (WBDC)



WBDC MEMBERS

Chairman Alice Mae Coe
Vice Chair Robert Bennett
Secretary Eziethamae
Bodden
Treasurer Andrea Bothwell

GENERAL MEMBERS

Betty Ebanks
Arthulyn Pedley
Andrea Bothwell
Sheilagh Rickard
Bryan Bothwell
Amber Bothwell
Julene Banks
Loxley Banks

Although 2010-11 has been a very quiet year for the West Bay District Committee of the National Trust, we have not by any means given up on the potential which it has to carry out the mission of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands "To preserve natural environments and places of historic significance in the Cayman Islands for present and future generations."

A main objective of the WBDC and National Trust continues to be the restoration of Nurse Leila's House in West Bay but, as with any such project, funding is the greatest obstacle. The preliminary estimate for this project is that we will need over \$100,000 but hopefully not more than \$150,000. However, as our past year's fundraising drive (which was launched at the last West Bay Heritage Day) was limited to inviting the 1000 +/- babies safely delivered by Nurse Leila (either at her home or the government hospital or elsewhere), to donate whatever they could afford (we suggested a minimum of \$10) in return for which they would receive a Commemorative Birth Certificate, although this effort received a positive response, we are far away from reaching our goal. That being the case, the membership has resolved that during the 2011-12 year there will be a renewed and more aggressive effort to encourage those persons still around to come forward and contribute towards restoring and preserving one of the few remaining homes that serves as a reminder of the old Caymanian wattle and daub method of construction. While also considering other ways to raise funds for this project, the WBDC feels that restoration of Nurse Leila's House should be accomplished mainly through the efforts of Cayman's local community participation.

Chris Christian, our tenant moved out of Nurse Leila's House some time ago and throughout the past year, Rob Bennett has periodically tidied up the yard as much as possible as he has a very busy schedule and has not been able to put in as much time as he (or us) would have liked. However, we do thank him very much for all that he has done and continues to do.

New hurricane shutters were made for the windows and doors of Nurse Leila's. A donation of CI\$500 was received toward the cost of replacing these shutters.

As has been realized in the past, a vital way to rejuvenate both the WBDC and the National Trust is to increase membership and even though this is not as easy as it seems and we are determined to make a more concerted effort to achieve this in the 2011-2012 year.

Thank you to our faithful members who, like myself, do not want the WBDC as well as the National Trust to itself become a historical fact but rather work together to breathe new life into our Committee so that once again it will reflect what the National Trust is all about - preserving natural environments and places of historic significance in the Cayman Islands for present and future generations.

BODDEN TOWN DISTRICT COMMITTEE (BTDC)

BTDC MEMBERS

Chairman Debra Naused
Treasurer Al Goetze
Secretary Lois Blumenthal

GENERAL MEMBERS

Tracy Hargrave
Doreen Small
Susan Goetze



Activities

- Holding quarterly meetings
- Participated in the Earth Day Beach Clean up day on areas of Bodden Town Beach
- Assisted the Bodden Town Heritage Committee with the Mayfest celebration
- Supplied the Department of Planning with a large poster-board, created by the former BTDC chairman, with pictures and notes of historic Bodden Town homes
- Attend Council meetings regularly
- Assisted with soliciting donations from a local Bodden Town homemade soap maker for the 1950's event held at the Mission House

Planned Future Activities

- Continue soliciting previous National Trust members to attend the district committee's quarterly meetings
- Expand the existing Poster Board of Bodden Town historic homes and notes, and expand the digital historic homes and notes collection.
- Begin work on the Guard House Hill reinterpretation project. Some manpower assistance from the Lions Club has been offered.

Goals

- Contact tour companies to encourage them to increase the number of stops at small businesses in Bodden Town
- Promote to tourists the Guard House Hill's importance as the entryway to Bodden Town. This will be done by:
- Update the list of e-mail addresses of National Trust members from Bodden Town
- Hold a local fundraiser for the Guard House Hill project
- Investigate possibility of having a Business After Hours at the Mission House

CAYMAN BRAC DISTRICT COMMITTEE (CBDC)



CBDC MEMBERS

Chairman Estelle Stilling
Treasurer Bonnie Scott-Edwards
Secretary Chris Randall

GENERAL MEMBERS

Melanie Scott
Simone Scott
Diana Scott
Kathlene Bodden-Harris
Sue Ingham
Thuyi Aung
Edna Platts
Gene Edwards
Sue Morrison
Isabelle Brown
Carolyn Towell
Michael Clarke
Chris and Claire Randall

The Committee held ten formal meetings during the period with an average attendance 12 members.

Five members from Cayman Brac attended the Trust AGM in September 2010.

The Cayman Brac District Committee set-up booths at the Brac Business Weekend in October 2010, the Agriculture Show in March 2011 and at the monthly Heritage House Craft Markets. The Committee made a decision to concentrate merchandising activities on books and other educational materials. Although working with small margins, these sales efforts have proved worthwhile.

The Parrot Reserve Trail was thoroughly cleared by members in September 2010 and grass cutting was carried out in October. A few members walk the trail regularly and clip fresh overgrowth.

Six hikes/expeditions were conducted by different members at: Pollard's Rock; Jennifer Bay Bluff Road West, (iguanas and an ancient blow-hole); South Side Wetlands; the Mountain; Old Peter's Bluff Road; Jennifer Bay Quarry (fossils and rock formations). The Mountain proved the most popular with 31 attendees.

The Committee held a tea party on the occasion of the Queen's birthday. This was a fundraising event and was well supported by the general public. Life member Moses Kirkconnell MLA graciously acted as host. The assistance of the Chairman of the Little Cayman District Committee was greatly appreciated. Food and drink were prepared and donated by members so that no expenses were incurred.

Members organized and operated a very successful summer camp in July 2010. The children learned to make traditional toys such as kites and gigs and took various field trips. Non-members from the community provided valuable assistance by instructing the children in various traditional crafts and the cooking of local dishes.

With the approval of Council, the Committee has opened negotiations with the owner of a parcel of wetland on the South Side of the Island with a view to purchase. At present the Trust owns no wetlands in Cayman Brac and the area in question is under threat from developers.

The Cayman Brac Committee is fortunate to have a core group of members who give their time to organise events and support the Trust continuously. Most members have a particular speciality or interest which enables them to take the lead in that subject. The result is the exposition of a wide range of expertise of value to the Trust, not only in participatory activities, but also in simply enlightening the general public as to our aims and objectives.

LITTLE CAYMAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE (LCDC)



General Activities

The Trust House serves as a visitors' center and a venue for most local meetings. It was in need of major renovation. The work was carried out in February 2011 by local contractor Frankie Bodden and included repairs to the upper porch floor, replacing sewage connections and painting the entire building. In June 2011 guttering and a water tank was installed thus ensuring the Trust House now has its own independent water supply.

The Trust House is open six days a week and in addition to holding regular LCDC meetings it is also utilized for many community events including regular vet visits, natural health massage clinics and even a school leaving ceremony. There was an increase in school visits to the Trust House this year and on average we received 60 visitors per month. New works from local authors and artists were added to the stock in our shop.

The LCDC held various educational talks and presentations on birds and iguanas with the focus being our weekly talks at the Little Cayman Beach Resort. We also conducted a wide variety of special programs in collaboration with National Cultural Foundation (photo competition and Gimistory), the National Gallery (art classes), Department of Tourism and CCMI.

The National Trust Council meeting was hosted by LCDC in May 2011 which provided a good opportunity for local members to meet with the Council. Long time volunteer Brigitte Kassa was honored by the Trust Council for her many years of dedication to the Trust. Mike Vallee took the Council on an iguana tour and some members walked the Nature Trail.

The LCDC was pleased to assist the Cayman Brac District Committee with their fundraising Tea and Auction. We also participated in the first annual Little Cayman Agricultural Show.

Fundraising

Our annual Easter Auction was very successful raising over \$28,000. Special thanks to Betty who was responsible for coordination and all our donors for the wonderful array of items.

Our annual Mardi Gras parade had the theme "Building our bright future". Robin Fite and Diane Sherer were King and Queen. This event raised \$3,900.

LCDC MEMBERS

Chairman Debbi Truchan
Vice-Chair Mike Vallee
Treasurer Dottie Benjamin
Secretary Tim Jackson Ann Walthers

GENERAL MEMBERS

23 members

LCDC is actively fundraising for the purchase of the largest communal nesting site of our Rock Iguana and with the kind assistance of the International Reptile Conservation Fund, donations can now be made tax deductible for US citizens through the IRCF.

Sister Islands Rock Iguana

An informative pamphlet was produced by Pat Shipman and Mike Vallee for the purposes of informing our visitors about our iguana with the hope that road kill incidents could be reduced. It gives the Hotline number to report dead or injured iguanas as well as advertises our weekly iguana talks and tours. This pamphlet was distributed to all resorts, stores and the airport.

Representatives from the LCDC attended a stakeholders meeting was held in Grand Cayman to discuss the future of our iguana. A strategic planning meeting was planned for August and will be held in Little Cayman. Mike Vallee also attended the Iguana Conference in Cuba. LCDC was pleased to assist researchers from the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust with funds and supplies.

Future Activities

For the coming year we hope to:

- Redo our existing displays
- Develop more signage for the nature trail and Trust house yard, as well as specialized iguana signage
- Expand fund raising activities particularly for land purchase
- Assist in producing a field guide for Little Cayman and Cayman Brac
- Create more educational material covering all our mandate
- Participate in a mangrove replanting program for the Booby Pond

Chairman's Comment

I am proud and honored to have led, assisted and guided our district committee as we continued our efforts in fundraising, embarked on new projects and expanded our involvement in the community. Our membership has grown by 20% (fulfilling our goal). As a small community we have a huge responsibility and especially at this time when we are faced with more rapid developmental growth and increased threats on our Rock Iguana and endangered plants.

Special thanks to retiring long term volunteer Brigitte Kassa for her many years of dedicated service and for the donation of three parcels of property in Little Cayman to the Trust.

BLUE IGUANA RECOVERY PROGRAMME (BIRP)

Director Frederic Burton, MBE (volunteer)



In the 2010-2011 fiscal year the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme has continued successfully with its 2010-11 biological year. Health screening the captive stock with our long term partners at the Wildlife Conservation Society, followed by the release of head-started two year old iguanas to the wild, took place as usual in mid to late summer 2010. The following spring a new cycle of egg laying, incubation and hatching produced as many new iguanas as were released the previous summer. We continue to process over 100 hatches and releases each year.

2010 did mark a new chapter of the release effort, however – this was the first year we released iguanas into the Colliers Wilderness Reserve, the new protected area in eastern Grand Cayman which was established in early 2010 by leasehold of crown land to the National Trust.

In 2010 we also marked passing the half way point towards our long-term goal of restoring 1,000 Blue Iguanas to the wild in managed protected areas.

In March 2011 we carried out a baseline measurement of the iguana population density in the Colliers Wilderness Reserve resulting from our first release there. Monitoring the actual results of our conservation actions is a priority which continues to demand much effort. In this way over time we hope to be able to identify the time when the released population eventually begins to sustain itself without the need for ongoing releases.

In preparation for our role in an international European Union EDF9 grant project “Management of Protected Areas to support sustainable economies”, we completed discussions with the National Roads Authority and the Ministry DAWLA to rationalize historic road gazettements affecting the Reserve and establish a vehicular access. This will be built by the Cayman Islands Government in late summer 2011. The goal for the Cayman Islands component of this project is to establish sustainable nature tourism activity in the Colliers Wilderness Reserve, generating enough income to fund management of the iguana populations and their fragile habitats into the indefinite future.

The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme continued to attract valuable local corporate support, notably from Greenlight Re and Walkers, and also received a substantial grant from the AALL Foundation towards the cost of solar power for planned visitor infrastructure in the Colliers Wilderness Reserve. The Programme’s permanent partners, the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, the International Reptile Conservation Foundation, and the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust maintained their involvement with a variety of technical, financial and practical support.

The programme continues to operate with a volunteer Director, two paid Wardens (John Marotta and Alberto Estevanovich), and a large number of local and international volunteers. Accommodation for visiting volunteers continues to be provided free through the kind generosity of Roger and Mary Bumgarner.



BAT CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

Director Lois Blumenthal (volunteer)

The National Trust Bat Conservation Program, founded in 1993. The program is a model for tropical countries around the world and focuses on roof-bat problems as well as providing bat houses for three of Cayman's nine bat species. The six other Cayman Islands bat species depend upon forests and caves and cannot use bat houses.

The United Nations declared 2011 "The Year of the Bat". We marked the occasion by updating our successful bat house design and publishing the plans throughout the tropics. Many thanks to Kelly Hill and CGMJ for donating their time and talents to this important work. Mr. Kelly Hill also built two new bat houses for students to decorate before they were mounted at Prospect and North Side Primary Schools.

Solving Roof Bat Problems: This year, roof bats were removed from 24 buildings. Each job requires multiple visits to the site and expertise in removing all bats humanely, permanently and with environmentally sound methods. We individually design and custom-build excluders to suit each situation. Home-owners are charged a minimal fee for exclusion and while we cannot do major construction repairs, buildings are sealed so that bats cannot return. We produce a "Bat-Proofing Your Home" brochure and proactively promote sealing potential entrances before bats move in.

Fruit Bats: We are once again receiving calls about crop damage by fruit bats. Solutions vary and can be problematic, but it is encouraging to note that this species (*Artibeus jamaicensis*) is making a recovery since the population was devastated by Hurricane Ivan. Fruit bats consume wild fruits too, including Almonds and Christmas Palm berries.

Bat Houses: Our bat houses are long-lasting and proven by Hurricane Ivan to withstand extremely high winds with bats safely inside. Every bat house must be carefully placed for success and we perform free on-site consultations. Each year, all eighty-three bat houses are monitored. The 2010 counts showed that sixty-five bat houses are occupied by over 11,000 Velvety Free-tailed Bats (*Molossus molossus*). These bats are the "work horses" of insect control in the environment. Each bat consumes over 1,000 insects every night including mosquitoes as well as moths and beetles that can be garden pests.

That means eleven million insects eaten every night by bats from bat houses. Bats are major environmentally sound insect controllers and they are essential to a balanced ecosystem. Besides the sixty-five colonies in bat house, there are about a dozen known colonies of these bats living in abandoned houses and one large colony on the Cayman Brac Bluff.

Bat Houses For Sale: Contact us for a free inspection to find out if your site is suitable for a bat house. We endeavour to provide these to the public as the lowest cost possible, given the expense of materials and labor. Free building plans are also provided to anyone who would like to build their own and we assist with placement.

Bat House Refurbishment: Some of our bat houses are over fifteen years old and beginning to show wear. There is a need to repaint and re-roof but this will take a coordinated effort, materials and a bucket truck. Volunteers and donations towards this upcoming major project will be much appreciated.

Education: Education and public outreach are central to the work. Classroom materials, a colorful slide show, press releases, bat house plans and other information about bats can be found on www.caymanwildlife.org which is linked to www.national-trust.org.ky. We facilitate research and education on all Cayman Islands bat conservation issues. Interpreted "Fly Outs" at bat houses are ongoing, as well as classroom and public presentations. The Bat Study Guide is used in local schools and posted on-line. We provide a downloadable Power Point that covers all aspects of the program and a Google map of Grand Cayman bat houses. We offer resources locally as well as internationally. Our FaceBook Page: "Friends of Bats: Cayman Islands and the Tropics" has 154 members.

Caves: Cave and forest protection continues to be our greatest challenge. New development on high rocky ground can bury important bat roosts. Habitat protection through land purchase is the only hope for our six bat species that cannot use bat houses. We liaise with local caving groups to be sure they understand bat cave protocols. North American cave bat populations are being devastated by White Nose Syndrome. Little is known about this new disease or how it spreads, but sterilizing caving equipment before each use is highly recommended. We are monitoring the research being carried on in the US on this tragic epidemic and keeping local authorities informed.

Rescue and Release: We respond to calls from the public who find downed or injured bats and follow-up with appropriate veterinary and rehab care. Releases are monitored as per standardized protocols. The public is warned not to touch bats found injured. Bats are wild animals and will bite.

CAYMAN WILDLIFE RESCUE (CWR)

Programme Manager Alison Corbett (volunteer)

From July 1, 2010 to June 30 2011, CWR received 345 calls on the Wildlife Rescue Hotline - up from 207 the previous year. Of these calls, 18 were not wildlife and were referred to the appropriate agencies. A direct response from CWR was required in 327 cases and some of these involved multiple animals. Sometimes situations are handled on the scene with advice or by rescue-volunteers and the animals are not brought in, but this year 223 animals came in for treatment and rehabilitation. Of those, 137 were released back into the wild. This is a significant increase over last year, and is especially impressive considering the intensive level of time and commitment needed for each injured or orphaned animal in care.

CWR has now achieved a 61% success rate, which is on track with targets outlined by the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (USA) and International Wildlife Rehabilitators Council (IWRC). Animals coming into the program are in serious trouble and while there are many happy outcomes, the fact remains that losses are an unavoidable part of the job. The success percentage rate is calculated using the recognized standard formula developed by the IWRC. Animals euthanized in the field or on arrival, and those still in care pending release, bring down the percentage so the rate in terms of animal suffering relieved is higher.

The goals of CWR are to rescue and rehabilitate injured, sick and orphaned wildlife for release back into natural habitats and to aid in the prevention of wildlife injuries through education and community outreach. Human activities cause nearly all wildlife injuries. Collisions with traffic, carelessly discarded fishing line and hooks, tree trimming during nesting season and introduced species are all serious problems. Predator birds including hawks and owls hit electrical wires while diving on their prey. The program, which began in 2001, originally dealt with a few dozen animals per year, but the case load has grown steadily. Wildlife species helped by the program include Cayman Parrots, Owls, hawks and other birds of prey, songbirds, bats, seabirds including Tropic Birds, native iguanas, sea turtles, hickatees, West Indian Whistling Ducks and other fresh water fowl.

Last year, increasingly unreasonable burdens on volunteers who were doing all capture, transport and long-term care, made it necessary for the program to find more help. An agreement was reached with St. Mathews and the Cayman Turtle Farm, resulting in SMU Intern, Dr. Lara Cusack, with the help of volunteers, now handles capture, transport, veterinary care, rehab, releasing and monitoring of all rescues. Cayman Turtle Farm has provided recovery areas and aviaries for flight training. This dedicated internship has resulted in a steady increase in successful releases, even as the number of animals coming into care has rapidly climbed.



CWR also offers advice for coping with wildlife conflicts. Because of losses in their natural habitat, owls, woodpeckers and bats seek shelter in buildings. Ching-chings and other birds present nuisance problems as well. Members of CWR attempt to find win/win solutions to assist homeowners in removing animals using humane and environmentally sound methods. The program does not address animal control issues, invasive species or feral pets like green iguanas or chickens.

The Wildlife Hotline (917-BIRD) is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. The number of calls per day cannot be predicted or scheduled. Problems are multi-faceted and include safe capture methods for sometimes aggressive injured animals, prioritization of simultaneous cases, species recognition and emergency treatments, rehabilitation protocols, difficult-to-obtain food requirements and monitoring releases. The program serves all three islands and animals are released in their original territories. Parrot nesting boxes were placed strategically around Grand Cayman and are monitored in hopes that Cayman Parrots will nest in safer areas.

CWR goes the extra mile – literally and frequently. Every call receives a response and every animal receives immediate attention. The rising cost for fuel incurred during transports as well as for food and medicine are impacting the program. Resources are thinly stretched. Veterinary costs are also increasing with the rising case load. Surgeries, x-rays, blood tests and scans are costly. The program is seeking major sponsorship to cover these rising costs.

CWR coordinates with the Department of Environment, Department of Agriculture, Humane Society, all veterinary practices, Cayman Turtle Farm and St. Matthew's University. The Wildlife Rescue Hotline is sponsored by LIME. Cayman Airways transports wildlife to and from the Sister Islands at no cost. CUC installs utility poles for bat houses and owl nesting boxes. Volunteers Alison Corbett, Justine Riseley, Lois Blumenthal, Dr. Heather Barron, Simone Ross, Mikaella Lacerda, John Ferguson, Kelly Hill, Ron Moser, Chris Mattock, Sandra Dailey and Sue Barnes have contributed countless hours. Space prohibits listing the dozens of others who have helped in many ways. CWR is a member of the United States National Wildlife Rehabbers Association (NWRRA) and International Wildlife Rehabbers Council (IWRC).



Cayman Sea Sense is a sustainable seafood education initiative dedicated to helping restaurants and their customers make informed and environmentally positive seafood choices. The initiative was started by Marnie Laing who turned the program over to two volunteers upon the birth of her youngest child. Sharon Whitmore and Catherine Childs began managing the program approximately a year ago.

Cayman Sea Sense has seen strong support from the local restaurant community and new restaurants have been eager to join the initiative including Michael's Genuine, Ortanique, and Abacus. Restaurants that have been loyal supporters for years include Agave Grill, Breezes by the Bay, Cimboco, Cobalt Coast Resort, Ferdinand's Caribbean Cafe (Westin Casurina), Full of Beans, Harvey's Island Grill, Luca Restaurant, Neptune's, Pappagallo's Ristorante, Prime, Ragazzi Restaurant, Sunshine Grill (Sunshine Suites), Westin Casurina (beach and bar menus), and the Wreck Bar & Grill (Rum Point). The Hungry Iguana Restaurant & Bar, Little Cayman Beach Resort, Pirate's Point Resort, and Southern Cross Club are long-time supporters on Little Cayman.

Our best choice seafood guide was updated and printed again this year. Cathy Church printed the cards while the Department of Tourism, the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA), and participating restaurants funded the costs of this and other promotional materials. Monterey Bay Aquarium provides the worldwide data while the Department of Environment makes sure any local issues are addressed. The seafood guide provides an easy way for concerned consumers to choose the most sustainable seafood choices while at the grocery store or eating out and at the same time provides a list of participating local restaurants.

This year a Cayman Sea Sense Facebook page was created as a venue for supporters to share ideas and events. We hope to use Facebook and our "friends" there to create a customer appreciation venture to reward both participating restaurants and educated customers for their involvement in the initiative. The first Earth Day Festival in Cayman occurred this year and Cayman Sea Sense had a prominent position at the event. Lionfish cookbooks were ordered from REEF.org to sell at the festival as a fundraising venture. We also gave away many of our best choice seafood guides and stickers to increase the awareness of our efforts.

Cayman Sea Sense participated in a lionfish round-up with Ambassadors Divers to help raise the issue of the harmful lionfish invasion of our local waters and attempt to do something about it. Finally, a fish species that we can feel good about eating to local extinction! Many fish were caught, fun was had by all, and Mezza created some delicious lionfish dishes for everyone to sample.

In the coming year we intend to continue to raise the issue of sustainable seafood in the public's mind in several ways. We hope to publish more articles about sustainable seafood in our local publications. We also intend to bring the message to school children by making use of the National Trust's already successful educational initiatives. We have found that the people of the Cayman Islands are proud of their natural marine heritage and are eager to preserve it.

NATIONAL TRUST SITES

GRAND CAYMAN

Mission House
Guard House Hill
Jackson Wall Manor
Watler's Cemetery
Dr. Roy's Ironshore
Fort George
Miss Izzy's School House Site
Nurse Leila's House
Mastic Reserve (in portions)
Salina Reserve
Central Wetlands (in portions)
The Governor Michael Gore Bird Sanctuary
QEII Botanic Park (part owner)
Uncle Sammy's Pond
Interpreted Sites:
Savannah School House
East End Light House

CAYMAN BRAC

Parrott Reserve
The Splits
Eldemire House
Brac Trust House

LITTLE CAYMAN

Booby Pond Reserve
Trust House



Clockwise: Watler's Cemetery graveyard row, Black Mastic tree on the Mastic Reserve, Nurse Leila's house, Governor Gore's bird sanctuary, Mission House and Uncle Sammy's pond.

OUR YEAR PHOTOS



From top clockwise: The new boardwalk on the Mastic Trail January 2011, new outhouse with composting toilet April 2011, BIRP Airlift Volunteer August 2010, Honoring volunteer Brigitte Kassa May 2011, BIRP volunteer releasing a baby blue September 2011, attendees at a Shop and Share event at The Cabana November 2010, first place team at the Golf Tournament May 2011, George Town primary school children at History Week at the Mission House and the Cayman Brac District Committee Tea Party June 2011.



From top clockwise: George Town District Committee at a membership drive December 2010, Cayman Airways donates tickets for the Sister Island Rock Iguana Meeting May 2011, native butterfly identification cards presented to Truth For Youth students April 2011, Fred Burton speaks at Wine Auction and Dinner January 2011, Lois Blumenthal and Nick Joseph at the Art Auction May 2011, Goldman Sachs volunteers painted the Savannah School House November 2010, Trust Council meeting in Little Cayman May 2011 and Staff and Volunteers at Spooky Traditions October 2011.



From top clockwise: Earth Week logo winner April 2011, Volunteer Appreciation December 2010, Jolene Nelson acts as a "celebrity guest chef" at our traditional Caymanian cooking class February 2011, Eldermire House meeting in Cayman Brac June 2011, Summer camp children identifying plants on Camana Way with Stuart Maller July 2010, Volunteers/Actors at Spooky Traditions October 2010, Summer camp children on the Blue Dragon Trail July 2010, Mission House lighting December 2010 and dedicated CWR volunteer Rogerio Pitta with a Barn Owl December 2010.

DONORS

Over the past financial year the National Trust for the Cayman Islands has recieved in-kind donations, donations of time and monetary donations for all of our events and endeavours. We would like to thank persons and organizations who become hole sponsors at our golf tournaments, donate to the land reserve fund and donate many gift certificates and prizes.

Agua	Cayman Prep and High School	Hannah Cook	Rob Bennett
24 K-Mon Jewelers	CE Whitney	Havana Humidor	Ron "Rogest" Steven
A.L. Thompson	Centre Spot	Heather McLaughlin	Saba
Abacus	Charles Long	HSBC (Cayman) Ltd.	Sally Allison
Admiral Administration	Chris and Joanna Humphries	Hurley's	Sandra Dailey
Agave	Chris and Kate Bowring	Ian and Gloria Wight	Sandy and Natalie Urquart
Ashvin Murugesu	Chris and Merja Johnson	Ian Boxall	Seaboard Marine
Al and Melissa Thompson	CIBC Bank and Trust	Island Cleaners	Sea Elements
Al Ebanks	Conyers Dill and Pearman	Island Companies	Seven Fathoms Rum
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Bill Petrie	DMS Group	Kirkfreeport	Sticks and Stones
Blackbeards	Donald McLean	KPMG	Sticky Toffee Cake Company
Blue Tip Golf Course	Dr. Elaine Campbell	Launa Green	Stuart and Trisha Sybersma
Body Works	Dr. Sook Yin and Brian Eccles	Le Visage	Stuart Dack
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