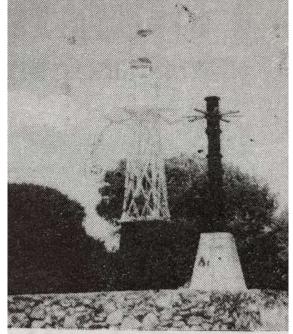


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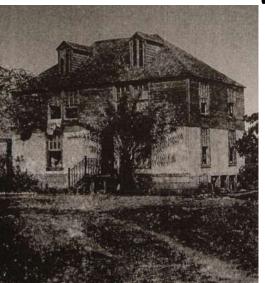








Snapshots of our legacy













I did just want to take this opportunity to send my heartfelt congratulations to the National Trust of the Cayman Islands as you celebrate your thirty-fifth anniversary. In 2019, I had the great pleasure to see for myself the valuable work you do in conserving and protecting the environment when I visited your Blue Iguana Conservation facility.

The National Trust of the Cayman Islands recognizes the imperative around natural capital protection for both present and future generations. After all, maintaining harmony with the natural world is critical to all life on this precious planet.

In support of your mission, I send my very best wishes to you all on this wonderful achievement of thirty-five years.

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### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

As we conclude the 35th anniversary of the National Trust of the Cayman Islands (NTCI), I would like to use this medium to thank all the energetic, dedicated staff and volunteers for having made this year's events a remarkable success. Amid COVID and all its challenges, we are immensely proud of the great things they have achieved and what they have been able to accomplish with the 35th anniversary events.

Our staff, along with our volunteers, have worked tirelessly, sometimes wearing more hats than can possibly fit on one's head, accomplishing incredible tasks that a staff and volunteer complement twice its size would be required to do. This can only be attributed to their love, passion, and dedication to the continued success of the NTCl and its mandate.

When we refer to NTCI it is usually from a place that makes us feel good. A place that fills us with pride knowing we are contributing to the sustainability of the ecosystems and/or built heritage of these islands. Which is fine, however, we as members of the NTCI sometimes forget that what we see is the finished product. Mostly our place of feel good comes from association, and not from doing. Our staff and volunteers are the ones that keep this Catboat upright and into the wind. To this point, here are a few of the things that our Executive Director and her team of staff and volunteers have accomplished over the last twelve months:

- The launching of the Historic Preservation Fund. This fund has been set up for the conservation of historic sights in the Cayman Islands (to date just over CI\$9,000 has been raised)
- 21 for 21 lifetime membership campaign. A lifetime member campaign that has resulted in 10 new members.
- "Warden for the Day" this has generated over \$3,000 in revenue at the time of launching.
- A partnership between BIC and the Cayman Islands Regiment with the blue iguana becoming the official mascot for the regiment.
- Launched the Blue Iguana Guardians program which has over 70 volunteers so far.
- Launched a Carbon Offset Program with a 501C3 partner for land reserve fund donations (Mangrove Education).
- Successful creation of educational video toolkits for schools.
- Together the team wrote over 7 successful local and international grants that raised funds for Education, Historic Programs, Environmental Programs, BIC and staff resources totaling over \$600,000 KYD. This was no small feat.

The complete list of their accomplishments is guite a bit longer.



As this is my last message to membership, I thank you for your support of the NTCI and ask that you continue to participate and volunteer, assisting our hard-working staff in anyway you can. Your membership and financial support are vital to the National Trust's future, without them both there may not be another 35 years.

### I leave you with this quote:

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

~Author Unknown



**Olson Anderson** Chairman



### Executive Director's Report

"You see the thing is, our legacy is determined by our choices and the way we use our voices in today's era and how it will affect the future" De'jea Lyons

The question of legacy is one I contemplated over the last year particularly as the National Trust celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2022. A 35th anniversary is associated with coral and jade. If you look at the attributes of coral and jade, they reflect strength, longevity, courage, justice and compassion. It certainly took all these attributes to navigate the fiscal year of July 2021- June 2022.

The effects of the pandemic continue to strain our resources, be it human resources or financial resources, but the team powered through with incredible courage and strength. We made it a point to create projects and collaborations that engaged our community in unexpected ways such as our National Trust conference. Best of all, our young people have been connecting with our organization because of the opportunities we have provided to give them a voice. That is why the poem "Legacy" by De'jea Lyons resonates with me; to show how progressive choices can have long term benefits to preserve what we love in our natural environment and built heritage by including our future generations.

We end this year in celebration! Why? We accomplished 12 strategic goals in one year. 12 goals in one year.

Let us take a moment to recognize how momentous this is and to salute our awesome Chairman Olson Anderson, the members of the Executive Committee (Gregory McTaggart, Steve Broadbelt) and our Treasurer Dan Peterson who guided us through this huge accomplishment.

We also celebrate all our committees for their contribution to these goals from the Historic Advisory Committee chaired by Ms. Ellen Lazzari, the Environmental Advisory chaired by Dr. Ian Kirkham and the PR committee chaired by Ms. Olivia Scott-Ramirez.

I take this opportunity to thank our District Chairs with a special mention of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. Our Sister Island members keeps the Trust running on these islands and it is important they know how much we appreciate them!

Our volunteers particularly Ms. Julia Armitage and Ms. Katie Moore who support us every week (not to mention events); you are like family to us.



To the members like William Innes and Bridgitte Kassa, please know you are truly appreciated for the support given over the years.

Finally, to the staff, you are the life blood of the National Trust. You give so much and ask for so little. You put in time and other resources to keep our programmes operating under difficult circumstances.

It is to this end that I challenge our membership to support our staff. We should feel confident to do our job without any harassment because some faction of the membership is not in agreement with a project or decision be it social media trolling or contentious emails. We should always exercise professional courtesy to those who keep the organization operational, and it is imperative to institute governance documents that include a code of conduct for members so that staff concerns can be properly addressed. The Trust needs to foster an organizational culture that reflects equity for staff.

It has been an eventful 2 years but just look at the strategic goal highlights on the following page (s). I leave in celebration knowing our team has contributed to the National Trust legacy.



Annick Jackman
Executive Director

## Mational Trust Highlights 2021-2022

### TRIBUTE TO OLSON ANDERSON

From all of us at the National Trust for the Cayman Islands, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Olson Anderson for his dedication. We are grateful for the great leadership and support Olson gave the National Trust. We continue to be inspired by his vision and goals for the National Trust.

On behalf of all the Blue Iguana Conservation (BIC) team we would like to extend our best wishes and thanks to Mr Olson for his time as a Chairman and all the support he has given the NTCI but also the BIC programme. Your support, guidance and influence has helped to continue the legacy of our work and moved us a step closer to ensuring a future for Cayman's iconic flagship species. Thank you. - Luke Harding, Operations Manager, Blue Iguana Conservation

Mr. Olson has been an invaluable resource for the National Trust as Chairman. His knowledge and experience regarding many areas of concern, as well as the ability to make critical decisions have served the organisation well. - Stuart Wilson, Historic Programmes Manager

Olson has been extremely supportive of the staff and any initiative to develop and recognize the hard work of the team. He was available for my calls at any time and gave great guidance for issues impacting the operation of the organization. He commanded a level of respect and cooperation from partners when we went into meetings be it with developers, government officials and other stakeholders. A favourite memory is him rolling up to the office to help us clear the entrance after tropical storm Grace; it showed everyone just how much support they had from their Chairman. - Annick Jackman. Executive Director

### **NATIONAL TRUST HIGHLIGHTS**

- Acquired 3 environmental sites in 2021
- Launched Historic Preservation Fund and raised CI\$9,000 in 2 months
- Launched Youth Stewardship Programme in 2021 (Engaging young Caymanians)
- Launched Internship Programme in 2021(Engaging young Caymanians)
- Received 6 successful grants to support Blue Iguana Conservation, Historic Programme, Environmental Programme and Education Programme
- Membership Survey to gather feedback and connect with our membership
- Best fundraiser in 3 years, Hatitude 2021
- Launched The Carbon Offset Programme & Mangrove Education 501C3 Partnership
- Natural Heritage Strategy Completed



# Strategic Plan 2018-2023 Celebrating our Progress

The NTCI Council did an initial review of the Strategic Plan in 2021 noting the impact of the pandemic on the organisation. Here are highlights of the goals staff achieved in spite of the resource challenges.

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IHEIVIE	UUAL	PERFUKIVIANCE: 2022
ENVIRONMENT	Protect 11% of the Cayman Islands terrestrial environment and selected native species	<ul> <li>We added 29 more acres to our protected area system.</li> <li>Wrote a new "Natural Heritage Protection Strategy 2021-2030" to guide effective land purchase and protection.</li> </ul>
BUILT HERITAGE	Promote awareness and appreciation of the Cayman Islands' built heritage and to preserve and maintain on a sustainable basis the NTCI's places of historic significance so they may be enjoyed by current and future generations.	<ul> <li>Upgrades to the Old Savannah Schoolhouse, making the building functional and ready for hosting events.</li> <li>Launch of the Historic Preservation Fund.</li> <li>Formation of a sub-committee to draft policy recommendations for the preservation of built heritage to be presented to Government.</li> </ul>
FUNDING	Ensure the NTCI's funding from independent sources are diverse and sustainable.	<ul> <li>Amounts fundraised ended the year upwards of \$160K (*unaudited amounts)</li> <li>501C3 partnerships to facilitate international donations.</li> <li>Grant funding of over CI\$650,000 (*unaudited amounts)</li> </ul>
ENGAGEMENT	To have the NTCI recognized as being essential for the Cayman Islands and that its supporters are inspired to understand and champion its Mission.	Summer internship programme offering students (13-18 years) work experience & to learn about NTCI.
GOVERNANCE	To ensure the NTCI is professionally governed and shows effective leadership, direction and supervision as it undertakes the work it has been established to do.	<ul> <li>Media Guidelines were created and distributed to staff and Council.</li> <li>Code of Conduct adopted for NTCI Council.</li> <li>Discrimination and harassment policy updated for staff.</li> </ul>
MEMBERSHIP	Grow the NTCI's membership base and to increase the proportion of which are long term and actively involved in the work of the Trust.	There was a notable increase of registrations in four of the five membership categories which resulted in a 3.4% overall growth compared to the previous year.

**THEME** 

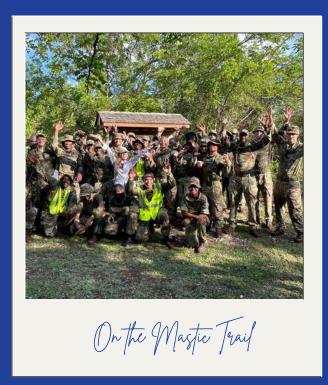
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## Environmentat Programme

### **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- The NTCI successfully challenged a plan to build an apartment complex next to Governor Gore's Bird Sanctuary, thereby preserving this important suburban natural area for residents and visitors alike (birds and people!)
- The southern end of the Mastic Trail has been restored through a joint effort of community businesses and volunteers. Invasive logwood was removed and replaced with native trees and the trail adjusted for a better visitor experience.
- The NTCI added three new areas to our protected area inventory, further conserving land near the Salina Reserve, the Botanic Park, and in Little Cayman.
- We are now able to accept US tax-deductible donations of funds, securities, or land through an NGO partner in the United States.



### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

The National Trust preserves Cayman's natural heritage for future generations. Conserving critical wild spaces allows those areas to continue to provide important ecosystem services to the people of the Cayman Islands. Our natural areas protect us from storms, provide habitat for species that we rely upon commercially, maintain rainfall patterns, store away carbon and slow climate change, reduce flooding by absorbing excess rainfall, and provide the base of our tourism product. The natural environment is central to Cayman's cultural heritage and sense of identity, and hence a resource that should be protected for the benefit of present and future generations.

The National Trust's role in ecosystem conservation becomes more critical every year due to growing unsustainable development pressures. With the compounding problems of climate change, biodiversity loss, and population growth, we need to be increasingly mindful of our precious natural heritage. The good news is that we are experiencing a groundswell of support from the community who are eager to get involved in making a positive difference in preserving our special places.

### OVERVIEW

The Environmental Programme focuses on preserving and managing important natural areas across all three Cayman Islands. Currently, the National Trust protects approximately 6% of terrestrial areas in perpetuity for the people of this country. These reserves are designed to conserve wilderness representing areas of high biological diversity and significance that are in danger of being degraded or lost forever. Our long-term goal is to protect 11% of the Cayman Islands' terrestrial environment for key endemic species.

### **LAND RESERVE FUND**

The NTCI is the only local organisation committed to the protection of natural areas with a focus on establishing a system of protected reserves in the Cayman Islands. Our Land Reserve Fund was created in 2010 to designate high-priority environmental areas for protection under the National Trust Law. The land purchased through this programme is deemed ecologically important and is often under threat of rapid urban development. Our Mastic Reserve and Salina Reserve are two key environmental sites that have been largely acquired through the Land Reserve Fund. Without these areas, the ecosystems and the species contained within them would be lost forever; and without the generous donations of our members, corporate partners and members of the public, we would not be able to continue our work to preserve our biodiversity and native habitats.

### **PROTECTED AREA UPDATES**

All of our protected areas received new road signage thanks to a grant from the Department of Tourism. We agreed that as tourism experienced a renewal after Covid, it was important to present a fresh face to our visitors, and our new signage does just that. Each one of our properties is now clearly marked, showing residents and tourists alike, not just the location of our protected areas, but that the Cayman Islands cares enough about its unique biodiversity to set aside special areas for its preservation.





### **SALINA RESERVE**

In 2019 the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) acquired a land parcel within the Salina in partnership with the Rainforest Trust. This land was kindly leased in perpetuity to the NTCI, and a grant was then awarded to monitor and survey this parcel of land within the Salina Reserve. The monitoring within the reserve focuses on identifying invasive species such as green iguanas, feral cats and dogs. The aim is to identify and monitor the number of invasive species and employ strategies to manage and remove them from this area. The partnership with the RSPB remains integral to the NTCI and BIC.

Biodiversity surveys have been undertaken to map the plants, birds and reptiles which are found within the reserve, information that will be used to monitor the overall environmental health of the protected area. This year's bird count found a total of 466 individuals of 21 species within the surveyed area, of which 18 were resident species and 3 migratory birds. Last year's count found a total of 334 individuals of 21 species, so we saw a significant increase. This site's distance from human communities, combined with the area's habitat diversity, means that the reserve safeguards a high proportion of Grand Cayman's biodiversity. Tropical dry forests are one of the most threatened of tropical forest ecosystems and are in dire need of protection. It is hoped that in future years, large-scale land acquisition projects will take place adjacent to the Salina Reserve to further safeguard the island's unique species.

### **COLLIER'S WILDERNESS RESERVE**

Collier's is maintained as an attraction for visitors to access the nature trail site and for blue iguana releases. To keep the public safe, Joanne Mercille's company, Caribbean Blooms, maintains the grounds and removes toxic Maiden Plum, a common plant in the area. Unfortunately, development is beginning to be felt in the region, making this reserve all the more critical as habitat for the blue iguana and other native species.

### **GOVERNOR MICHALE GORE'S BIRD SANCTUARY**

Small, suburban parks like this are essential for the public's easy access to nature, now understood to be a necessity after Covid-19 lockdowns. When people are able to visit a natural area in their daily lives, they are more likely to value wilderness protection in general. The NTCI is therefore committed to this site's maintenance, upkeep and overall use. A nearby housing development threatened the pond and the NTCI appealed to the Central Planning Authority to protect the interests of the community when deciding the fate of this wetland jewel. The developer was required to reduce the size of the project to allow a larger buffer zone and to reduce potential impacts on the environment.







### **MASTIC RESERVE**

The Mastic Trail continues to be a priority site for the Environmental Programme team, and regular maintenance and monitoring of the trail ensures that it remains a safe and enjoyable experience. This year, Mastic Trail tours saw a resurgence after the country relaxed its Covid restrictions and the trail continues to be used and enjoyed by residents on a regular basis. Stuart Mailer is contracted to lead tours and maintain the trail, which he does with a few dedicated volunteers.

A new memorial bench has now been installed at the approximate midpoint of the trail near the large Mastic tree. The family of Linda Haddleton (Campbell), a fan of the Mastic Trail, purchased the bench in her memory. The Cayman Islands Regiment then assisted with the transfer to the site. They carried the bench down the trail in pieces and assembled it on site, even affixing the memorial plaque. The National Trust, and all future tired hikers in need of a rest, are grateful to the Regiment and Linda's family for this generous gift to the community. She will always be remembered as a friend of the forest.

The southern trailhead was the focus of restoration work this past year. Using the vision of Stuart Mailer, the help of various volunteer teams, and donations from many companies, we removed invasive logwood and replaced it with native tree species to improve the first impression of this heritage trail. John Gray High School students cut back invasives using equipment donated by A. L. Thompson's and Uncle Bill's followed by chainsaw work by the Cayman Islands Regiment. Cayman Earthworks and ABR Landscaping Supply donated soil and equipment to prepare the land for the new plants. KPMG then hired a hydraulic hammer to create holes in this very rocky ground, followed by their crew of volunteers planting native trees supplied by Caribbean Blooms and Vigoro. The trees were then watered in with the generous assistance of nearby Frank Sound Fire Station. We are indebted to the many individuals, organisations, and businesses that volunteered to help make this project a reality!

The northern trailhead has also been the location of improvements thanks to the generous volunteer efforts of neighbour Nigel Torrance. The National Trust assembled a large sign similar to the one at the southern entrance where we can post informational signage for hikers. Mr Torrance used his personal equipment to erect the sign in the rocky ground and has committed to assisting with painting and repair of the sign as well. The National Trust treasures personal relationships with our neighbours and is indebted to Mr Torrance for his generosity and expertise. New signage at that location posted to highlight important information about the route and local biodiversity will now be erected by the roadside on public land.

### **UNCLE SAMMY'S POND**

The West Bay District Committee manages this beautiful community site. A cleanup was organised and well attended by residents of the area. Next steps include a native tree planting activity and signage to ensure safety. As development proceeds in the area, neighbourhood parks such as this become critical for native wildlife and more valued by residents as a place to get outside and enjoy nature.

### **MALPORTAS POND BIRD SANCTUARY**

The National Trust protects waterfront land along the northwestern edge of Malportas Pond, an Important Bird Area that is indispensable for native and migratory birds. Gary Fitzgibbon and Robert Johnson at Johnson Design + Architecture kindly donated their time and expertise to design and gain Planning approval for two bird hides on the properties. These hides will turn this location into a world-class birding destination, one that will allow both residents and visitors to gain a new appreciation of this critical ecosystem, a wetland that has traditionally been overlooked and underappreciated.

The National Housing Authority cleared land for an affordable housing development nearby and the National Trust was invited to comment on the proposal. In response to our suggestions, silver thatch palms were relocated to save as many of these trees as possible. A buffer zone along the pond's edge was retained in its natural forested state. It is hoped that additional mitigating measures can be agreed upon as development proceeds.

### PLANS FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

### National Trust Natural Heritage Protection Strategy (Land Acquisition Strategy)

The land acquisition strategy was updated this year. The "National Trust Natural Heritage Protection Strategy 2021-2030" outlines what areas are prioritised for protection. With limited resources and rapidly disappearing natural areas, it is imperative that we are strategic with our acquisitions, protecting the most important areas first. It is the NTCI's goal to continue to build a series of protected natural areas representing key habitats to preserve Cayman's unique biodiversity and to provide the public with the opportunity to experience wilderness areas. Within that goal, the NTCI's strategic focus is to expand existing reserves, conserve ecosystems that are considered underrepresented within the NTCI protected area framework, set aside adequate land for the needs of endemic species, create new protected areas that safeguard land of high ecological value, and designate wildlife corridors between protected areas to remedy fragmentation of habitat.

This strategy aligns with the global movement towards the "30 x 30" Biodiversity Framework in which nations around the world are committing to protecting 30% of the world's land and ocean by 2030, thereby addressing the worldwide extinction crisis. Cayman's natural assets need safeguarding if they are to support sustainable tourism, quality of life, and the culture of our local community.

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This year we finalised our partnership with a landowner to protect an ancient forest near the Botanic Park. Even though the owner had approval to proceed with their development, they worked with the NTCI to shift their plans in such a way that the heart of the forest could be purchased by the Trust and protected forever for the people of the Cayman Islands. Partnering with landowners is key to preserving ecosystems with limited resources. Intact natural areas are better for wildlife but also better for our community – everyone wins.



The NTCl was also able to work with a key international partner to bring another key parcel under protection. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) was successful in their John Ellerman grant application to better protect the Salina Reserve. The NTCl contacted neighbouring landowners and found a family that was delighted to sell their land for conservation purposes, setting it aside forever as a legacy for future generations. The RSPB purchased the land and it will be protected through the National Trust. Partnerships between individual landowners, international organisations, and the NTCl allow us to extend our efforts and contribute to significant conservation efforts and we are grateful for the dedication of all those involved.

And reaching even further, the NTCI submitted 14 nominations for protected area status to the National Conservation Council. We put forward critical natural areas in dire need of protection located on all three islands. There is a worldwide effort to preserve 30% of natural areas by 2030. The Cayman Islands currently holds approximately 12% of its land under protected area status (about 6% with the NTCI and the government each). To meet this goal, we clearly need to quickly move forward with the protection of Cayman's irreplaceable natural areas before they are lost forever.

### **ISLAND OFFSETS**

We continued our partnership with Island Offsets as an innovative finance mechanism to preserve Cayman's carbonrich mangrove ecosystems. Island Offsets assists individuals and businesses that are interested in compensating for their carbon footprint with projects located right here in the Cayman Islands. Our mangroves act as a carbon sink, sequestering massive amounts of carbon in the trees and soil. When offsets for mangrove protection are purchased through Island Offsets, the money goes into the Land Reserve Fund and is set aside specifically for mangrove purchase.

This year, we received \$6200 in donations from offsets that will be put toward protecting at-risk mangrove ecosystems. Aureum RE compensates for their carbon emissions in this way with us every year. They also generously donated to offset the emissions associated with travel for our students to attend COP26 climate meetings in Glasgow. In addition, various individuals chose to offset flights with projects located here at home and It is important for the National Trust to explore innovative finance models such as this, as Cayman's land prices rise higher every day.

Island Offsets was also the recipient of an R3 grant to fund the installation of a small renewable energy array at UCCI as part of their Solar-for-Schools programme. The project will lower the use of fossil fuel energy at the school, but will also be used as a teaching tool to prepare Cayman's youth for clean, new, high-paying jobs in this growing industry. A portion of the savings on UCCI's energy bill will be directed toward mangrove conservation with the National Trust as a way to complete the cycle of climate resiliency for the local community.

Through our partnership with Island Offsets and Mangrove Education, the NTCI was able to receive a \$50,000 USD tax-deductible donation for mangrove conservation from the Cresap Family Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to fund deserving programmes involved in youth and families, health and wellness, education, arts and humanities and animal welfare. Special thanks to William Innes for connecting this generous sponsor to the National Trust.

ReFuel continues to donate to our Land Reserve Fund for mangroves. They have been setting aside a portion of their sales for our mangrove fund since December 2019! We are very grateful to Dow Travers at ReFuel for his incredible generosity in committing to this donation for mangrove protection over the long term. Grand Cayman has seen significant destruction of this critical ecosystem. Mangrove protection is a nature-based solution to both mitigate and adapt to the climate crisis. We cannot afford to lose more mangroves, making this donation especially significant.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS**

The NTCI supports sustainable development. Economic and environmental health are inextricably linked. The natural environment is central to economic activity and growth, supporting our tourism product while also acting as the base for our cultural heritage. A healthy environment reduces shocks to the economy, helping us cope and adapt to future changes. It is a false dichotomy to imagine that we must choose between a healthy economy and a healthy environment – to have one we must have the other.

In support of this principle, the NTCI responded to many building plans submitted to the Central Planning Authority, calling for adjustments to protect wild areas and historic heritage whenever possible. Examples include the following requests:

- •Salina Reserve A neighbouring landowner submitted a proposal for a six-lot subdivision. We requested that the road be pulled back away from the border with the Salina Reserve. We also asked that the developer maintain at least a 50 ft buffer along the edge of their property. Lastly, we urged that the site plans be developed to retain as much natural diversity as possible. The owner voluntarily complied with all of our requests.
- •Governor Gore's Bird Sanctuary A developer applied for permission to build seven apartments on a half-acre lot, removing all vegetation and laying an asphalt parking area to the boundary line of the Sanctuary. The National Trust requested that the number of apartments is reduced to allow room for a buffer next to the pond, and the CPA agreed with our proposal.
- •Booby Pond Nature Reserve Several new multi-unit residential facilities were approved to be built on beachfront land near the pond. The National Trust insisted that areas next to the pond remain untouched and suggested that the owners allow native vegetation to remain on the land whenever possible.
- ·Malportas Pond As mentioned above, an affordable housing development is planned for land bordering the pond. The National Trust is supportive of housing that is within the reach of local residents but requested that a large buffer zone be left untouched near the edge of the pond to protect both the ecosystem and the houses that will be built there. We also called for as much native vegetation as possible to be allowed to remain. The National Housing Authority listened to our concerns and complied with our requests.
- •EW Arterial Road The National Trust asked that our protected areas be respected and for adjustment of the road to avoid them. We also advised the use of an elevated road design to allow water to flow in wetland areas. This will maintain ecosystem function and protect nearby communities from flood risk. We further suggested that development north of the road be restricted to protect the Central Mangrove Wetland.





Roads built through mangroves inevitably change the hydrology of the area, affecting the entire ecosystem. By leaving the North Sound side of the CMW intact along this roadway, negative effects can be greatly reduced.

·Botanic Park - A proposal was submitted to build a farm on a series of parcels containing old-growth forest next to the Botanic Park. The NTCI successfully lobbied the owner to change the design plans and sell the most significant parcel to the Trust to protect the ancient forest and the scenic entrance to the park.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The National Trust facilitated young Caymanian representation in events leading up to COP26. They took part in "Climate Heritage Narratives: Youth-Led Intergenerational Dialogues" that took place in Italy a month before COP26. Our Environmental Programmes Manager was asked to speak on the subject of climate justice, where she stated that young people and small island states must be prominent in climate negotiations. Our students spoke on "Understanding the Role of the Coastal Lagoon Ecosystem as a climate change mitigation strategy in Small Developing Islands (SIDs)," "Creating Environmental Harmony through Ecotourism and Green Recovery in the Cayman Islands," "Reef Talk: Promoting New Solutions Through the Younger Generation," and "Marine Protection: Laws to Promote and Secure a Greener Future."

The NTCI was also featured in a film during Climate Week in New York City with the City of London's Green Horizon's Hub highlighting our work to protect mangroves as a nature-based solution to climate change. It was included in a finance discussion because of our efforts to use carbon offsetting as an innovative finance tool to fund mangrove preservation.

The NTCI took part in a virtual plenary as part of Julie's Bicycle's Climate Connection programme in partnership with the British Council. "Culture: The Missing Link – A Lens on Policy" focused on solutions to the climate and nature crisis that include cultural heritage. It is becoming more understood that local and indigenous knowledge should be consulted and respected for an effective adaptation response.

### COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland

Because of the amazing community response and generous financial support, the NTCI was able to attend COP26 in Glasgow with eight young Caymanian students. The International National Trust Organisation (INTO) obtained entrance passes for the Environmental Programmes Manager and three students to the conference hall while the other students took part in the public events. Dejea Lyons, Isabela Watler, and Dinara Perera not only attended the main event, but were each invited to speak. Isabela spoke on a Climate Heritage Network panel entitled "Culture Driving Climate Resilient Futures: An Intergenerational Dialogue" to discuss the power of youth-led care for culture. Dejea represented Cayman on a UK Overseas Territory panel entitled "Our Vision for Healthy Oceans – UK Overseas Territories" to showcase the Territories and their work in addressing climate change through the protection of their unique marine and terrestrial environments. Dinara and our Environmental Programmes Manager, Catherine Childs, were part of a Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) event called 'Coast to Coast: nature-based solutions for climate, biodiversity and people – lessons learned and stories from the ground' that featured the Cayman Islands and the conservation work of the National Trust and the Mangrove Rangers. The students were so impactful they were invited to participate in other panel discussions, podcasts, and were interviewed multiple times. They also conducted Zoom calls with classrooms back home in Cayman to involve local schoolchildren.





The Caymanian students that attended the public events were Joshua McField, Tahiti Seymour, Hayley Roulstone, Rickeem Lashley, and Richard Weber. They took part in activities in the Green Zone and marched in the protest with Greta Thunberg. The students said that it was an incredible experience – they learned a great deal and made influential contacts, including with each other. They are still discussing related subjects in their chat group today.

This experience was made possible by the generous assistance of Dr Tasha Ebanks-Garcia from the Cayman Islands Government UK office, and financial donations from the Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency, CUC, Tim Ridley, Block.one, the Craig Caffarelli Foundation, the Perera family, and Tortuga Rum Company.

The NTCl's mangrove conservation work was also the subject of short films for COP26 produced by the RSPB and INTO. The RSPB created a story map focused on the importance of mangroves in Caribbean UKOTs and concerns over threats to these ecosystems called 'Coast to coast: nature-based solutions for climate, biodiversity and people – lessons learned and stories from the ground.' We recruited young Caymanians from Protect Our Future to also be highlighted in the film. The INTO video focused on community-led ecosystem preservation and was entitled "Tackling climate change together." It showcased successes achieved through nature-based solutions, community engagement and education, and effective climate change communication. Both videos featured our staff and were shown and well-received at the conference.

The NTCl believes that engaging the community is of the utmost importance in protecting natural areas and preserving Cayman's heritage. We aim to inspire the next generation by supporting opportunities for young people to engage in their communities and advance their careers to ensure a more sustainable future. Community support for natural resource management has become one of the dominant paradigms of conservation worldwide and is critical for its success, creating positive outcomes that benefit the community as well as nature.



Catherine Childs
Environmental
Programmes Manager







### **INSECT COLLECTION ACTIVITIES**

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands (NTCI) holds a small insect collection. This collection has been historically referred to as an 'insectarium' but an insectarium is a zoo or display of live insects. The NTCI collection only has pinned specimens.

This collection exists due to the dedicated collecting and curating efforts of numerous people, both past and present. Although small, it is an important collection because it contains several specimens collected during the Royal Society-Government of the Cayman Islands Expedition of 1975, especially by Dr. Richard Askew. It also contains representatives of some species and subspecies of insects that are endemic to the Cayman Islands.

Renewed and increased curating and collecting efforts began in September of 2020, when visiting entomologist Mr. Lonny Coote became a member of the NTCI. To get started, Lonny was provided with some basic supplies from Dr. Peter Fitzgerald—who collected insects during the 1975 Expedition—and Mr. Peter Davey. He was then joined by permanent-resident entomologist Ms. Robyn Tourle in April of 2021, both of them as volunteers.

The significant curating and collecting efforts made by Lonny and Robyn are outlined below.

### **CURATING THE COLLECTION**

'Curation' is the process of organizing, displaying, and maintaining a collection of items.

Lonny and Robyn have been identifying and labeling specimens and organizing them at least to the Family level; updating nomenclature (scientific names); entering specimen label data into a database; adding to this database a list of species that are known to be in the Cayman Islands but are not represented in the collection; monitoring for evidence of dermestid beetle damage (dermestid beetles can destroy an insect collection); and changing the use of obnoxious-smelling naphthalene (moth balls) to dichlorvos to prevent dermestid beetle damage.

### **INCREASING THE COLLECTION**

As important as the current collection is, it does not represent the rich, insect biodiversity of the Cayman Islands. Lonny and Robyn have added over 1,500 new specimens (the collecting of which was covered by permits issued by the Department of Environment (DoE) and the National Conservation Council); added over 50 families and several dozen species that are not currently represented in the collection; employed a variety of collecting techniques; collected in a variety of locations; participated in a BioBlitz at the QE II Botanic Park; and are developing a database for the newly collected material. The Brac is the least studied of the three islands for insect biodiversity. Lonny made one brief collecting trip to the Brac. He also joined the Global Malaise Program (GMP) run by the Centre for Biodiversity Genomics (CBG) at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and is currently collecting in two Malaise traps at two forest locations (the Botanic Park, and private property in Lower Valley) for twelve consecutive months.



### **FUND RAISING EFFORTS**

Since becoming a member and volunteer in September of 2020, Lonny raised over \$2,000KYD to purchase basic—and minimal—curating and collecting supplies through presentations and otherwise soliciting donations. He also donated his own personal supplies, purchased new supplies with his own money, and obtained donated supplies from others, both locally and abroad. More funding is required to maintain and enhance the collection

### **FUTURE OF THE COLLECTION**

Many scientific publications have stated that the Cayman Islands biodiversity is extremely unique and important.

Decisions need to be made on how best to achieve this goal by maximizing partnerships and resources, and finding innovative solutions to maintain and promote the collection.

Visit our website to view a comprehensive report on the Insect Collection.



Lonny Coote NTCI member & volunteer



Robyn Tourle NTCI member & volunteer







### **OVERVIEW OF THE HERBARIUM**

Joanne Mercille updated the physical herbarium to the modern (Angiosperm Phylogeny Group) APG IV flowering plants classification based on the current system of plant taxonomy. New orders & families were added and others were changed with pictured labeling.

The National Trust Past Perfect a platform mostly used for the Heritage digital database updates, the digital herbarium used the "Natural History" segment to facilitate the physical herbarium search. As COVID restricted movement and hampered work with the physical herbarium; more updates were done on flora digital database while working from home.

2021 was an active year, the Herbarium was part of the Youth Stewardship lecture, Joanne found this to be very rewarding to teach and hope that a young botanist would come from this exposure.

A leucistic racer (White snake not albino) was discovered while identifying flora at a private residence.

2022 the Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Garden recognized the work done on their Virtual Herbarium tab and gave the website its own identity. It is also the authenticated base information for the National Trust digital herbarium.

Joanne assisted visiting architects and traveling biologist such as BioBlitz showing keen interest to see the herbarium and consequently did excursions to explore local flora.

The Herbarium was a flora reference to the Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency (SCR) on their seed and tree planting Queen's Platinum Jubilee project.

View our Herbarium online via our website www.nationaltrust.org.ky



Joanne Mercille NTCI Co-oped Council Member



## Blue Ignana Conservation Programme

### **NOTABLE ACHIEVMENTS**

- Launch of the Strategic Species Action Plan for the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana 2021-2026.
- Over \$700,000 secured in successful grant funding and donations.
- Continued development at the captive breeding facility.
- Successful breeding season.
- Implementation of community initiatives and training programme.
- Over 100 registered Blue Iguana gardens in the first 12 months.
- On the 8th May 2022 the 2nd International BIC day was held and was a huge success.
- 75 volunteers between 5 -75 years old have been trained as Blue Iguana Guardians.
- The Blue iguana was made the official mascot for the CI Regiment.





### **FUNDING**



### **Darwin Grant**

This year saw the completion of the R7 Darwin Plus grant, including all infrastructure improvements to the Blue Iguana Conservation captive facility; the final year involved monitoring and evaluating the biosecurity adaptations set within the grant. Alterations to the facility's perimeter fence have successfully prevented access to invasive alien species and helped to increase security at the captive breeding facility with no incidents of invasive species within the facility since the new perimeter fencing has been fitted. This was previously a great cause for concern and predation by invertebrate alien species [IAV] such as green iguana and feral cats were of particular concern for the juveniles held at facility who were most vulnerable to harm from predation.

### **Donations and other grants**

The BIC team work hard to ensure the diligent use of funds and resources to provide the highest standards for the programme and providing best value for money when managing finances. Finding new funding streams is vital for the work of the programme and the future of the project. 2021/22 has been an exceptional year for grants. Donations and sponsorships are invaluable in supporting our work and in 2020, BIC once again won funding from Walkers Global Ltd., which was used to develop the BIC nursery, building 48 hatchling cages - all of which provide natural substrate, branching for basking areas and vegetation to increase growth rates in young captive-reared iguanas. 2021 funding has been secured to go towards the development of new incubation facility.

BIC also received support from Jacksonville Zoo to help purchase new state of the art incubators and help fund some of the vital work that the programme is conducting. Jacksonville Zoo also supports through staff time and expertise on surveys over the last four years.

A large two-year grant led by BIC operations manager was secured through the John Ellerman Foundation which will help to increase support for the management of environmental areas on all three islands and deal with key threats to endemic fauna and flora from the risk of introduced species.



A new Darwin Plus grant, has been awarded to the NTCI for preserving endemic threatened wildlife populations through effective protected area management. Populations of endemic wildlife on Grand Cayman are largely restricted to within Protected Areas (PAs) including Grand Cayman's flagship species the blue iguana (Cyclura lewisi). Pressures on Grand Cayman's natural environment remains high, underlining the need for a sound and well-managed PA network. The National Trust of the Cayman Islands owns and leases PAs on Grand Cayman, but currently is short of the in-house capacity needed for effective PA management. As a focal species, blue iguanas demonstrate the crucial need for PAs: despite extensive conservation efforts since 2001, population monitoring strongly indicates a lack of natural recruitment, suggesting that the restored wild population is unlikely to be able to sustain itself over the long term. This project will build knowledge to fill essential data gaps and better inform current PA management, build local capacity, and encourage community support through the delivery of education and outreach programmes to achieve sustainable conservation actions and inform future PA management decisions. By boosting on-island PA management capacity, understanding critical habitat, conducting regular biodiversity surveys, identifying threats and their impacts, developing mitigation strategies, and increasing regular PA patrols, we can better inform PA management to effectively restore and safeguard these important wildlife areas

### STRATEGIC SPECIES ACTION PLAN

As part of the R7 Darwin Plus grant, the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana Strategic Species Action Plan (SSAP) for 2021-2026 was launched in August 2021 with a foreword from The Honourable Wayne Panton, Premier of the Cayman Islands, which aided national pride in this species and governmental support towards BIC's conservation efforts. International support came from project partners, including the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Iguana Specialist Group.

One key objective from the SSAP was the creation of a 'Habitat Island'. This ambitious goal would be achieved by the fencing the entirety of the QEIIBP with predator proof fence and removing all non-native species out of the area enabling the creation of a fully protected area for Fauna and Flora to thrive, including a protected breeding ground for Blue Iguanas. A public campaign will be launched to help secure the remaining funds needs to complete the construction and long-term maintenance of this project.

### **HEALTH/BREEDING AND RELEASES**

Dietary improvements to expand food plant species diversity and volume since 2019 have been successful with more than 50 plant species now being offered frequently as part of a varied diet. This has reflected an increased weight and improved body condition, egg yield and hatchling survival rates in the captive iguanas. The annual veterinary health checks took place on-island in May 2022 with partners from Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and St Matthew's University (SMU). All checks went extremely well and all animals were reported to be in excellent condition; this detailed screening process helps to give us more data on emerging diseases and issues.

The breeding season for 2021 was extremely successful for BIC with over 90 hatchlings. Targeted breeding animals were paired in early 2022 to ensure desired genetic diversity, under the recommendations of project partner and studbook keeper Dr Tandora Grant (San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance). The BIC facility maintained the clutch record this year with one female once again laying 21 eggs. Over 40 captive-bred iguanas from 2020 and 2021 were released into the Queen Elizabeth Botanic Park (QEIIBP).

Additional nests from wild QEIIBP females were monitored but no wild eggs were incubated in 2022.

### **BLUE IGUANA CONSERVATION FACILITY UPDATE**

The BIC facility has welcomed many on-island community members and, once Cayman's international borders reopened in November 2021, international tourists, students, and volunteers have been able to visit the facility, leading to a much-needed increase in revenue through ticket sales, guided tours, self-guided tours, private donations and Blue Iguana Warden Experiences.

In March 2022, the 'Education and Skills Development Hub' was built within the BIC facility to serve as an educational facility for visiting schools, and also to work as a hub to continue to provide high level training and capacity building for local and international guests/students. The new Hub is now available as an event space for BIC or corporate events and team building days. The cost to hire the hub is another important funding stream for BIC and the hire also provides an opportunity for engagement with the programme and may lead to future investment or financial support from individuals or businesses or involvement in volunteering.

An additional 48, eight-foot-tall nursery units have been added to the captive breeding facility and their installation has enabled the younger iguanas to more easily display natural behaviour and also to allow the BIC team to record data to compare captive hatchling growth with wild hatchling growth. This vital and exciting research is ongoing.

Plans have been developed for a new BIC building which will be constructed in 2022/23 which features staff areas, office space, improved tool storage area, walk-in incubation room and basic veterinary room. This building will enable the centralisation of all BIC equipment, easier and more efficient collection and processing of veterinary samples and much more to improve the efficiency, quality and ease of working within the BIC facility.

### **WILD POPULATION MONITORING/RESEARCH**

The annual blue iguana census surveys are managed by the NTCI, with assistance from DoE. For the first time since 2020, international volunteers joined the annual blue iguana census surveys in March 2022, which took place in the QEIIBP. The volunteers came from United Kingdom and U.S.A., including from Jacksonville Zoo and WCS.

The QEIIBP census showed consistent results as previous years; indicating that more work is still required to see growth in the population especially increased survival from wild born hatchlings.

Analysis of field results highlight the need for further research to understand the changes in the wild population which might be a decrease due to pressure or could be factors such as dispersal from a changing age structure within the PAs.





### STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The BIC team has not had any staff changes this year and has worked on creating stability within the team and a continued focus on succession planning and capacity building through in house training and external workshops and lectures.

### OUTREACH

The BIC social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) have seen notable growth during the past year, with features and regular updates on BIC team activities, facility events, grants, and field research. Interaction with these platforms has been increasing throughout the year and especially with media feed concerning key events such as iguana releases and Blue Iguana Day.

The team are always happy to welcome visitors to the captive breeding facility, not only does it provide much needed revenue to enable us to continue project work, but also enables us to widen support and understanding for the Iguanas and the work of the project. This year BIC has also welcomed several companies to the facility for team building days and have welcomed their help with numerous tasks within the facility.

Following the disruptions caused by the Covid pandemic in 2021/22 BIC was able to welcome back both local and international students to the programme. Their input to the project is enriching as they offer a diverse knowledge and skills set which benefits the work of the project and provides many training opportunities for the staff and volunteers.

### **BLUE IGUANA GUARDIANS**

In 2021, funding from Ogier enabled BIC to formalise the volunteer programme and offer training days to show new recruits all aspects of Blue Iguana Conservation, including iguana husbandry, camera trapping, data collection and food plant recognition. This initiative aims to build on-island capacity by offering high level training and practical experience. In addition, the Guardians programme offers opportunities for local engagement in the natural world and an opportunity for individuals to use their diverse skills to contribute back to Cayman and initiate and support pride for Caymans' wildlife.

So far, BIC has carried out Blue Iguana Guardian training days in January and February 2022, resulting in over 75 new, regular volunteers to BIC. The first cohort of new recruits, ranging from 5 - 60+ years old, graduated on International Blue Iguana Day and were awarded certificates, t-shirts and embroidered badges by Luke Harding and Ogier representative, Sue Day. Training days are planned to occur four times a year, with the next one planned for June 2022. Additional training has also been provided by international visiting experts, scientists and on-island experts such as local veterinary team.

BIC is extremely grateful to Ogier for their continued interest in the Blue Iguana Guardians programme and also to the Guardians themselves for their regular assistance and support for the project.



### INTERNATIONAL BLUE IGUANA DAY

The second International Blue Iguana Day was held on 8th May 2022, cementing this species awareness day into local and international calendars and enabling on- and off-island partners to celebrate the Grand Cayman blue iguana. An event was held at the facility on the day and was attended by a new record number of visitors, as well as The Honourable Sabrina Turner MP, Minister of Health, Wellness and Home Affairs. There were a range of events and activities run throughout the day which proved very popular and feedback from the event was excellent. In addition, a plaque was unveiled for 'Lissy', a blue iguana who has been chosen by the Cayman Islands Regiment as their mascot, this is an honour for the project and has generated a new collaboration and support for the project with involvement of army personnel offering help for BIC. The new mascot was named by Roberta Scott who won a competition at Cayman International School by nominating the name 'Lissy' after Queen Elizabeth II's most recently acquired corgi.

BIC's social media platforms saw a surge in followers after international exposure from International Blue Iguana Day through content from partners and followers. International Blue Iguana Day continues to be celebrated on the same day annually and is supported by BIC partners, such as San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, WCS and various U.S. universities.

### **BLUE IGUANA GARDENS**

The health of the blue iguana population is directly linked to the quality and quantity of food resources available, and pressure on natural food sources have been increasing on island with a lack of plant volume and diversity due to pressures such as building on island which uses land which would formally have provided flora to support a varied, natural diet for the blue iguana. Food collection times have increased greatly in recent years as staff have to go further afield to collect food. Work has been on-going as part of the R7 Darwin grant to improve dietary factors and has resulted in a greater volume and diversity of food offered, with collection times improved through the use of the project vehicle, the introduction of new planting beds to enable more food to be grown at the facility. Whilst all these strategies have improved dietary opportunities, we also understand the need for support in continuing these improvements and so the Blue Iguana Gardens initiative was launched in May 2021 and has been extremely successful with over 100 registered Cayman residents growing food plant species for the BIC facility's iguanas, including schools, farmers and many private landowners. The amount and variety of food available for the iguanas has increased and this initiative is already providing invaluable support. In addition to providing food for the blue iguana, the new gardens and planting schemes will have an impact on other flora and fauna on island, providing shelter and food for a wide variety of animals and insects.



**Luke Harding**Operations Manager
Blue Iguana Conservation







### **BAT PROGRAMME**

The National Trust fielded over 40 inquiries into bat exclusion services during the 2021-22 season. Property site inspections revealed that not all inquiries were related to bats but rather to other wildlife such as rodents or woodpeckers. Bat exclusion work was put on hold until November, when the work could commence after the summer breeding season.

The programme was streamlined this year with the hiring of a dedicated contractor to focus solely on exclusions. Twenty bat colonies were humanely relocated out of residences and business properties across the island before the close of season at the end of May.

In May 2021, the National Trust was approached by a Cayman International School student Victoria S. for advice on bat house building plans and installation procedures as research into a proposal for the Sixth Grader's class improvement year-end project. Bat coordinator, Nicole Best and Environmental Programme Manager, Catherine Childs guided the student and her father on the building of the bat house as well as helping coordinate the install on school property with CUC. Kudos to Victoria on promoting Cayman bat conservation with the added benefit of mosquito control.

The Bat Programme billed out approximately \$4.500 in services during the 2021/22 fiscal year for bat exclusion work. Covid related staff shortages and Tropical Storm Grace aftermath clean-up severely impacted the availability of CUC to partner with the National Trust to install much needed bat houses across Grand Cayman.



**Nicole Best** Bat Programme Manager



## Historic Programme

### **NOTABLE ACHEIVEMENTS**

- Launched the Historic Preservation Fund, raised just over CI\$9,000.
- Funding raised to start restoration on Eldemire House (Cayman Brac).
- Formation of a sub-committee to develop the statutory framework for the protection of traditional Caymanian buildings to present to Government.





The Historic Programme of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands enjoyed an immensely eventful year, with inroads being made in relation to several projects of major importance and massive implications for the future of built heritage preservation in the Cayman Islands.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND**

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) was launched in December of 2021 and in the first month raised over CI\$9,000.

The HPF gives persons and organisations the ability to provide financial support toward the preservation, protection and promotion of built heritage throughout the Cayman Islands and is a fantastic way to get the community actively involved in directly preserving their culture.

Currently, there are 12 historic sites that make up the National Trust's inventory, which require continuous maintenance, advocacy, oversight, research and data collection, as well as fundraising. However, there are scores more, which are not owned by the National Trust that could benefit greatly from the reach of our Historic Programme and the newly launched Historic Preservation Fund.

### **ELDEMIRE HOUSE**

A phased restoration to the Eldemire House in Cayman Brac should begin in earnest in the next few weeks to months with the approval of the Historic Advisory Committee and Council. Work was contracted to Pastor Thomas French, with funds coming from the Heritage Holdings Fundraiser, the Historic Preservation Fund and DART.

The NTCI has raised CI\$15,000 from the Island Heritage Charity Drive, toward the repair of the home after visiting the site in February of this year. There was also a DART grant awarded to support repairs to the house in the amount of CI\$10,000. This gives a current total of CI\$25,000 in funds raised to date and the Historic Preservation Fund will contribute another CI\$9,000.

Estimates for repair of the home are in the range of CI\$31,000. Once the Eldemire House is refurbished there has been a proposal put forward by Cayman Brac NTCI Member Simone Scott to manage the facility. She would conduct tours, run summer camps, stage tea parties, and set up a gift shop, in addition to doing one major fundraiser each year, along with the Cayman Brac Committee's assistance for the upkeep of the home once it is refurbished.

### SUB-COMMITTEE TO INFORM GOVERNMENT POLICY

A sub-committee was formed under Historic Advisory Committee to develop recommendations on a statutory framework to protect historic buildings and assets to the Cayman Islands Government.

These recommendations seek to modernise and energise protection of built heritage, using existing statutory provisions such as the National Trust Law and the Development and Planning Regulations (2022 Revision).

It is the first step in what hopefully will translate into National Policy that positively impacts our community and strengthens the role of the National Trust and other cultural stakeholders.

### **OLD SAVANNAH SCHOOLHOUSE**

The Old Savannah Schoolhouse is being upgraded and put into use. This includes implementing an electrical meter and doing a deep clean of the interior.

The building will then be put into use making, after making it more functional, which is in line with our strategic objectives to achieve a status of headline projects for at least three NTCI historic properties and regenerate to appeal to new audiences.

As part of the plans, for Old Savannah Schoolhouse, there will be lectures and 'Tiny Desk' performances in the style/format of the National Public Radio (NPR) in the United States, which allows for musical performances in small settings such as libraries or classrooms.

### STUDENT PROJECT

Isabella Giddings of the Triple C School profiled the Old Savannah Schoolhouse and built a replica of the historic site for a school project.

Recognized historically as one of the first schools in the Cayman Islands, the Old Savannah Schoolhouse was built in 1941

Education and outreach is a large part of the National Trust's mission and we are happy to support young people in the community and their efforts to learn more about their history and heritage.

Isabella's project is precisely, how the National Trust hopes it can continue to develop young people and recruit them for the cause of protecting our heritage.





### **MISSION HOUSE BREAKFAST**

Another traditional breakfast was held at the Mission House in December of 2021. The event showcased Cayman's cuisine on the caboose and featured kitchen 'music'. Kitchen music from the era would have been performed around the caboose and heavily featured the fiddle and drums.

This was the second time the traditional breakfast was held at the Mission House, with the event raising just under CI\$1,000. The event was attended by journalists from Latin America who enjoyed the cultural immersion.

The traditional breakfast is a practical way of celebrating Cayman's rich heritage and maintaining our connection to the past.

### FORT GEORGE MURAL RESTORATION

Restoration of the mural at Fort George commenced, after a faulty installation which meant several panels were dislodged and destroyed.

The Historic Programme sought assistance to have the panels repaired and HAC members (past and present) contributed to the re-installation of new panels.

### NEW SIGNAGE EAST END LIGHTHOUSE, JACKSON'S WALL AND DR ROY'S IRONSHORE

The Jackson's Manor site in Newlands, Bodden Town received new directional signage, whilst the East End Lighthouse and Dr. Roy's in George Town both received signage to mark the sites as National Trust Heritage Sites.

### **LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS WITH BLOCK 1 AND BUTTERFIELD**

As part of the outreach of the Historic Programme, the Historic Programmes Manager developed a power-slide presentation detailing the beginning of Cayman's settlement, as well as the slave trade and how it has influenced life in the British Territory today.

The 'Lunch and Learn' programme has been a large part of the educational outreach we are tasked with at the National Trust and was designed to engage audiences.

### INTO RE-IMAGINGING SITES OF ENSLAVEMENT GRANT RECEIVED

A grant for the Historic Programme Manager was received for our work in this regard via the International National Trust Organization and their Re-Imagining Sites of Enslavement programme.

As a result of the grant our History Programme Manager will travel to West Virginia to visit the Belle Grove Plantation to learn more about the American slave trade and some of the methods used by Belle Grove's data collection systems and cataloguing of artifacts.

### **TOURS & COOKING CLASSES CONTINUED**

Tours and cooking classes continued at the Mission House with the assistance of Mr. Malcolm Saunders, who has been instrumental in keeping the programme functional in this regard. Cassava cake classes continue to be among those with the highest level interest and we have been in talks to procure many other artisans to continue to expand our offerings in the short term.

The Mission House opening hours are currently from 10am till 2pm (Fridays and Saturdays).

### **HISTORIC REGISTER UPDATES**

The Heritage Register was updated during this year with the help of one of our volunteers, whose passion and drive to assist the programme led to the project being completed in a relatively short period of time and with great accuracy.

Our Historic Advisory Committee have now voted, via a resolution, to make these updates a yearly concern if resources are available, as opposed to once every two years.

The pace of development in the Cayman Islands is such that it has become a challenge to keep the Heritage Register up-to-date and accurate. However, it is one of the major deliverables as part of the National Trust's grant from the government and the need to have an inventory of Cayman's built heritage is essential, as the Islands continue to grow.

### THROWBACK THURSDAYS (SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT)

Mr. Arthur's Printshop, Swanky Kitchen and Sir Vassel Johnson were just a few of the Throwback Thursday posts that were well received on social media this year and their popularity is evidence of the need for this type of content, especially among young people.

The youth in the Cayman Islands are seeking a connection to their past and they want to be able to identify with what makes them Caymanian.

This identity and pride is an important part of nation building and the work of the National Trust is not just documenting the past but also influencing the future.

### MISS CAYMAN ISLANDS UNIVERSE

Our Historic Programme also led the way in representing the National Trust at the sashing ceremony for the 2022 Miss Cayman Universe Pageant.

The platform for the pageant this year was the National Trust and the at a star-studded evening held at the Grand Old House, Historic Programmes Manager Stuart Wilson delivered remarks on behalf of the organisation.

The National Trust is proud to have been the choice for this year's Miss Cayman Islands Universe Pageant to provide an educational opportunity for more young Caymanians to learn about our heritage.



**Stuart Wilson** Historic Programmes Manager



## Education Programme

## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Creation of Educator Toolkits & Videos made available online.
- Successful Mangroves Lunch & Learn Event during National Trust Week which raised approximately \$8,000 in profit.
- Launched Invasive Predators Campaign to bring public awareness to the impact of invasive species on endemic flora and fauna.
- Heritage Heroes classroom sign up



## **OVERVIEW**

The National Trust is dedicated to empowering people of all ages and to preserve our natural and built heritage through public awareness and by creating opportunities for hands-on learning. We believe our initiatives help shape the way towards a better understanding and increased appreciation for Cayman's unique biodiversity, built heritage and sustainability.

In early July 2021 we were delighted to welcome to our team, Louisa Sax as our new Education and Public Outreach Manager.Louisa brings a wealth of knowledge from her career in conservation. She believes in the power of creatively educating young minds to generate change. Louisa is also the author of 'Hawksbill Hero and the Parrotfish Reef' a children's book which is available in our retail store.

As this year marks our 35th Anniversary we were proud to provide our community with educational events and resources to encourage a greater understanding and appreciation for our islands' natural and built heritage. Additionally, Louisa was the creative director of our 35th Anniversary logo which was sponsored by Let's Eat. Louisa also acquired brand new NTCl banners for use at NTCl events to further our brand awareness at both fundraisers and community events.

#### **CAYMAN SEA SENSE**

The newly updated Cayman Sea Sense Seafood Guide is available on our website. Local supermarkets such as Kirk Market and Hurleys have received copies of our Sea Sense Seafood Guide to display in their seafood stands. Additionally, participating restaurants were contacted to address concerns regarding serving grouper and Caribbean spiny lobster from Honduras.

We continue to invite local restaurants to join Cayman Sea Sense which is a local seafood education programme dedicated to helping restaurants and their customers make informed and environmentally-positive choices, such as reducing the number of non-sustainable seafood items on menus. Cayman Seas Sense participating restaurant partners were promoted on Facebook to encourage eating sustainably during Cayman Restaurant Month.

## **WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS (SOCIAL MEDIA)**

The Education and Public Outreach Manager provides weekly 'Wildlife Wednesday' social media posts to share in-depth information about local wildlife and ecologically significant habitats. Some of the top performing 'Wildlife Wednesday' posts included features on Hutia, Yellow Warbler, Banana Orchid, and Tortoise Beetle. The highest viewed 'Wildlife Wednesday' post was the video featuring a Nurse Shark in Cayman waters reaching 605 views within the first month of being published on social media.







## **SCHOOL VISITS & FIELD TRIPS**

The National Trust is proud to offer school visits and provide engaging presentations to raise awareness of the importance of Cayman's natural environment, endemic wildlife and treasured heritage sites.

During COP-26, students from John A Cumber, Bodden Town Primary, and Wesleyan Christian Academy were invited to join a Zoom call to learn more about COP-26 and have an opportunity to speak with Dejea Lyons who was representing the National Trust at COP-26.

Montessori Del Sol and Red Bay Primary School signed up to be blue iguana gardeners. Students were given an in-depth presentation about our Blue Iguana Gardens Programme.

Cayman International School, primary, were visited and given an engaging talk about animal adaptations. Explaining to students how animals adapt to their environments and Cayman Habitats. Other visits to their high school included a talk on Endangered animals and the National Conservation Law. Louisa Sax, Education and Public Outreach Manager attended the Climate Strike along with Cayman International Students.

Montessori Del Sol, participated in a nature walk.

Cayman Prep High School took part in a Zoom presentation focused on Blue Iguana Conservation.

Girlguiding Cayman Islands enjoyed a fascinating virtual mangrove investigation. Each of the participants received a kit which included mangrove samples and microscopes for use.

Little Trotters was visited for a presentation on the Butterfly Life Cycle.

## HERITAGE HEROES CLASSROOM CLUB

Throughout the year, schools across Grand Cayman are visited and given a short presentation on what it means to be a Heritage Hero.

We were delighted to welcome eight classrooms from East End Primary School who signed up for the Heritage Heroes Classroom Club. Other schools that have joined Heritage Heroes include Sprogs, Montessori Del Sol, and Cayman International School. Schools are encouraged to sign up classrooms to be part of this educational programme.

#### EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS & CAYMAN CLASSROOM EDUCATONAL TOOLKITS

Louisa Sax, Education and Public Outreach Manager collaborated with local videographer Jon Schutte to create a variety of educational videos to accompany Cayman Classroom Educational Toolkits, created by Louisa, for local schools. The educational toolkits will link to curriculum standards of other subjects.



The first educational video that was released on our social media channels was 'Coral Reefs.' It is also available on the GOV.ky educator portal. Other Educators Toolkits that were created, covered topics such as 'National Symbols' and 'Bird Conservation.' Special thanks to sponsors from Dart, RBC and Cape Cod Bird Club for our Educators Toolkits.

### **INVASIVE PREDATORS CAMPAIGN**

An 'Invasive Predators Campaign' was created as an educational initiative. The aim of the campaign was to raise awareness about invasive species and the issues they cause. For instance, they can spread diseases to our native wildlife and companion animals; compete for resources such as food and space; and can sometimes breed with their native counterparts, damaging the gene pool. These can all lead to the extinction of our native species such as the Brown Booby, Vitelline Warbler, Caribbean Dove and Blue Iguana. Extinction is Forever.

The online campaign ran for two weeks as an intensive social media campaign. The campaign included posts, public polls, a blog and a two-minute explainer video.

### **DOE TOUR**

Louisa Sax, Education and Public Outreach Manager, and Nicole Best, Membership & Tours Manager visited the Department of Environment for a tour of their laboratory, bulk waste facility and learned more about the recycling programme.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH: MANGROVES LUNCH & LEARN

Louisa Sax, Education and Public Outreach Manager spearheaded the Mangroves Lunch & Learn, "Selling Mangroves" as part of our National Trust Week on 20th April 2022. The Mangroves Lunch & Learn invited developers, real estate agents and other business professionals to attend this free and educational event. Over forty business professionals were in attendance. There was a panel of local guest speakers covering multiple perspectives of the importance and value of mangroves. Attendees received an electronic packet featuring presentations from guest speakers. The event was a highly successful event, part of National Trust Week, earning just over \$8,000 in profit. Special thanks to event sponsors, KPMG, CUC and Saxton.

#### EARTH MONTH SCHOOL DRESS DOWN WEEK

Schools island-wide were encouraged to wear either nature inspired colours or National Trust logo colours to raise awareness for the National Trust and take part in celebrating our 35 year legacy.



**Louisa Sax**Education & Public
Outreach Manager



## Marketing & Communications

## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Increased following across all social media platforms (NTCI & BIC combined) to 26,738 followers. This is a growth of over 7,000 followers in a year.
- Launched the first National Trust Week in celebration of our 35 year legacy.
- Hatitude gala fundraiser was a Roaring Success earning over \$14,000 in profit.
- Took part in community tree planting projects in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.



## **MARKETING STRATEGY**

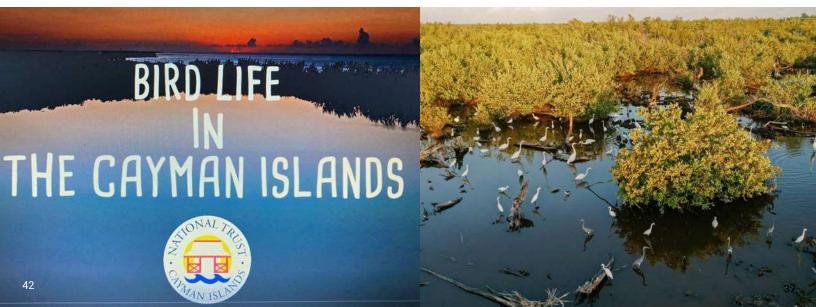
Social media and our monthly newsletters continue to be our primary connection to our members and the community. We have focused on promoting events and encouraging our community to be part of National Trust projects through social media, connecting with our local and international supporters, and direct marketing. As we celebrate our 35 year legacy, this has been an opportunity to enhance our content and allow us to raise our profile both on a local and international scale. We are now moving forward with more dynamic content, creating more video content and highlighting who we are and what do as an organization. Our National Trust conference held on 19th April 2022 at the Grand Cayman Marriott, Beach Resort, allowed us to utilize our partnerships with international supporters such as Cayman Connection, the Government of the Cayman Islands UK branch, and international guest speakers who attended our conference to help raise awareness of the important work done by the National Trust for the Cayman Islands on a global scale. This was wonderful publicity for the National Trust. Moreover, our National Trust Conference Day and Mangroves Lunch & Learn held during National Trust Week in April 2022, was a catalyst for starting important conversations within our community about National Pride, Policy and Protection for our heritage sites, the urgency to protect mangroves and how vital they are to our environment. Finally, the youth had their own panel, allowing them a seat at the table to discuss topics that are dear to their heart.

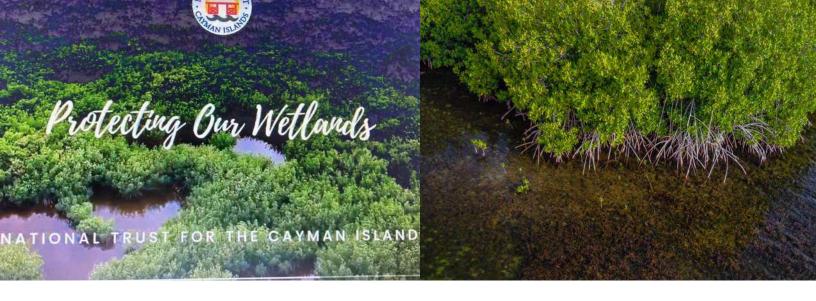
## **VIDEO CONTENT**

Growth rate on our YouTube channel nearly doubled. We continue to create more engaging video content to be featured on our YouTube channel. Louisa Sax, our Education and Public Outreach Manager teamed up with Jon Schutte to work on a series of education videos. Currently, featured on our YouTube channel is the 'Coral Reefs' educational video sharing the importance of ocean conservation and the vital role of coral reefs in our ecosystem.

Together Louisa and Jon created an educational video about birds which was launched at London Climate Action Week 2022, during a virtual event 'Sentinels in the Fight Against Climate Change' on 30 June 2022 raising awareness of the importance of Migratory Birds in the Global Ecosystem.

In addition, renowned Caribbean ornithologist, Patricia Bradley, was interviewed by Sangeeta Laudus of the Cayman Islands Government Office in the UK, to highlight World Migratory Bird Day. The interview was premiered during London Climate Action Week in a panel discussion entitled "Sentinels in the Fight Against Climate Change - The Importance of Migratory Birds in the Global Ecosystem" on 30 June 2022. The National Trust's Environmental Programmes Manager, Catherine Childs, spoke about the installation of our new Motus wildlife tracking receivers that will monitor the movement of migratory birds on all three islands. This knowledge will better inform the National Trust's protection and management of its protected areas.





We continue to work on creating more impactful video content for our YouTube channel to showcase the importance of both our precious environment and built heritage. To raise awareness about the importance of protecting our wetlands and encouraging our community to donate to our Land Reserve Fund, Laura Butz, Marketing Manager, and Louisa Sax, Education and Public Outreach Manager collaborated on creating a video showcasing the beauty and critical habitat mangroves provide to local wildlife. Huge thanks to filmmaker Matthew Stockreiter, who allowed us to use his stunning film footage for this awareness video.

Our YouTube channel also features a video showcasing snapshots of the Old Savannah Schoolhouse to encourage support and donations towards our Historic Preservation Fund.

Lastly, we launched a campaign that focused on sharing key elements of the National Trust such as what it means to be a member of NTCI, what we do, who we are, what we protect and encouraging the community to join our district committees. We received positive feedback and aim to continue producing more videos to share our legacy and the important work of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands.

We are grateful to both film and photo contributions from Matthew Stockreiter, Jon Schutte and Omari Rankine. Both their film footage and photographs have helped with the creation of our videos and social media content.

## **PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The NTCI has received excellent coverage across print, digital, and radio promoting our events, and work. In particular, National Trust Conference Day and International Blue Iguana Day received fantastic coverage and positive reviews, both locally and internationally, as our most high-profile events for the year. We had a total of 17 press releases throughout the year highlighting our important achievements, and coverage of our events.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Every year, the Annual Report is presented to His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Premier. Last year, we were honoured to present the Annual Report to His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper. The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is deeply grateful for the support of HE the Governor and the Honourable Premier for the Cayman Islands.

## **SUMMER 2021 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**

During the summer of 2021 we had a total of 8 interns that were either in high school or starting university. Our dedicated group of interns worked alongside the team. Overall, learning more about the important conservation work of the National Trust. This opportunity allowed them to develop their skills and gain valuable work experience both in an office environment and in wildlife conservation.

Notable mention is Mario Whorms, who graduated from our 2021 Youth Stewardship Programme. Mario interned with us gaining work experience both in our office and at Blue Iguana Conservation. In April 2022 Mario accepted a job offer with the National Trust for a full-time position at our front desk assisting with retail, events, membership and tours at Mission House.

## COMMUNITY PROJECT: CLEANUP OF NTCI SITE AFTER TROPICAL STORM GRACE

Following Tropical Storm Grace, the National Trust staff assessed all National Trust properties for any damage. Notably, there was an immense amount of debris and fallen trees to clean up at the National Trust office, Mission House, Mastic Trail and Blue Iguana Conservation facility. The National Trust staff, BIC team, Olson Anderson (NTCI Chairman) and volunteers worked diligently together over a series of days cleaning up debris, and the landscape. It was a massive team effort dedicated to cleaning up each of these sites. Special thanks to the Cayman Islands Regiment for their assistance and support in helping to clean up the Mastic Trail.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECT: TREE PLANTING WITH COP26 YOUTH CLIMATE AMBASSADORS**

On Saturday, 26 March, the Premier and Minister of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency, Hon. G. Wayne Panton joined the National Trust for the Cayman Islands, youth climate ambassadors and their families to plant trees as part of efforts to offset their travel to the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in November 2021. The Cayman Islands sent a contingency of 12 – including nine Caymanian students – to the international climate summit. Accordingly, a total of 12 trees (including 10 Broadleaf, Cordia sebestena var. caymanensis) were planted at the Blue Iguana Conservation facility at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park to offset the air travel emissions.





## **GOVERNOR CONSERVATION AWARDS**

On the 26th October 2021 we held our biennial Governor Conservation Awards. The award ceremony was hosted by His Excellency the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper.

The following were recipients of the Governor Conservation Awards in various categories.

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD-** Mrs. Julia Hislop (for her restoration of Aston and Ruth Rutty home in Cayman Brac).

**TOURISM INDUSTRY CONSERVATION AWARD-** Cayman Kayaks (for their sustainable practices and preservation of Bio-Bay and the mangrove wetlands that they visit.)

LOIS BLUMENTHAL YOUTH CONSERVATION AWARD- Estefania McDermot (for her work with Plastic Free Cayman, Sail for Change Caribbean and Central Caribbean Marine Institute).

**CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR** – Tanja Laaser (for going above and beyond in her conservation work for the Sister Islands Rock Iguanas).

Finally, a certificate of recognition was also presented to DART in appreciation of their corporate efforts specifically in the conservation of Cayman's endemic plants through the West Indies plant nursery and for their achievement of LEED certification.

## **NATIONAL TRUST WEEK**

In celebration of our 35 year legacy of safeguarding critical environmental and special heritage sites that the National Trust for the Cayman Islands are custodians of, we dedicated a week in honour of this milestone. Our National Trust Week took place from 19th – 22nd April 2022.

## NATIONAL TRUST CONFERENCE DAY

The week started with our first-ever National Trust Conference held on 19th April, at the Grand Cayman, Marriott. Notable moments include remarks by His Excellency Governor Martyn Roper who shared special remarks on behalf of HRH Prince Charles. The Honourable Premier Wayne Panton also shared remarks and an inspiring speech. The day was filled with dynamic guest speakers both local and international. The panels throughout the day created thought-provoking conversations with engaging topics including exploring the 'Metaverse,' National Policy, Pride & Protection, Story Through Fashion, Sustainable Fashion, and a special Youth Panel. We were honoured to have Fabien Cousteau, as our special Keynote Speaker. Mr. Cousteau presented via Zoom at our conference. "Our natural environment is our life support system. To cherish and to protect it is to invest in our children's future. Island nations are the front line benefactors from the results of our decisions and therefore must lead the way for a better tomorrow," says Fabien Cousteau.

Thank you to event sponsors, CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank our refreshments sponsor, Aureum Re our PPE station sponsor, AVS Audio Video Solutions for AV and Tech support, and Blue House Marketing for marketing support. A huge thank you to our event sponsors, Cayman First, T.H.E. Merren Design, Jupiter Block, and CUC for sponsoring student tickets.

#### **MANGROVES LUNCH & LEARN**

On 20th April, we hosted an educational Mangroves Lunch & Learn at The Wharf (see Education & Public Outreach Report).

## **NTCI DRESS DOWN DAY**

In celebration of Earth Day, 22nd April, local businesses were invited to participate in an island-wide dress down day. Companies were encourage to wear with National Trust logo colours or earth colours to stand in solidarity with the National Trust in celebration of Earth Day and preserving Cayman's beautiful flora and fauna.

### NATIONAL TRUST WEEK SPECIAL TOUR: CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN THE UK

We were delighted to have Dr. Tasha Ebanks Garcia, from the Cayman Islands Government Office in the UK attend our National Trust Week events along with her colleagues in attendance. Dr. Tasha Ebanks Garcia and Dr. Ralph Chami along with representatives from Cayman Islands Government Office in the UK attended a special tour of Cayman's rich heritage and beauty. The group were able to explore protected critical natural habitats and treasured historic sites. The tour was facilitated by Catherine Childs, our Environmental Programmes Manager. The tour began at the Blue Iguana Conservation facility led by Blue Iguana Conservation Programme Manager Luke Harding, the tour also included the Botanic Park, Meagre Bay Pond, Pedro St. James, Mission House, Jackson's Wall and Governor Gore's Bird Sanctuary.

## 'ART YOUR PART CAYMAN'

The NTCI was one of the 4 selected charities for the Rubis Cayman Islands "Art Your Part" initiative. A huge thank you to Rubis Cayman Islands for their incredible support to local charities. Thank you to Christina Pineda for designing a beautiful mural to support the National Trust, highlighting our heritage and environment. Christina's mural was judged as the first place mural for the competition.





Some of the key elements of the mural design included, the iconic blue iguana, Cayman Parrot and native flora. A beautiful Caymanian Cottage as the centre piece of the design. The national song was inscribed on the cottage which from a distance looks like a pattern representative of the fretwork. Other focal points include mangroves, blue iguanas, the sun and beautiful patterns woven into the design. We are proud of the mural designed by Christina Pineda and to have won the Art Your Part Cayman community mural competition.

## **HATITUDE: ROARING TWENTIES TEA PARTY**

Our major fundraiser of the year, Hatitude was held on 28th May at Grand Cayman, Marriott. This year's theme was 'Roaring Twenties." This family favorite event was a roaring success. Guests were dressed in true 1920's fashion. The tea party had champagne flowing, with an assortment of delicious savory and sweet treats. Highlights of the tea party were a short jazz concert by Caryn Caffarelli, our traditional hat parade, and capturing fabulous memories at the Party Booth with keepsake photos. Kids had a special area where they had a variety of games, face painting and art projects to enjoy.

Thank you to headline sponsor DART, and event sponsors Car City, Water Authority Cayman, Celebrations, The Garden Club, Blue House Marketing, and Partybooth.







## **COMMUNITY PROJECT: NTCI TREE PLANTING FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

We supported the Tree Planting initiative in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at our office in Dart Park. Special thanks to The Garden Club, Caribbean Blooms, Dart, and the Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency partnered with the National Trust to plant native trees outside our office in Dart Park to better support local biodiversity as part of the "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" effort. You can still get involved and make a difference by restoring our urban and suburban spaces into oases for wildlife by using native plant species in your landscape design. Our endemic birds, bats, butterflies, and other insects rely upon them.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECT: BIOBLITZ TRAINING & RECORDING**

On 30th June 2022, Luke Harding, Operations Manager Blue Iguana Conservation, hosted a BioBlitz training session with an international team of experts as part of our commitment to one of our grants. National Trust staff members and invited guests took part in a full-day training course to learn more about how to conduct a BioBlitz. Those in attendance of the training session we encouraged to use the iNaturalist app to record their findings during a BioBlitz.

A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. A Bioblitz is also known as a biological inventory or biological census. The primary goal of a BioBlitz is to get an overall count of the plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms that live in a place. While a scientific survey often focuses on unique or isolated areas, BioBlitzes focus on areas that are connected to residential, urban, and industrial areas.

Finally, biological surveys may take a long period of time to conduct. A BioBlitz lasts a short period of time, traditionally 24 hours. Team members work around the clock to inventory as much as possible in the time given, blitzing the natural area to complete their task.

These differences make a BioBlitz a unique biological survey that encourages a relationship between the natural and human communities of a given area. Citizens work alongside scientists to learn about the biological diversity of local natural spaces. In the process, they gain skills and knowledge and develop a stronger connection to their home environment. A BioBlitz aims to promote and improve local natural spaces by empowering citizens to better understand and protect biodiversity.



**Laura Butz** Marketing Manager



## Membership

## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Hosted AGM in September 2021 with largest inperson attendance in recent years. Meeting also offered Zoom viewing and voting option for Covid-19 safety.
- Launched on-line survey in August 2021 to gather insight on membership sign-up procedures, benefits and engagement.
- Membership increased in 4 of 5 categories with an overall growth of 3.4% over the previous year



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

The Annual General Meeting ("the AGM") of the members of the National Trust was held on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021, at the George Town Yacht Club, the Barcadere Marina at 606 N. Sound Rd. Doors opened for registration at 5:30 pm.

The AGM was held to present the 2020-21 Annual Report and Financial Report for year end June 30, 2021, elect members of the Council of the National Trust for 2021/22 as well as transact any other such business that came before the meeting. The AGM was well attended with approximately 75 members enjoying complimentary cocktails and canapes before the formalities began. For the first time, members who were unable to attend in person were given an opportunity to vote and attend online via Zoom or submit a proxy vote on their behalf.

The programme included the Official commencement of the AGM by Mark Goodman (Legal Counsel) while Peter Davey, Vice Chairman, chaired the AGM on behalf of Olson Anderson, Chairman who was unable to attend in person.

Neil Sherlock, Treasurer gave a report on the 2020-21 financials featured in the Annual Report and Annick Jackman, Executive Director gave an organizational overview. Certificates of appreciation for longstanding dedication and contributions to the National Trust for the Cayman Islands were awarded to Peter Davey and Neil Sherlock.

Members were electing 9 new General Council Members from a list of 18 candidates. Gregory McTaggart (Vice-Chairman) and Dan Peterson (Treasurer) ran unopposed for a two-year term. Once the votes were counted by Mark Goodman and Lynn Merizalde-Orobio, Finance Manager it was announced that the following candidates had been elected to the 2021/22 National Trust council:

Patricia Bradley, Fred Burton, Melanie Carmichael, Lauren Dombowsky, Lisa Hurlston- McKenzie, Ian Kirkham, Ellen Lazzari, Olivia Scott-Ramirez, Robert Walker.



Our members are vital to the National Trust's purpose of preserving Cayman's built and natural heritage. Membership fees go directly to supporting the day-to-day management of 14 historic sites, 9 environmental sites, Blue Iguana Conservation and various educational programmes the National Trust oversees.

With the migration to a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform in 2020 – SheepCRM – the National Trust's Membership Department is now able to gather valuable data including year over year comparisons to new member sign-ups, renewals and lapsed members who have chosen not to renew.



The graph above indicates increased membership sales in the 2021/21 financial year in comparison to the previous year across all categories except Lifetime. With Lifetime memberships having a higher price point, overall Membership revenue was approximately 28% lower than the last year, highlighting the importance of targeted campaigns for new Lifetime members. Despite the decrease in revenue, the gradual climb of increased membership registrations resulted in a net membership growth of 3.4% in 2021/22.

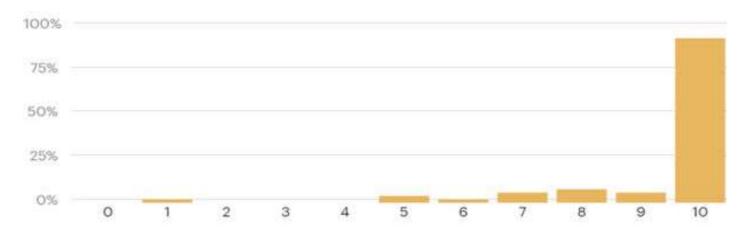
Prime fundraising events such as the National Trust Conference Day, "Selling Mangroves" seminar and "Hatitude – Roaring Twenties Tea Party" increased public awareness to our fundraising objectives but also gave continue to be additional means to build on our membership base. A noticeable influx of new members were registered from the reestablishment of the District Committee in North Side in December 2021. The Clubhouse rental continued to be a steady source of new membership sign-ups.

A Membership survey was launched in August 2021 to gather insight from National Trust members to make improvements to our sign-up procedures, benefits and membership engagement. Although there was a lower than anticipated number of respondents, we were still able to extract some good data to assist with planning future updates to the membership programme.

With the 2022 Survey we expect a larger survey sample to continue using feedback from our Membership for guidance.

Membership Manager, Nicole Best was pleased to see the feedback from question 12 regarding Membership renewal. The graph below indicating most survey respondents answered "very likely" or "likely" when asked how likely they would renew their membership.

## "How likely are you to renew your National Trust Membership when it lapses?"



One surprising result was in response to the question regarding membership benefits. More than 90% of respondents chose "supporting a non-profit organisation that protects Cayman's natural environments and built heritage" as the number one reason they become a member, superseding NTCI discounts, INTO reciprocal benefits and voting rights at the AGM.

## "What is your favourite benefit of being a National Trust Member?"

Event ticket and retail discounts (1.5%)

Reciprocal benefits at International National Trust Organizations (4.4%)

Supporting a non-profit organisation that protects Cayman's natural environments and built heritage (91.2%)

Voting privilege at the Annual General Meeting (0.0%)

Other (2.9%)

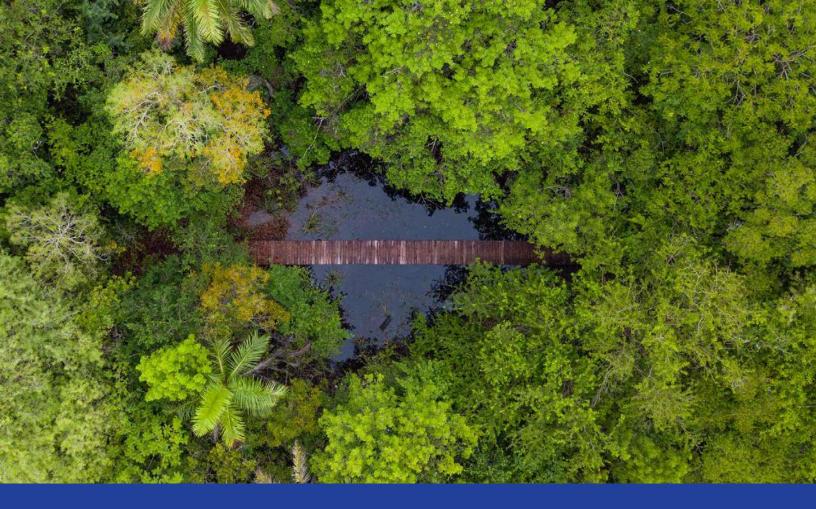


The Trust ran the "Stay Connected" campaign on social media in February 2022 to remind Membership how to receive NTCI updates via their preferred method of communication as well as how to log-in to the SheepCRM membership portal.

Additionally, regular #membershipmonday posts to Social Media channels kept followers engaged to renew or enroll.



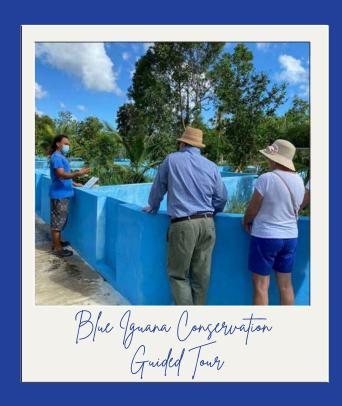
**Nicole Best** Membership & Tours Manager



Tours

## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Blue Iguana Conservation team hosted over 5,000 visitors at the facility in 2021-22, a record even in pre-pandemic times
- NTCI provided Mastic Trail, Birding and Historic Tours on behalf of the Dept of Tourism for a number of visiting overseas journalists and film crews to promote the re-opening of the borders



## **TOURS**

Cayman's International border remained restricted to most tourists due to Covid-19 precautions until November 20th, 2021 which resulted in continued stagnant tour revenues for Q2. With some of the restrictions easing in the New Year, tourists began to trickle into the island and the Tour Department slowly started receiving inquiries into our tour products.

Despite the borders reopening for approximately six months, the island's tourism sector still struggled to gain momentum at the midpoint of 2022. At the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA) Half Year Membership Meeting on May 31, 2022, the main take-away from most industry leaders (hotel/condo, transport, watersports and restaurant) was that their businesses were only operating at approximately 60% of pre-pandemic levels. Biggest obstacles to reopening that were discussed included limited airlift options for tourists, rising inflation and staffing struggles – immigration hurdles, affordable housing shortages, and training new employees.

With most tourism sectors reporting sluggish bookings and some travel restrictions still in place, The Blue Iguana Conservation (BIC) Team were the success story of the National Trust when it came to tour revenue for 2021/22. BIC tours smashed budget expectations with over \$30,000 in tour sales from more than 5,000 visitors to the facility. During the month of April, BIC recorded the highest number of tickets sold in a month – 969 – an unprecedented result, even in pre-pandemic times!

The highest grossing BIC tour ticket was the Self-Guided entry pass. The newly launched Warden Experience proved to be popular due to the exclusive and unique nature of the tour.

The Mastic Trail was closed for two months late in the summer of 2021 from the severe damage incurred after Tropical Storm Grace hit Grand Cayman in August. Thanks to the Cayman Islands Regiment and other partners who volunteered their time, labour and equipment to take on the huge task of clearing the fallen trees to make the Trail safe for hikers once again.

The National Trust provided a number of private tours on the Mastic Trail in early 2022 for overseas journalists who were being hosted by the Department of Tourism to promote Cayman internationally.

Blue Iguana Conservation, Mastic Trail and Tour pages combined were tracked as the most visited pages on the National Trust's website.



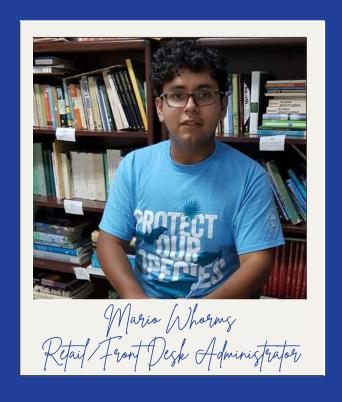
**Nicole Best** Membership & Tours Manager



## Cayman Mature Store & Chiphouse

## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Recruited and trained Mario Whorms to the Retail/Admin/Front of House position
- Introduced new retail stock to the Nature Store many of which are sourced on-island from local small business owners. Suppliers include Delaney's Soaps & Candles, Wood + Woven Handmade Embroidery, Powder Monkey Snacks, and Johnny's Bees Honey



## THE NATURE STORE

The recruitment of Mr. Mario Whorms in April 2022 as the Retail/Front Desk Administrator came as a much needed and welcome compliment to the National Trust team. Mario began his National Trust journey as a participant in the 2021 Youth Stewardship Programme followed by an Internship in September 2021. This position's main functions are to act as the Retail Coordinator, admin support and to work alongside the Membership Manager to process CRM data, membership payments, and benefit packs. Other duties Mario is responsible for include Clubhouse rental scheduling and event support.

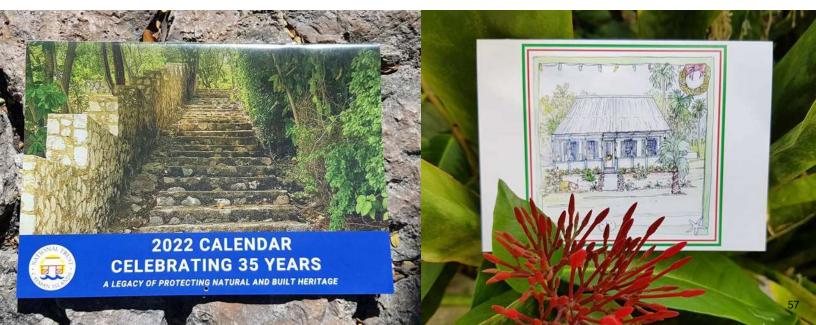
Clubhouse rentals remained steady in 2021/22 despite continued group restrictions and Covid-19 outbreaks. The venue remained a popular location for children's parties, baby showers and kid camps during school breaks.

NTCI Legacy Merchandise 2022, In the spirit of our 35 year legacy we revamped our NTCI water bottles offering a variety of colours such as coral, navy, grey and white. We also introduced new BIC water bottles featured in navy and black. Our collection of water bottles has a sleek silver embossed NTCI or BIC logo.

2022 Calendar, was an ode to our 35 legacy. The calendar features black and white photos from the National Trust archives. The concept was to highlight 'Then and Now' photos of popular National Trust sites across all three islands.

For the holiday season we curated an online holiday gift guide featuring an array of our bestselling items from NTCI merchandise to locally made products. Notably, our Christmas cards sold out this year! The 2021 Card features Debbie Chase van der Bol's art of Miss Cassie's House in West Bay. A special thank you to Debbie Chase van der Bol for her support of the National Trust. NTCI Christmas Card 2021

A huge thank you to one of our dedicated NTCI members who generously sponsored the printing costs of the Christmas cards this year but chose to remain anonymous. Their motivation came after renovating the cottage a few years ago when it was in poor shape, in order to show some of our lovely 'built heritage' at its best and hopefully encourage others to do the same.





## District Committee Cayman Brac

Maintaining the charm of Cayman Brac's rugged environment is at the heart of the Cayman Brac District Committee's efforts. The committee has been involved in identifying and securing vital environmentally-sensitive land in Cayman Brac like the Splits and the Marshes, as well as the conservation of native species, such as the endangered Cayman Brac Parrot.

The Cayman Brac District Committee is also actively involved in the conservation of the Sister Islands Rock Iguana and eradication of the invasive Green Iguana species, a joint effort with the Little Cayman District Committee.

Other efforts include driving education and public awareness across Cayman Brac's schools, identifying historic sites of cultural importance, organising beach clean-ups, leading hikes through Trust nature sites on Cayman Brac and leading fundraising activities.

## **NATURE**

Our inventory of nature sites has not been augmented this year although efforts were made to purchase a new property and add to existing property. The membership has done a fantastic job of keeping all our sites clean of trash, trails open and accessible, and repairs made. Quarterly clean up of our Hermann Beach property has made it a nesting site for our endangered loggerhead turtles. Divers and snorkelers have utilized the Sylvia's Reef ladder and bench for dining and doffing gear along with safe entry and exit from the sea. Thank you to Doris Black for this inspiration and action. The Management Plan for the Brac Parrot Reserve was completed and accepted as a prototype for other NT properties. Thank you to member Marion Howard for her diligent hard work on this. The sudden passing of member Jim Vascik prompted members to start a fund in his memory for land preservation and purchase and this has been our largest fund raiser this year. Our membership donates untold volunteer hours to Turtle Patrol, Brown Booby Bird nest monitoring, Brac Wildlife rescue, Stony Coral Tissue loss disease response team, SIRI rescue and rehabilitation, and Green iguana eradication. Brac membership is vital to the protection and preservation of our endemic species.

## **HISTORY**

Brac council member, Ellen Lazzari, was appointed to the HAC this year and made a big impart on the historic home registry, preservation of Eldemire house, and most importantly set an example for restoring historic and family homes by Brac families. The incredible restoration of her family home in Bamboo Bay was completed and membership was invited for a meeting and tour there. It is a shining example of historic Brac life, community and island communication. She opens her home for tours and education to many island groups and residents. Our dedicated activities leader, Doug Ross, has led hikes several times each month for members and the community on historic trails and paths throughout the island. His knowledge of plants educates many on our native species both ordinary and rare and their common uses. Guided snorkel trips are also led by the membership at Sylvia's reef and other local sites.

















## **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

After renovating our Trust House last year, the next step was to connect the Brac membership through the installation of internet and initiation of zoom links to our meetings. Covid regulations made us realize the importance of keeping in touch and informing all members of local happenings and business items of the Committee. It has been a wonderful success, keeping our many absentee members engaged and involved. Special thanks goes to Helen Leroy for keeping our Trust House grounds immaculate and maintaining the Mass Grave site for island visitors. Our House manager Robin Ross has keep the interior immaculate and maintained our inventory of supplies and dishes while lending to other community groups for use. Her organization of the Queen's Tea event each year is a highlight within our community, and also a fundraiser for our district along with Bake Sales twice a year. Thanks to all our membership who donate their time and chef skills to make these events a success. Community involvement with the Lion's, Rotary, Yogi Wall, Humane Society, Red Cross, and Fil Cay beach clean is supported extensively by our membership.

In summary, the strength of the District Committee Cayman Brac is in its dedicated, hard working, volunteer membership who contribute to the quality of life on Cayman Brac.

Chair: Debra Vascik Treasurer: Don Bentley Secretary: Helen Leroy



# District Committee Little Cayman

The Little Cayman District Committee is committed to preserving the natural beauty and special creatures of Little Cayman, the smallest and least developed of the three Cayman Islands. Much of the flora and fauna found on Little Cayman are critically endangered and unique to the island.

As with just about everything and everybody, 2021/22 continued to be a challenging time. But despite this there were notable achievements during the year.

Purchase of a historically significant lot of land in the Mahogany Bay/Phosphate Park subdivision at the western end of Little Cayman. The house lot sized parcel contains an old open pit phosphate mine as well as three immense old growth mahogany trees. The entire purchase price of the parcel was donated to the Trust by founding member of the Little Cayman District Committee, Mrs. Brigitte Kassa.

The Easter Auction fundraiser raised over US\$50,000 for the establishment of a "Loop Trail" on the three contiguous Trust held parcels comprising some 45 acres on the Salt Rocks Nature Trail.

Members continued to support for the Department of Environment's Sister Island Rock Iguana "Head Start" programme where 64 year 2020 hatchlings were taken into captivity to be raised for one year in order to give them a better chance to survive predation by feral cats. The yearlings were released in the fall of 2021.

- Informational warning signs and chick shelters were elected at the seasonal Least Tern breeding colony area to prevent beachcombers from disturbing the eggs which are laid directly on the sand and help increase chick survivability.
- ·Efforts continued to control and eradicate invasive species, feral cats and green iguanas with eleven green iguana hatchlings from 2021 removed during the year.
- ·Three additional bat houses were erected adding more than 50% housing capacity to the existing 5 bat houses on Little Cayman.
- ·A number of Full Moon Plastic Pickups resulting in thousands of pounds of ocean plastic removed from Little Cayman's coastline.
- ·Visit by The Premier of the Cayman Islands the Honourable Wayne Panton and Minister for Tourism the Honourable Kenneth Bryan and other Government dignitaries to the Trust House during the first ever Cabinet meeting held on Little Cayman.

## **LAND PURCHASE**

We closed on the purchase of a house lot sized parcel of historically and ecologically significant land on Little Cayman in October 2021. The parcel is located at the western end of the island in the Mahogany Bay/Phosphate Park subdivision. The parcel contains three immense old growth mahogany trees and a historic open pit phosphate mine, has been a point of interest on Little Cayman for decades and is included in the National Trust's Explorer Passport for the Sister Islands booklet. The magnificent mahogany trees have been a prominent landmark on Little Cayman for as long as memory serves and are clearly visible in the first aerial survey photos of Little Cayman taken in 1958, towering above the surrounding forrest canopy. They are certainly in the hundreds of years old.



It remains a mystery why these trees did not fall to the axman, first during the extensive logging that occurred on all three Cayman Islands in the distant past after the arrival of Europeans to the New World and then during the phosphate mining era that occurred on Little Cayman in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Indeed the lot itself is an old open pit phosphate mine with the excavations literally in the shade of these trees. The parcel may contain historic artefacts from the phosphate mining industry.

The purchase was made possible through a donation of the entire purchase price by Trust member and long time resident of Little Cayman Mrs. Brigitte Kassa. We thank Brigitte once again for her uncommon generosity and continuing support of the Trust.

### SISTER ISLANDS ROCK IGUANA CONSERVATION

Members continued to assist with the Department of the Environment's SIIRP programme started in the fall of 2020. The programme was intended to be a stopgap response to the ongoing and uncontrolled feral cat crisis on Little Cayman.

During the 2020 hatching season, 65 hatchling were taken into captivity to be raised for one year and then released back into the wild. The aim is to give these animals a greater chance against feral cat predation once they are yearlings and relatively larger and more capable of evading invasive predators. Trust members and community volunteers have provided much assistance with the programme which requires many man-hours to regularly collect and prepare food for the animals, maintain the enclosures, and obtain and record periodic growth data. The hatchlings being raised were released back into the wild in the fall of 2021.

Volunteers continued to respond to and document SIRI roadkill incidences.

Members erected SIRI nesting site warning/informational signage for four traditional communal nesting areas for the 2022 nesting season.

## INVASIVE SPECIES AND GREEN IGUANA B'GONNA INITIATIVE (GIB'G)

There were numerous reported sightings of green iguanas over the past 12 months. All reports were investigated by DoE staff and/or GIB'G volunteers. Eleven invasive green iguana hatchlings were removed from the Little Cayman environment from August 2021 to date.

In March Trust members attended a seminar sponsored by the RSPB Darwin Plus initiative and hosted by Biosecurity Officer Tanja Laaser on Managing Invasive Species in the Caribbean with guest expert Joe Wasilewski.

Much valuable information was given and members and volunteers turned out for a night hunt for invasive greens with Joe. Three greens were captured over two nights.





The LCDNT also hosted a community outreach meeting in May by the Department of Environment and Department of Agriculture on the restart of the feral cat control programme on Little Cayman following the settlement of the legal matters relating to it. The DoE reviewed the electronic tagging of pets and the control programme processes.

## **LEAST TERNS**

Least Terns returned again this year nesting on the western tip of Little Cayman just to the left (when looking towards the sea) of the light house. These birds lay their eggs on the beach directly on the sand. Brac Trust member Niki Martin had 7 chick shelters made and donated them. Studies show that chick survival of ground nesting shorebirds is increased by as much as 50% by shelters. LCDNT chairman Greg McTaggart assisted Niki installing four of the shelters as well as warning signs to beach walkers of the nesting bird colony. The eggs are virtually impossible to see on the beach they are so well camouflaged and Least Terns are extremely high strung and will abandon chicks if disturbed too much. So we hope this positive human intervention increases the chances for successful breeding and continued return of these beautiful birds.

## **BAT HOUSES**

Three new bat houses were added to the five currently on Little Cayman increasing the bat accommodations here by more than 50%. Thanks to our wonderful members, Faye and Rob Harrington and Peter Hillenbrand for having these installed. The houses were purchased from the National Trust's bat programme in Grand Cayman and shipped to Little Cayman. Light poles were purchased from Brac Power and Light which provided the installation free of charge. Thank you Brac Power and Waide! Faye's and Rob's is in their yard and Peter's are at Jackson's Beach at the junction of the North Side Road and the power station cross island road and at the west end of the island across from the Mahogany Bay/Phosphate Park subdivision.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS: FULL MOON PLASTIC PICK-UP CHALLENGE**

The Little Cayman District Committee continued its regular Full Moon Plastic Pickup programme during the year. Cleanups again focused on four beaches, Point of Sand, Preston Bay, Spot Bay and Jackson's, that are frequented by visitors and attempted to ensure that these targeted beaches are cleaned at least once a quarter. In addition, important turtle nesting beaches were also targeted to ensure nesting and hatching occur in a relatively trash free environment.

Dozens of volunteers and Trust members removed thousands of pounds of ocean plastic from the beaches of Little Cayman. A new sandwich board sign was also purchased to help volunteers find the pickup location.



Sponsors on both Little Cayman and Grand Cayman supplied everything from biodegradable trash bags to pizza and drinks to ensure our success and reward our volunteers. The sponsors included:

Little Cayman Beach Resort
Village Square General Store
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Southern Cross Club Resort
Pirates Point Resort
Island Supply Grand Cayman
Central Caribbean Marine Institute
The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce

And big thank you to Trust member Sheenagh Mills for her CI \$1000 donation to the Full Moon Plastic Pickup initiative for the purchase of supplies, bags, and other necessary items to keep the pickups going a regular basis.

## **FUNDRASING EFFORTS: EASTER AUCTION**

The 29th Easter Auction was held at the Gladys Howard Visitor's Centre on 16 April.

Approximately 125 items were auctioned and pledges taken for the establishment of a loop trail on the three Trust held parcels along the Salt Rocks Nature Trail. Just over 50 bidders registered and the attendance was estimated to be between 75 and 100 persons. We were simply overwhelmed with the support of our donors, attendees and bidders, with almost US \$53,000 raised.

Thanks to Trust member Peter Hillenbrand for his always entertaining auctioneering, Susan Howard for cashiering and set up, Betty Bua for setup, registration and bagging, Debbi and Bob Truchan for setup and bagging, Greg Locher and his team, Faye Harrington for registration and live auction bid recording and the production of the computerised items and bidders database, Fiona Ryan, Christina Chapman and Janna Randle the "Vanna girls," Peter Quilliam for bartending, Brigitte Kassa for setup and preps, and Stafford Ambersley and his team for having the Trust House yard in top shape for the event.

Thanks also to Maxine McCoy-Moore and MAMM's for again providing the food tent with delicious Little Cayman fare.



### HAKON'S PLASTIC PICLUP CHALLENGE

Trust member Håkon Strande came up with a beach clean challenge to raise funds for the Little Cayman District Committee (LCDNT). If you have ever wondered why Point of Sand is always almost completely free of ocean plastic, unlike most windward facing beaches, a great deal of thanks go to Håkon and his hard work. He regularly (every other day when he is on Island) cleans the beach there. He took up this task from long time resident and Trust member Joe Ploplys who kept Point of Sand plastic free for many years. Joe and his wife Susan moved back to the States in 2020 and we dearly miss them.

So Håkon made the challenge this year that for every dollar donated to the LCDNT under this initiative, he would pick up 1 pound of ocean plastic not only from Point of Sand but from all Little Cayman beaches.

His final tallies for donations totalled US \$1,401.50 and over 1500 lbs of ocean plastic removed from Little Cayman beaches. Thanks Håkon for your hard work keeping Point of Sand clean of ocean plastic and fund raising for the Trust.

## OTHER NEWS FROM LITTLE CAYMAN: VISIT BY THE HONOURABLE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF TOURISM

We were honoured to have the Premier The Honourable Wayne Panton and the Minister of Tourism the Honourable Kenneth Bryan visit the Gladys Howard Visitors Centre during the first ever Cabinet meeting held on Little Cayman in March. The Premier is incredibly knowledgable about the special and unique natural environment and flora and fauna of Little Cayman and schooled the Chairman of the LCDNT, who hosted the visit, on many things about Little Cayman.

## **SCHOOL GROUP TOURS**

We hosted numerous tours of the Trust House by student groups from CCMI including high school and primary school student groups from Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac. These students were given the "Bird Talk" which educates them on the importance and extremely special nature of the Trust Booby Pond Nature Preserve.

#### **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Election of officers for 2022/23 on 13 June 2022 resulted in the following: Gregory S. McTaggart- Chairman Richard Addlestone- Vice-Chair Peter Hillenbrand & Faye Harrington- Co-Secretaries Susan Howard- Treasurer



## **SPECIAL THANKS**

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Debbi and Bob Truchan

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Little Cayman District Committee officers for 2021/22 **Gregory S. McTaggart-** Chair, **Richard Addlestone-** Vice Chair, **Peter Hillenbrand and Faye Harrington-** Co-Secretaries, **Susan Howard-** Treasurer



## District Committee West Bay

While many people the world over, and maybe the majority of the Members of the West Bay District Committee of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands (WBDC/NT), are familiar with the old expression that "bad things happen in threes" - thankfully, we also recognize and appreciate that so do "good things"! No doubt we are a bit biased, but three good things that come immediately to mind is that there are three Cayman Islands — each uniquely special and deserving of appreciation, respect, preservation, conservation and protection of their irreplaceable terrestrial and marine environments, culture and built heritage!

Notwithstanding that there have been circumstances beyond our control that negatively impacted the pace at which the WBDC/NT expected to have continued working towards its goals during the 2021-2022 year just ended, encouraging progress has been achieved, including, but not limited to: -

Completion of the restoration work on Nurse Leila's House - except for the finishing touches to the interior, and the making of necessary arrangements to acquire utilities (water and electricity) services.

Installation of a new white picket fence and front gate now attractively demarcating the perimeter around Nurse Leila's House and yard - courtesy of Heritage Holdings (the Burkes).



- The extensive landscaping that has been done by Heritage Holdings for their recently completed 61 West mixed-use development, and which virtually encircles Nurse Leila's House and yard, is actually doing some double duty as it very nicely enhances the attractiveness of Nurse Leila's House and yard!
- -Arranging for several clean-up and debris removal workdays at Uncle Sammy's Pond, including on 11th June with extra volunteers sourced with able assistance of NTCI's Environmental Manager thanks, Cathy Childs.
- -Continuing development of a Blue Iguana Garden at Uncle Sammy's Pond with the long-term goal of providing an additional source of food for the BIC programme.
- -Researching availability of potential local plants in response to the Premier's / Government's invitation for all to participate in tree planting in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (many thanks for your diligence, Jacqueline Scott, Betty Ebanks, Arthurlyn Pedley and Erna Jane Ebanks).
- -Preparing locations (thanks Rob Bennett and WBDC/NT's core group) at Uncle Sammy's Pond for planting of two trees in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.
- -Sourcing two appropriate local trees a White Wood and a Spanish Elm (thanks again to Rob Bennett) and after final prepping of the sites, completed their planting at Uncle Sammy's Pond over the 4th July weekend in the presence of and ably assisted by one of Uncle Sammy's Granddaughters (Mrs. Carlee Ebanks) and two of his Great-Granddaughters (Sharmaine and Mitzi).
- -Grass-cutting and tidying of the front entrance to Uncle Sammy's Pond, courtesy of the Hon. Deputy Speaker Ms. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks and lady MP for WBC.
- -Trimming of trees and removal of brush along the shoulder of the roadside of Uncle Sammy's Pond adjacent to the Mount Pleasant Road by the National Roads Authority, and which will also facilitate line work by CUC.





As we do believe that a picture is worth a thousand words, we hope and trust that the selection of pictures shared herein, and which reflect some of the WBDC/NT activities over the past year, will speak volumes!

### WBDC/NT LOOKS FORWARD TO 2022-2023 - AND BEYOND

Even with all the unknowns and uncertainties of 2022-2023, looking positively towards the future is a much better choice than to face it with negativity. Therefore, it is with a positive attitude that members of the WBDC/NT will be stepping into a new year in the life of the NTCI, with renewed determination and enthusiasm to continue with its plans to work towards achieving its present and future goals.

The WBDC/NT will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for the 2022-2023 year on or about 30th August 2022, in advance of the mandated three weeks prior to the AGM of the full membership of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands which is scheduled for 22nd September 2022.

High on the WBDC/NT's agenda is completion of restoration of Nurse Leila's House, with a goal of it becoming a viable business operation, which will be as self-maintaining as possible. In this respect, this will include: -

- -completion of finishing touches for restoration of the interior;
- -arranging for the installation of utilities services (electrical, water, plumbing), inclusive of making
- necessary applications for and obtaining all required permits and approvals;
- -formulation of its management and operational plan to encompass its potential to be source of information about the history and development of medicine, nursing and midwifery in the Cayman Islands;
- obtaining and outfitting Nurse Leila's House to reflect this vision; and
- -marketing and developing it as a financially viable and long-term business operation benefiting the mandate of the NTCI.

These specific goals, which some may consider a bit ambitious, are all doable, particularly, as much of what will be needed to achieve these, will be through the concerted dedication and effort of our membership, in tandem with many in our wider community (including our MPs) who are genuinely interested in doing their part to make our West Bay District and our three Cayman Islands a better place for all who have the wonderful opportunity to live in Cayman. Yes, while we admit that financial assistance will be needed and much appreciated, we also know that it takes more than money to make a genuine and lasting difference in our communities and country.



In addition to the above specific goals for 2022-2023, the WBDC/NT will simultaneously be keeping our eyes, ears and hearts open for the purpose of recognizing and guarding against potential threats to the historic, cultural and environmental features within our West Bay District. It is incumbent on us all to be vigilant in these times of rapid social and economic evolution, so that we will not fail in the carrying out of the mission of the NTCI which mandates the preservation of Cayman's historic, natural and maritime heritage, the conservation of lands and areas of natural beauty, historic and environmental significance, and the protection of the Islands' flora and fauna, with which responsibilities the National Trust of the Cayman Islands have been entrusted to fulfill on behalf of present and future generations.

It goes without saying that had it not been for individual members, in particular, in our core group and a number of special volunteers (all of whom prefer not to be named), there would have been a reduction in the accomplishments of the past year by the WBDC/NT. A big thank you to each of you for contributing so much of your time, energy and resources to the work of the WBDC/NT – you are all worth more than gold!

## THE WBDC/NT OFFICERS FOR THE 2021-2022 YEAR WERE

Chair - Alice Mae Coe, Cert Hon.

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Treasurer - Robert Bennett
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Asst. Secretary - Arthurlyn Pedley

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## District Committee Bodden Town

The Committee has not officially met for the 6 months of this year, primarily due to the Covid restrictions, and other mitigating factors, which has also impaired meetings as we are all aware of over the past couple of years.

We held a fundraising breakfast in December , which featured our signature fish and fritters on the caboose . This was well attended given the short time frame we had, and we had a team of international journalists attend , who enjoyed the morning , asking questions and taking photos for their report. All left overs from this effort was donated to the Pines Retirement Home.

Other items remain on our list with the foremost one being trying to obtain the annexation of the lands surrounding the Mission Home under one umbrella, to be managed under the auspices of the NTCl. Also on this same theme, we have asked for the Slave Wall to be named as a protected site again under the auspices of the NTCl.

Upon visitation to Governor Gore Bird Sanctuary, it was observed that there was encroachment from the neighboring home to the western boundary, this was brought to attention of Council. The guardhouse hill has continued to wear well but will need some TLC in the not too near future. Hopefully we can have this lit for Christmas this year.

I continued to vie for Beach Property in memory of a famed Bodden Towner, but getting access to her next of kin is proving somewhat of a challenge. Mission House continues it's work with Stuart of HAC doing a fantastic job, given his time constraints. We have just recently had CUC and their tree trimming crew out to top out the trees in time for the hurricane season.

Chair- Robert Wood Secretary – Karie-Anne Bounds / Pam Douglas



# District Comittee George Town

George Towners are overwhelmed with the rapid pace of development and increase in traffic in the District during the past year.

There are positive aspects of the development such as the Revitalization of George Town which will be including shaded areas with new trees planted and additional walking paths for access. The George Town District Committee looks forward to working with the Government on enhancing the historic and vibrant Shedden Road and North Church Street.

The George Town District Committee will continue with the refinishing of the "Building of Historic Interest" plaques on the Government Buildings. The plaque on the Elmslie Memorial United Church has been given a fresh coat of paint as the Church building marks 102 years in 2022. The prominent Church stands as a reminder of the hard work and determination of our fore fathers and Caymanians who held a vision for these Islands and who worked to secure our place in history.

Dr. Roy's Drive received updated signage and was repainted thanks to Ugland House.

Chair- Suzan Merren Secretary- Petro Kotze Treasurer- Karen Perkins



## District Committee East End

The East End Committee was recently reactivated by East End resident Mr. Stephen Broadbelt.

The District Committee first met on September 3rd 2021 discussed plans to create opportunities to engage East End members on fundraising and volunteering.

Other plans include creating possible partnerships with other entities to heighten awareness of the maritime heritage in East End by reviving the Maritime Trail with the Cayman Islands National Museum as well as creating a Scenic Highway.

Chair - Stephen Broadbelt Vice Chair - Jason Johnson Secretary - Deborah Peddie



## District Committee Morth Side

Under the light of a super full moon, surrounded by multiple Cayman parrots and blue iguanas, the NS District Committee held their first meeting since the 1990s. Ideas for activities were discussed including the renewal of the register of "Homes of Historic Significance in North Side", the creation of a 'Voices of the Mastic Trail' to record stories shared by the people of the district, a Blue Iguana Gala Dinner fundraiser, a North Side District Calendar sale, and a sponsored walk on the Mastic Trail. New Committee members were elected. They are:

Chair: Claire Pettinati Vice Chair: Henry Tee, CBE Treasurer: Felisiana Ebanks

We are making history in North Side, and the energy behind putting North Side back on the map is palpable!

### **BLUE IGUANA CONSERVATION (BIC) FACILITY**

Claire has met with Luke Harding (Operations Manager for BIC) and is looking forward to a close relationship with the BIC programme. BIC is a key nature-based tourism site in the Cayman Islands and draws visitors and residents alike to the district of North Side. The community can support the programme through the creation of Blue Iguana Gardens to grow food for the blues housed at the conservation facility. Preserving patches of blue iguana habitat and controlling pet dogs is also critical to maintaining and protecting the wild population. The BIC team has developed the popular Blue Iguana Guardian volunteer programme and homeowners in North Side are encouraged to offer reduced rates in their rental properties for academy attendees.



### **MALPORTAS POND**

Malportas Pond is a large shallow lake located in North Side and is an important feeding site for a range of resident and migratory water birds. New road signs have been installed to mark the site and we intend to add further signage to benefit the visitor experience, including information about where to park, where to walk, what to look for, and interesting information about the site itself. We hope to extend the walking trail near the pond to attract hikers. Two new bird hides are planned for this site that will bring visitors and residents to this beautiful pond and increase awareness of its importance to local and migratory birds.

Site of the confirmed two bird hides.

### **MASTIC TRAIL**

North Side is the home of the Mastic Trail and Reserve which protects the largest untouched old-growth forest in the Cayman Islands and represents one of the last remaining examples of lowland semi-deciduous dry forest anywhere in the Caribbean. The trail also holds historic value with the origins dating back at least 120 years, serving as a major thoroughfare for residents in the Eastern Districts. Today the Mastic Trail is a popular tourist attraction offering self-guided and guided tours with opportunities for hikers to see some of Cayman's rare endemic plants and birds.

The Trail was the focus of several projects this year. A bench was installed at the big Mastic tree in memory of Linda Haddleton (Campbell) which was transported there courtesy of the Cayman Regiment. We also wish to thank local landowner, Nigel Torrenson, who erected the Mastic Trail sign at the north end of the trail. At the southern entrance, invasive logwood was removed and replaced with native tree species. Many people and businesses donated supplies and their time and we are incredibly grateful.





### **FINANCE PRELIMINARY**

The past year has not been without its challenges. COVID-19 continued its impact by compelling some longtime supporters to divert funds to charities covering immediate human needs such as hunger and shelter. Our key land reserve fundraising event also moved to the fall of 2022. Thus, its contribution will not count until 2023. Yet amidst the changes and uncertainties, the Trust persevered with the help of select benefactors who ramped up private outreach efforts. As a result, we were near constant in earnings year on year.

### Income

Total income per the unaudited management accounts was \$1.25m versus \$1.3m. Of the \$1.25m, grants, donations, and fundraising led the way bringing in approximately 51%, 29%, and 13%, respectively.

Grant revenue for 2022 includes the annual government contribution of \$570k.

Although down from the prior year, donations were nothing short of remarkable.

We received an unexpected second donation of US\$100k from Wesley G. McCain of Charite Ecumenical Trust. Mr. McCain's first donation dates back to 2020. General support came to us anonymously to the tune of US\$74k. The result of Mr. William Innes' successful bid for new benefactors included the Cresap Family Foundation, through which a donation of US\$50k was made. Brigitte Kassa is rounding out the list of large donors for the year, whose undying support yielded a further US\$39k.

### **Expenditures and the future**

Total expenditures were also consistent year over year. However, negative variances in professional fees, bad debt expenses, and depreciation are worth noting, and so is the fact that programme cost-related savings partially offset the overages.

As we move forward, it is comforting to know that the Trust is well poised to continue as an entity of purpose. This is because, in part, the world's interest in our planet's future and communities continues to grow. However, probably more than ever, we must remember that the Trust's lifeline is vigorous fundraising.

Audit of 2021/22 figures is currently ongoing: Audited financials will be uploaded to the website.



# Thank you to our sponsors and donors.

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- Facilitated public education for local children, residents and visitors
- Provided the means for us to offer guided tours at a minimal cost for all to enjoy

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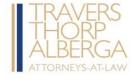
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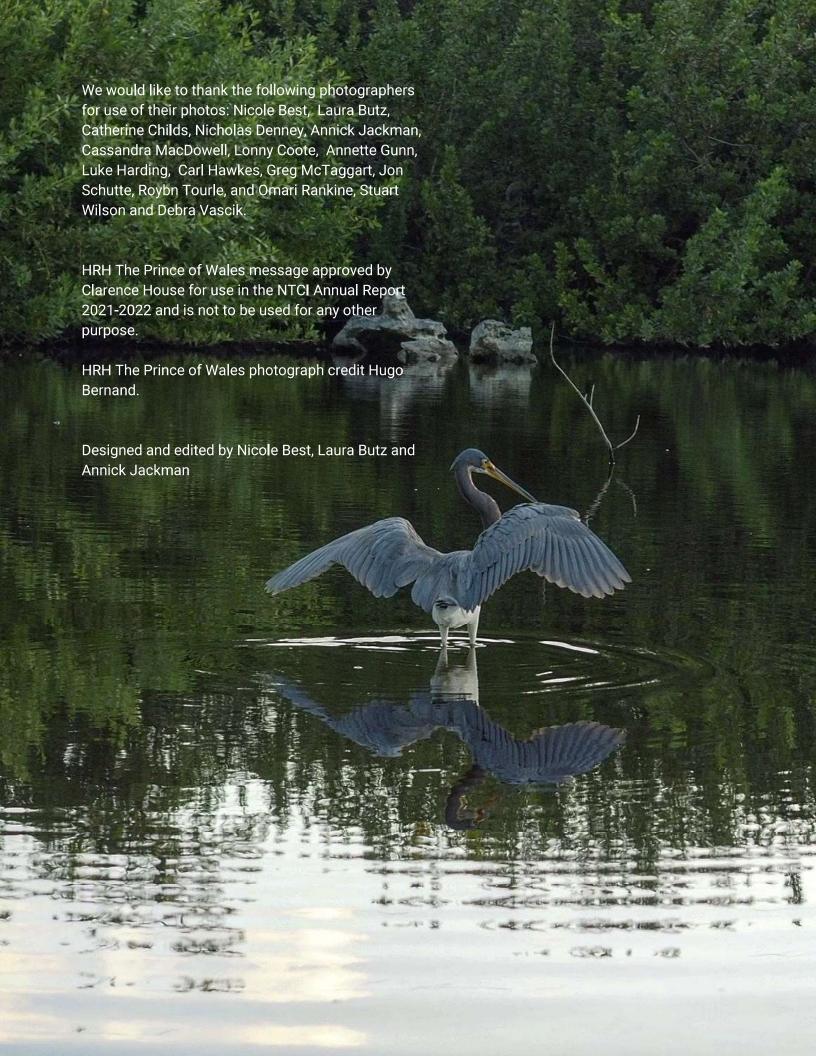






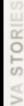


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