

**SOUTH COAST MARINE PARK**  
**PROJECT**  
**SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES**  
**WORKPLAN**



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Mr. Richard Huber  
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Dear Mr. Huber,

In keeping with the Terms of Reference for the South Coast Marine Park Project in Saint Vincent (PO#329127), please find enclosed work plan. This work plan reflects the inception meeting held November 12, 2013 in the National Parks, Rivers and Beaches offices in Kingstown.

Director Andrew Wilson's support of the work plan is indicated by the email attached to the work plan.

I would welcome any comments that you might have so that I might incorporate them in our work plan.

Yours truly,

Todd Koenings  
Executive Director

## 1. INTRODUCTION

As a component of the Organization of American States' (OAS) ReefFix Program, the South Coast Marine Park project will gather and analyze the required background information to inform the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Government will use the background and baseline information as it considers the designation the existing South Coast Marine Conservation Area as a national marine park as part of its commitment to the Caribbean Challenge.

The work has four principle tasks:

### Task 1.

Review the SVG Concept Note and SVG Operational Plan prepared by National Parks for implementing the German supported Caribbean Aqua Terrestrial Solutions (CATS) Project program and identify any gaps in data collection and need and recommend to SVG how those gaps can be filled.

### Task 2.

With assistance from the Ministry of Wellness, Health and the Environment, assist in design and implementation of a water quality study of the proposed park with the intent to establish baseline information and enable follow-up monitoring.

### Task 3.

Review potential governance models associated with the existing Fort Duvernette National Park to determine how the existing National Park, now managed by the National Trust, would be managed as part of, or in association, with the proposed, larger park.

### Task 4.

Upon review with the Department of Marine Administration and other stakeholders, prepare a policy and process to deal with the removal of derelict boats from the proposed park.

These are all priorities with National Parks.

## 2. STUDY DESIGN

Recognizing the variety of the component parts, a series of inception meetings will be held with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Industry, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation, the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Culture and the Ministry of Health Wellness and the Environment including the Chief Fisheries Officer, the Director of National Parks, Rivers and Beaches and Global Parks. The project will be reviewed, roles and responsibilities confirmed and

existing background information received from the officials. In addition various non-government parties will be interviewed.

## 2.1 Information Required

### Task 1

Review and Advice on the SVG Concept Note and SVG Operational Plan:  
This requires no new data generation but does require review of current legislation and various plans. Meetings will be held with the various Ministry staff and others to ensure an understanding of the current plans.

### Task 2

Assist in design and implementation of a water quality study  
This will require assessment of existing information and of current capacity to undertake this work as well as design of a methodology and identification of any necessary infrastructure or equipment purchase. Meetings will be held with various Ministry staff.

### Task 3.

Review potential governance models. This will require meeting with the National Trust but no new information requirements are anticipated.

### Task 4.

Prepare a policy and process to deal with the removal of derelict boats.  
This will require meetings with the various authorities to obtain current information on the abandoned boats, on the current legislation and mandate to deal with the problem and on options to proceed.

The engagement of the local community and the tourism businesses operating in the Marine Conservation Area and on the perimeter of the Marine Conservation Area will be a priority.

## 2.2 Field Work

In concert with established practices of the Ministry of Health Wellness and the Environment, a water quality study will be completed for the existing Marine Conservation Area. Previous work, including the 2010 AGGRA Report, will guide the evaluation and the new work will serve as a baseline for future monitoring.

Fieldwork will also be undertaken for the review of Fort Duvernette governance options and options for addressing the derelict boats in the Blue Lagoon.

Consultations with the local community, including the local businesses that derive their livelihoods from their location to the Marine Conservation Area, will be

actively pursued. Previous socio-economic work completed this past Spring (2013) will greatly assist the consultations.

### 3 DELIVERABLES

The Project has several deliverables. Tasks 1, 3 and 4 will have reports, prepared by Global Parks, as deliverables. Task 2 will include advice on a water quality measurement regime and study and a report as a deliverable, prepared primarily by the SVG and other parties, to provide baseline and longer term information on water quality at selected key sites in the park proposal.

#### Task 1

Once the existing Concept Note and draft Operational Plan have been reviewed, an analysis of the information will be prepared, including identifying gaps in information and ways and means to fill those gaps. In addition to assisting in identifying priorities for the CATS program, the review will also serve to propose additional studies. As well, projects on which Global Parks and SVG National Parks might pursue further cooperation will be identified and prioritized.

#### Task 2

In addition to the work to advise the Ministries, a report on the methodologies employed to conduct the water quality study, the upland analysis, including consultations and any other studies identified as necessary during the course of the work will be prepared and reported.

#### Task 3

In addition to meeting with National Trust officials and National Parks staff, a report on potential governance models will be prepared.

#### Task 4

A report and advice on SVG plans for removal of the wrecks will be prepared along with potential contracting documents and approaches.

In each case upon completion of the work, a draft report will be circulated to the Ministry partner for comments. Once received, the comments will be incorporated into a final report.

An overall report, including the results of the four tasks above, will be the final deliverable.

Table 1 outlines the schedule for completion of the tasks and the overall report.

TABLE 1 SCHEDULE OF TASKS

	Task 1 CATS review	Task 2 Water Quality	Task 3 Fort Duvernette governance options	Task 4 Derelict boat options
Week 1	Collect and review concept note and draft operational plan			Review existing legislation and policies and conduct field work
Week 2	Identify gaps		Meet National Trust staff and review existing situation	
Week 3	Prepare draft report including recommendations	Review existing standards and draft MOU	Prepare draft report	Prepare options
Week 4	Finalize report	Prepare collection program	Finalize report	Finalize report
Week 5-10	Incorporate in overall report	Collect and analyze samples and prepare report  Incorporate in overall report	Incorporate in overall report	Incorporate in overall report

Items 1, 3 and 4 are intended to be completed by January 15, 2014. It is currently uncertain when Item 2 would be complete as the mechanisms and timing for inventory and measurement have yet to be finalized but, in any event, would be substantially complete by the terms of the contract in April.

Derek Thompson will implement the project with support from Mel Turner from Global Parks.

## ADJUSTMENTS TO SOUTH COAST MARINE PROJECT (REEFFIX)

Dear Derek and Mel,

In light of the unexpected challenges faced by Global Parks in executing such areas as the biophysical inventory and also bearing in mind work to be undertaken by the German funded Caribbean Aqua Terrestrial Solutions Project (CATS) at the South Coast Marine Conservation Area, the following adjustments will be agreed to with respect to the Reefix 2 work.

1. Review of the final draft SVG CATS Operational Plan prepared for South Coast Marine Conservation Area to facilitate upgrade to a Marine Park to identify any gaps, additional data collection requirements and recommend how those gaps can be filled. This will serve to further enhance the park planning and intervention works.
2. Assist with the design and implementation (including funding support) of a water quality study of the proposed Park with the intent to establish baseline information and enable follow-up monitoring.
3. Review potential governance models associated with the existing Fort Duvernette Island located within the proposed park that is managed by the SVG National Trust, particularly governance issues related to integration of this site into the overall park management.
4. Upon review with the Department of Marine Administration and involvement of other agency stakeholders, prepare a policy and process to deal with the removal of derelict boats from the proposed park.

The above work will assist with the marine park planning work currently being undertaken by the Fisheries Division and the National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority.

Kind regards,  
Andrew Wilson  
Director of National Parks