

National Trust for the Cayman Islands

Annual Report

2012-13



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"to preserve natural environments and places of historic significance
for present and future generations of the Cayman Islands."

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National Trust for the Cayman Islands Council Report



Carla Reid

National Trust Council Chair

On behalf of the Trust Council, it is my pleasure to report to you on the work of this organisation in its 25th year of operation.

Each year brings different challenges. However, over the past three years, the one constant has been the continued, annual reduction of government funding. While we remain grateful to the Cayman Islands Government for their support, the past year saw a further decrease to funding levels below that of 2005. The Trust was again forced to make cutbacks including a further reduction of staff and much needed maintenance to some of our historic sites. Consequently, even with the various cost saving measures, we were forced to dip into our cash reserves to cover basic operating costs. In order to meet this financial challenge, general fundraising events were increased and a robust public awareness campaign was launched. Throughout this report you will see details of our various initiatives and events.

Despite the tough financial times however, much was accomplished over the period from July '12 to June '13.

I'm pleased to report that our campaign to protect 10% of our landmass by 2020, the "10x20 Challenge", launched as part of our 25th Anniversary, got off to an excellent start. In September 2012 we purchased 2.74 acres in Preston Bay, Little Cayman, which is listed for protection in the National Biodiversity Action Plan. The property is of particular importance as it is the largest communal nesting site for the Sister Islands Rock Iguana in Little Cayman, and is pristine coastal habitat as well as a turtle nesting beach. This purchase is a huge accomplishment and was made possible through the hard work of the Little Cayman District Committee as well as the Land Reserve Fund headed by Janet Walker. The project also attracted international support with Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust contributing scientific research and the International Reptile Conservation Foundation contributing technical and scientific support. In addition, financial grants were received from the Edmund and Virginia Ball Foundation and the Robert C. Dart Foundation. Plans for a boardwalk and interpretive signs on the site are well on the way and work should begin at the end of the nesting season in October 2013.

The Mastic Reserve saw a lot of activity this year. In partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), who provided scientific expertise, work on an ecosystems valuation was undertaken by Dr. Michael MacDonald with assistance from local staff and volunteers in December 2012. The aim of this work is to provide us with information on the potential carbon storage capacity of the forest as well as its value to the maintenance of the water lens and the economic value of the Reserve as a tourism product. With funding from the Land Reserve Fund, we were able to purchase an additional 8.25 acres in April 2013 in the northern section of the Reserve bringing the total acreage preserved in the Reserve to 843 acres.

The Trust was also delighted to accept the very kind donation of 8.6 acres of property in Cayman Brac from the family of the late Dr. Roy F. Herrman and Estelle C. Herrman. This is the second donation to the Trust by the Herrman sisters Shirley, Barbara, Louise, and Carol. The initial gift was made in 2004 and consisted of 17.5 acres. Both donations were kindly facilitated by the International Reptile Conservation Foundation. The combined acreage, totaling 26.1 acres, includes the Splits, a unique inland freshwater ecosystem which is an area of ecological significance as it is a nesting site for two species of heron, home to two endemic species of freshwater fish and a popular watering hole for local and migratory birds.

The purchase of a further 82.3 acres of pristine habitat in Little Cayman in June 2013 brings the total land acquisition for this financial year to 101.9 acres, for a total of approximately 3,302 acres now under Trust protection. As you will note from the financial report, we have ended the year land rich and cash poor.

In order to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and recognize the individuals and businesses who contribute daily to the conservation of our islands' rich natural and cultural heritage, the Governor's Conservation Awards were launched. A total of twenty-one nominations were received in the four categories of Corporate Conservation, Tourism Conservation, Heritage Preservation and Conservationist of the Year and the winners were announced at the Gala dinner in November 2012. These awards will be held biennially and

we look forward to the 2014 nominations.

Despite not having an Education Officer, volunteers Marilyn Conolly and Andrea Roach successfully held a one week summer camp in August 2012. Additionally, History Week at the Mission House went off without a hitch. This year we hosted 180 students from year 7 at Clifton Hunter High School and they enjoyed a range of activities including baking cassava cakes with Zelma Lee Ebanks and crafting coconut boats with Tony Powell and Kem Jackson. Neither of these activities would have been possible without the assistance of volunteers and the Trust is very fortunate to have a number of wonderful volunteers involved in several different projects throughout the year, each of whom play a vital role in helping us fulfill our mission. Members and volunteers were treated to dinner and entertainment at the Mission House in December and I was pleased to be able to thank many of them in person. The event was a great success and will be repeated this year so look out for the announcement and please do join us.

You will see from the reports of the Environmental Programmes Manager and the Field Officer that our environmental programme had a busy year. Of particular importance was the very labour intensive Cayman Brac Parrot nesting survey. This work was funded by a grant from the DEFRA Darwin Challenge Fund which was awarded to the Trust in partnership with RSPB. The field work was conducted by staff and local volunteers with assistance from two representatives from RSPB and included habitat mapping and a public opinion survey. From the results, we will be able to better determine expansion needs of the Brac Parrot Reserve as well as other key areas for preservation.

There have been many changes in our Historic Programmes, including the loss of our Mission House tour Coordinator, and the transition of Denise Bodden into her new role as Historic Education and Development Manager based at the Mission House. The Historic Programme Committee, under the direction of Chairman, Andy Gibb, took over a few projects that were already underway and made excellent progress. I am especially pleased to report that the renovation of Fort George is going well and, while not wishing to diminish the tremendous amount of work that had to happen before we got to the building stage, it sure was a pleasure to see construction work begin in April 2013. We look forward to the completion of this Walkers sponsored project in the next few months.

I'm also delighted to report that renovation work on the Eldemire House commenced in October 2012. Mr Boosie Arch was contracted to do the work and with the kind assistance of Jim Scott, who volunteered his time as project manager, as well as the Historic Programme Committee, the project was completed in May 2013. There are still some finishing touches to add such as landscaping and signage, however we are very pleased to have the old home in fit repair for the hurricane season. I would like to thank Andy

and his volunteer team on the Historic Programme Committee for an excellent year's work.

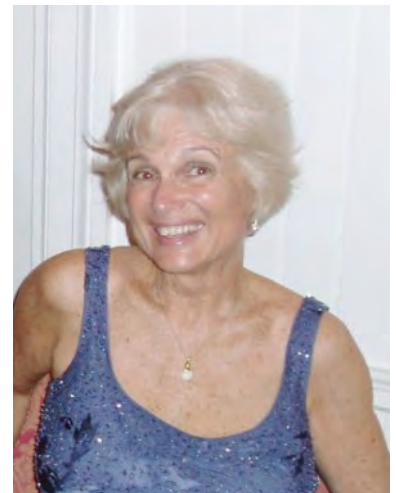
The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme (BIRP) reached a milestone this year when the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) announced on October 2012 that the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana had been downgraded on the IUCN Red List from Critically Endangered to Endangered. With approximately 750 Blue Iguanas now in the wild, and with a successful breeding season in 2013, we are close to achieving our long term goal of restoring 1000 Blue Iguanas to the wild. Special thanks to the hardworking BIRP team and the many volunteers who help to make this all possible.

Fundraising efforts for the year included the Land Reserve Fund which raised CI\$85,000 towards land purchase. This drive is spearheaded by council member Janet Walker and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge her tremendous success over the past several years, and to thank her for her commitment to the preservation of our natural habitats.

I would also like to acknowledge the very kind donation to the Trust of the first 1000 copies of the first Photographic Guide to the Birds of the Cayman Islands. Special thanks to the author Patricia Bradley and photographer Yves-Jacques Rey Millet whose generous gift will allow the Trust to benefit from the sale of these beautiful and long awaited books.

I must congratulate the Little Cayman District Committee on another successful year during which they raised over CI\$52,000 for a variety of projects. The Cayman Brac District Committee also deserves recognition for their first Gala Dinner which was a roaring success and raised approximately CI\$9,000. The Trust Council held meetings in both sister islands this year and it was an excellent opportunity for council to get a first-hand look at their accomplishments and upcoming projects. A special thank you to these district committees for hosting us, and to everyone who made these visits so successful.

Our community suffered a great loss with the passing of our friend Lois Blumenthal in May 2013. Lois, known best of all in her role as the "bat lady", volunteered for the Trust for over 17 years in many different capacities perhaps the most thankless being the Secretary of the Council, a position she held until December 2012. Her wisdom, dedication and caring voice of reason will be sadly missed.



The late Lois Blumenthal

I would like to thank all the council members for another year of their time and expertise. We said goodbye earlier this year to Tessa Bodden who served on Council from 2007 in a variety of capacities including Chair of the Historic Programme Committee as well as Vice Chair. At the Annual General Meeting, we also bid farewell to Jennifer Hunter, who has served on the council for the past five years, two of which were spent as Chair of the Education Committee. We thank them both for their service and their continued support of our work.

This is by no means an exhaustive account of our work for the year and I would urge you to take the time to read all the reports. While all our donors are recognized in this Annual Report, I would like to specifically mention our auditors, KPMG. They have produced our financials for five years at a heavily discounted rate and this year their services were provided free of charge. I am delighted to say that, thanks to KPMG once again, our audited accounts are up to date. On behalf of the Trust Council, I would like to thank our membership, donors, and sponsors for their continued support and generosity as it is only with their help that we are able to accomplish so much.

Lastly, I must thank our faithful volunteers and dedicated staff for their tireless work. I would like to specifically acknowledge the excellent work of our Executive Director, Christina Pineda who has led her team well and done a phenomenal job over the past year which has not been easy given our financial limitations and staff changes.

We look forward to the next financial year with cautious optimism as we build a working relationship with the new government, and form new partnerships with international organizations such as RSPB. We have committed and hardworking staff and now we have a few new council members to help us build on the outstanding accomplishments of the past 25 years. Over the next few months we will produce a new three year plan for the period 2014-2017 and we look forward to continuing to serve the people of these islands by preserving our natural and built heritage for present and future generations.



Trust Council and Staff at newly renovated Eldemire House, Cayman Brac

2012-13 IN BRIEF

Thanks to our members and donors, for the year 2012-2013, the National Trust:

- *Added 101.9 acres to our protected land holdings*
- *Restored the historic Eldemire House in Cayman Brac*
- *Launched the “10 x 20 Challenge” to help preserve 10% of the Cayman Islands by 2020*
- *Received TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence for guided Mastic Trail tours*
- *Hosted over 50 educational events*
- *Carried out extensive Cayman Brac Parrot nesting surveys*
- *Achieved international downlisting of the Blue Iguana from “critically endangered” to “endangered”*
- *Raised over CI\$103,000 in event fundraising*
- *Hosted the inaugural Governor’s Conservation Awards*
- *Produced new promotional Trust video*
- *Released 66 Blue Iguanas into the Colliers and Salina Reserves, for a total number of 750 Blues in the wild.*
- *Expanded Mastic Reserve for a total of 843 acres*

25 Years of the National Trust in Photos



2002 - Trust Staff (right)

1997 - Central Mangrove Wetland donation (left)



1994 - Director Theresa Broderick and Trust Chairperson Gordon McLaughlin receive Government donation from John McLean (above)

1997 - Trust Council and Staff at GT Courts location (right)



1990s - Fred Burton and Penny Clifford working on the Trust's herbarium (left)

1997 - Director Wendy Moore, Janet Freemantle, Gladys Howard and Brigitte Kassa at Little Cayman Trust house (right)



25 Years of the National Trust in Photos



2001 - Original Mission House (above)



2001 - Blue Iguana Release (above)

2003 - Trust Council (below)



2008 - Trust staff, Chairperson and Legal Advisor (above)



1999 - Cayman
Prep School
Students learn
about saving
mangroves
(above)



1997 - Lois
Blumenthal
presents National
Symbols study
guide to
Chairperson Alson
Ebanks and
Director Wendy
Moore (right)



Christina McTaggart Pineda
Executive Director

Executive Director's Report

This year the Trust has experienced resurgence into the public's consciousness starting with one of the most successful Gala events in Trust history. The Gala was held in the second quarter and served as the official launch of the inaugural Governor's Conservation Awards. Thanks to our sponsors Stuarts Law Firm, ICG, Caledonian and Dart Cayman as well as the donors of auction items, and the 300 guests who attended, we raised over CI\$45,000 and everyone enjoyed a memorable evening.

Following the successful external support received for the Gala, it was time to address internal development and growth. In the third quarter, the Executive Director (ED) led the staff and Trust Council in a two day retreat. This included a tour of all the Trust properties in Grand Cayman along with a complete organizational evaluation based on a non-profit diagnostic toolkit. This important exercise helped the Trust's leadership better appreciate which areas it was succeeding in and which areas needed improvement. As a result, the Trust Council agreed to enlist a professional marketing firm to produce a strategic marketing and fundraising plan, amongst other things.

Staying with the theme of increased exposure, the ED arranged the production of a 60 second promotional Trust video which aired on the local TV channels in the last quarter of the year.

Staff Changes

While staff changes are normal, due to unfortunate funding restrictions, the Trust made the difficult but unavoidable decision to make the part-time Mission House Coordinator post redundant. The Trust sincerely thanks former Mission House Coordinator Jennifer King for her year of service. Consequently, in order to keep the Mission House open to the public, former Historic Programmes Manager Denise Bodden was transitioned into the new role of Historic

Education and Development Manager. Denise is now stationed at the Mission House full time and provides tours to the public from 9am – 1pm from Monday to Friday. Denise's transition was further facilitated by Andy and Sue Gibb's agreement to take on a more active volunteer management role for major historic projects in quarter two. The Trust is indebted to Andy and Sue for their generous donation of many hours of work towards the completion of Fort George improvements and the renovation of Eldemire House. The Trust is also grateful to Denise Bodden for her management of those projects prior to handover to the Gibbs.

In the last quarter of the year, we said goodbye to Basia McGuire and welcomed new Marketing and Development Coordinator Danielle Vernon. Our event-based fundraising has increased in the short time that Danielle has been at the Trust and she has settled into the Trust team nicely. We also bid a fond farewell to Blue Iguana warden John Marotta who left the island in April after seven years of dedicated service to the programme. As a result of an educational grant written by the ED, the Trust was able to hire Catherine Childs on a part-time basis for the Educational Officer role in the last quarter.

New Educational Initiative

One exciting highlight of the ED's year was the opportunity to develop a Heritage Studies Seminar with Dr. Tasha Ebanks-Garcia, President of the International College of the Cayman Islands (ICCI). The conference, which covered three lectures (National Trust overview, Mangrove presentation and Past and Present Industries presentation) and historic and environmental tours (Mission House, George Town Walking Tour, National Museum Visit, Miss Lassie's House tour, Botanic Park tour and Mastic tour), was the first conference of its kind made available to ICCI

students on the island. The feedback from the 20 participating students exceeded expectations as they reported gaining a deeper appreciation for Cayman's natural and built heritage as well as a glowing sense of national pride. A report was produced by the students which outlined useful recommendations for promoting heritage preservation in the Cayman Islands. This seminar raised a modest sum for the Trust and will be offered on an annual basis to ICCI students.

International Partnerships

The Trust's partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) was greatly strengthened when RSPB provided a small grant for the ED to travel to the RSPB headquarters in the UK. The ED met with various RSPB staff members, planned a joint land acquisition strategy and had the opportunity to address representatives of the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on behalf of the Trust. The ED also had the privilege of meeting with Birdlife International to discuss the possibility of becoming the Cayman Islands Birdlife partner.

2013-14 Goals

Looking forward to the new financial year, the ED will focus on developing new international strategic partnerships by arranging for the Trust to become an official affiliate of Birdlife International. Re-establishing a working relationship with the Nature Conservancy will also be a priority. A new fundraising initiative, "Adopt Nature", will be launched in the first quarter, whereby members of the public are able to sponsor acreage in one of the many Trust reserves, to assist with management and maintenance cost of the protected areas. Additionally, a Sister Islands Eco-heritage tour is being developed and is set to launch in the latter part of the first quarter. The ED has recently secured funding for a new youth conservation afterschool club for middle school students called 'Heritage Heroes'. This was developed to bridge the gap in the educational offerings in the absence of a full time educational officer. Heritage Heroes is scheduled to launch at the end of the first quarter. Increasing the Trust's membership base is also an ongoing priority and members of the public are encouraged to help protect the future of our heritage by joining the Trust for the low cost of \$2.50 per month (or \$30 per year).



Appreciation celebration in honour of Lois Blumenthal and John Marotta's years of service to the National Trust (above)



Trust Council and staff exploring Governor Gore's Bird Sanctuary at the Council/Staff Retreat (above)



ICCI Students during the Trust Heritage Studies Seminar field trip to Miss Lassie's House (above)

Historic Programmes Report



Andrew Gibb
Historic Programmes
Committee Chair



Denise Bodden
Historic Education &
Development Manager

Three HPC meetings were held during the financial year in December 2012, February 2013 and March 2013, with further project-specific meetings being held on-site throughout the year.

Eldemire House

Following on from the progress made in 2011, the Trust contracted Mr. Seth “Boosie” Arch to commence refurbishment works in late October 2012.

Volunteer engineer Ali Sabti assisted with structural engineering matters, while volunteer architects Andy Gibb and

BEFORE: Eldemire House in 2006



AFTER: Eldemire House in 2013



Rodney Frederick assisted with planning submissions. Volunteer project manager Jim Scott conducted site visits and inspections to ensure all work on this historic home was properly executed.

Site visits to the Brac were conducted by Historic Education

and Development Manager (HEDM) Denise Bodden and volunteer Sue Gibb in November 2012 and again in April 2013 to relocate artifacts and furniture to the storage facilities donated by the Linton Tibbetts Family, Public Works Department and the Carter family. Thanks to Lemuel Ebanks and his assistant, Seth Arch, Rickie Walton, Weldon Anderson, Winburn Dilbert and Chris Randal who assisted. Sue Gibb began in April to inventory furniture and small artifacts from the home.

Mr. Arch handed over the keys to the newly restored Eldemire House in May 2013 and the home was shuttered for the coming hurricane season. The Trust is pleased to see the completion of the restoration work on the structure and will now be working on securing funding for the restoration/conservation of artifacts from the site as well as for parking and landscaping needs in the coming years. This historic site restoration is a first for the Trust on Cayman Brac.

Watler's Cemetery

An application to the World Monuments Fund for the Watler's Cemetery site to be added to the 2014 World Monument Watch List was submitted in March, which included a request for sponsored funding to allow the Trust to undertake further research into the provenance of the grave markers and the conservation of the site as a place of historical and cultural significance.

A cleanup of the site was carried out by employees of local law firm Mourant Ozannes with the assistance of volunteers Nancy Kirkaldy-Barnard, Ian Barnard, Andy and Sue Gibb as well as George Town District Committee Chairman Suzan Merren.

Dr. Roy's Ironshore

Discussions commenced in February 2013 with a view to creating an iconic monument to the historical significance of the site on South Church Street not just as once the home of Dr. Roy McTaggart but also as a ship-building location from whence Caymanian schooners were launched.

At the request of GT District Chairperson Suzan Merren, volunteer architect John Doak prepared a report in March on this site's possibilities and constraints, for consideration and further action by the HPC.

Fort George

The Trust was able to commence major work at Fort George thanks to the generous CI\$50,000 donation received last year from local law firm Walkers. During October 2012, volunteer

architect John Doak's planning consent application was approved and bollards were installed by volunteer Sam Small to define and protect the North and East site boundaries. Local artist John Broad's initial two mural paintings (one depicting the WWII U-boat attack just south of Grand Cayman and the other, the Spanish attack in the late 1700s) were completed in November 2012. High resolution scans of the images were taken in February 2013 for mural panel production later in 2013.



Workers put a replica of a World War II-era wooden outpost into position among the tree-tops of Ft George at the waterfront in George Town, Grand Cayman. – Photo: Justin Uzzell

Landscaping plans were finalised and revised estimates for the construction of the wall obtained. April 2013 was a busy month with the mural wall construction by Wesley Lalor of Lalev Construction, while West Bay District Deputy Chairman Rob Bennett assisted with the relocation of the three mature coconut trees on the site. A new water connection was also secured to assist construction and future landscaping. A third mural painting was completed by John

Broad, depicting the Cub Scouts cheering on the Easter Regatta.

Additional bracing and other necessary repairs were carried out on the old lookout hut by Tommie Bodden in June, and preparations were made with CUC project managers Cindy Powell and Jerry Holness for the newly-renovated hut to be mounted atop a 16' high utility pole kindly donated by CUC. This placement simulates where the Hut would have been situated historically for use as a treetop lookout to spy German U-boats.

Miss Izzy's School House

During March 2013, the boundaries were surveyed by Cayman Survey Associates for the purpose of a clearing exercise to be carried out in due course by volunteers of West Bay District Committee. Once cleared, it is envisaged that the site will be fenced, and thereafter a process of beautification and interpretation of the site will commence in the coming year.

Some of the surviving artifacts of the original School House, destroyed in Hurricane Ivan, are to be rescued under the direction of volunteer conservator Nancy Kirkaldy-Barnard with a view to being reinstalled on the restored site in tribute to the Schoolhouse, and interpretive signage will be erected on the site in due course.

Jackson Wall Manor

This historic site, thought to be the location once of the Jackson great house was the subject of a volunteer cleanup day

in February 2013 organised by Bodden Town District Committee Chairperson Debra Nased and her Committee. The site is slated for a survey in the latter part of the year and the installation of a boundary fence and some interpretive signage.

Mission House (MH)

The Mission House remains open to the public from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday where the HEDM now staffs the visitor centre and provides guided tours in the morning and continues with regular office work in the afternoon.

The HEDM arranged group tours to the Mission House with the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Webster Tours early on in the financial year. While this is currently a small percentage of total tours, it is hoped that these new ventures will grow significantly during the coming year.

On the request of the Executive Director, the HEDM drafted and submitted proposals for two tours - one aimed at cruise ship passengers and one specialised tour for residents and air arrivals. The Trust plans to submit to select cruise lines in time for the 2013 winter season.

General Maintenance and volunteer assistance

Historic properties were maintained and cared for by East End Garden and Gifts throughout the year as funds allowed. Special thanks to volunteer Rob Bennett at Nurse Leila's as well as Ron and Gracie Scott at Jackson Wall for their periodic assistance.

Scanning of Trust historic files was undertaken by volunteers Alex Bentley and Rob Bennett.

Spooky Traditions

This annual event was held at Mission House in October. It was enjoyed immensely by a small group who learned about Cayman's spooky traditions, including the tale of the May Cow. Thanks to volunteers Neil and Alex Bentley, Prep School students Rhea Allenger and Jauvhanie Ebanks and Nikita Jackson. Donors included Vision Marketing, It's Your Party and Denise Bodden.

Christmas Lights Bus Tours

Special thanks to volunteers from CUC who hung the main exterior Christmas lights for the Mission House accompanied by help from volunteers Stuart Mailer, Christine Rose-Smyth and Tommie Bodden. The HEDM conducted tours in Christmas 2012 which included the Mission House, private yards and other homes which have been decorated and lit along the way. Traditional Christmas fare came from the kitchen of Zelmalee Ebanks. Thanks to volunteer Katie Moore who led caroling on the bus. Donors included Vigoro Nursery's Nancy Rohleder, Trust Chairperson Carla Reid and Trust staff Denise Bodden.

Christmas at the Mission House with Natasha Kozailly

This was the first ever Trust volunteer appreciation night to be held at the Mission House. There was an excellent turnout with beautiful music from local musician Natasha Kozailly, who also has family ties to the Mission House.

History Week

For the third consecutive year, students from Clifton Hunter High School learned about the origins of the names of their school 'houses' (Goldfield, Cimboco, and Lady Slater) as well as the contributions of both Rev. George Hicks and Clifton Hunter in our islands. Volunteers for this event included Kem Jackson, Zelma Lee Ebanks, Tony Powell, Debra Illes, Arthurlyn Pedley and Carla Reid.

Lecture Series

In January 2013, Courtney Platt and the HEDM conducted the 'Past and Present Industries' slide shows at the St. Matthews campus in George Town and again in April at the Mission House. The main point was to illustrate the sustainability of Caymanian maritime endeavours. Thanks to volunteers Alex Bentley and Jennifer King for their assistance.

ICCI and National Trust Heritage Studies Seminar

The HEDM was a presenter at a college level course held during the long holiday weekend in May 2013, lecturing on Cayman's built heritage and presenting the 'Past and Present Industries' slide show with volunteer Courtney Platt. She also provided Mission House tours and the George Town walking tour, as well as a driving tour of the eastern side of Grand Cayman.

Mission House 6th Anniversary Celebration

The Mission House anniversary was held during May 2013 for a small but appreciative audience. Thanks to Christine Rose-Smyth and Dr. Roy Bodden who provided readings about Bodden Town for the event. Thanks also to volunteers Erica Daniel, Arthurlyn Pedley, Anita Ebanks, Alex Bentley and Zelmalee Ebanks who assisted the staff with this event, and to HEDM Denise Bodden for the sponsorship of a bouncy castle for the kids.

Marketing and Development

The HEDM secured new promotional material for the Mission House; photography from Courtney Platt and miniature artwork from Lorna Griggs for use in the near future.

In April 2103, the HEDM made presentations to students at four schools in Cayman Brac and continues to provide tours and lessons for schools as necessary

The HEDM also responds to questions from the public and provides assistance to local and international media (National Geographic Traveler, Inside Out and Government Information Services) segments as well as providing assistance to Trust events throughout the year.

The Trust Historical Programmes Committee enters the 2013/2014 financial year hopeful that it brings better times, new donors and an increase in volunteer participation and funding.



History Week 2013 at the Mission House. Approximately 180 teachers and students visited the Mission House.



Miss Zelmalee makes Cassava Cake and Trust HEDM Denise Bodden (bottom) leads a class on historical Mission House





Patricia Bradley
Environmental
Programmes Chair



Paul Watler
Environmental
Programmes Manager



Stuart Mailer
Field Officer

Environmental Programmes Report

Thanks largely to the efforts of Trust Council Chairperson and other Trust Council members, a total of 101.9 acres was purchased by the National Trust for the Cayman Islands in the period from July 2012 to June 2013. In total, the National Trust's land holdings increased by 3%.

Mastic Reserve and Trail

Four properties were purchased for an addition of 8.25 acres. The southern trailhead was fenced, and a stile was added to discourage access by goats.

Preston Bay Nesting Site

The Preston Bay area on Little Cayman has been documented as a communal nesting site for the Sister Island Rock Iguanas in that area, with as much as 40% of the nesting documented in the 2010 survey taking place there. A 2.74 acre property was purchased and the necessary funding was raised for the installation of a boardwalk and interpretive signage.

The Splits

Two properties were added to the protected area



known as The Splits on Cayman Brac. Totalling 8.6 acres, the Herrman family donated the land in memory of their parents, Dr. Roy and Estelle Herrman. The Herrman family previously donated the other

property which comprises The Splits in 2004.

Research, Field Work, Collaborations and Training

The Trust, in partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, was previously awarded grant funding from the Darwin Initiative: Overseas Challenge Fund for a project entitled "The Threatened Cayman Brac Parrot: A Flagship for Conservation".

When the initial effort to survey nests was completed, this was then followed by a distance sampling survey in order to estimate the Parrot population, as well as the populations of other native forest birds. The surveys were concluded and a report was composed and sent to the UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.

Bat Conservation

Seven bat colonies were humanely evicted from human habitations over the course of the year. Additionally, the Trust, in partnership with Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd., installed a new bat house at the Governor's residence.

Thanks to funding from the RSPB, the Trust's Environmental Programmes Manager was able to attend a



His Excellency Duncan Taylor CBE (left) and wife Marie (center) take a minute to show off their new bat house installed by EPM Paul Watler (right)

conference of the North American Society for Bat Research. The EPM delivered a talk on the Trust's Bat Conservation Programme during the proceedings.

Grant Funding

The Trust, in conjunction with the RSPB and the Anguilla National Trust, won a grant funding award from the Voluntary Scheme for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of the EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories fund. The work sponsored will seek to control or eradicate invasive species across overseas territories.

The Trust, in conjunction with the Anguilla National Trust and the RSPB, won a grant funding award from the Darwin Plus: Overseas Territories Environment and Climate Fund. The work sponsored will seek to create and further the management of protected areas in the two territories.

New Records

The Field Officer was able to photograph and identify two new records: a butterfly, the Atala Hairstreak on Little Cayman, and a bird, the Vesper Sparrow, on Grand Cayman. The EPM identified a Vanilla Orchid (previously discovered



Atala Hairstreak

and mentioned in the American Orchid Society Bulletin in 1980 but not recorded in either of Proctor's Flora publications and subsequently "rediscovered" by Thomas Sevik) on Cayman Brac. Work began on investigating the dispersion of this species, as it seems to be heavily concentrated in one small area.

The Trust received word from Dr. Alan Franck of the University of South Florida regarding *Harrisia* cactus. His genetic analyses indicate that this cactus should be regarded as a new species, thus he named it *Harrisia caymanensis*.

Public Relations

The EPM gave a presentation on the Trust's protected areas at the annual Land Reserve Donors Appreciation Dinner. The EPM also delivered conservation themed talks at two local schools. The EPM and Field Officer were also interviewed by the local media, appearing on television to comment on the Trust's recent successes.

Mastic Trail Tours

The Field Officer led regular nature tours, earning the Trust nearly \$14,000. In all, more than 400 participants engaged in Trust tours throughout the year.

Additionally, the Mastic guide booklet was printed and is currently being sold at the Trust's gift shop. The Mastic Trail was the subject of a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence in 2013.

Rapid Ecosystem Services Assessment

Dr. Michael MacDonald from the RSPB spent a month in Cayman conducting a Rapid Ecosystem Services Assessment on the Mastic Reserve. While the report is not completed as yet, it is expected to lend weight to the arguments against the construction of the East-West Arterial through the Mastic Reserve.



Dr. Michael MacDonald taking measurements of the Mastic Reserve forests

Grafting Workshops

Using donated root stock from donor Troy Jacob, the Field Officer initiated a partnership between the Trust and the Botanic Park to host two mango grafting workshops, which were very well attended.

Participants of the Mango Grafting Workshop at Botanic Park



Dive Club

At the request of the Executive Director, the EPM initiated the Trust's Dive Club, a value-added activity for Trust members. Dive Club meets on the last Saturday of every month.

Objectives for 2014

- Completion of the Environmental Heritage Register;
- Complete enhancements to the Preston Bay Iguana Nesting Site, including boardwalk and interpretive signage;
- Establish a code of conduct governing use of the Mastic Trail by commercial tour operators.
- In collaboration with our various partners, move forward with the BEST and Darwin Plus grant-funded projects. Complete the Rapid Ecosystem Services Assessment.
- Develop and install road signs on the Sister Islands encouraging awareness of iguanas near roads, as per objectives in the Sister Islands Rock Iguana Species



Danielle Vernon

Development & Marketing Coordinator

Marketing and Event Fundraising Report

The Trust, through fundraising activities and awareness campaigns, has developed a fresh brand identity. We continue to strive to meet the expectations of an ever changing society and aim to please our valued members through continued innovation even with the challenge of financial constraints.

As a non-profit organization we are faced with new challenges and responsibilities that stimulate creativity and action and your support brings us one step closer to achieving our mission. The endorsement of our supporters is an extremely powerful tool which can have far more meaning and impact in the community than any other vehicle.

Marketing that Matters

There has been a flurry of activity at the Trust this past year and branding efforts have been improved. Email blasts were redesigned to allow more comprehensive features which include pictures, video and hyperlinks. Utilising Constant Contact has proven to be a more effective way to communicate with our members. The programme has also assisted in real time report tracking statistics of opens, forwards and bounces. Special thanks to Signs of Paradise for providing promotional banners and signage, local radio stations Star 92.7FM and Radio Cayman, Cayman 27 and the Cayman Compass for their generous coverage of all Trust happenings.

Gala Dinner 2012

In November 2012, the National Trust Gala, hosted by Jay Ehrhart and headlined by Suite Elite, took place at the historic Grand Old House. The Governor's Conservation Awards honoured organizations and individuals committed to preserving Cayman's history and environment. The 2012 winners were: Montessori by the Sea for Corporate Conservation, Sea Elements for Tourism Conservation, the Cayman Islands Catboat Club for Heritage Preservation, and Bonnie Scott Edwards for Conservationist of the Year.

Up for auction were a private dinner for eight at the Governor's House with His Excellency Governor Duncan Taylor, an original Remarque Cayman Islands map by artist and conservationist Guy Harvey, a Costa Rica eco-adventure, a Key West spa vacation, and a holiday at a vacation home on the pink sand beaches of Harbour Island, Bahamas.

The "Wall of wine and rum" raffle was the first for

Cayman, and gave both the general public and Gala guests the chance to support the Trust by donating bottles for the raffle at Blackbeard's and Big Daddy's stores. Trisha's Roses won the



Guests enjoy the 2012 Gala and Governor's Conservation Awards

"Decorate for Charity" competition for their Trust-themed table designs. Thanks to event sponsors ICG, Caledonian, Stuarts Walker Hersant, Dart Enterprises and Blackbeard's and all those who made the event a success.

Earth Month 2013

The National Trust hosted a full slate of activities in April 2013 in honour of Earth Month. The community was invited to join the Trust in celebrating World Heritage Day at the historic Mission House in Bodden Town. The grounds and house were open to the public, food was on sale and guests were encouraged to attend a short presentation on Cayman's heritage with a focus on our relationship with our marine resources.

The National Trust launched a series of dress down days every Friday in April for corporations and schools in celebration of Earth Day. Participants were encouraged to purchase a National Trust special edition T-shirt for a small donation which aided in supporting our conservation efforts. Deloitte, Maples FS, Island Heritage and RBC encouraged staff to get involved and spread the message of the importance of preserving our environment for future generations.

Our annual Earth Day Golf Tournament proved to be extra memorable when player Mike McDonald hit a hole in

one and took home a Wheego electric car courtesy of Cayman Automotive Marketing, Leasing and Sales Ltd. Titan Development took home the winning team title. Other prizes included a luxury boat charter, a helicopter tour and a stay and round of golf for two at the Ritz. Golfers were able to enjoy a free day long BBQ from Boss Hogg and complimentary Caybrew.

Health conscious individuals gave back to the community



Cayman Automotive's John Felder with Wheego Electric Car hole-in-one winner Mike McDonald along with teammates and Development and Marketing Coordinator Danielle Vernon.

when Crossfit Cayman hosted "Murph for the Earth" fundraiser which raised proceeds for the National Trust's environmental and historic conservation work. Crossfit kids even joined in the fun by performing a modified version of the adult workout called "Lil Murph".

Families were all invited to the Trust's official Earth Day event for 2013 "The Great Outdoors" Family Fun Day featuring lots of family-friendly activities, games and prizes!

Generous Partnerships and Gifts

Maples and Calder will commit US\$20,000 per annum over the next three to assist with operations and programmes of the National Trust. GreenlightRE pledged \$15,000 a year for



Maples Partner Dale Crowley presents cheque to ED and Chairperson

the next three years for the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme. Cayman Islands Society of Professional Accountants (CISPA) organized a dress down day in November 2012. Thanks to their efforts, the Trust was able to receive a much needed upgrade to its antiquated accounting system. Partnerships like these have a significant impact on our efforts and we thank you for your continued support.

Cooking Classes

Cooking classes are not only a rich learning experience but have expanded into a social event where guests can enjoy the company of one another while repositioning the public's perception of the Trust and encouraging guests to enjoy the



Above: East meets West Cooking class

Left: Chef Sara Mair and Owner Cindy Hudson of Ortanique host the first Cooking Soiree in June 2013

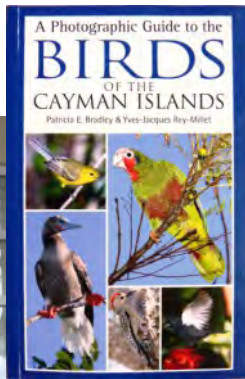
perks of being

a member. Special thanks to West Indies Wine Company, Discovery Centre, Bon Vivant and guest chefs Anita Pearson from the Grand Cayman Marriott, Debbi Truchan from Little Cayman, Bergman Ebanks and our very own Paul Watler. Cooking Class Soiree was launched in June of this year and will continue every quarter where demonstrations are on a larger scale.

Community Outreach

Other Trust community events included Christmas at Mission House with Natasha Kozailly, Trust Happy Hour at Cayman Cabana, Spring Sunset Cruise with Red Sail Sports and a "Laugh for Charity" fundraiser at Laughter Lounge Comedy Club. Special thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers and members for making these events a success.

Photographic Guide to Birds of the Cayman Islands Book Signing



Author Patricia Bradley and Photographer Yves-Jacques Rey-Millet flanked by body painted bird models

The Trust hosted the book signing of "A Photographic

Guide to the Birds of the Cayman Islands" with dedicated Trust council member and birding expert Patricia E. Bradley and wildlife photographer Yves- Jacques Rey-Millet in June 2013 at the West Indies Wine Company. Proceeds from signed copies of the book sales were donated to the National Trust's environmental conservation work. Special thanks to West Indies Wine Company who provided complimentary wine tasting cards. Special thanks to Michael's Genuine Restaurant who catered the event and Celebrations for their beautiful terrarium. For those who were not able to make the event, books are still available for purchase for CI\$30 at the National Trust's office located in Dart Park on South Church Street.

Land Reserve Fund

Piloted by dedicated Trust member Janet Walker, the Land Reserve Fund kicked off with a fantastic boost from Artist Terry Grimes who donated proceeds of her one day art show, "From all Angles...Barkers &..." held on 10 December 2012 at Calypso Grill.



Artist Terry Grimes donates proceeds from art show to Trust Chairperson Carla Reid

Many of the featured paintings were done in and around Barkers depicting a range of natural subjects including sea-grapes, mangroves and birch trees. The focus of

this year's Land Reserve Fund campaign was on raising funds to expand the Mastic Reserve, which was established in 1992 to protect the largest contiguous area of untouched, old growth forest in Grand Cayman. Through a combination of donations, land transfers and purchases, to date the Trust has acquired over 840 acres of its target of 1,396 acres in this important forest. The Land Reserve Appreciation Dinner was held in April 2013 with the kind sponsorship of the Brasserie and Blackbeard's Liquors.



Land Reserve Fund donors' appreciation dinner

Lecture Series

Special thanks to St. Matthew's University and Dean Dr. Karen Rosenthal for the use of their lecture room for many of our lecture series. Thanks also to the Brasserie for donating their conference room for our "Lunch and Learn" sessions and Margaritaville for hosting noted Paleontologist Dr. Phil Manning. The Trust would also like to thank speakers Dr. Arturo Kirkconnell, Murray Roed, Dr. Michael MacDonald, Dr. Steve Barton, Dr. Peter J. Talling, Bryan Christy, Photographer Courtney Platt and HEDM Denise Bodden.



SMU Dean Dr. Karen Rosenthal, BIRP Director Fred Burton, Trust Executive Director Christina McTaggart Pineda, speaker National Geographic Investigative Reporter Bryan Christy and former Trust Marketing Officer Basia Pioro McGuire.



Catherine Childs
Education & Outreach Officer

Education Programme Report

The Trust had been without an Education Officer (EO) for a year and a half before hiring Catherine Childs on a part-time basis to fill the post for the last quarter of the financial year. Despite lack of staff, the Trust was still able to provide over 50 educational events for school children across all three islands.

Summer Camp 2012

With the kind help of Trust member Marilyn Conolly and Andrea Roach, we were able to host a week long summer camp in August 2012. Special thanks to sponsors Department of Tourism and Cost-U-Less, guest speakers John Bothwell from Dept of Environment, Tania Johnson from Dept of Environmental Health, and Blue Iguana Recovery Programme staff for making summer camp 2012 a huge success. Campers had the chance to visit the Blue Iguanas, do an archaeological dig at the Mission House, a historic scavenger hunt in George Town, and explore their creativity with fun arts and crafts.

Earth Day Activities

Over 300 children and adults attended the National Trust “Great Outdoors” Family Fun Day at Dart Park in April 2013 in celebration of Earth Day. Iggy, the Trust’s Blue Iguana mascot was on site for photos and activities included face-painting, bouncy castles, recycling fun, potted plants, food and prizes. Other non-profit and government entities such as the Humane Society and the Department of Environment and were invited to set up a booth at the fun day event.

The EO also delivered Earth Day presentations at most of the schools, both public and private. The talk started with a brief historical introduction to Earth Day and then concentrated on the unique species and habitats in Cayman that need protecting. The presentation finished with inspirational stories of kids around the world that have impacted their communities in positive ways

regardless of their young age. The presentation was well-received by both the students and the administrators at each school.

The Trust also organized a paid dress-down day at all the schools along with sales of “Every Day is Earth Day” t-shirts. More than \$1500 was raised for the Trust by the schools during their Earth Day activities. We also delivered our new “Explore our Culture” posters and Cayman Parrot colouring books to each school that requested them. Educational aides such as these are always eagerly received by the schools and the students.

Mangrove Programme

The National Trust has taken over mangrove outreach at the public schools, bringing its presence back into the schools where it had unfortunately been missing. Year 5 students have been getting this lesson for 13 years now, started by Martin Keeley and subsequently carried out by various Trust Educational Officers. We spend several days with each school, ending the programme with a boat trip out to the mangroves so that the kids can experience the beauty of the mangroves firsthand. The National Trust has now taken on this programme to ensure that the future leaders of our country understand the importance of our mangrove ecosystems.

The National Trust has also surveyed teachers and administrators as to what they need most from us. General feedback has been that they have beautiful binders that we’ve produced on a variety of subjects, but that more electronic resources would be helpful. We are now partnering with the Department of Education to see that this happens.

The National Trust aims to secure additional funding to reinstate the Education Officer role to its previous full time position in the coming financial year.



2012 Summer campers visit the Blue Iguana Breeding Facility



2012 Summer campers on a scavenger hunt of the Capital



Students Dress Down for Earth Day



Cathy giving a school presentation (Right)



Family Fun Day participants enjoy soldier crab racing



Children at the Great Outdoors Family Fun Day meet Iggy, the Blue Iguana (Right)

Volunteers in action



Mourant Ozannes employees help clean up the Trust's Watler Cemetery site along with Historic Programmes Chair Andy Gibb, Historic Programmes Committee Member Sue Gibb and George Town District Committee Chair Suzan Merren *(left)*

PwC staff help clean up the Trust's Heritage Beach site assisted by Trust Field Officer Stuart Mailer *(below)*



A group of volunteers, including Trust Council Member John Bothwell and assisted by Environmental Programmes Manager Paul Watler, work to remove reeds from the Mission House Pond. Special thanks to Bodden Town District Committee Chair Debra Naused for donating funds towards this project *(Above and right)*

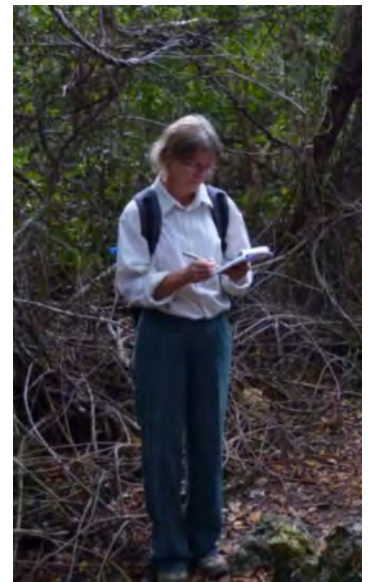




Long standing volunteer Katie Moore helping out in the Trust office (left)

Alex Bentley dressed as the May Cow (Right)

Sarah Gregson assisting with research in the Mastic Reserve (far right)



Christine Rose-Smyth leads a talk at the opening of the National Museum and National Trust's exhibition "Passing Through" on Migratory Birds (left)

Helen Stone-Wigg volunteers twice a week in the Trust office (right)



Neil Bentley, Alex Bentley, Jennifer King and "Duppy" volunteer as actors for Spooky Traditions at Mission House (below)



Rachelle Peterson face painting at the Great Outdoors Family Fun Day (right)





Clare Lumsden
Financial Accountant

Financial Report

Outcome for 2012/13

The last year for the Trust was a mixed bag from the financial perspective. Donations for and of land remain at a hugely generous level and our fundraising events were successful, in particular the Gala dinner and Little Cayman Easter Auction, in raising over \$100k (net of costs) in the year thanks to our wonderful sponsors and supporters. However, our other programmes – education and historic preservation - have suffered as government funding continues to drop and the Trust has to compete with many other not-for-profit entities for a reducing pool of corporate donations and sponsorships. The corporate sector is perforce reining in its charitable aid in these challenging times.

Despite these financial constraints, the Trust has purchased land in Preston Bay, the largest nesting site for the Sister Islands Rock Iguana, and 8 acres in North Side for the Mastic Reserve. The Trust has restored Eldemire House to its former glory and, thanks to Walker's generosity, is in the process of turning Fort George into the tourism landmark it deserves to be. An education grant covered the salary of a temporary, part time education officer to provide school field trips and presentations to local school children for the last couple of months of the school year.

General Income

General income, needed to fund our educational and historic projects, comes from a variety of sources – the government grant, fundraising, donations and sales of tours, goods and memberships. Most of these revenues are falling year on year as the economic slowdown bites.

The graph at the bottom of the following page shows

that those revenue sources outside of our control – the government grant and general donations – have been diminishing over the last 3 years whilst the Trust tries to compensate with renewed fundraising vigour. Additionally, as a result of not having access to the Government's Environmental Protection Fund, we spend the majority of our fundraising efforts raising money for land purchase.

Corporate charitable contributions have suffered as government taxes and permit fees have reduced their available income so that it is increasingly hard to obtain sponsorship for our programmes. A significant portion of the Trust's income historically arose when Special Purpose Vehicles were liquidated but these vehicles are now being used far more efficiently so that there is very little residue left to distribute to charity. The government grant has fallen by over 30% (from \$308,000 to \$214,089) in the last 3 years since the year ended 30 June 2010.

Land Donations

Land donation income (total of \$1.25M) remains strong with several significant land donations in the year – two pieces of land in Little Cayman and two parcels in the Splits on Cayman Brac.

This income includes \$85K from the Land Reserve Fund and a further \$300k donated by individuals and corporations to our land reserve fund drive and nearly \$23k pledged to the Sister Islands Rock Iguana Protection Project at the Little Cayman District Committee Easter Auction. The Trust has received truly amazing support from the community for land conservation.

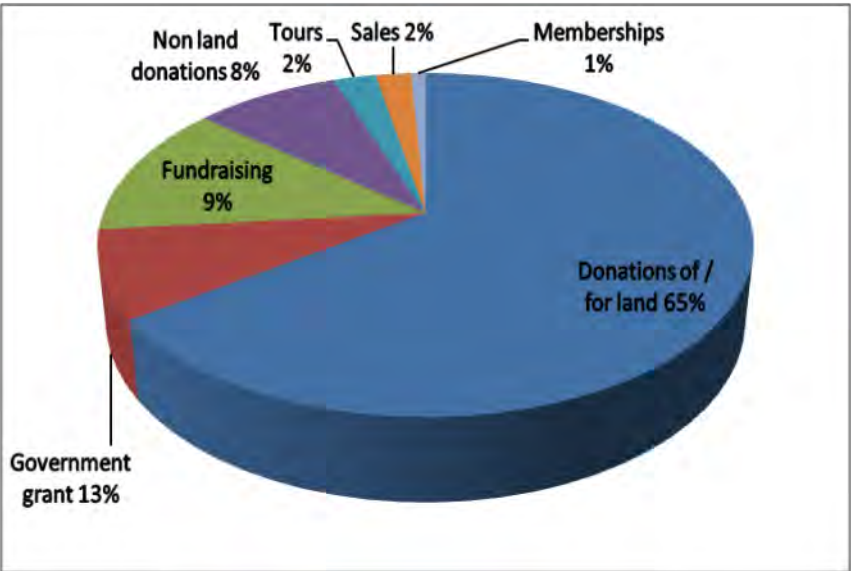
Expenditure

Our operating deficit has increased every year despite the implementation of cost saving measures. The Cayman Wildlife Rescue programme has been discontinued, the full-time education officer was not replaced, the Mission House Coordinator was not replaced and maintenance of the twelve historic sites has been severely cut back. The significant expenditure in the last year relates to land purchase and to renovation of Fort George and Eldemire House (the renovations costs are reflected under Programme Costs in the “How our funds are spent” pie chart).

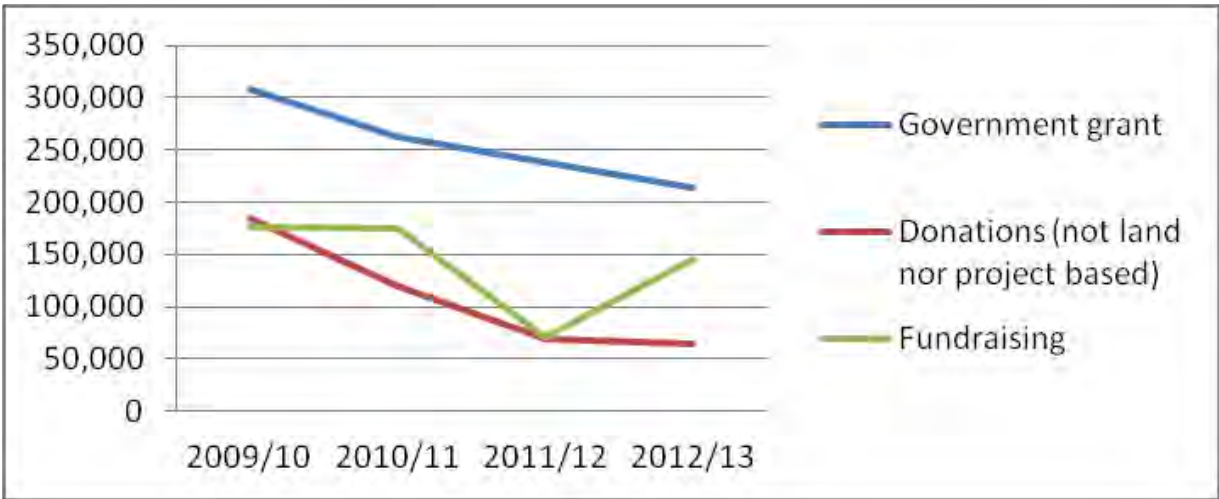
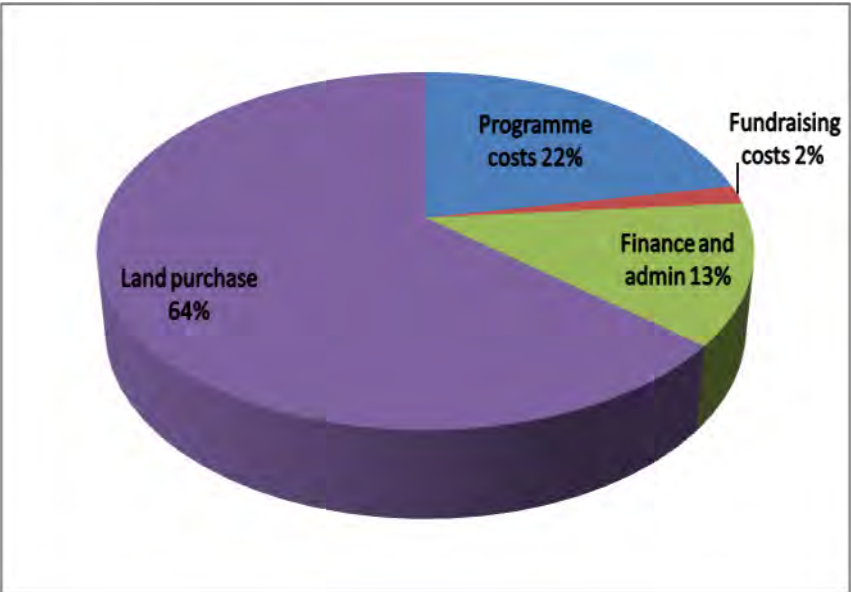
Looking ahead

The greatest challenge that the Trust faces is that of liquidity. Cash levels are significantly lower than in prior years at \$711k (just over 50% of last year’s balance) due to land purchases, renovation of Eldemire House and operating deficits. Of this, only \$155k is unrestricted, all other funds being committed to projects or committees. This means that the Trust has now virtually depleted most of its reserves. Raising funds to continue with all our programmes, through lobbying of the government, pursuing international grants and energetic local fundraising is critical for 2013/14.

Where our funding comes from



How our funds are spent



Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2013

(Stated in Cayman Islands Dollars)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue and support from operations				
Donations, donated goods and services	911,056	478,825		1,389,881
Government grants	214,089			214,089
Fundraising events	103,557	41,481		145,038
Tours	20,112	23,075		43,187
Product sales to public	31,635	4,139		35,774
Membership dues – individuals	9,066	75		9,141
Membership dues – corporate	5,000			5,000
Interest income	232	130		362
	1,294,747	547,725		1,842,472
Programme service expenses				
Environmental preservation	131,326	141,975		273,301
Historic preservation	239,982	33,627		273,609
Educational programmes	4,955			4,995
	376,263	175,602		551,865
Support service expenses				
Operating and administration	244,037	11,291		255,328
Depreciation of fixed assets	47,487			47,487
Cost of fundraising events	41,250			41,250
Pension	15,608			15,608
	348,382	11,291		359,673
Increase in fund balances for year	570,102	360,832		930,934
Fund balances at beginning of year	3,943,183	1,013,907	6,654,959	11,612,049
Net transfer from temporarily restricted funds	(609,060)	(818,940)	1,428,000	0
Fund balances at end of year	3,904,225	555,799	8,082,959	12,542,983

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended June 30, 2013

(Stated in Cayman Islands Dollars)

Assets

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents:

Unrestricted (includes time deposit: CI\$75,212) 155,277

Restricted 555,799

Accounts and other receivables 7,733

Inventory 56,847

Prepaid expenses 4,958

780,614

Non-current assets

Fixed assets 360,521

Heritage properties 11,414,043

11,774,564

Total assets CI\$ 12,555,178

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses 12,195

Total liabilities CI\$ 12,195

Net assets CI\$ 12,542,983

Net assets comprise:

Unrestricted 3,904,225

Temporarily restricted 555,799

Permanently restricted 8,082,959

CI\$ 12,542,983



Suzan Merren

*George Town District Committee
Chairperson*

George Town District Committee Report

HISTORIC GEORGE TOWN NEEDS OUR ASSISTANCE!

When was the last time you sat on a front porch of an old family home? You can still do that today because amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy district of George Town, one can still pinpoint and actually visit places of historic interest on the water front, walk on a hidden path with an old rock wall or a former family home with just the front steps remaining. The old Public Library, Town Hall and Clock and Post Office, held by the Cayman Islands Government are recognised by the National Trust with “Building of Historic Significance” plaques and are still utilised for Government operations today. It is quite encouraging that there are numerous old family homes remaining along Crewe Road, Mary Street, North Church Street, Shedden Road and South Church Street. Many have been converted to commercial properties but there are a high number still owner occupied as private residences. This gives the George Town District Committee (GTDC) the opportunity to continue gathering the history of the families and homes and updating the Historic Register data sheets.

Dr Roy’s Ironshore Site

The Chairman attended numerous meetings with the Historic Programmes Committee and architect John Doak and can confirm that improvements to the site are being considered as well as new signage and new features to properly and visually display the history of the site. A final plan and budget will be submitted to The National Trust Council for approval. The view is to make the site significantly more user friendly and visually interesting which will be a memorable place for Caymanians and tourists to visit. Watch for an exciting change to the Dr. Roy’s Ironshore in the next year!

Fort George

It was difficult to imagine what it was like at the Fort George site with the lookout hut wedged up high in the silk cotton tree so many years ago, until we recently had it hoisted up in place. The late Reginald Parsons informed GTDC members of the exact location of the tree and the outline of Fort George when we planted a silk cotton tree there in 1992. How fortunate we were to be able to preserve the site and record the history of Fort George with the enhancements such as the new back wall, landscaping,

colorful murals (which will be mounted on the wall in the near future) and interpretive signage through the generous donations of Walkers and other donors.

The volunteer project managers Sue and Andrew Gibb have worked extremely hard and diligently in the latter half of these projects as well as HEDM Denise Bodden during the first half of the projects. The volunteer members of the Historic Programmes Committee are John Doak, Peggy Lekishar Denton, Ali Sapti of APEC and Tommy Bodden and they have all contributed their time and technical expertise to the project. It has been a pleasure to serve and to observe the enthusiasm and dedication of The National Trust management and staff, the Programme Committees and the Trust Council.

The primary objective to protect and preserve the Fort George ruin is being met and it is hoped that the public will visit Fort George and appreciate the historic significance. I look forward to the next stage of the enhancement project.

Elmslie Memorial Church

Although not a Trust property, the Elmslie Memorial Church has been recognised by the Trust as an important historical landmark in the Cayman Islands. This year marked the 90th anniversary of the completion of construction of the Church sanctuary. What an accomplishment for the people of Cayman to still be allowed to enter the doors of such a historically significant place.

Watler’s Cemetery

It was heartwarming to have volunteers from Mourant Ozannes pause for a group photo early on a Sunday morning following the labour-intensive clean-up of the Watler Cemetery (see Volunteers in Action on page 20). The GTDC will continue to seek donations to cover the maintenance of the site and future expenses to repair the headstones.

I would like to encourage all GTDC Members to volunteer to assist in fund raising and working on the District projects. Please stay on board with The National Trust and take part in a fund raising project of your choice and one that utilises your knowledge and experience!

2013-14 Elected GTDC Officers:

Chairperson Suzan Merren
Vice Chair Myriam Madigan
Secretary Karen Perkins
Treasurer Roger Davies



Debra Naused

*Bodden Town District Committee
Chairperson*

Bodden Town District Committee Report

This year the Bodden Town District Committee (BTDC) focused on two historic sites, namely the Jackson Wall site in Savannah and the Mission House in Gun Square. In February 2013, the Chairperson and two members cleared the perimeter of the remaining wall and steps of Jackson Wall as well as moved parts of the wall to the steps in order to keep all the pieces together. The Jackson Wall sign was also salvaged from overgrown bushes. Special thanks to Al and Susan Goetze for helping with this effort.



BTDC Members Al & Sue Goetze after Jackson Wall clean-up

assisting us in our efforts.

Council meetings were regularly attended BTDC members participated in the Earth Day Beach Clean-up on areas of Bodden Town Beach.

Future Activities to anticipate include:

- Holding quarterly committee meetings,
 - Renew efforts to contact previous Trust members living in Bodden Town and make notes of their suggestions for projects and fund raising
- Promote meetings and assist Bodden Town neighborhood group with contacting a maker of placards for historic neighborhood homes.

The Chairperson also attended National Trust meetings regarding the proposed move of the George Town Dump. This included a site visit of the proposed Waste Management Facility Site near the Midland Acres sub-division hosted by DART Engineering group.

The Chairperson also recruited volunteers for the Mission House bull-rush reed removal towards the end of the financial year. Special thanks to Bodden Town resident Sam Anderson and other volunteers for



Bullrushes cleared from Mission House Pond

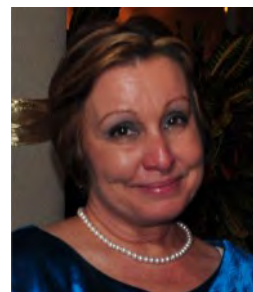
Goals:

- Continue to recruit new Trust members from Bodden Town and Savannah
- Work with HEDM Denise Bodden on the possibility of having a Business After Hours event at the Mission House.

2013-14 Elected BTDC Officers:

Chairperson Sam Small
Vice Chair Al Goetze
Secretary Debra Naused

Cayman Brac District Committee Report



Estelle Stilling
Cayman Brac District Committee
Chairperson

Cayman Brac District Committee has 16 ordinary and four life members permanently resident on the Island. Around a dozen part-time residents or winter visitors are also members and participate in activities or attend meetings when they are around. During the period covered by this report, the Committee held twelve formal meetings, with an average attendance of eleven. A number of members attended the Trust AGM in Grand Cayman in September 2012.

Activities

In addition to the usual hikes along the traditional 'roads' and visits to topographical features such as Haymon's Pond, the Mountain, and the Turtle 'Crawl', members participated in iguana and turtle-nesting surveys.

A booby nesting survey was conducted, primarily by one member with assistance on occasion, and detailed records kept for comparison with last year's similar exercise.

The Environmental Programmes Manager, Paul Watler, spent some time on the Island, conducting a parrot habitat survey and was assisted as needed. Members distributed parrot survey forms to the general public and collected them on Paul's behalf.

The Parrot Reserve loop trail and Splits trail were cleared and/or maintained. A couple of benches were rebuilt and placed in the Reserve.

Although not Trust property, a few members cleared vegetation from around the mass grave site to make it more accessible for the 80th anniversary event.

In conjunction with the Club, members carried out an inventory of trees and shrubs along the course of the Rotary exercise trail around West End Park. Individual specimens were numbered and laminated cards listing the species by number were prepared and placed in a rack affixed to the wall of the D.O.T. office at the entrance to the park, (by kind permission of the D.O.T. officer-in-charge). The rack is replenished as necessary.

Having made a decision to pursue the acquisition of an area of wetland, as there is none in Trust ownership on the Island, members carried out informal surveying expeditions and identified an area on the South side of the Island which remains wet even at the height of the dry season. Details of ownership were supplied to the relevant parties for further action.

A member identified a significant area where the Vanilla

Orchid is growing, which has since been closely examined by the Environmental Programmes Manager and Field Officer with a view to determining how the species propagates. The same member discovered, in a different part of the Island, an example of *Dodonaea viscosa* which species had not previously been observed on Cayman Brac.

Fund Raising

The Committee held a gala dinner, with both silent and live auctions as entertainment at the end of January; inspired by some of our winter-visitor members who requested a fundraising event be held during their stay. This netted nearly \$9,000.

For the third year

running, a tea party was held on the Queen's Birthday public holiday. This traditionally attracts the elder segment of the population who take tea, sandwiches and cakes whilst reminiscing and enjoying each other's company whilst being entertained by a silent auction, art show and slide-show depicting Brac Trust activities during the year.

Education

The 2012 Brac District Committee children's Summer

Camp was held during the third week of July with 21 attendees from 8am – 1.30pm. Activities were organised by members, with the assistance of a few student-interns. Local businesses and members donated snacks, drinks and other resources. Although unintentional the camp made a profit of \$330. There was vociferous demand from parents and children for the length of the day to be increased in future.

The Committee stocks, for sale, most of the books which are available at the Grand Cayman Trust Visitors Centre.

These are predominantly sold through the Heritage House, where the staff kindly make the transactions on the Committee's behalf. From time to time, heritage markets are held when members operate a stall.

The Cayman Brac Executive wishes to thank all of the Committee members for their efforts and support during the year.

Brac District Committee Elected Officers 2013-14 :

Chairperson Estelle Stilling, Vice Chairperson/Secretary Chris Randall and Treasurer Thuyi Tin-Aung



Brac Gala at Alexander Hotel

Little Cayman District Committee Report



Betty Bua-Smith

*Little Cayman District Committee
Chairperson*

The Little Cayman District Trust house continues to serve as a visitors center and to host educational tours. Several people have assisted in creating new educational materials to be displayed and thanks to Pat Shipman and Alan Walker for having them printed. Unfortunately, with our new educational displays, we are no longer able to host large group meetings at the Trust house. Many visitors and locals continue to take full advantage of the library which has been bolstered by several donations from Books and Books over the past year.

We were delighted that the Little Cayman District had four finalists in the Governor's Conservation Awards, (one in each category). Our District was proud to have been represented by Mike Vallee who was nominated for the Conservationist of the Year Award for his work with the Sister Islands Rock Iguanas. Neil van Neikerk was nominated for the Tourism Conservation Award for his efforts with the invasive Lionfish education program, culling and awareness. Peter Hillenbrand owner of the Southern Cross Club was nominated for Corporate Conservation for his continued efforts with all of Little Cayman's environmental issues and Debbi Truchan was nominated for her continued efforts on Little Cayman for Heritage Preservation. Our District was well represented with a full table at the 25th Anniversary Gala dinner in Grand Cayman.

Mike Vallee had a very busy schedule not only with his usual iguana tours but was also asked by the Trust to relocate hatchling iguanas from the Little Cayman Museum in order to facilitate construction of the new Museum. Mike continues to monitor the iguana road kill, nests, and now hunt down the invasive green iguana that has appeared on Little Cayman along with distributing DOE flyers and educating as many as possible.

February 2013 was a busy month while preparing for Mardi Gras which was the most successful yet. King of Mardi Gras this year was Mike Vallee and the theme was "One

Love". The event was hosted by Pirates Point Resort. The Mardi Gras committee decided to do a raffle for the first time and it was a huge success. The total earnings for the event were CI\$5,129.

Also in February 2013, the National Trust Council meeting was held in Little Cayman. Debbi Truchan provided a great lunch with the help of Lou Couper and while we insisted she be paid she donated the funds back to the newly



created Sister Islands Rock Iguana Protection Project (SIRIPP). The Little Cayman District members enjoyed meeting with members of the council and for those council members who were able to stay over, Caroline George hosted a most enjoyable evening social with cocktails and fantastic tapas. Sunday we did a tour of the newly acquired Iguana Nesting site property which was our major project and feat for the year. We also toured some of the other property owned by the Trust donated by Mrs. Brigitte Kassa as well as property donated to the Trust by Alan Walker and Pat Shipman through the International Reptile Conservation Foundation. My sincere thanks to all those who made the weekend such a success and especially to the Little Cayman members for all their support.

We are very thankful to the volunteers that work during season to keep the trust building open which include: Janet Freemantle, Rose Spaulding, Pat Shipman, Lynn Lock, Caroline George, Lou Couper, and two new volunteers, Joy Mulholl and Tarrah Lewis. As our volunteers leave the island Rose and Tarrah have continued to keep the trust house open. Debbi Truchan also kindly fills in on tours for the CCMI groups when needed and helps with anything requested of her. Debbi also assisted the Cayman Brac District Committee's fundraising Tea and Auction again this year.

The Trust was represented with a booth again this year at the Agriculture Show. The volunteers had a good time participating and the Trust made a little extra money as well.



Visitors on an Iguana Tour in Little Cayman



Little Cayman's very own Mikey (left) and Gladys (centre) take a minute from "One Love" Mardi Gras activities to smile for the camera

Easter Auction 2013

Our Easter Auction, held on 30th March 2013, was a great success with the help of many volunteers, organizing, cleaning, soliciting items, donations etc. The auction and special projects raised a total CI\$47,960. The special project during half time this year was SIRIPP. Peter Hillenbrand our super auctioneer raised pledges of \$22,891 toward this worthy project. A very special thank you to all who donated, assisted with the event and of course those who attended.

We are moving forward with the Boardwalk for the nesting site and Robin Fite will begin the project in October after all the hatchlings have moved away from the nests. We hope to have a dedication and opening of the boardwalk sometime in November. The boardwalk will be dedicated in the name of Gladys Howard.

The road signs for SIRIPP are also in the process of being ordered and hopefully can be displayed around the island for next season.

As Chairperson, I have enjoyed challenges and I am now more comfortable with leading the Little Cayman DC as there was quite a steep learning curve. As a district, we would never accomplish all that we do without the support of so many wonderful members, the resorts and supporters who give most generously of their time and talents working on committees and projects and being so involved when they are on island and keeping in contact to help while off island. I look forward to another successful year for our district with the help and support of so many. You are truly appreciated.

Little Cayman District Committee 2013-14 Elected officers:

Chairperson Betty Bua

Co-Vice Chairpersons Janet Freemantle and Pat Shipman

Secretary Rose Spaulding

Treasurer Dottie Benjamin



Peter Hillenbrand starts off the Little Cayman 2013 Easter Auction in high gear

Cayman Sea Sense Sustainable Seafood Initiative Report



Catherine Childs



Sharon Whitmore

Cayman Sea Sense is a National Trust programme dedicated to helping restaurants and their customers make informed and environmentally positive seafood choices. While many fisheries around the world are threatened with collapse, some fisheries remain healthy and sustainable because of successful management and responsible harvesting. Some seafood dishes are clearly better for the environment than others, but knowing how to tell the difference can be a real challenge for diners and restaurants alike. Cayman Sea Sense helps consumers confidently identify and choose restaurants that provide environmentally responsible seafood menu items, and gives restaurants the information and support to continuously improve menus from a healthy fishery perspective.

The use of a Cayman Sea Sense icon on a menu allows consumers to choose sustainable seafood options as certified by the Cayman Sea Sense Team. Cayman Sea Sense has seen strong support from the local restaurant community and new restaurants have been eager to join the initiative including Karoo, the Greenhouse, Tukka and Eagle Rays Dive Bar & Grill. Restaurants that have been loyal supporters for years include Abacus, Agave Grill, Breezes by the Bay, Cimboco, Cobalt Coast Resort, Ferdinand's Caribbean Cafe at the Westin, Full of Beans, Harvey's Island Grill, Luca, Neptune's, Ortanique, Pappagallo's Ristorante, Prime, Ragazzi, and the Wreck Bar & Grill at Rum Point. The Hungry Iguana Restaurant & Bar, Little Cayman Beach Resort, Pirate's Point Resort, and Southern Cross Club are long-time supporters on Little Cayman.

Our "Best Choice Seafood Guide" was updated and printed again this year. The guide provides an easy way for concerned consumers to choose the most sustainable seafood choices while at the grocery store or eating out. It also contains a list of participating local restaurants so that consumers can easily choose a restaurant concerned with the health of our oceans. Monterey Bay Aquarium provides the worldwide data while the Department of Environment makes sure any local issues are addressed. Cathy Church designed the cards while DiveTech very generously paid for the printing.

All of the grocery store chains have agreed to have

our seafood guide cards on top of their seafood counters to aid their customers in choosing a sustainable option. When approached, they had all heard of the cards and were eager to have them available in their stores. A guide such as ours can make all the difference when it is located in a handy spot such as your grocer's seafood counter.

This year Cayman Sea Sense held a presentation about the dangers of the harmful lionfish invasion of our local waters. The talk was well-attended and included a spirited discussion of lionfish sting stories. We followed that up by teaming with Cayman Cabana in a lionfish roundup. Although these culls will never completely remove lionfish from our seas, they'd been proven beneficial to local ecosystems as they can reduce the number of lionfish substantially thereby increasing the survival rates of other fish species. Lionfish are the perfect fish when choosing what to have for dinner as every lionfish taken off the reef could mean the survival of thousands of local fish that are necessary for a healthy local reef ecosystem.

The National Trust's Cayman Sea Sense programme has been well-received by local restaurants, grocery stores, and the general public. In the coming year we intend to continue to raise the issue of sustainable seafood in people's minds as informed consumers can change a society. We have found that the people of the Cayman Islands are proud of their natural marine heritage and are eager to preserve it, not just in the waters around our islands, but around the world.





*Dr. Fred Burton, MBE
BIRP Director*

Blue Iguana Recovery Programme Annual Report

As anticipated in last year's Annual Report, the Blue Iguana Recovery Programme boosted the wild population of Grand Cayman Blue Iguanas to over 750 individuals. This is three quarters of the way to the programme's numerical goal of at least 1,000 Blues in the wild. One result of these rising numbers was a milestone event which brought international recognition: the World Conservation Union's Red Listing authority formally down-listed the Blue Iguana, from "Critically Endangered", to "Endangered". Although this is a significant validation of the programme's achievement, it is important to realize there is still much work remaining to secure these gains in the long term.

The ongoing rise in Blues numbers in the wild is driven by our captive breeding and head-starting facility, located in the QE II Botanic Park. Here our Blue Iguana Wardens and local volunteers breed, hatch and rear the iguanas that we release into the Salina Reserve, and Colliers Wilderness Reserve, when they are two and a half years old. The programme's Field Officer, Douglas Bell, with a range of international volunteers, continues to lead work within the Reserves that is necessary for the ongoing release and monitoring work.

In March 2013 a three-week formal population survey of the restored iguana population in the Salina Reserve was carried out by BIRP staff and international volunteers.



Ultrasound scanning an Iguana

The results showed that the Blues' population density in the Salina is holding steady since last surveyed in 2010, but only thanks to the ongoing annual releases of small numbers of captive reared individuals.

It appears that the Salina population has not been established long enough yet, to be capable of fully supporting its own numbers by breeding in the wild (though some breeding is definitely occurring). This is in contrast to the Botanic Park, where we are now seeing third-generation wild hatched iguanas originating from releases we carried out there in the early 1990's. The population in the Colliers Wilderness Reserve is scheduled next to be assessed

in 2014.



Volunteer Jane performing data entry

Also in plans for the Colliers Wilderness Reserve, our Phase 1 concept for visitor facilities in the southern corner of the Reserve received Planning Permission in 2012, thanks in no small measure to Chalmers Gibbs who donated a great deal of voluntary professional design time. Under our multi-partner European Union grant “Management of Protected Areas to Support Sustainable Economies” we then contracted Design (Cayman) Ltd. to take the approved conceptual drawings and develop the detailed plans for submission for a Building Permit. Cayman Engineering, Charterland, and Corporate Electric joined as the specialist subcontractors. Subject to completion of funding, a small visitor centre and a forest canopy walkway are scheduled to be built in 2014.

In staffing news, our long-serving Blue Iguana Warden John Marotta left employment with us at the end of March, to return to his native USA. We owe a debt of gratitude to Jane Haakonsson, Supem Mander and Cristina Durango who helped our second Warden, Alberto Estevanovich, during the subsequent transition.



BIRP Warden Alberto and volunteer Olivia measuring (above)

Warden Alberto with Dr. Paul Calle VMD, Dipl ACZM from the Wildlife Conservation Society anaesthetising iguana for minor surgery (right)

Price Waterhouse Coopers local branch held a staff volunteer day helping us prepare nest mounds for the breeding at the captive facility. Roger and Mary Bumgarner generously continue to allow us use of their property in Bodden Town, as our field volunteer accommodation.

The BIRP continues to benefit from high level professional support, and local corporate funding. The Wildlife Conservation Society’s head of veterinary programs, Dr Paul Calle, once again led a team of specialist vets and technicians in health screening iguanas for release, and monitoring the captive breeding colony.

This year we were fortunate also to involve St. Matthew’s Vet School’s Dean, Dr. Karen Rosenthal, who facilitated ultrasound investigation of several of our breeders. St Matthew’s Vet School also allowed our team lab space again, at their Lower Valley facility. Milwaukee County Zoo sent two staffers to assist this year – Joan Maurer who assisted in the health screening, and Stacy Whitaker who participated in the Salina population survey. Greenlight Re continued as our major local corporate supporter, granting \$15,000 to the programme this year.

Fred Burton accepting generous donation from Greenlight RE (right)



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Over the past financial year, the National Trust has received in-kind donations, donations of time, and monetary donations for all of our events and endeavors. We would like to thank the persons and organisations who have helped us in diverse ways to work toward achieving our goal of protecting the future of our heritage.

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