



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **BE MINDFUL OF BLUE IGUANAS NEAR THE ROAD**

**6th April 2021** – We are currently in the blue iguana breeding season and you may observe iguanas on the road as they roam to find partners and territories. Please be mindful to slow down, give iguanas a wide berth on the road and do not hit them with your car.

Each year, vehicles are responsible for a large number of adult iguana fatalities, even during the quiet year in 2020. This issue mainly affects mature adult iguanas and every loss is a huge blow to breeding and conservation efforts for this species.

We would like to thank all of our supporters, volunteers and our community in helping us protect our endemic and endangered blue iguanas. We look forward to what we hope will be a safe and successful breeding season.

Stay connected with Blue Iguana Conservation by following the project on Facebook and Instagram: @blueiguanaconservation. If you are interested in supporting our work, whether through a monetary donation or as a volunteer, please email Luke Harding at [bic@nationaltrust.org.ky](mailto:bic@nationaltrust.org.ky)

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## **About the National Trust for the Cayman Islands**



The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is a non-governmental organization whose mandate under the National Trust Law (2010 Revision) includes the preservation of the historic, natural and maritime heritage of the Cayman Islands for present and future generations.

### **About the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme**

The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme began in 1990 with only 30 dedicated Blue Iguanas and the primary goal to restore the wild population to 1,000 Blue Iguanas, encouraging viable population in the long-term. Having met its primary goal in 2018, the initiative formally transitioned to the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme in 2019 with a new focus of sustainably conserving the native species of Grand Cayman.

### **About the National Trust's Environmental Programme**

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands' environmental programme was founded on the concept that the protection of native plants and animals is best achieved by protecting the natural areas in which they depend.

### **About the National Trust Conservation Programme**

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands' conservation programme strives to protect Cayman's native species and the habitats in which they live, and includes the endemic Blue Iguana of Grand Cayman, the Sister Islands Rock Iguana and Cayman's native bat species.