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# National Trust launches survey on environmental priorities for the Cayman Islands

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2025** – The National Trust for the Cayman Islands has launched an online survey to better understand which environmental and conservation issues matter most to the community and how the National Trust might be able to help.

Since its inception in 1987, the purpose of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands has been to conserve special places in nature, protect wildlife, maintain biodiversity, and preserve built and natural places of historical importance and maritime heritage for the people of Cayman forever. The pace of development and climate change is putting increasing pressure on Cayman's natural resources. While the Trust currently protects 3,571 acres at 19 sites across all three islands, this is only 6% of the total land area of the Cayman Islands.

The survey is designed to identify how the public would like to see the Trust prioritise their activities and strengthen their impact in preserving sites with historical and ecological value, within the guidelines of the National Trust Law.

National Trust executive director Frank Roulstone says, "The Trust plays a vital role in making sure people can enjoy access to Cayman's natural and historic places today and in perpetuity. As a non-profit organisation, we depend on the continuing support of our community to fulfil our mandate. One of the best ways to support our work is to become a member."

The National Trust offers a range of membership options for individuals, families, and corporations. Membership benefits include a vote at the Annual General Meeting, priority bookings at National Trust activities, venue hire of the Clubhouse, discount on event tickets and in-store items, and free visiting arrangements at participating National Trust organisations overseas including the United Kingdom.

The survey also seeks feedback from members and non-members about their current levels of satisfaction and support of the Trust, whether visiting properties, attending or volunteering at events or becoming a member.



The short, anonymous survey is open to all and can be completed before 28 March online here: <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.ky">www.nationaltrust.org.ky</a> or <a href="https://click.org.ky">click this link</a>.

For more information about the role and priorities of the National Trust for the Cayman Islands, including last year's Annual Report with recent achievements and plans for the upcoming years, visit <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.ky">www.nationaltrust.org.ky</a>

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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.

#### **About the National Trust Historic Preservation Programme**

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands introduced the launching of its *Historic Preservation Fund* at its Annual General Meeting in September 2021 for the purpose of inviting increased support of its continuing efforts to encourage the preservation and protection of historic homes and buildings for present and future generations of the Cayman Islands.