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**National Trust Raised Over \$30,000 for Blue Iguana Conservation**

**10th February 2026** – On Saturday, 31 January 2026, the National Trust for the Cayman Islands held its second annual Blue Tie Dinner at Grand Old House. Over 150 guests braved the weather in support of the fundraiser for a night of celebration, an exclusive viewing of the Cayman nature-inspired *Blu Lagartos Collection* designed by Susan Foster and Celine Cousteau, dinner under the stars, and impact.

The Blue Tie Dinner raised over \$30,000 to support the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme. Special guests included National Trust for the Cayman Islands Patron, H.E. Governor Jane Owen, Honourable Premier Andre Ebanks, Honourable Minister Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, and Susan Foster. The room was filled with positive energy, and guests mingling and celebrating a collective interest in the conservation of the iconic, endangered Blue Iguana. Through the dedicated love and support shown by our members, supporters, and corporate partners for the Blue Iguana, the National Trust has been able to protect critical habitat that is home to the Blue Iguana and a myriad of local plants and animals that live in harmony in our protected areas, such as Collier's Wilderness Reserve and The Salina. Expanding our protected areas for the benefit of both wildlife and our community remains a priority as the National Trust approaches its 40 year legacy of preserving Cayman's natural and built heritage —to be celebrated in 2027.

Guests who purchased jewellery from the limited edition Cayman nature-inspired *Blu Lagartos Collection* designed by Susan Foster and Celine Cousteau, which gave homage to the Wild Banana Orchid (Cayman's National Flower), the endangered Blue Iguana (found only in Grand Cayman) and Sybil Crown Beard (a plant found only in Cayman Brac) took home exquisite jewellery that will be passed down through generations as a family heirloom.

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Together, we continue to protect what you love, safeguarding our national treasures for all to enjoy and experience. If you are interested in supporting the National Trust for the Cayman Islands please visit our website [www.nationaltrust.org.ky](http://www.nationaltrust.org.ky) to become a member or make a donation in support of protecting what is special to the Cayman Islands.

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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.