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We would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy, and particularly for Haiti, peaceful 2020.

FoProBiM signs Haiti's first co-management agreement with the National Protected Areas Agency (ANAP)

On January 10th, 2020 FoProBiM Director Jean Wiener signed Haiti's first ever co-management agreement with the National Protected Areas Agency (ANAP). The agreement will ensure FoProBiM's continued collaboration with ANAP in activities related to all of Haiti's Marine Protected Areas and of the 3Bays MPA in particular. It will allow the two institutions to better coordinate actions to more efficiently monitor, manage and protect Haiti's coastal and marine resources.



FoProBiM joins the Haiti Takes Root Coalition

We Must Face Climate Change Together

Haiti Takes Root unites people and organizations to confront the challenges of climate change. HTR is spreading information and

raising awareness about strategies that can help families adapt to changing weather patterns, while at the same time leveraging our collective voices to access international funds that can help Haiti test and promote innovative responses to the global challenge of our century.

Please see our video describing the work our coalition is undertaking to help Haiti tackle some of its environmental issues [here](#).



Continuation funding from the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN)

FoProBiM has received continuation funding from the WFN in order to expand its activities with coastal communities in Haiti in regards to strengthening activities related to the 3Bays Marine Protected Area. WFN is one of FoProBiM's most ardent supporters and has provided FoProBiM with several rounds of support since 2006. FoProBiM's Executive Director, Jean Wiener, has won both the Whitley Award as well as the Whitley Gold Award. We are extremely grateful to WFN for their continued support over the years.



New Grant from the JCF

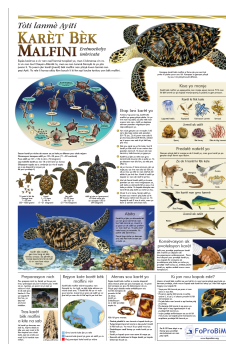
FoProBiM has received a grant from the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund. This grant is to help FoProBiM engage local communities within the 3Bays Marine Protected Area and to help FoProBiM achieve objectives related to the recently developed management plan. This grant was initiated through a partnership with the Goldman Environmental Foundation and we are extremely grateful for this assistance.



New Sea Turtle Posters available in Creole for Haiti

FoProBiM has developed new sea turtle educational posters in Creole in order to increase awareness of the plight of these beautiful and endangered species. The posters describe the life cycles, primary predators, primary food, habitats, and how you can help protect these amazing creatures. Five species located in the Western Atlantic are featured.

The posters are being distributed to schools, fishing associations, environmental NGOs, government agencies, etc. Some have found a home at the National Protected Areas Agency offices (please see photo in story above). Some funding has been provided by the Whitley Fund for Nature.



PISCES / FoProBiM case Study

The project Powering Innovations in Civil Society and Enterprises for Sustainability in the Caribbean (PISCES) being undertaken by the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) in partnership with FoProBiM and other regional partners has prepared a case study on FoProBiM's activities over the past several years.

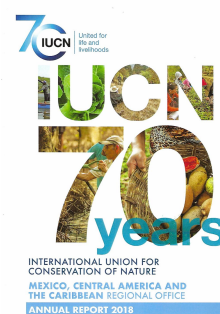
The desired outcome in documenting case studies is enhancing knowledge about innovations and best practices among civil society organisations (CSOs) and their partners in the 10 PISCES countries that can be applied to strengthen conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources in MPAs.

You can read the study [here](#).



FoProBiM's Executive Director Jean Wiener featured in IUCN's 70th Annual Report

FoProBiM Executive Director Jean Wiener was featured in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) annual report (pg. 35) in an article about the Knighthood he received from the French Government for his work in the fisheries sector in Haiti in 2018.



Congratulations to Alexandra Pierre

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, December, 2019

The Advisory Committee of the Euan P. McFarlane Environmental Leadership Award of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is pleased to announce the selection of Alexandra Pierre (of Haiti) for receipt of the 2019 McFarlane Award, in recognition of her important work as a dedicated and passionate environmentalist. Ms. Pierre was selected from a field of ten nominations that also included individuals from Barbados, Curacao, the Dominican Republic, Nevis, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. FoProBiM has supported Alexandra's work on a couple of occasions, and she was the first recipient of the Jean Wiener Environmental Scholarship (JWES) in 2015.

Recipients of the McFarlane Award are recognized as individuals who have applied themselves to the preservation of the natural or built environment in the insular Caribbean and whose career or avocation demonstrates an appreciation of and support for the advancement of environmental stewardship and balanced development in the Caribbean. The Committee believes that the presentation of the McFarlane Award to Ms. Pierre will highlight the importance of conservation efforts in Haiti and the role that courageous and dedicated individuals can play.



Blast from the Past

In November, 2006 FoProBiM participated in a NOAA research cruise aboard the R.V. Coral Reef II belonging to the Shedd Aquarium to Navassa Island National Wildlife Refuge located between Haiti and Jamaica. FoProBiM Executive Director Jean Wiener assisted the NOAA team with fisheries and coral reef research, fisheries research with fishers from mainland Haiti, and undertook some of FoProBiM's own activities related to the removal of derelict fishing gear from a NOAA Marine Debris Program grant.



Haiti Marine Event

FoProBiM has been tracking certain coastal and marine events over the past years with the hopes of developing a useful archive in order to follow any potential trends. With seemingly growing number of events occurring around Haiti we have decided to re-activate our documentation of these events. Recent events include fish-kills, whale beachings, and the killing of manatees.

If you have an event you would like to report, email us at bluemail@foprobiim.org



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Le Saviez-vous?

Les récifs coralliens sont les plus diversifiés de tous les écosystèmes marins. Ils regorgent de vie; peut-être un quart de toutes les espèces océaniques dépendent des récifs pour leur fournir nourriture et abri. Il s'agit d'une statistique remarquable lorsque l'on considère qu'ils ne couvrent qu'une infime fraction (moins d'un pourcent) de la surface de la Terre, et moins de deux pourcent du plancher océanique. En raison de leur diversité, les récifs coralliens sont souvent appelés les forêts pluviales de la mer.

Les récifs coralliens revêtent aussi une grande importance pour la population. Leur valeur a été estimée à 30 milliards de dollars US, peut-être même jusqu'à 172 milliards de dollars US chaque année, puisqu'ils servent à la protection des lignes côtières et qu'ils fournissent de la nourriture, des emplois reliés au tourisme, et même des médicaments.

Malheureusement, l'humain représente la plus grave menace pour les récifs. La surpêche, les méthodes de pêche destructrices, la pollution, le réchauffement, les changements de la chimie de la mer et les espèces envahissantes ont de lourdes répercussions. Dans certains endroits, les récifs ont été complètement détruits et dans plusieurs autres, ils ne sont aujourd'hui que le pâle reflet de ce qu'ils ont déjà été.



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La FoProBiM

Constituée en 1992, FoProBiM est un organisme apolitique, non gouvernemental et sans but lucratif qui est établi à Port-au-Prince, Haïti, et qui a été officiellement reconnu par le gouvernement haïtien en 1995 en tant que fondation œuvrant pour l'environnement d'Haïti dans les domaines du développement durable, de l'éducation, de la recherche, de la surveillance et de la sensibilisation.

FoProBiM est l'un des plus vieux organismes environnementaux haïtiens. Sa mission : i) sensibiliser la population et les divers intervenants au besoin de changer les lois et les attitudes concernant l'environnement; ii) accroître les connaissances et les compétences aux niveaux gouvernemental, communautaire et individuel afin d'apporter des améliorations durables à l'environnement et à la vie des gens; et; iii) mettre en œuvre des programmes éducatifs ainsi que des recherches scientifiques, incluant de la surveillance environnementale, afin de promouvoir une meilleure gestion de l'environnement et la protection de la biodiversité par une meilleure compréhension de la nécessité d'utiliser les ressources environnementales de façon durable.

Depuis maintenant 28 ans qu'elle existe, la FoProBiM se consacre à la protection et à la gestion des écosystèmes côtiers et marins du pays ainsi que des bassins versants avoisinants. Dans ses efforts continus pour surveiller et protéger l'environnement et la biodiversité, FoProBiM œuvre de concert avec les populations qui habitent la région côtière, incluant les regroupements de femmes, de jeunes, de fermiers et de pêcheurs, ainsi que tous ceux et celles qui utilisent les ressources environnementales dans un vaste éventail de secteurs tels que le tourisme, la production de combustible, le transport, la commercialisation, la transformation, etc.