



THE
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ENVIRONMENT GROUP

OCEAN LIFE SYMPOSIUM II: OCEAN LIFE ON THE BRINK

**The Eastern Caribbean Coalition for Environmental Awareness
The Pew Environment Group
The Kido Foundation
The Grenada Fund for Conservation**

**Grenada Grand Beach Resort
GRAND ANSE, GRENADA**

19th – 21st MAY 2010



Photo credits: Top, Lesley Sully, St. Vincent and the Grenadine; Bottom, Humpback Tail, Cetamada

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this meeting, being held in celebration of the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity, are to promote:

- ✚ the appropriate management and preservation of ocean life, including marine mammals, in the Wider Caribbean and in international fora
- ✚ the creation of Marine Protected Areas and Sanctuaries, with a focus on the Wider Caribbean
- ✚ the implementation of the UNEP SPAW Protocol and its Marine Mammal Action Plan (MMAP); and
- ✚ the strengthening of management regimes for conservation

Through:

- ✚ information sharing, education and public awareness of the problems confronting ocean life systems, particularly cetaceans
- ✚ negotiations at different levels with policy makers
- ✚ the written press, living images, documentaries, television
- ✚ maintenance of a dedicated network of scientists, technical experts, and other civil society partners

18th May Tuesday

Arrival of Participants and Registration

Dinner at the Grenada Beach Resort Hotel

19th May Wednesday Morning

08.00 Registration

Opening Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies

**LESLIE PIERRE, PUBLISHER/EDITOR OF THE GRENADIAN VOICE
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ECCEA, GRENADA**

09.00 Prayer and National Anthem

Tyrone Buckmire Kido Foundation & Grenada Fund for Conservation

09.10 Opening statements from hosts and the region:

Gerry Leape, Senior Officer, International Marine Conservation Program, The Pew Environment Group

09.20 **Mona George-Dill**, President of the ECCEA, Commonwealth of Dominica

09.30 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: The Pacific-Caribbean**

[A message delivered from Her Highness Princess Pilolevu, Royal Patron of Whales, Tonga, the Pacific islanders traditional leaders Rawiri Paratene and Foua Toloa of Tokelau to the people of the Caribbean and a message to the Princess and the traditional leaders from the people of the Caribbean](#)

09.45 **Sir Shridath Ramphal**, Former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, former President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), member of the World Commission on Environment and Development, Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and Chairman of the West Indian Commission

10.10 Address and Opening of the Meeting by

The Hon. Tillman Joseph Thomas, Prime Minister of Grenada



10.30 *Pause*

SESSION 1. CHAIR – PAUL LEWIS, St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG)

BRINGING OCEANS BACK FROM THE BRINK - MANAGEMENT SUCCESSES AND FAILURES

10.45 **John Fuller**, Attorney-at-Law, former IWC Commissioner,
Antigua and Barbuda
A Regional Perspective

11.15 **Hélène Souan**, Director, SPAW/CAR UNEP Caribbean
*The status of the SPAW Protocol as a management tool in
the East Caribbean*

11.50 **Denis Etienne**, Chargé de Mission, the “Agoa” Marine Mammal Sanctuary Agence des
Aires Marines Protégés (AAMP) Martinique
*The AGOA marine mammal sanctuary: linking marine spaces for the
conservation of marine mammals and ocean biodiversity*

12.15 DISCUSSIONS

13.00 *Lunch*

19th May Wednesday Afternoon

SESSION 2. CHAIR – PAUL LEWIS, SVG

THE STATUS OF RESIDENT AND MIGRATORY MARINE SPECIES IN THE EAST CARIBBEAN

A: THE VALUE OF ECOSYSTEMS: OCEAN LIFE AND MARINE MAMMALS

14.15 **Lyne Morissette**, Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski (UQAR-ISMER),
Quebec, Canada
*Presentation of ecosystem studies regarding whale/fisheries interactions in the Caribbean
and Eastern Caribbean-Canadian humpback whale project*

14.45 **Oswaldo Vasquez**, Aesoria y Tecnologia Marina (ATEMAR),
Honorary Advisor to Minister of the Environment and Natural
Resources, Dominican Republic
*Report on the 2010 field survey of humpback whales off Guadeloupe and links between
populations*

15.15 **Sir Ronald Sanders KCMG, KCN**. International business consultant, writer and former
Caribbean diplomat, Barbados
The Value of whale watching to the East Caribbean

15.40 DISCUSSIONS

16.00 *Pause*

CHAIR – BIRIMA FALL, WWF SENEGAL

B: FISHERS’ PERCEPTIONS – SOCIO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF FISHING PRACTICES, FISH STOCKS AND THE IMPACTS OF OVERFISHING IN THE EAST CARIBBEAN

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA:

- 16.10 **Mona George Dill**, President ECCEA Dominica
Terry Raymond, Chairman, Non State Actors Panel of Dominica
Dominican perspective

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES:

- 16.30 **Paul Lewis**, Secretary, Regional Heritage Association ; member, Friends of the Tobago Cays
Analysis of the views of the fishers on mainland St. Vincent and the Grenadine islands of Bequia, Canouan, Mayreau and Union Island

GRENADA:

- 17.10 **Tyrone Buckmire**, Director, Grenada Fund for Conservation, Grenada
Analysis of the views of the fishers of the Tri-Island State of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique

17.40 DISCUSSIONS

19.30 *Dinner*

20th May Thursday Morning

SESSION 3. CHAIR - LESLEY SUTTY, CEO ECCEA

- 08.45 **Presentation of Scenes from the Newly Released Film “Oceans”, provided as a Special Contribution to the Symposium by the film Directors Jacques Perrin & Jacques Cluzaud.**

WHALES, FISH AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 09.00 **Leslie Busby**, Project Manager, Whales Conservation Project
The Pew Environment Group
General overview of the current status of discussions in the International Whaling Commission (IWC)
- 09.15 **François-Xavier Mayer**, Administrator, Association pour la Protection des Mammifères Marins Autour de Madagascar
A description of management schemes and current pressures on the Indian Ocean Sanctuary

- 09.45 **Dr. Mamadou Diallo**, Director WWF West Africa Marine Environment Program (WAMER) Senegal
Whaling and Whale Related Policies in the West African Region
- 10.15 **Gerry Leape**, Senior Officer, International Marine Conservation Program, The Pew Environment Group
UN fisheries management system, Regional Fisheries Management Organizations, and CITES
- 10.45 *Pause*
- 11.00 **Marlon Mills**, Friends of the Tobago Cays
Paul Lewis, Secretary, Regional Heritage Association; member, Friends of the Tobago Cays
Whaling and ocean life conservation policies in St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 11.40 **Mona George Dill**, President ECCEA Dominica
Terry Raymond, Chairman, Non State Actors Panel of Dominica
Fitzroy Armour, Ross University
Dominica's Ocean Life Conservation Policy
12. 20 **Martha Watkins Gilkes**, President Antigua and Barbuda Independent Tourism Promotion Corp (ABITPC)
Importation of marine mammals for commercial purposes in Antigua and Barbuda; efforts of ABITPC to educate the public in marine mammal and ocean life conservation
- 13.00 DISCUSSIONS
- 13.30 *Lunch*

SESSION 4. CHAIR LESLIE BUSBY/ NATALIE WEGENER

STRATEGY AND WAYS FORWARD

14.30 - 15.30

DISCUSSIONS, PROPOSALS

DRAFTING GROUP (to meet at hotel during excursion)

16.00 Excursion: Whale & Dolphin watching and sunset cruise
20.00 Return to hotel

21.00 **FILM "THE LAST WHALE" Youngheart Productions, Australia**

21st May –Friday Morning

SESSION 5. CHAIR – MONA GEORGE DILL, ECCEA

MOVING FORWARD: EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 09.00 **Jaime Bolanos-Jiménez**, Sea Vida & Fundacite Aragua, Regional branch of the Ministry of Science and Technology
Armando Jose Diaz, Fishermen´s Council San Francisco, Bahia de Cata, and Social Network for Innovative Production Ocumare Costa Caribe, State of Aragua, Venezuela
The role of NGO's and civil society in Latin America with regard to the preservation of marine mammals and marine ecosystems
- 09.30 **Fitzroy Armour**, Ross University, Dominica
The value of, and threats to, ocean life and marine mammals. Innovative conservation and education projects for communities and schools and a fisher's whale watching cooperative
- 10.00 **Marina Fastigi and Tyrone Buckmire**, Directors, Kido Foundation, Carriacou, Grenada
Educating and communicating with the public and students in Grenada and Carriacou
- 10.30 *Pause*

SESSION 5 cont. CHAIR – PAUL LEWIS, SVG

GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: INTERACTING WITH THE MEDIA

- 10.45 **Michel Khelifa**, France Television, Ocean Investigations
Terry Raymond, Chairman, Non State Actors Panel of Dominica
Karl Philips, ECCEA Web Master
Interactive session – on creating Public Service Announcements (PSA's) and using the Internet to reach out to a global audience for the purpose of conserving ocean life and biodiversity
- 11.30 **Birima Fall**, Director of Communications, WWF West Africa
Communicating the marine conservation message in West Africa
- 12.10 **Dr Sylvia Earle's Message for the Oceans**
- 12.30 DISCUSSIONS
- 13.00 *Lunch*

CONFRONTING ISSUES - GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: INTERACTING WITH THE MEDIA – ROUND TABLE

14.30 **Leslie Pierre**, Editor the Grenadian Voice, Grenada
The Impact of the written press

Sir Ronald Sanders KCMG, KCN International business consultant, writer and former Caribbean diplomat, Barbados
Actions and strategies

15.30 *Pause*

CLOSING SESSION

16.00 – 18.00 OUTLOOK AND ACTION PLAN

19.30 *Farewell Dinner*