

REPORT TO CBD ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN GRENADA DURING JANUARY – DECEMBER 2012

1. International Day for Biological Diversity (May 22nd, 2012) and World Environment Day (June 5th, 2012)

The two events were celebrated jointly from the 21st May – 9th June, 2012. Activities included:

- Radio quiz on one of the Radio stations on the island from the 21st May – 1st June 2012. The prizes for the radio quiz were sponsored by the Private sector and the Ministry of Environment, Foreign Trade & Export Development.
- A series of television interviews were held from the 21st May – 9th June 2012 on the Government of Grenada Information Service (GIS) television and the topics discussed were as follows:
 - Water Resource Management, the sustainable use of Water
 - Wildlife and birds
 - Marine Protected Areas
 - Multilateral Environment Agreements and National Legislation
 - Importance of Coastal Vegetation
 - Turtle Nesting/Probe
 - “Greening of Carriacou”
 - “Plant a Spice” (Biodiversity of Grenada)
 - Importance of Coastal Zone Management
- Community groups on the eastern, western and central parts of the Island were mobilized and engaged in coastal cleanup activities, stabilization of coastlines and the planting of trees where erosion was evident.





- The 11th Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival (CEBF) was celebrated by the Grenada Fund for Conservation, Forestry and National Parks and Education Conservation Outreach to coincide with International Day for Biological Diversity and World Environment Day.
- A Presentation was made to the Sustainable Development Council (SDC) of Grenada to sensitize stakeholders on the themes for International Day for Biological Diversity and World environment Day and how they are being implemented in the context of Grenada.
- A National event took place on the 9th June 2012 and it was a coastal walk along the eastern coast of Grenada from Pearls to Bathway. There were approximately 70 participants including the Honourable Tillman Thomas, Prime Minister of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.



Hon. Tillman Thomas, Prime Minister of Grenada



Eastern Coast of Grenada



2. International Coastal Cleanup Day (15th September 2012)

International Coastal cleanup Day was celebrated on the 15th September 2012. Garbage including tyres, plastic bottles, appliance (small and large) was removed and data collected on the type and quantity of debris from the Chemin River that separates the parishes St. David and St. George in the Westerhall / Calivigny area before being disposed of. The activity brought together Staff from the Ministry of Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development, Students from St. George's University, Education and Conservation Outreach group (ECO), corporate organizations (Rubis), members of the community, St. David's South Disaster Management Group and the Community Relations Department of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF).

Petrol Dealer, Rubis West Indies was one of the corporate citizens that came out and contributed to the cleaning of the Chemin River for International Coastal Cleanup Day. Country Manager, Charles Archer said his company is encouraged to participate in activities like these, since it aids in protecting communities for the future. "Without a clean environment we really don't have anything", he said.

Another participant said the cleanup was enlightening especially when you see your effort makes a difference, referring to actually seeing the river flowing given that it was stagnant earlier in the day when the cleanup started. "Everyone should be encouraged to participate and assist in environmentally friendly projects", said the participant.





