



STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

Pitons Management Area

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the submission of the 2015 State of Conservation (SOC) Report for the Pitons Management Area (PMA), the State Party (SP) has been working assiduously towards ensuring that its proposals are implemented. This report provides an update on all that has been achieved during the period under review and is presented in the form of actions undertaken:

1. Assessment of the impact of the 2014-2015 Invasive Alien [plant] Species eradication.
2. The establishment of a PMA Website with access to an interactive map of the PMA that will greatly enhance the public education and awareness process.
3. Collaboration with the Renewable Energy Division (REDiv) of the Department of Sustainable Development and the Physical Planning Department to facilitate the drafting and enacting LAC Regulations for the PMA under the Physical Development and Development Act CAP 5.12.
4. Monitoring of the Freedom Bay (FB) Development Project within Policy Area 4 of the PMA to ensure that the development is implemented in compliance with the LAC Study (2013).
5. Monitoring the PMA Outstanding Landscape Views as a routine activity of the PMA Office.
6. Securing financing for the review of the PMA Management Plan 2003.

Dialogue with the REDiv on the Saint Lucia Geothermal Development Project to ensure that there is no impact on the world heritage site, while Saint Lucia seeks to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels by meeting its renewable energy target.

Finally, the report addresses the need for public engagement and for more tangible benefits to be derived from world heritage status; given the fact that the PMA is a living landscape. One avenue for achieving these benefits is the development of sustainable livelihood activities which will ultimately produce increased benefits to the local population.