

World Heritage Convention

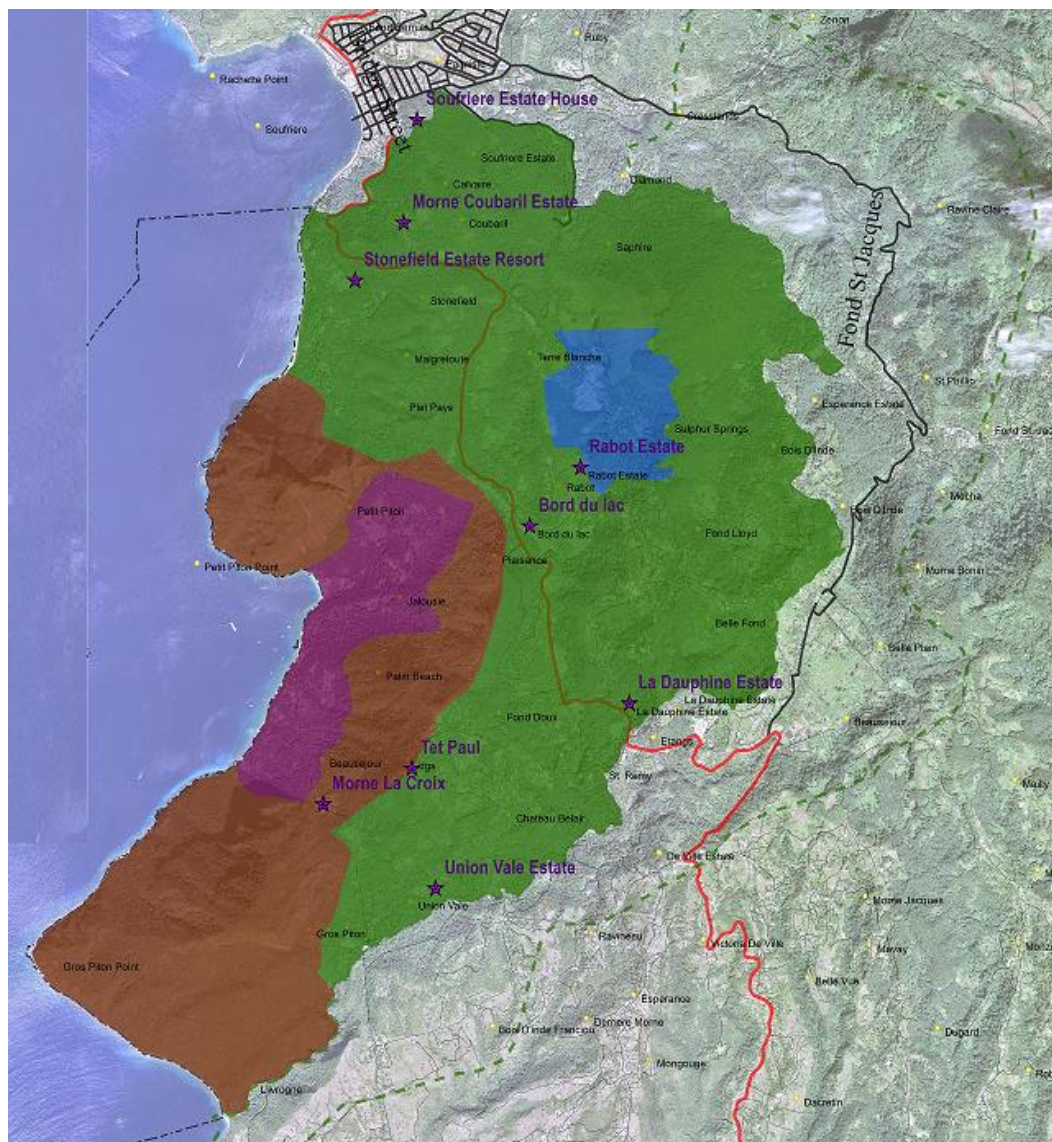
SUBMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS BY THE STATES PARTIES

[In compliance with Paragraph 169 of the *Operational Guidelines* (Annex 13)]

Pitons Management Area (Saint Lucia) (1161)

Date of Inscription: 2004

Criteria: (vii)(viii)



1. Executive Summary

The State Party's (SP) implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's (WHC) response to the 2017 State of Conservation (SOC) Report for the PMA, **decision 7B 42 COM 7B.88** presented in *Annex 1* is being undertaken within significant time and resource constraints. Efforts to address **corrective measures** continue; and while they must be upscaled, the report underscores the need for them to be contextualized within SP resource deficits.

In responding to 42 COM 7B.88, the SP notes challenges with **development pressures** as private property owners continued to test the effectiveness of the LAC Study (2013) recommendations. The financial support promised under the Saint Lucia Geothermal Resource Development Project (GRDP) for transforming these recommendations into legally binding regulations for protecting have not been finalized. However, while recent reports from the Landscape Monitoring Technique (LMT) recommended in the LAC Study (2013) support our analysis that changes to the PMA landscape have still not adversely impacted the site's Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), the need for strengthening these regulatory protocols remains a priority. Progress in addressing other corrective measures was achieved through collaboration with other agencies.

Through national, regional and **bilateral cooperation projects** such as BIOPAMA, GEF-IWECO, the Caribbean Aqua-Terrestrial Solutions (CATS); the Saint Lucia GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), the PMA Office and other government and non-government agencies are implementing activities that address a range of issues related to improved site and ecosystems management. Chief among these are projects that address impacts on the marine space from land-based sources (LBS) of marine pollution; and those that seek to increase benefits to residents within the wider PMA region.

Finally, significant progress was made in the area of **other conservation measures**, through **partnerships** with local, national, regional and international actors. **SDG 17** promotes effective partnerships; and this was the framework within which the site's public awareness, community engagement and capacity building activities were undertaken.