

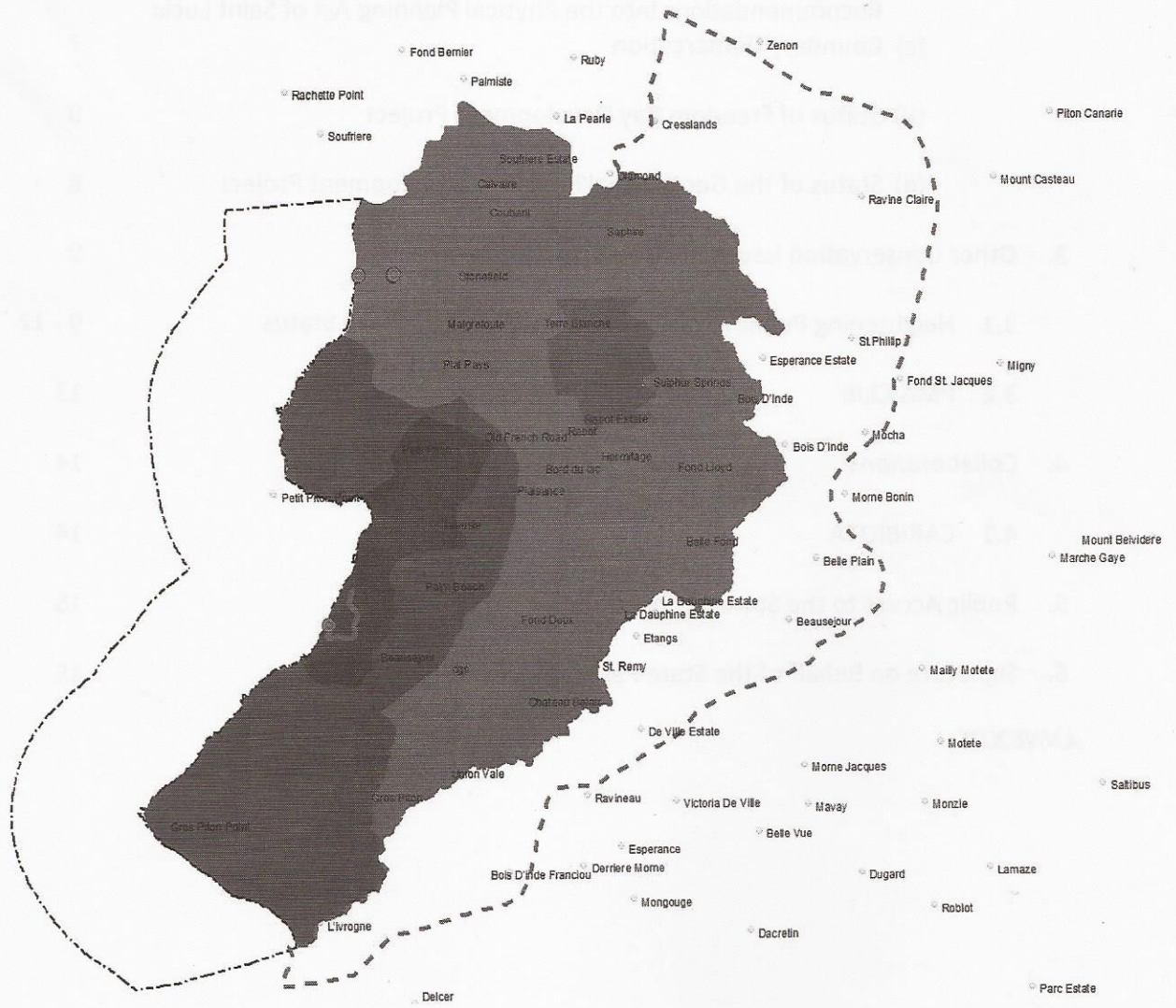


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PITONS MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Executive Summary

Since the submission of the 2019 State of Conservation (SOC) Report for the Pitons Management Area (PMA), the State Party (SP) has been working tirelessly towards ensuring that its proposals are implemented despite the setbacks of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the turnover of three managers within the past four years. This report provides an update on all the objectives that has been achieved during the period under review and are presented in the form of actions implemented:

- Collaboration with stakeholders to ensure that projects being considered for implementation are fully compliant with the provision of the LAC study.
- Periodic Viewpoint Monitoring as recommended by the LAC Study (2013)
- Public Awareness activities undertaken during the period.
- Periodic updates on the PMA website to create public awareness and enhance public education.
- Invasive Alien (plant) Species Eradication project.
- Collaboration with the Renewable Energy Division (REDiv) of the Department of Sustainable Development on the St. Lucia Geothermal Development Project to ensure that there no impact on the World Heritage Site, while Saint Lucia seeks to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels by meeting its renewable energy target and improving the livelihood of Saint Lucians.
- Collaboration with the Department of Infrastructure, Ports and Transport (DIPT) of Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports, Transportation, Physical Development and Urban Renewal through the Renewable Energy Sector Development Project (RESDP) to establish the demarcation of the Pitons Management Area.

In responding to 44 COM 7B.116, the State Party notes challenges with **development pressures** as private property owners continued to test the effectiveness of the LAC Study (2013) recommendations.

The State Party is excited to report that financial support has been sourced under the Saint Lucia Renewable Energy Sector Development Project (RESDP) for transforming these recommendations into legally binding regulations under the Physical Planning Act for Saint Lucia.

Finally, the report addresses the need for public engagement and for more awareness of the tangible benefits derived from the resources to the local population since the PMA is a living landscape. These tangible benefits will ultimately create a greater appreciation for the PMA and the need to protect and conserve it.