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Pitons Management Area (Saint Lucia) (1661)

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2024 STATE OF CONSERVATION (SOC) REPORT

Piton Management Area (Saint Lucia) (N1161)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the submission of the 2023 State of Conservation (SOC) Report for the Pitons Management Area, the State Party (SP) has worked assiduously to ensure that all the recommendations of the WHC/23/45, COM are implemented. This report provides an update on all the objectives that have been achieved during the period under review and are presented in the form of actions implemented as follows:

- Enacting LAC Regulations into law in collaboration with the Department of Physical Planning under the Physical Development and Development Act CAP 5.12.
- Monitoring developments at Sugar Beach Resorts in the Val de Pitons Bay within Policy Area 4 of the PMA to ensure that the development is implemented in compliance with the LAC Study (2013).

Collaboration with stakeholders to ensure that projects being considered for implementation are fully compliant with the provision of the LAC study.

- Revision of the PMA Management Plan 2003 in collaboration with Pitons Management Area Advisory Committee (PMAAC).
- Providing an Environment & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report in collaboration with RESDP to ensure that there is little or no impact on the world heritage site, while Saint Lucia seeks to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels.
- Completion of the demarcation of the boundaries of the PMA in collaboration with the Renewable Energy Sector Development Project (RESDP)
- Defining the types of activities permitted in the Green Buffer zone of the PMA.
- Monitoring the PMA Outstanding Landscape Views as a routine activity of the PMA Office. To maintain compliance with the LAC Guidelines.
- The establishment of a PMA interactive KIOSK with access to information about the PMA as well as periodic updates on our social media platforms like our website, FB page and Instagram that will greatly enhance the public education and awareness process.

Finally, the report addresses the need for continuous public engagement and for more awareness of the 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. These tangible benefits will ultimately create a greater appreciation for the PMA and the need to protect and conserve it.