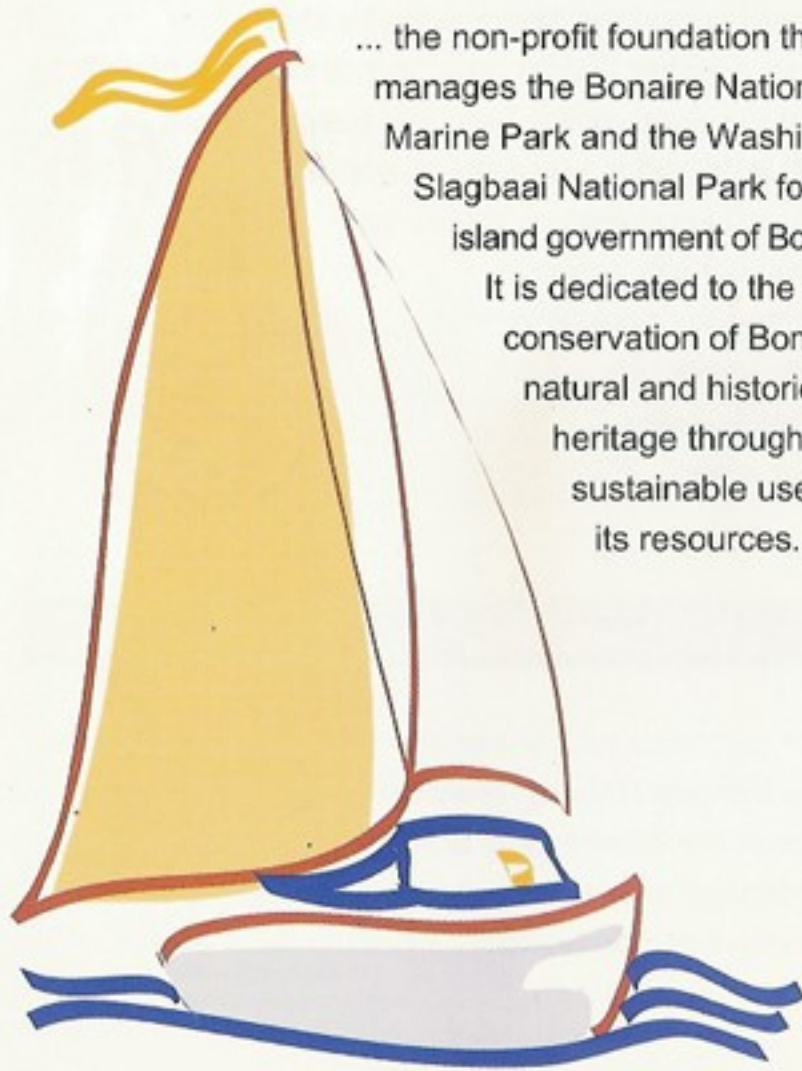


STINAPA Bonaire is...



... the non-profit foundation that manages the Bonaire National Marine Park and the Washington Slagbaai National Park for the island government of Bonaire. It is dedicated to the conservation of Bonaire's natural and historical heritage through the sustainable use of its resources.

• Bonaire National Marine Park

The marine park extends from the high water mark to the 60m. (200ft.) depth contour, encompassing the entire coast of Bonaire including Klein Bonaire and Lac. This is an area of about 2,700 hectares and includes the coral reef, sea grass, and mangroves. As an International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN) demonstration site, it is a model of its kind in the Caribbean, protecting and caring for the marine environment while maximizing safe levels for recreation and commercial use. It maintains more than 100 public moorings, conducts scientific research, provides information to users, monitors human and natural impact and enforces the park's laws and regulations.

• Washington Slagbaai National Park

The terrestrial park is a 5,643 hectares nature sanctuary located in the northwest part of the island. It is a safe habitat for the terrestrial endemic and endangered species of

Bonaire. Parrots, flamingos, parakeets, iguanas and many other species of birds and reptiles can be found in this reserve. The beaches inside the park are an important nesting ground for all four species of sea turtles found in the Caribbean. Originally inhabited by native South Americans, and comprised of two of the largest plantations on the island during colonial period, the park is rich in historical and cultural heritage. The Visitor Center at the park's entrance, with its museum and hiking trails, offers an enjoyable learning experience.

• Nature and Environment Education

Bonaire's economy is highly dependent on the sustainable use of its natural resources. Information and education for the local population is essential in order to gain support for conservation policies and practices. STINAPA has developed both education and information programs for this reason. Aimed at reaching all levels of the community, these programs share the purposes of: increasing awareness and involvement; creating a positive attitude towards environmental protection; and informing the people of Bonaire about the role they play in protecting their environment. Each year more than 1.500 school children participate in our education programs. Over the last twelve years the "Turtuganan di Boneiru", a youth snorkel program, has provided over 1,800 children the opportunity to experience the beauty of Bonaire's ocean waters, and to understand the importance of the conservation of our Marine Park. We inform and educate the visitors of the Parks in order to increase awareness and motivate them to respect our rules & regulations. This is done through various leaflets, brochures, posters, banners, signs and our website.

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Nature Fee



The fee - "It's a drop in the sea . . ."

The Admission

The sea around Bonaire and Klein Bonaire is protected and managed by STINAPA Bonaire through the Bonaire National Marine Park. The Marine Park is from the high water mark to the depth of 60 meters (200ft).

Users of the Marine Park have to pay an entrance fee called 'the Nature Fee'.*



By paying the Nature Fee you provide the funds to manage the parks and guarantee our lasting success in nature protection and conservation.

Your payment of \$25 as a SCUBA diver or \$10 as a non SCUBA diver covers admission for one calendar year to the Bonaire National Marine Park as well as to the Washington Slagbaai National Park. SCUBA divers display the traditional round tag while non SCUBA divers will receive a diamond shaped tag. As a Nature Fee holder you may enter the Washington Slagbaai National Park free of charge by showing the written receipt of purchase of your tag and a picture ID. (This can be your C-card, driver's license, etc.) A one day pass is also available; for SCUBA diving the one day pass costs \$10 and for non SCUBA divers the one day pass costs \$2. Non SCUBA divers younger than 12 years and residents of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba are exempt.

Please note that the Nature Fee cannot be transferred.

* Payment of the entrance fee to the Bonaire National Marine Park is required by law: Marine Ordinance A.B.1991 no. 8 article 2A, A.B. 2005 no. 10 article 2 - 1 & 2.

Why support the parks

The only dependable source of funding for the parks is admission fees paid by you. The admission fees are used for management of the parks.

Your investment will help sustain our National parks for years to come. The parks' future depends not only on your contribution, but also on your cooperation in following the guidelines of STINAPA as set forth in its regulations.

What we do

- Manage the Bonaire National Marine Park and the Washington Slagbaai National Park
- Implement nature and environment education in schools
- Develop and disseminate information and educational material for islanders and visitors
- Research and monitor the marine environment, including shipping practices, pleasure boat activities, impact of users, and natural occurrences
- Enforce the parks laws and regulations
- Consult and advise businesses and government concerning environmental impact of proposed developments
- Work closely with the water sports operators, providing education and information
- Support international initiatives such as International Clean Up Day, Earth Day, Reef Check and other monitoring programs



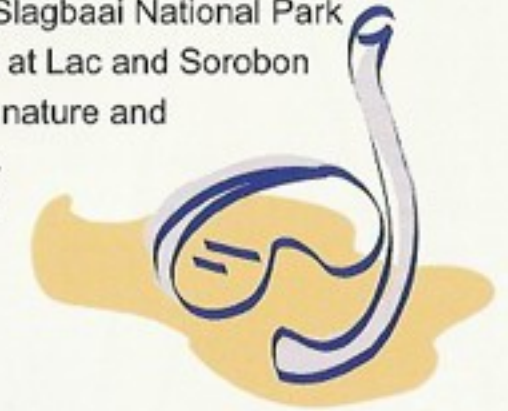
Some achievements

The National Parks Foundation has:

- Prevented reef damage from anchors by designing and implementing a comprehensive permanent mooring system
- Effectively eliminated spear fishing and other destructive fishing practices
- Worked closely with the Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire

or providing education and information regarding sea turtles and their protection

- Professionalized the National Parks staff
- Opened a Visitor Center including three miles of walking trails at the Washington Slagbaai National Park
- Placed information signs at Lac and Sorobon
- Introduced education on nature and environment into schools
- Eliminated the collecting of coral, shells and other marine life - dead or alive



Where to get your tag

You can purchase your tag at any water sports operation, from the Bonaire National Marine Park rangers, at the entrance of the Washington Slagbaai National Park, the activity desk of your hotel or accommodation or at our headquarters at Barcadera.

The success of STINAPA, the National Parks Foundation, demonstrates what people can accomplish by working together to preserve our most vital resources - our land and sea



Purchase your tag and wear it proudly!!