



STINAPA INFORMATION

FROM OXYGEN TO INCOME

Anybody who understands papiamentu has listened to his radio programs; Carmo Cecilia, probably better known as Bubui (pronounced Boo-buoy), is a dad, husband and grandfather. Since he opened his own radio station in 1995 many have forgotten that he used to be a grade school teacher and a government official. His hobbies are soccer, reading and walking. Bubui is proud of Bonaire, according to him, for what we have here that you will not find anywhere else. He sees it in its totality. For instance, the mondi (country side) may be dry and arid, but it has its own specific beauty. Our island's nature is something we have to cherish. We have to make the best use of it. One of the ways to do that is by walking in our nature. Not only is it good for your physical health, but also for your mental health. Although he is not much of a water person, he believes the ocean is beautiful to watch, and can understand the fascination other people like our visitors have for it. Bubui is convinced of the usefulness of the "NOS TA BIBA DI NATURALESA" campaign (nature is our livelihood), as it is true in all senses. To start with there is the air we breathe. Then, nature is attractive both to us and tourists, creating jobs and income. In his case, when businesses do well due to tourism, they will advertise more, which is favorable for his own business. But Bubui is also of the opinion that we should not protect against all odds. We have entered the 21st century and Bonaire can't stay behind. Otherwise we'll get stuck in the past. We have to find the right balance. He asks of every individual on Bonaire to please cherish what we have. *Written by Natalie Wanga, translated by Marcel Nahr.*

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