



STINAPA INFORMATION

40 YEARS WITHOUT SEEING THE OCEAN

Elsa Molina-Bernabela is a very active lady who likes to keep herself attractive and in shape. That's why she has kept busy has working for 16 years at a perfume-shop in Playa. Furthermore she loves to spoil her 4 kids and 5 grand-children. What Elsa loves about Bonaire's nature is that you can go out and meet it right away! On other nearby islands you have to drive for quite a bit before you are out in nature. An example she mentions is her own garden which is situated almost in the middle of Playa. You will find all kinds of birds like the buladuifi, trupial pretu, chuchubi, the trupial and the patrushi that build their nests on her balcony. Seru Largu is one of her favorite spots because you can observe almost all of Bonaire's beauty at once, especially after a good rain shower. You have a good view of the sea from there. Gotomeer is also another good spot to be. The road goes down and there are little benches where you can sit and admire the beautiful countryside. Another fascinating place is the southern area near the salt pans where the colors change so beautifully. And nobody should miss the Tourist Road going north along the sea with the caves and boulders along the side side. Our nature definitely attracts a lot of tourism. Many visitors tell her at work how they have to travel for hours to get here, but it is always worth it. A 40-year old tourist once told her that it was the first time that he saw the sea so up-close. At his hometown he has to travel for hours to get to the sea. He stood at the water's edge on the Malekon for hours as if he never wanted to leave Elsa wants all of us to really care well for nature. She does not like to cut down any trees or branches, not even when she is cleaning her yard. Trees don't only provide shade and cool air, but are also good for our health (to make medicine and for fresh oxygen) we should not only take good care of nature and the environment for the tourists, but also for ourselves.

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