



# Ten Year Timeline

## BEFORE

- 1999 first National Parks in the Dutch Caribbean created
- 2000 Nature Foundaton and STENAPA threatened with closure
- 2002 Nature Forum recommended creation of "trust fund"
- MINA working group developed "Budget and Financial Planning for the nature areas of the Netherlands Antilles"
- 2003 "Trust Fund Study" commissioned
- 2003 closure of Statia Parks brought park representatives to the table and led to the creation of DCNA

## 2005

- Dutch Postcode Lottery provided Special Project funding
- DCNA registered on St. Maarten
- DCNA's first Board meeting
- "Sustainable funding for the nature parks of the Netherlands Antilles" published recommending creation of conservation Trust Fund
- Regional turtle outreach and education programme (FIRST)
- Staff exchange (FIRST)
- Management Success project started (FIRST)

## 2006

- Dutch Ministry of the Interior approved ten year subsidy and the creation of a conservation trust fund
- Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands became head of the Council of Patrons
- DCNA Trust Fund established
- Management Plan completed for Bonaire National Marine Park (FIRST)

## 2007

- Funding from Prince Bernhard Nature Fund for Nature Guide series
- Parks produced first standardized Annual Reports and Financial Statements
- Legislation Handbook developed for St. Eustatius (FIRST)

## 2008

- Queen's General Secretary attended Board meeting
- Dutch Partner Group formed (including IUCN NL, WNF, VBN, IVN, NM, De12L)
- Vogelbescherming Nederland raised funds for bird conservation work in the Dutch Caribbean
- Bird monitoring workshops held on St. Eustatius and Aruba (FIRST)

## 2009

- DCNA became newest Beneficiary of the Dutch Postcode Lottery
- Statia Marine Park Guide published (FIRST)
- Management plans written for St. Maarten and Quill-Boven National Park
- STINAPA Junior Ranger pilot programme started on Bonaire (FIRST)
- Mooring installation course on Saba (FIRST)
- BirdLife recognised 23 Important Bird Areas in the Dutch Caribbean

## 2010

- Nature Foundation provided Marine Park manager
- Dutch Postcode Lottery funded Special Project: "We are the World"
- Conch restoration project kick-started in Lac, Bonaire
- Documentary film series "Tropisch Koninkrijk" broadcast on Dutch national television
- Nature Education and GIS initiatives started (FIRST)
- Lionfish found on all six islands

## 2011

- Royal opening of the Parke Nacional Arikok visitor centre
- Man of War Shoal Marine Park established on St. Maarten
- WNF Ambassadors visit Bonaire
- Data development and GIS project launched

## 2012

- Dutch Government recognised 5 National Parks in the Dutch Caribbean
- SHAPE photographers completed 5 year photo shoot of Dutch Caribbean
- SPAW recognised 3 parks: Bonaire National Marine Park, Quill-Boven National Park, Saba Bank National Marine Park
- St. Maarten shark tagging project (FIRST)
- Great Migration game launched on Bonaire

## 2013

- Nature Policy Plan for Caribbean Netherlands completed with Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Bird Guide to the Washington Slagbaai National Park published (FIRST)
- Pocket Guidebook to the Birds of Saba (FIRST)
- Royal opening of the CARMABI Marine Research station

## 2014

- SPAW recognised 3 parks: Saba National Marine Park, Statia National Marine Park, Man of War Shoals Marine Park
- Online donation system and first crowd source funding event (FIRST)
- BirdsCaribbean Wetland Birds workshop (FIRST)
- Luigi Eybrecht awarded "Hope and Inspiration" award

## 2015

- "Save our Sharks" project funded by Dutch Postcode Lottery
- MoU signed with BirdLife International
- Reptile Book published
- Yarari Marine Mammal and Shark Sanctuary established




**NICO VISSER**  
DCNA PATRON

"The creation of DCNA is a dream come true for the Dutch Caribbean. It enables nature management NGOs to work together to project and manage the unique richness of biodiversity on the islands."



**QUEEN BEATRIX**  
OF THE NETHERLANDS

"The efforts and dedication of everyone involved in DCNA - both professionals and the many enthusiastic volunteers - deserve the respect and support of us all."



**ELSMARIE BEUKENBOOM**  
STINAPA BONAIRE

"I think we have a great foundation. We have something unique. Not just for the Caribbean, I think for the world."




**LEENDERT VAN DRIEL**  
DCNA BOARD CHAIR

"We all need to contribute our skills to build a balance between human activity and conserving the beauty of nature and DCNA seems to be doing exactly that."



**JUDITH LINGEMAN**  
DUTCH POSTCODE LOTTERY

"The collaboration between all of you is a really great example for the world of nature conservation."



**INDRA ZAANDAM**  
PARKE NACIONAL ARIKOK

"Nature teaches us so much about life and can lead to happier healthier people. The challenge is to get our younger community excited about nature education as they become our future leaders."



**PAUL HOETJES**  
MINISTRY ECONOMICS/RCN

"The most special thing about DCNA is that it is a peer network. It brings together people from the different islands that have the same experiences, the same issues and problems, to discuss solutions. That is unique in the Dutch Caribbean."



**ANNEMIE BURGER**  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

"It is my belief that economy and ecology are two sides of the same coin. A sustainable economy is impossible if we don't preserve our ecosystems."



**TADZIO BERVOETS**  
PARK MANAGER,  
ST. MAARTEN/DCNA  
VICE CHAIR

"By sharing resources, skills and experience, engaging park staff in joint projects, through lobbying and fundraising, DCNA works to make sure that resources never again get in the way of our staff doing their job."



**JULIA MARISOL MARTINUS**  
JUNIOR RANGER

"DCNA is an organisation in the Dutch Caribbean that really cares about nature and they do everything they can to help us. We couldn't ask for anything better!"



**SHARON DIJKEMA**  
STATE SECRETARY

"This (Yarari) special reserve will ensure the conservation of the animals in the waters surrounding Saba and Bonaire. Sharks are not only important for tourism but also for fishery. When there are more sharks, there are also more fish - contrary to what one would expect."

