MANGROVES AND AGRICULTURE
Lessons Direct From Our Partners Across The Region

JAMAICA

C-CARM (MANGROVE RESTORATION)

Lessons Learnt:
It is important to have an assessment of the site at the time of project preparation and immediately before implementation to ensure that changes to the site are made quickly before they become too costly. Also it is important to ensure that the resources, human and financial, are sufficient to properly implement the project. Use the volunteer on the project to help identify and encourage other persons in their community who could participate. Having become aware of the time sensitive nature of the restoration stage and mangroves are lost, it is best to avoid much more resources to site stabilization or site preparation in that is crucial to the most expensive activity, and is crucial to the potential for long term maintenance of the site. Consideration could be given to the preparation of our own planting material locally as seedlings transported from a nursery environment have difficulty acclimatizing to conditions of the restoration site.

Beneficiaries:
Portait Bight Protected Area Communities in Southern St. Andrew and Southern St. Catherine.

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Disadvantages:

At least 100 community representatives (including Fisher folks) and agency representatives participated in monitoring and implementing impacts, and how maintaining healthy wetlands can provide effective protection from flooding. A total of 300 community members, students, fisher folks and agency representatives participated in a mangrove awareness campaign focusing on the importance of mangroves to flood protection. The Portait Bight Protected Area (PBPA) is home to some 4000 fishermen. It is reported that the livelihoods of more than 2000 fisherman and 2000 kids in the area, will be protected through restoration of the coastal mangrove forest. The goal is to train an additional 40 people per month in training and planting exercises. The indirect beneficiaries were those who participated in public awareness sessions, which was estimated at 200.

SURINAME

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Lessons Learnt:
Study other projects and make your own adaptations. Improve accessibility and walkways as part of the project. June is the rainy month when accessibility is especially poor. To enhance the effectiveness of the work, training workshops have to be experienced and the application of innovative transportation methods in the south end of the slums, such as lambour. Additionally, this operation must be part of the benefits. Community involvement in the monitoring and reporting of the permeable wooden dam (PWD). In this respect, a technically adapted and longer to operate system should be made available. The rest of the expenses other than labour will be covered by the local government. The work will be observed by the National Commission and the Government of Suriname. The task force team also plans to assess the impact of the work on the overall restoration site. Unfortunately, the team was not able to measure the impact of the restoration site. The overall impact of the project can be evaluated in the future.

Beneficiaries:
The Ministry of Water, Sea and Forests (WVS) is comprised mainly of farmers, fishers, and other groups. The Ministry of Water, Sea and Forests (WVS) is a governmental organization that is responsible for the development and management of the water, sea, and forest resources of the country.

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CANADA

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"I can say there is success from the training because they are farmers that are already using the things they learnt..."
Chairperson of Dolphin Head Local Forest Management Committee

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