

“Forests are our backyard”

Rural people are playing an important role in managing forests in the Caribbean

In many rural communities living near to forests in the Caribbean islands, people have formed community-based organisations (CBOs) and are working in partnership with the government and other stakeholders to help to better manage forests and ensure that they are used sustainably.



Sundew Tourguiding Services



Partners of the Environment in St. Vincent



Gros Piton Tours

Rural communities in the Caribbean are participating in.... **developing management plans for forested areas**

- Sundew Tourguiding Services is on the stakeholder management committee for the Aripo Savannas protected area in Trinidad and played a lead role in developing the management plan.

Rural communities in the Caribbean are participating in.... **managing and using the forests for ecotourism and education**

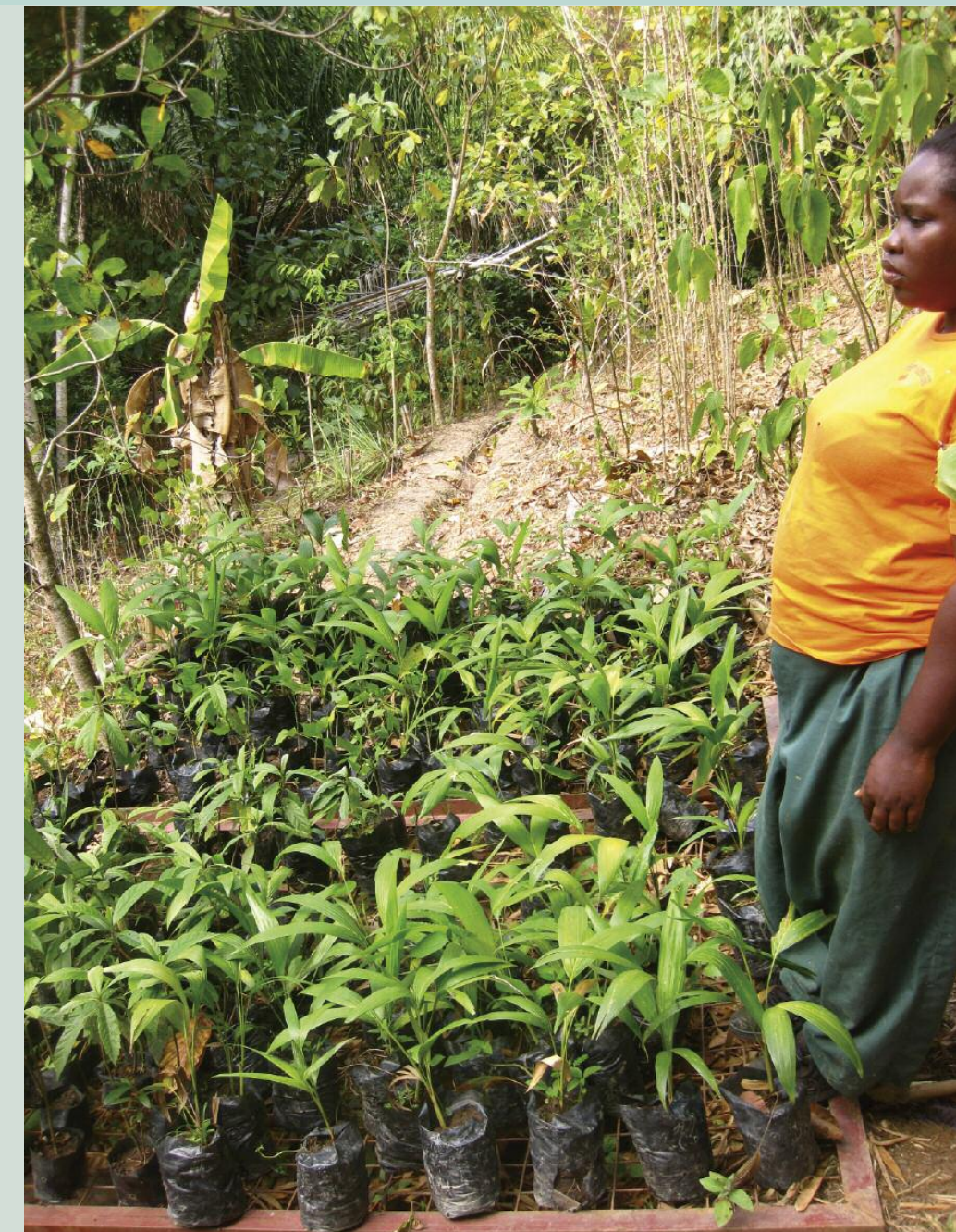
- Partners of the Environment in St. Vincent is developing a nature trail to stimulate eco-tourism opportunities for their community.
- Calder's Dining and Aquatic Sports is conducting tours and managing the Visitors Centre in the famous Morne Trois Pitons World Heritage Site in Dominica.
- Gros Piton Tours is conducting tours and managing a Visitor's Centre at the World Heritage site, The Pitons.

Rural communities in the Caribbean are participating in.... **sustainable extraction of forest goods**

- Superior Broom Producers in Saint Lucia make brooms using the latanye palm.
- Aupicon Charcoal Agricultural Producers Group in Saint Lucia practices sustainable harvesting of mangrove for charcoal production.

Rural communities in the Caribbean are participating in.... **reforesting degraded forested areas**

- The Fondes Amandes Reforestation Project in Trinidad is planting and terracing the hillside to rehabilitate the watershed that was ravaged by fires.
- The Pencar Local Forest Management Committee in Jamaica maintains a nursery to provide the Forestry Department with seedlings for reforestation.



Fondes Amandes Reforestation Project in Trinidad



Pencar Local Forest Management Committee in Jamaica



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