Mt. Plaisir Estate Hotel
A local green-blue enterprise in Trinidad and Tobago

Mt. Plaisir uses energy-efficient air-conditioning units, appliances and light bulbs throughout the eco-resort.

Mt. Plaisir builds economic linkages through its guests who hire local guides for turtle-watching and hiking.

Mt. Plaisir strongly supports buying local artisan products made by villagers using locally sourced materials.

Mt. Plaisir utilises participatory decision-making in management of the business; staff have input and guest feedback is welcomed.

Mt. Plaisir Estate Hotel (Mt. Plaisir) is a local green-blue enterprise in Grande Riviere, Trinidad that was established in 1993 by Italian photojournalist, Piero Guerrini, who had a passion for sustainable environmental practises. In 2018 this eco-resort did a self-assessment using the Local Green-Blue Enterprise Radar developed by the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and produced a visual representation of how they are delivering economic well-being and viability, social inclusion and equity, environmental sustainability and good governance within their enterprise.

Strengthening impact

Mt. Plaisir is achieving success as a local green-blue enterprise and is a sound example of what it means to be part of an inclusive, green and resilient economy. Key areas which it has identified for continued improvement are:

1. installing a solar-powered water heating system to reduce electricity use;
2. increasing shared ownership of knowledge by staff;
3. creating a succession plan to ensure the hotel’s continued existence; and
4. conserving water by asking guests to reuse their towels.

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