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**Five Haitians awarded CANARI's
Inaugural Yves Renard Fellowship to
strengthen sustainable livelihoods and
support biodiversity conservation in
Haiti**



CANARI introduces the Yves Renard Fellowship, honouring our late co-founder's legacy. This initiative supports Caribbean nationals pursuing careers in line with CANARI's mission to promote stakeholder participation in Caribbean natural resource stewardship. Five Haitian environmental professionals make up the inaugural class of Yves Renard Fellows.

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Project Update



Empowering Jamaican civil society to build forest sustainability through participatory budgeting

Twenty-seven Jamaican civil society organisations have come together to form the Coalition for Forests to give on-the-ground forest stakeholders a voice in the national budgeting process and assurance that critical forest resources can continue to support their needs.

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Project Highlights



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Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Caribbean Islands - Call for Proposals 6

A new call for proposals in the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot is now open.

This call is open for proposals for site- or conservation corridor-based activities in eligible geographies in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

This call closes on Monday, 27 November 2023.

[Read more here](#)

Virgin Islands fisherfolk to benefit from pilot projects to mitigate sargassum influxes and ghost fishing

CANARI and the Department Agriculture and Fisheries (DOAF), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change of the Government of the Virgin Islands are conducting two pilot projects in the Virgin Islands to manage sargassum seaweed influxes and reduce ghost fishing.

[Learn more here](#)

CANARI launches the Caribbean Resilience Knowledge Platform



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CANARI invites you to explore and submit content to the **Caribbean Resilience Knowledge Platform**, which was launched in August 2023. It serves as an online hub to support knowledge sharing, learning and collaboration among civil society organisations and their public and private sector partners to scale up action for climate justice and resilience across the region. Users are able to explore stories and key initiatives, learn about cases of innovation and best practices, as well as the latest evidence and tools, and share their own work. Development of the platform was led by CANARI, with funding from the Green Climate Fund, Inter American Foundation and Open Society Foundations.

Visit the platform here: <https://resiliencecanari.org/>

Community Climate Action in Suriname



Check out our new "Climate Action" video series featuring Surinamese civil society organisations:

- **Centre for Agricultural Research in Suriname (CELOS) and Tropenbos Suriname:**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8bwGCWmzR4>
- **Ambrosius Bees:**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-pnI9Y8YjE>
- **Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS):**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rpq4OuXKW0A>

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Other Highlights



CANARI Partners Forum 2023

In 2023, the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) continued its tradition of convening partners and stakeholders under the umbrella of the annual Partners Forum. Instead of the usual conference room setting, this year CANARI took the event to Trinidad and Tobago's Nariva Swamp.

This photo story gives a flavour of the 2023 Partners Forum.

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Redonda, the 'Jewel of the Caribbean' is now a protected area

Located off the coasts of Antigua and Barbuda, the island of Redonda was recently declared a protected area. This landmark decision was made possible by the successful collaboration between governmental agencies, local communities and NGOs, including Environmental Awareness Group and Fauna and Flora International.

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Meet the CANARI Team

Yasa Belmar Senior Technical Officer

CANARI was registered in St. Vincent



and the Grenadines in August 2022. Ms. Yasa Belmar, Senior Technical Officer, lives in St. Vincent and leads our work there. Her expertise is in coastal and marine resource management and governance. Since joining CANARI last year, Yasa has been working with stakeholders in SVG to build ecological and socioeconomic resilience in the South Coast Marine Conservation Area. She has also been supporting resilience-building through sustainable sargassum management in three British Territories.

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