Project info sheet

A National Park for Saba, options for acquisition and management of the northwestern part of Saba

Saba, 2015 - 2016

Client info:

Name: Public Entity of Saba, financially supported by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs

Sector: Government

Location: Saba

Saba is an island in the northern part of the Caribbean. Saba is a 'special municipality' of the Netherlands.

Rationale: The Saba government plans to realize a National Park for Saba in the northern area of the island. The problem is, however, that nearly all land in this area is thought to be private property. The Executive Council of Saba asked the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs for support in order to clarify the ownership situation and to draw up a plan to acquire the land, or at least to achieve that the area will be safeguarded as a nature area.

Approach: EcoVision started with preliminary research (consultations) and defining ownership of land parcels in the project area. We investigated legal options for land acquisition and land management. After evaluating the options we drafted an action plan. Based on the action plan we prepared project funding requests for EU and Dutch funds.

Outcome: Both the EU and Dutch funding have been granted (2017).