

# **Sustainability policy**

EcoVision, founded in 1993, is an environmental consultancy that works on Curaçao and other islands in the Caribbean. Four persons are employed by EcoVision on a permanent basis.

EcoVision offers a broad range of environmental consulting services in the Dutch Caribbean: environmental research, nature assessments (marine and terrestrial), environmental impact assessments and permit application support. We also support companies with their Environmental Management System (e.g. ISO 14001), we assess soil and groundwater contamination and perform due diligence work, including Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. EcoVision assists Governments in preparing policies and legislation.

Our advice is based on current laws and regulations and we apply internationally recognized standards where no laws and regulations exist. EcoVision carries out its activities in an environmentally responsible manner. EcoVision participates in various organizations and working groups that encourage involvement in and respect for the environment and society.

#### **Our mission**

EcoVision's mission is: "Helping the customer to make environmentally responsible and sustainable decisions, by applying analytical research and an open dialogue with stakeholders."

### General goals

- We take into account the social and sustainability effects of our advice when carrying out our work.
- We strive for a working environment that is as safe, ergonomic and environmentally friendly as possible and stimulate the initiation of improvement measures.

### Specific goals 2018

Before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 we aim to achieve the following goals:

- A completely energy-neutral office operation by using solar energy (4.4 kW).
- A completely CO2 neutral operation (including travel) through the compensation of 7 tons of CO2 ('carbon credits') at the Gold Standard certification organization.
- Introducing waste bins for glass, plastic (HDPE and PET) and aluminum cans for all office users at the office building where EcoVision is located.
- The exclusive use of cleaning agents (for the toilet, dishes and hands), paper / cardboard and packaging materials with an ECO label.
- Replacement of all AAA and AA batteries with rechargeable NiMH batteries in the office.
- Replacing the 16 fluorescent tubes in the office with LED lamps.
- Achieving the sustainability certification, level 1 (caterpillar level), of the Business Council for Sustainable Development (Bedrijvenplatform Milieu, BPM).

## Specific goals 2019

Before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 we aim to achieve the following goals:

- Offering glass and ink cartridges to recycling companies for reuse
- Purchase of an electric vehicle (first quarter of 2019)
- Each employee spends (at least) one day per year on voluntary activity (e.g. CuraDoet, Curaçao Clean Up)
- Obtaining sustainability certification, level 2 ('cocoon level'), from the Business Platform for the Environment of Curaçao (BPM)

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