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April 4th, 2013

Ms. Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel,
Clerk of the House
Office of the Parliament
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Port of Spain

Dear Mrs. Sampson-Meiguel,

Green Fund Annual Report for Financial Year ending September 30, 2012

The attached Annual Report on the Green Fund for financial year ending September 30, 2012 is hereby submitted in accordance with Regulation 13 (b), Green Fund Regulations 2007.

Yours sincerely,

Vidiah Ramkhelawan

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Permanent Secretary

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**MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES
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**REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY THE
GREEN FUND FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

1. Introduction

This Report is submitted to Parliament in accordance with Section 68 of the Miscellaneous Taxes Act, Chapter 77:01 and Regulation 13 (b) of the Green Fund Regulations 2007.

2. Status of the Green Fund

The Green Fund balance at September 30, 2011 was **TT\$2,581,557,613.94** [Source: Auditor General's Report 2011].

For the financial year ending September 30, 2012, the total commitment from the Green Fund for certified activities was **TT\$117,011,878.00** and the total disbursement was **TT\$28,018,352.00**.

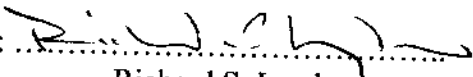
A summary of activities certified for funding from the Green Fund as at the financial year ending September 30, 2012 is attached at Appendix 1.

3. Status of certified activities funded from the Green Fund

The status of the certified activities funded from the Green Fund at September 30, 2012 is attached at Appendix 2.

4. Establishment of GFEU Tobago office

The upper floor of a two-storey property at 44 Orange Hill Road, Scarborough, Tobago was leased for a three-year period from December 1, 2011 to house the GFEU Tobago office. The office was furnished and interviews for the nine contract staff allocated to the office were partially completed by September 30, 2012. This office would become operational in FY 2013.

Submitted by: 
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Date: March 27, 2013



GREEN FUND EXECUTING UNIT

Appendix 1: Summary of activities certified for funding from the Green Fund
as at the financial year ending September 30, 2012

Certified Activities in Order of Priority	Amount Certified / Recommended	Amount Authorized in FY 2012	Amount Disbursed at September 30, 2012	Expenditure at September 30, 2012	Unspent Balance at September 30, 2012	Funds Required for FY 2013
GF080001301 Fondes Amandes Community Reforestation Project (FACRP) – <i>Sustainable Community Forestry Initiative Phase 1 Completed</i>	\$1,914,806.00	0	\$1,914,806.00	\$1,911,090.00	\$3,716.00	0
GF080000701 Greenlight Network – <i>Plastikeep Phase 1 Completed</i>	\$901,205.00	0	\$901,205.00	\$890,152.00	\$11,053.00	0
GF080000702 Greenlight Network – <i>Plastikeep Phase 2</i>	\$8,680,532.00	\$3,038,186.00 + \$11,053.00 B/F	\$3,038,186.00	\$2,652,365.03	\$385,821.00	\$5,397,202.00
GF080000601 Environmental Management Authority – <i>Nariva Swamp restoration, Carbon Sequestration and Livelihoods Project</i>	\$68,545,511.00	\$19,630,358.00	\$8,471,053.00	\$5,156,488.00	\$3,314,565.00	\$29,398,152.00
GF080000602 Environmental Management Authority – <i>Pilot Installation of Solar-m Powered Equipment and Solar Power for Surveillance Cameras at 13 Police Surveillance Bays along the Uriah Bulter and Solomon Hochoy Highways</i>	\$9,635,191.00	\$4,817,595.00	\$4,817,595.00	\$4,248,166.00	\$596,430.00	\$4,817,595.00
GF080001302 Fondes Amandes Community Reforestation Project (FACRP) – <i>Sustainable Community Forestry Initiative Phase 2</i>	\$ 1,310,243.00	\$1,183,907.00 + \$3,716.00 B/F	\$659,810.00	\$632,522.00	\$27,288.00	\$650,433.00
GF090001401 Toco Foundation - <i>Water Harvesting in the Northeastern Region of Trinidad</i>	\$16,938,688.00	\$4,634,337.00	\$4,634,337.00	\$270,882.00	\$4,363,455.00	\$5,557,672.00

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GF110001701 Nature Seekers - <i>Matura Development Initiative of Awareness, Management and Eco Tourism for Natural Resource Conservation</i>	\$8,303,867.00	\$3,287,459.00	\$3,287,459.00	\$289,249.00	\$2,998,210.00	\$3,486,026.00
GF110001501 Realize Road Environmental Club - <i>Greening the Plastic Planet</i>	\$781,835.00	\$293,900.00	\$293,900.00	\$153,305.00	\$140,595.00	\$372,700.00
TOTAL	\$117,011,878.00	\$36,900,511.00	\$28,018,352.00	\$16,204,219.00	\$11,841,134.00	\$49,679,780.00

Appendix 2: Status of the certified activities funded from the Green Fund at September 30, 2012

	Organization	Certified Activity	MOA date	Duration	Total Grant	Total Disbursed	Total Expenditure	Main objectives	Main achievements to date	No. persons employed	Total gross remuneration (from Green Fund grant)
1	Fondes Amandes Community Reforestation Project	GF080001301 Sustainable Community Forestry Initiative - Phase 1 [Completed]	Jan.6, 2010	1 year	\$1,914,806.00	\$1,914,806.00	\$1,911,090.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To highlight and encourage best practices in Watershed Management and Environmental Conservation. · Building awareness to vulnerability and adaptation to global climate change. · To promote sustainable livelihoods creating viable economic activities through ecological practices. · To further develop the Eco-tourism and the community craft & cottage industry which utilize the sustainable harvestable products of the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Nursery operations expanded · Temporal work programmes completed with fire prevention action taken in the dry season and soil retention activities carried out during the rainy season. · 1800 Seedlings planted. · Trails developed leading to various sites on the FACRP project. · Training conducted by FACRP: Fire Guardian Training, Dendrology Training and Eco Tour Guide training. · Five key structures on the project site have been upgraded namely; The Welcome Shelter, Yabba Hut, Resource Centre, Amphitheatre and the Lookout Shelter. · Eco Culture Camp conducted. · Community outreach through various activities such as the Gayap and the commemoration of significant environmental days such as World Environment Day. · Sustainable Community Forestry Initiative DVD produced. · FACRP business plan produced. 	29	\$841,105.00

2	Greenlight Network	GF08000701 <i>Plastikeep - Phase 1</i> [Completed]	Jan.19, 2010	1 year	\$901,205.00	\$901,205.00	\$890,152.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Collection & quantification of used plastic in the Western Port-Of-Spain region · Share pilot project findings with the EMA, SWMCOL, Ministry of Local Government (in reference to waste Management policy), and other government entities. · Measure & increase corporate interest in and commitment to a plastic re-cycling programme. · Measure & increase community/public interest in and commitment to a plastic re-cycling programme by talking to community representatives, providing educational material, and creating a web site, and analyzing surveys. · Determine the cost of recovering plastics in Trinidad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 66,388.8 lbs of plastic collected for the period January 2010 to August 2011 · Installation of 10 metal collection bins and 12 plastic bins at various schools and community locations in the Port of Spain region. · Additional entities which were outside of the targeted area that wished to take part in the recycling effort and also receive collection services from Plastikeep purchased and installed at their premises. · Collection of plastic s done twice per week. · Design and launch of website to create an online presence for Plastikeep Project. · Educational Presentations given to 12 schools both within and out of the targeted area. 	4	\$413,815.84
3	Environmental Management Authority	GF08000601 <i>Nariva Swamp Restoration, Carbon Sequestration and Livelihoods Project</i>	Apr.20, 2010	7 years	\$68,545,511.00	\$8,471,053.00	\$5,156,488.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The objective of the project is to restore forest cover in the Nariva Swamp while maximising the capacity of this cover for carbon sequestration and wildlife habitat, and to implement this work with the full participation of the communities in the area, while also developing community livelihood opportunities. Additional management objectives include: · building capacity and knowledge of stakeholders for the long term management of Nariva. The project will also develop a communications, education and public awareness strategy supporting all activities. 	Set up of seven (7) CBO Nurseries	136	\$2,060,500.00

· To restore and conserve the Nariva wetlands, through the recognition of the services it provides as a carbon sink and a biodiverse ecosystem. This will be accomplished through reforestation of 1339 ha of forest previously destroyed by illegal farming, in the western area of the wetland known as Sector B and the Bowl. The restoration of the wetlands will result in additional environmental benefits, including reduction of GHG emissions, provision of expanded habitat for endemic and endangered species in the area, and recovery of the protection and storm buffering character of the wetland. The project will also implement obligations of Trinidad and Tobago under various Multilateral Environmental Agreements such as UNFCCC, Ramsar and the CBD. Trinidad and Tobago is a ratified signatory of the Kyoto Protocol and in principle agrees to the mechanisms provided therein, including the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and its approved activities. (For species listing see Appendix I)

Production of 21 540 seedlings for planting

· To develop sustainable livelihood opportunities for surrounding communities who depend on the swamp's resources:

· This objective recognizes the dependence of residents on the resources of the Nariva Swamp. The following activities will be developed to facilitate input and opportunities for the surrounding communities and will be facilitated by stakeholder/partner organisations or directly by the EMA

Planted twenty two (22) hectares of mixed species

· The provision of job opportunities through the Reforestation activities – this will generate significant employment and income for local communities in an area of the country with limited opportunities. Employment of local labour from surrounding communities, including agricultural squatters, in nursery operations, planting, tending and fire prevention within reforested areas. Partners in this activity include the Community members CBOs and the Forestry Division (MALMR)

· To develop the capacity of CBOs for organization and entrepreneurial skills to facilitate livelihood sustainability. This will be accomplished through capacity building and training opportunities, including strategic and business planning.

· To develop a workable management regime for the Nariva Swamp with the participation of community and relevant national stakeholders. The scope and design of these initial projects in the Nariva Swamp provides the opportunity for the evolution of a management structure that will continue to function towards the implementation of the Nariva Swamp Management Plan. The Management structure will be designed to be participatory, and will involve strategic planning and capacity building for the management team.

Tend and Supply of ten (10) hectares planted

						<p>· To develop and implement a communications strategy and action plan for the exchange of information about the Nariva Swamp. A targeted communications plan is necessary for the success of management activities in the surrounding communities, and for the exchange of information on swamp resources between stakeholders. This communications exercise will also prepare stakeholders for subsequent management objectives that will complement the reforestation and other plans. This will be accomplished through the development of a communication, education and public awareness strategy and action plan (including identification of key target groups, messages, products, pathways) and development of communication capacity in use of key tools and methods</p> <p>· To develop models for the determination and verification of levels of carbon sequestered in a small scaled reforested tropical wetland environment. This is to be accomplished through applied research supported by climatic data, and the development of modelling for tropical species in this ecosystem.</p>	<p>Conducted training sessions on Communication Skills</p> <p>Publication of articles in local newspaper on the Project.</p> <p>Procurement of equipment for the UWI to commence water and soil testing activities</p> <p>Identified seventy eight (78) hectares for planting</p> <p>Hosting of vacation camp for twenty one (21) students</p> <p>Production of exhibition for EMA's Green Lifestyle Show</p>	
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4	Environmental Management Authority	GF08000602 Pilot Installation of Solar-Powered Equipment and Solar Power for Surveillance Cameras at 13 Police Surveillance Bays along the Uriah Butler and Solomon Hochoy Highways	Sep.7, 2011	6 months	\$9,635,191.00	\$4,817,596.00	\$4,248,166.00	<p>The project's primary objective is to provide infrastructure to allow increased police surveillance along the Uriah Butler and Solomon Hochoy Highways. Accident and emergency response vehicles, e.g. fire tenders and ambulances, will also utilize these Police Surveillance Bays during the course of normal operations. This will improve delivery of national security policies and programmes as well as provide enhanced road safety monitoring and accident and emergency response. This project also aims to demonstrate to the national community the feasibility and benefits of employing alternative energy for novel applications. Application of alternative energy technology will benefit communities and the country by <i>inter alia</i> : reducing our consumption of fossil fuels; creating new job opportunities related to new technology operation, maintenance and repair; and reducing recurrent energy costs. In effect, the project aims to demonstrate successful triple bottom line accounting—People, Planet, Profit—a key element of sustainable development</p>	<p>On July 12, 2012, the EMA received informal communication the Ministry of National Security, which indicated that the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) wished to discontinue PSB locations # 4, #5, and Claxton Bay. In this communication, the TTPS also tentatively identified some alternative locations where the remaining four sets of solar equipment could be utilized.</p> <p>As at July 31, 2012, the EMA's contractor on this project, Synergy Resources Limited (SRL), had completed installation of all necessary solar equipment and infrastructure at nine (9) Police Surveillance Bay (PSB) locations. Six PSBs have been completed along the Solomon Hochoy Highway and three have been completed along the Uriah Butler Highway.</p> <p>At this time, the remaining four PSB locations were not identified or available, that would allow the installation of the solar equipment and infrastructure at the 13 PSB identified in the Terms of Reference and as contracted.</p> <p>4 Alternative locations at :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Uriah Butler Highway –Northbound Caroni Bird Sanctuary - Surveillance site below the Assaraff Road walkover - Ramp at Endeavor Road - Highway enforcement zone at Carlsen Field market 	0	0
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5	Greenlight Network	GF08000702 <i>Plastikeep - Phase 2</i>	Oct.18, 2011	3 years	\$8,680,532.00	\$3,038,186.00	\$2,652,365.00	<p>The Plastikeep project will demonstrate sustainability of recycling through the promotion of education and awareness, systematization of operations, PET product development, and model development.</p> <p>The main reasons for this project are to implement plastic collection and sorting with a view to promoting recycling, both here in Trinidad & Tobago and externally. The project seeks to achieve this through activities such as an Action-Oriented Education and Awareness Programme; a Community-Based Plastic Collection and Sorting depot; Research and Development with a focus on sustainability; building the capacity of the implementing organization and its partners and the monitoring and evaluation of the behavioural changes.</p> <p>The project takes a practical approach that includes the development of models through built-in feedback and inter-activity linkages (e.g., between the Branding and Social Marketing and Education and Awareness components), as a means of implementation and shared learning.</p> <p>The existing and proposed project sites are high-density residential neighbourhoods and schools with proportionately high volumes of plastic discard. Currently, these sites rely upon normal municipal waste management services for the removal of plastic waste, except where Plastikeep collection bins are already available. (In this phase Plastikeep aims to install a maximum of 25 large bins per year.)</p>	<p>The official phase Greenlight Network launched phase 2 of Plastikeep on Jan 26th at the Guardian Holdings Ltd (GHL) Atrium, Westmoorings.</p> <p>The Plastikeep office was set up and staff hired. The office is located at #5 Cupen Road Maraval.</p> <p>20 Blue bins, 29 large bins and 3 extra large bins were placed in schools and residential communities in the Port of Spain area, with an additional Eleven (11) blue bins and lids being purchased for distribution to schools. A coding system to keep track of bin installations and locations was introduced. The code P2-2012-022 represents the following: P2 indicates Phase2, 2012 represents the year the bin was built, and 022 is the bin number. The tracking system became necessary as a quality assurance and security measure for the project</p> <p>The Plastikeep truck collected plastic from the Plastikeep bins on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and door to door collection at Victoria Gardens once a week on Tuesdays.</p>	11	\$596,740.17
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Currently in Trinidad, chipped and bailed plastic waste is exported to several countries, including USA, Canada, and China, depending on demand. Trinidad is a signatory to the Basel Convention on the 'Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal'. Household post-consumer plastic is not considered by this convention to be "hazardous waste", and is currently being shipped from Trinidad using the procedures and regulations governing the shipment of non-hazardous industrial goods. In the 2nd phase, Plastikeep will explore through a partnership with Piranha International Ltd the use of the project's recycled PET for the production of at least one recycled product. Piranha International Ltd will not be paid by Plastikeep to develop this recycled product but will use the material collected by the project in the manufacturing process.

The Greenlight Network is dedicated to conserving the environment by giving the citizens of Trinidad & Tobago an opportunity to responsibly dispose of their household plastic waste. Collected waste will be processed through means/parties that are locally available wherever possible.

The projects formal objectives with respect to the components outlined in the summary are as follows:

Field surveys of the project's targeted service areas were conducted. Included were schools (both teachers/staff members and students), and community residences. The baseline survey was conducted to enable a referenced comparison to later survey data.

The Plastikeep Team continued to sensitize communities and between April and September, twenty-one (31) stakeholder presentations were made. Material collected by the Plastikeep project was taken to a warehouse at the Diamond Vale Industrial Estate up to the end of June. This was necessary because the piranha recycling company which was originally contacted to receive the material was not able to do so because they were moving their operations to Barrackpore and are still awaiting the necessary approvals. It was agreed that the NGO It's Up to ME Nvironmental (ME) would receive all collected Plastikeep material until Piranha received its clearance. An agreement was signed between ME & Plastikeep on June 23rd 2012. The collected post-consumer plastic was moved from Plastikeep warehouse in Diamond Vale to ME in Sealots on June 24th, 26th and July 1st.

Plastikeep launched a new Facebook page on May 16th 2012.

On June 5th 2012, Greenlight Network received a Merit Award from the Environmental Management Authority. The award was in recognition of the work GLN is doing in communities with the Plastikeep project.

								<p>Collection and assessment of post-consumer plastic in the Western Port-Of-Spain region</p> <p>Create momentum for a recycling culture among Trinidad's corporate and public sectors</p> <p>Create at least one product made from recycled post-consumer plastic</p> <p>Find possible and plausible alternate uses for post-consumer plastic in Trinidad</p> <p>Develop useable recycling models based upon new and past project findings</p>	<p>Plastikeep meet with members of Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA) and MoLG on Wednesday 29th August and again on Tuesday 11th September to put plans in place for our up-coming JICA Tele-conference. This conference links participating students in high schools in Okinawa, Japan to students here in Port-of-Spain, namely in Bishops Anstey High School and Fatima College. Students will share ideas and experiences about the culture of recycling in their respective nations, in a real-time Tele-conference, thereby broadening their horizons, learning new concepts and inspiring them to think about the environment, not only on a national level, but in a global, connected way.</p> <p>On Friday 21st September, Resin Converters turned on their machines to recycle, for the first time in Trinidad, post consumer plastic collected by the Plastikeep Recovery Program into a brand new HDPE bottles.</p>		
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6	Fondes Amandes Community Reforestation Project	GF080001302 Sustainable Community Forestry Initiative - Phase 2	Mar. 1, 2012	1 year	\$1,310,243.00	\$659,810.00	\$632,522.00	<p>Phase 2 of the SCFI project aims to continue demonstrating the best practices in community forestry and the conservation and management work on the WASA block which commenced in Phase 1 of the SCFI project. Through these efforts, the FACRP aspires to increase the resilience of the Fondes Amandes Watershed; to protect the area from degradation caused by natural and man-made disasters; and to ensure that biodiversity is enriched and conserved.</p> <p>Socially, the project strives to continue to bring training and employment opportunities to the Fondes Amandes community, to improve the quality of life for its members through its Eco-tourism, the Clean Trees Organic Nursery, Craft and Cottage Industry and the other modules executed at the FACRP.</p> <p>The Project will continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Highlight and encourage best practices in Watershed Management and Environmental Conservation. · Build awareness of vulnerability and adaptation to global climate change. · Promote sustainable livelihoods and create viable economic activities through ecological practices, using forest and natural resources within our watershed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Further develop the Eco-tourism package in order to benefit both visitor and the FACRP community, and develop the sustainability of the Organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Nursery operations continue to expand and operate efficiently with improvements made along the way. · Temporal reforestation work programmes executed focused mainly on Rainy season activities due to the rainfall experienced in the Dry season. · Improved field monitoring by assigning descriptions to trails, contour drains and check dams. · Trail development continued into new areas on the project site. · Maintenance done to structures upgraded in Phase 1 of the SCFI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FACRP logo redesigned to be used in new promotional efforts such as brochures, banners and the website to be redeveloped. · Community outreach through the 2012 Gayap, commemoration of important environmental dates such as World Environment Day and through taking the FACRP caravan to interested parties. · Eco Culture Camp hosted. · Transformed the Animal Husbandry activities of Phase One to an “Animal Corner” which will serve as a major attraction on the project site. 	16	\$418,275.00
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7	Toco Foundation	<i>GF090001401 Water Harvesting in the Northeastern Region of Trinidad</i>	May. 25, 2012	4 years	\$16,938,688.00	4,634,337.00	\$270,882.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To introduce the concept of water harvesting as a regular and sustainable physical activity in the daily lives of participants and residents in the North East Coast. · To develop the widespread use of an alternative source in order to maximise and augment the local water supply. · To establish much needed baseline information on water usage for the Toco region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Rainwater Harvesting Project (RWHP) got underway in June 2012. The project team in conjunction with some stakeholders and strategic partners met on occasions during the months of June and July 2012 familiarizing ourselves with each other; with the project; brainstorming different ways to build public and community awareness in the initial period and charting the way forward. Assignments were given to each project staff to research, document and present their ideas for discussions. The sessions were very interactive and a learning experience for everyone. · Staffers were made aware of the fulfillments carded for the period August – September and we effectively kept on track with our implementation schedule to meet the project’s milestones according to the project’s charter. · The team has integrated well into what is required for the successful implementation of the promotion / public awareness / civil mobilization aspect of the project by imparting information to the targeted communities (Matura – Matelot) via : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The production and distribution of Information Education and Communication (IEC) material: flyers, brochures, introductory letters etc. Over 2000 copies IEC material were distributed in the defined area. o Liaising with community organizations/groups and strategic partners and recording information on spot from interested persons. o Promotion and advertisement on Radio Toco 106.7FM to build public /community awareness 	10	\$278,000.00
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· The 17 communities on the north coast visited during the mobilization campaign have shown great enthusiasm in the RWH project and already we have received numerous requests for 'preferences' or considerations for individual communities and domestic farmers for inclusion

· The mobilization activities have had positive feedback from the communities; individuals and strategic partners committing their support and suggested training programmes with regards to the aquaculture farming from the Regional Corporation and Ministry of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs- Farmers Training Center in Sangre Grande, respectively.

· Community gatherings/ meetings were held to further build community awareness; create a personal feel and develop those face to face interactions that prompted anticipated questions, concerns and further interests. This allowed the team to better visualize the project dynamics and importance of increasing the sustainability and improvement of rural districts that require the additional support to maintain and better assist their livelihoods.

8	Nature Seekers	GF110001701 Matura Development Initiative of Awareness, Management and Eco Tourism for Natural Resource Conservation	May. 28, 2012	3 years	\$8,303,867.00	3,287,459.00	\$289,249.00	<p>1.To use local waste materials (degradable and non-degradable) from the coastal and forest environment</p> <p>in the establishment of a local craft business that employs 10 persons sustainably</p> <p>Establish a craft business within Nature Seekers building utilizing glass collected from the beach and from forest products such as seeds and leaves that employ 10 persons sustainable.</p> <p>Establish a 10' x 20' gift shop and a mobile craft centre</p> <p>Train 20 residents in using waste glass collected from the beach and seeds & other products collected from the forest.</p>	<p>A community contractor was hired for the construction of the craft centre. Work on the structure began on August 13th 2012. The contract was for a total of \$130,147.00. This contract was sole selected within the community since it represents a company of young residents with unique skills and capabilities to successfully fulfil the job requirement.</p> <p>Craft material was ordered from WIDECAST. Materials are expected to arrive via Tropical Shipping by October 2012. Payments will be made early in October.</p> <p>With new developments arising from the Governance and Financial review, all positions (both existing & new) had to be advertised based on our policy. Existing temporary staff were promoted and the other positions that could not be filled within the organization and the community were advertised via social media on August 22nd to September 14th 2012. The interview process to hire staff was conducted on September 25th & 27th, 2012. Two persons were offered job opportunities and we are now awaiting their responses.</p> <p>Price Water House Coopers were the consultants selected to conduct the Governance and Financial review of Nature Seekers. PWC began their overview in July 2012. For the period they have been able to establish suitable job descriptions for all employees involved in the project and is now assisting in the improvement of the organization's structure and governance. The expected date to complete this activity is the end of November.</p>	5	\$36,327.66
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2. To protect the wild fauna and flora of the community by creating awareness of the natural environment

and developing & promoting community tourism as a tool for conservation through eco tours

Expand the tourism infrastructure with a better facility, tourist transportation and increase signage.

Train 30 nature guides within the community in sea turtle and forest interpretation.

Develop Nature Seekers ability to improve brand recognition and improve communication

3. To build the skills set of 25 young local residents and create environment awareness with the Matura Community on the need to reduce their carbon footprint.

Create awareness with 25 local youths to reduce their carbon foot print.

Create and implement a local environmental household competition

4. Reforest 15 to 20 acres and create value for private land owners.

5. To transform environmentally, economically and socially unsustainable conventional agricultural practices in the Matura area into environmental organic practices that is contributing to environmental health as well as to the economic and social welfare of the community.

6. Strengthen the capacity of Nature Seekers to manage and protect the natural resources.

Enhance our internal communication & security to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.

The defensive driving course was conducted on September 26th 2012. Dennis & Leela School of Driving was hired to conduct this 1 day training. A total of 20 persons from the community was trained and is now certified in defensive driving.

Our first youth discussion was held on August 29th 2012. A total of 30 young persons from the community attended.

Young members of the community were informed on the youth leadership program. The intent is to select 25-30 young persons from the community to participate in the youth leadership initiative. One more day of interviews will be conducted. The next youth meeting will be held on October 10th 2012

							Improve and formalize our strategic, financial and governance direction				
9	Realize Road Environmental Club	<i>GF110001501</i> <i>Greening the Plastic Planet</i>	Jun. 18, 2012	2 years	\$781,835.00	\$293,900.00	\$153,305.00	<p>Main Goal: Change the attitudes and practices of public through the following objectives:</p> <p>To collect the plastic bottles from each participating school.</p> <p>To educate the pupils, teachers and parents why recycle is important.</p> <p>To measure the amount plastic waste produced by each school.</p> <p>To send all the plastic waste collected to potential recycling firms.</p> <p>To reduce the level of unemployment in the Realize and Madingo Road through the collection, measuring and distribution of the plastic waste to the relevant recycling companies.</p>	Bins installed in 4 schools collections beginning on Monday 15 th October 2012.	2	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL				\$117,011,878.00	\$28,018,352.00	\$16,204,219.00			213	\$4,654,763.67