

# The Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean (SPAW):

# Molinière - Beauséjour MPA

- A SPAW listed site -

### **Identification**

Country: Grenada

Name of the area: Molinière - Beauséjour MPA Administrative region: Eastern Caribbean Date of establishment: 12/28/2001

Geographic location: Longitude X: -61.76239 Latitude Y: 12.085653

Date of listing under SPAW: 09 December 2014

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Moliniere/Beausejour Marine Protected Area

Black sand beach

Underwater sculp

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### Introduction

The Molinière Reef was identified as a priority for the establishment of a "protected seascape" as the site was considered to hold the finest reefs in Grenada. The site was given priority for the protection of representative samples of Grenada ecosystems, namely large areas of coral reef, littoral woodland, and cactus scrub, and medium to small area of seagrass bed. The MPA aslo includes some of the best reefs on Grenada that are home to a wide diversity of life forms.

The management objectives for the protection of the areas are to protect and maintain the Molinière Bay ecosystem and its outstanding natural features and to provide opportunities for recreation, interpretation, research, environmental education and protection of over-exploited fish, lobster, and coral.

#### **Ecological** criteria

- $\overline{\mathsf{V}}$ Representativeness
- Conservation value  $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
- □ Rarity
- □ Naturalness
- $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ Critical habitats
- $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ Diversity
- Connectivity/coherence П
- Resilience

#### SPAW criteria met

### Cultural and socio-economic criteria

- ✓ Productivity
- ☑ Cultural and traditional use
- ☑ Socio-economic benefits

## **Site description**

### General features of the site

Size: 0 sq. km

Terrestrial surface under sovereignty, excluding wetlands:

0 sq. km

Wetland surface: 0 ha Marine surface: 0 sq. Km

National status of your protected area: The MPA is legally

gazetted and enshrined in the Laws of Grenada

Marine ecoregion: 64. Eastern Caribbean

# Management structure, authority

The Fisheries Division is the agency with responsibility for MPA; however, MPAs are managed through a series of arrangement with various committee and boards.

#### Management plan

The MPA management plan is divided into two section the first section provides an overview of the ecological and physical characteristic on the MPA along with the status of marine and terrestiral resources. The second section outlines strategies that should be implemented in order to effectively and effeciently achieve the expressed goals and objectives of the MPA.

# Main fauna populations and/or those of particular importance present (resident or migratory) in the area:

There are a number of improtant marine and terrestrial species that are protected within the MPA.

These include all species of marine turtle, all species of corals and all species of invertebrates.

# Inhabitants inside the area or in the zone of potential direct impact on the protected area:

Inside the area: Permanent: 1577 Seasonal: Not given

In the zone of potential direct impact:

Permanent: 1763 Seasonal: Not given

### International status and Date of designation

Biosphere reserve: No Ramsar site: No Significant hind area: N

Significant bird area: No

World heritage site (UNESCO): No

Others: No

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