

**GRENADA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND INC.**

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



## CONSERVATION THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM



### WHO ARE WE?

In keeping with our vision to promote economic and human development by conserving our natural systems, the GSDTF's volunteer program was launched on April 18, 2023, with kind contributions from the Grenada Co-Operative Bank Ltd, Republic Bank Grenada Ltd and Ariza Credit Union.

The Grenada Sustainable Development Trust fund Inc. was established as a Community-Based Non-Profit Organization in 2016 as part of the Sustainable Financing & Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems Project, with contributions from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), World Bank The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and KfW.





# THE LAUNCH



The Grenada Sustainable Development Trust Fund Inc. launched its Ecosystems Conservation Volunteer Program on April 18th, 2023. The main objective of the program is to provide opportunities for individuals and corporate entities to become actively involved in ecosystem conservation efforts.

The event was attended by specially invited speakers including Mr. Vanburn Harry – CEO – of SVG Conservation Fund, Merina Jessamy – Permanent Secretary – of the Ministry of Climate Resilience, Ms. Tanja Lieu – Program Finance Officer – of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF), and Mrs. Isabella Morris – Ministry of Mobilization, Implementation and Transformation. See Launch here: <https://fb.watch/o0Gnh9vPIW/>



# WHY BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

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A volunteer is a person who carries out activities benefiting society, by free will. These activities are undertaken for a non-profit cause, contributing to the personal development of the volunteer, who commits their time and energy to the general good without financial reward.

The volunteer program allows individuals and community-based groups to serve and be instrumental in the conservation, restoration, and management of Grenada's biodiversity and natural ecosystems.

## Who can become a volunteer?

The GSDTF's Volunteer Policy is non-discriminatory and is open to all with an interest in biodiversity and protected areas conservation efforts.



### NO DISCRIMINATION

*Age, Ethnicity, Color, Religious Creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), Disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, Marital Status, Race, Sex, Political Affiliation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation.*

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTRIBUTION

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a management concept that describes how a company contributes to the well-being of communities and society through environmental and social measures. CSR plays a crucial role in how brands are perceived by customers and their target audience. It may also help attract employees and investors who prioritize the CSR goals a company has identified.

Every Volunteer is provided with personal protective gear, tools, trash collection and removal material and equipment, light refreshments, and transportation, all of which is made possible by generous donations.





# PAST ACITIVITIES

## BIG BAY TELESCOPE COASTAL CLEAN-UP

2023

Our first event was in recognition of World Coastal Cleanup Day.

On September 23rd, 2023, the GSDTF Volunteers collaborated with St. George's University Student Associations (Education, Conservation and Outreach - ECO, Caribbean Students Association - CASA) GSDTF, Grenada Fund for Conservation - GFC and Sandals Foundation Grenada executed a massive coastal cleaned-up at Big Bay, Telescope, St. Andrew.

Trash collected included plastic and glass containers, industrial waste material, and other items. The cleanup intercepted garbage from entering our ocean spaces where it can become hazardous to marine wildlife.

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# LEVARA BEACH

Because we value collaboration, in preparation of the turtle nesting season, the GSDTF collaborated with the St. Patrick's Environmental and Community Tourism Organisation (SPECTO) in a series of beach clean-ups to remove any debris that may be hazardous to turtles nesting at our shores.

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In addition to Levara Beach the team visited, Artist Bay aka Long Wall, and Savon Swazey Beach all prominent turtle nesting beaches in the St. Patricks.

*"I love making a difference no matter how small, in keeping our environment clean and raising awareness to community members on the importance of conserving. We need to make a difference now to ensure the future of generations to come. I encourage my 9-year-old daughter to accompany me on activities to nurture that concern for our environment and so, she too can encourage her peers".*

**Allecia Andrew-Mason**



**Meet Raheem** "As a youth activist in Grenada, I am passionate about volunteering. The GSDTF presented me with the opportunity to continue my passion as an environmental steward".





# ARTIST BAY - LONG WALL

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# SAVON SWAZEY BEACH CLEANUP

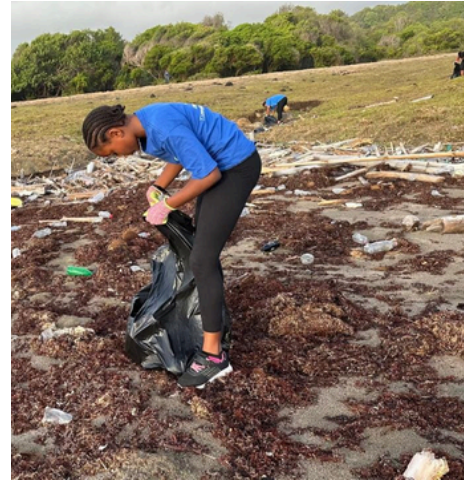
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IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD EARTH DAY 2024



*"I chose to volunteer because I saw it as an opportunity to learn more about conservation and to connect with others who shared my interest".*

**Kizzy-Ann Abraham**





# Looking Ahead

- *Woburn Marine Protected Area Coastal Clean-up*
- *Community Education Sessions on the Impact of human action on the environment*
- *Carriacou Marine Protected Area Signage Renovation and Installation*
- *Garbage Bins Installation in National Parks and Protected Areas*
- *No Litter Signage in Protected Areas*
- *Observation of biodiversity, environmental and conservation international days*

**Become a volunteer today**



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