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Invasive Species Project Report

Anguilla Lionfish Project report 2.

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Project Update form

If you have suggestions for improvement of this form, your feedback would be appreciated:

COUNTRY: Anguilla

PROJECT TITLE: Anguilla Invasive Species Public Education and Awareness Project

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PROJECT UPDATE : How is the project going? What were the HIGHLIGHTS and OVER-ACHIEVEMENTS of objectives? What CHALLENGES did you encounter? How were these RESOLVED?

HIGHLIGHTS and OVER-DELIVERY

The Anguilla Invasive Species Public Education and Awareness Project continues to progress well as a number of other initiatives/components of the project have been fulfilled; Apart from those mentioned in the previous report, the Department of Environment (DOE) is pleased to report that we have been able to facilitate a very successful workshop on Alien Invasive Species. The workshop was organized specifically for Customs and Security Officers of the Anguilla Ports of Entry. The Workshop was entitled: Improving Bio Security at Our Ports, and was attended by about 25 persons (see attachments). It was facilitated by staff from the DOE, the Department of Fisheries and marine resources and the Department of Agriculture. The participants were quite enthusiastic and expressed their willingness to learn more about the prevention, management and threat of invasive species.

Furthermore, the project has also fulfilled some of its public education outreach outputs via the media. Several newspaper articles on invasive species have been prepared and distributed in one of the islands leading newspaper, The Anguillian (see attached); this series will run until February/March 2011. Additionally, DOE hosted an exhibition on Climate Change-What's at Risk?

During the period 9th-13th November 2010. This activity and venue was the ideal place to showcase a live display of some invasive species. Therefore, at the said exhibition, a large cross section of the Anguillan public, especially school children, were sensitized and exposed to some of the most destructive alien pest affecting residents on the island. Literature and other handouts on the subject matter were also handed out at the function. The response from the attendees was quite impressive as persons were eager to gain knowledge of the subject area, as well as share some of their person experiences in dealing with the pests;

It is also good to point out that the output has also hit the airwaves as representatives from the Departments of Environment, Fisheries and Marine Resources, as well as the Health Protection Unit conducted a one hour interview on Radio Anguilla's weekly Programme: The Zone.

Another noteworthy output worth mentioning is the establishment of the invasive species website. The intended interactive site is still under construction, but an extensive review and the initiatives undertaking for this project as well as some other related work on alien invasive species are fully visible and available for the general public and the wider cyber community. The website can be view at: www.anguillaenvironmentalmanagement.com

**These websites can also be viewed for seeing the press releases to the media:

<http://www.anguillanews.com/enews/index.php/permalink/3637.html>

<http://www.radioaxa.com/newsStory.php?id=343>

PROBLEMS and RESOLUTION