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« I have devoted my life to the sea for more than 50 years now, more than half a century during which I have learnt my diving job and sailed across the seas of the world alongside Captain Jacques Yves Cousteau. We explored the hidden wonders of the sea. Together with great scientists embarked on the Calypso I often participated in the studying of this blue endlessness that always fascinated me since I was a child through its promises and threats. My generation, and I regret it deeply, hasn't done much to preserve nature: however it offered me so much that until my last breath I will try hard to make men realize the extreme importance to create preserved areas as well as marine mammals' sanctuaries in order for the next generations to enjoy the discovery of all these marine species that nature has thriven on our blue planet ».

Albert FALCO

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Lorenzo Rojas Bracho (Mexico), *Instituto Nacional de Ecología; Head of Delegation to IWC*



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The agency is a French government public body and reports to the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development. Its main remit is to support public policy for the creation and management of marine protected areas in France, coordinate the network of MPA managers, and manage the human, technical and financial resources dedicated to the marine nature parks that it is tasked with creating or other marine protected areas entrusted to it.

SYNOPSIS PROGRAM

Panel Sessions will take place at the Atrium in Fort de France.
Transfers by ferry boat from/to Les Trois Ilets will be provided to all the participants.
 Workshop Sessions will take place at the Carayou Hotel

	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11
08:30 10:00	Opening session	Panel 3 / 4	Workshops 1 / 2 4A / 5 7	Workshops 6 / 8 9 / 10	Field trips
	Coffee break				
10:30 12:30	Keynote 1	Panel 5	Workshops 1 / 2 4A / 5 7	Workshops 6 / 8 9 / 10	
	Panel 1				
	Lunch Break				
14:00 15:30	Panel 2	Panel 6	Keynote 3	Preparing proposals	
	Coffee break				
16:00 18:00	Keynote 2	Panel 7	Workshops 3 / 4B 5 / 7	Restitution proposals	
				Keynote 4	
				Formal closing	
19:00	Welcome cocktail Atrium	SIDE EVENT REPCET	SIDE EVENT WW AUSTRALIA		
20:00				Closing dinner Fort St Louis	

08:30-10:00 - Opening and official talks

- M Albert Falco Captain of "La Calypso", with JY Cousteau, Sponsorship, France
- M Raymond Saint-Louis-Augustin, Mayor of Fort-de-France
- M Ferdy Louisy, Vice President of the French MPA Agency, President of the National Park of Guadeloupe
- M Ryan Wulff, NOAA, United States Deputy Commissioner to the IWC, USA
- Mrs. Jihyun Lee, CBD, Environmental Affairs Officers, marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystem approach, Canada
- Mrs. Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury, Program Officer, UNEP-Caribbean Environment Program, Jamaica
- M Dan Laffoley, IUCN, World Commission on Protected Areas, UK
- Mrs. Josette Manin, President of the Martinique General Council
- M Serge Letchimy, President of the Martinique Regional Council
- M Laurent Prévost, Prefect of Martinique

10:00-10:30 - COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:00 - KEYNOTE 1

- Australian policy
Tony Burke, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Australia

11:00-12:30 - PANEL 1

Special considerations for particularly endangered marine mammals (how to manage MPAs for particularly endangered marine mammals?)

Coordinator: *Lorenzo Rojas Bracho, Coordinador de Investigación y Conservación de Mamíferos Marinos, Instituto Nacional de Ecología (INE), México.*

- Using MPAs to save endangered small cetaceans: Is this the right tool?

Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho and Randall Reeves

- Optimizing the value of MPAs for conservation of sireniens
Benjamin Morales Vela, Investigador Titular, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, México, John E Reynolds III

- Design elements for endangered pinnipeds marine protected areas

Dennis Heinemann, Director of Science Marine Mammal Commission, USA

Timothy J Ragen Executive Director of Science Marine Mammal Commission, USA

- Strengths and weaknesses of the MPA approach for endangered large whales

Greg Donovan, Head of Science International Whaling Commission (IWC), UK

- Small odontocetes

Lorenzo Rojas Bracho, Instituto Nacional de Ecología, México.

Randall Reeves, Chair, Cetacean Specialist Group (IUCN-SSC) and Okapi Wildlife Associates, Canada



12:30-14:00 - LUNCH BREAK

14:00-15:30 - PANEL 2

Refining our understanding of marine mammal critical habitat and hotspots, wading through large, heterogeneous masses of data, to inform MMPA designation (include High Seas)

Coordinators : *Kristin Kaschner, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg, Germany*

Rob Williams, University of St Andrews, UK

- Cetacean data: gaps and challenges for systematic marine conservation planning

Rob Williams, University of St. Andrews, UK

- Approaches to defining critical habitat

Jessica Redfern, SWFSC, USA

- Conservation planning tools available for MMPAs: Assumptions, strengths and weaknesses (Marxan, Marzone, Zonation, ResNet, C-Plan etc)

Sandra Pompa, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

- Where do we go from here: filling gaps and building models to predict densities in unsurveyed areas, and validating predictions with new data

Kristin Kaschner, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg, Germany

15:30-16:00 - COFFEE BREAK

16:00-16:30 - KEYNOTE 2

- Marine mammals that have already been lost - lessons learned?

Randall Reeves, Chair, Cetacean Specialist Group (IUCN-SSC) and Okapi Wildlife Associates, Canada

18:00-19:30 - Welcome Cocktail

19:30 - TRANSPORT TO HOTELS

08:30-10:00 - COMBINED PANEL 3 & 4

Using marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management to address broad threats to marine mammals

Coordinator: *Tundi Agardy, Sound Seas, USA*

- Broad scale impacts and the use of MPAs and MSP to advance EBM in the service of conservation

Tundi Agardy, Sound Seas, USA

- REMMOA survey

Vincent Ridoux, CRMM - Observatoire Pelagis, France

- MSP, zoning, and adaptation to climate change, Bangladesh

Brian Smith, Asian Freshwater and Coastal Cetacean Program, WCS, USA

- Marine Bioregional Planning and ecosystem-based management

Christine Schweizer, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Australia

10:00-10:30 - COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:30 - PANEL 5

Managing MMPAs for localised threats and mitigation by spatial protection and other means

Coordinator: *David Mattila, NOAA-ONMS, IWC Commission*

- Special tribute to Alexandre de Lichtervelde

- Addressing the effectiveness of management alternatives for reducing collisions between large ships and large whales in marine mammal protected areas

Scott M. Gende, National Park Service, Alaska, USA

A. Noble Hendrix, Resource Consultants, USA

Karin R. Harris Webb, National Park Service, Alaska, USA

- Marine mammal bycatch: how big is the problem and how can MMPAs play a leading role in its solution?

David Mattila, NOAA-ONMS, technical advisor to the International Whaling Commission, USA

- Oil spills and marine mammals: findings from the recent spill in the Gulf of Mexico

Teri Rowles, NOAA-OPR, director of the (US) marine mammal health and stranding response program, USA

- Marine mammal protection in Mexico

David Gutierrez Carbonell, Comisión Nacional de Areas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP), Mexico

- Using ecosystem approach to fisheries management that also helps marine mammal conservation

12:30-14:00 - LUNCH BREAK

14:00-15:30 - PANEL 6

Regional cooperation for MMPA scientific and technical networking

Coordinators: *Martine Bigan, Ministry of Environment, MEDDTL, France, Denis Girou, PN Guadeloupe, France*

- General considerations

Martine Bigan, Denis Girou

- Protection of areas for cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea-key issues, tools, possible solutions

Ana Strbenac, ACCOBAMS, State Institute for Nature Protection, Croatia

- Towards a network of PAs for Black Sea cetaceans

Alexei Birkun, Chair of ACCOBAMS, Jr. Black Sea Council for Marine Mammals, Ukraine

- Using the MedPAN network to further marine mammal conservation and using marine mammals to improve MPA management

Chloé Webster, MEDPAN, France

- Strengthening collaboration and capacity for an effective regional marine mammals protected areas network: The Pacific Islands experience

Tiare Turang Holm, Director, Sustainable Decisions, Palau

15:30-16:00 - COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30 - PANEL 7

Development of marine mammal PAs in the wider Caribbean region

Coordinator: *Alessandra Vanzella-Khouri, UNEP-Caribbean Environment Programme, Jamaica*

- From a regional treaty to an Action Plan to conservation efforts at the national level

Hélène Souan, SPAW Regional Activity Center (SPAW/ RAC), Guadeloupe

- The MM Sanctuary for the Dominican Republic: Twenty-Five Years of learning by doing

Peter Sanchez, Ministry of Environment and Patricia Lancho, FUNDEMAR, Dominican Republic

- The Agoa Sanctuary for the French Antilles

Nicolas Maslach, Agoa, France

- Towards a Sanctuary for the Dutch Netherlands: a partnership effort

Paul Hoetjes, Caribbean Netherlands

- Building capacity and networking of Marine Protected Areas: a platform for the conservation of Marine Mammals, TBA

18:00 - TRANSPORT TO HOTELS

19:30-20:30 - SIDE EVENT 1 - Creole Room

Navigation, whales and ship strikes. Toward a collaboration between Mediterranean and Caribbean actions ? - Room Créole - Carayou Hotel

Pascal Mayol, Souffleurs d'Ecume, France

Gaële Vandersarren, CAR/SPAW, Guadeloupe

Marie Christine Grillo-Compulsione, ACCOBAMS, Monaco

08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 1 - Garden 1 Room

Monk seal conservation issues

Coordinator: *Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara*, Tethys Research Institute, Italy

- Supporting the peaceful coexistence between human communities and monk seals in Greece

Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara, Tethys Research Institute, Italy

- Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*) and Marine Protected Areas in Greece

Eleni Tryfon, Ministry for the Environment, Greece

- Conservation of the Mediterranean Monk Seal *Monachus monachus* in Türkiye and the role of coastal & marine protected areas

Cem Orkun Kırac, SAD-AFAG, Turkey

- Mediterranean Monk seals. Are Marine Protected Areas the panacea for the conservation of the species in Greek seas?

Vangelis Paravas, Mom, Greece

- The case study of the Desertas islands nature reserve, a home for the Mediterranean Monk Seal, *Monachus monachus*

Rosa Pires, Parque Natural da Madeira, Portugal

- Marine protected areas as a tool for Hawaiian monk seal recovery

Charles Littnan, NOAA Fisheries, Hawaii

- Monk seal protection in the Saharan coast

Pablo Fernandez de Larrinoa, Med Monk Seal Program, Mauritania/Morocco

- Rehabilitation of Mediterranean monk seals (*Monachus monachus*) as part of an integrated approach to its survival

Lenie 't Hart, Seal Rehabilitation and Research Centre, Netherlands

08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 2 - Garden 2 Room

River dolphin, estuary and coastal dolphin conservation

Coordinators: *Fernando Trujillo*, Fundación Omacha, Colombia
Miguel Iniguez, Fundación Cethus and WDCC, Argentina
Erich Hoyt, WDCC, UK

- Assessing freshwater ecosystem degradation in the Amazon and Orinoco river basins using river dolphins as ecological indicators, flagships and sentinel species

Catalina Gómez-Salazar, Fundación Omacha, Colombia and Dalhousie University, Canada

- The South American River Dolphin Protected Area Network SARDPAN

Marcela Portocarrero-Aya, Fundación Omacha, Colombia and Hull University, UK

- The Action Plan for South American River Dolphins and major human stressors that impact river dolphins directly: interactions with fisheries and killing of dolphins to be used as bait

Fernando Trujillo, Fundación Omacha, Colombia

- Conservation of aquatic freshwater species in protected areas: Mamirauá as a case study

Miriam Marmontel, Mamirauá Sustainable Reserve, Brazil

- River dolphin conservation in Asia: climate change

Brian Smith, Wildlife Conservation Society, USA

- River dolphin conservation in India

Ravindra Sinha, Central University of Bihar, Patna India

- Protected areas and Conservation of the franciscana dolphins in Argentina

Mauricio Failla, Argentina

08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 4A - Creole Room

Bilateral and multilateral agreements to facilitate partnerships between MMPAs: Making them work and lessons learned

Coordinator: *Brad Barr*, Senior Policy Advisor, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, USA

- A Bilateral Agreement between Similar MMPAs: Francisco Coloane Coastal and Marine Protected Area (Chile) and Glacier Bay National Park (USA)

Scott M. Gende, National Park Service, USA

- Bilateral and multilateral agreements between Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and MPAs in the Caribbean: Lessons Learned

Nathalie Ward, PhD, NOAA Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, USA



08:00-18:30 - WORKSHOP 5 - Pool 2 Room

North East of South America, Regional cooperation for a MMs conservation strategy

Coordinator: *Marion Brichet, MPA's Agency, France*

Co-chairs: *François Gauthiez, MPA's Agency, France*

Hélène Souan, CAR/SPAW, Guadeloupe

Reporters: *Marion Brichet, France and Gaëlle Vandersarren, CAR-SPAW, Guadeloupe*

- A new consideration for marine issues in French Guiana

Marc-Henri Duffaud, Environmental Regional Direction, French Guiana

- Dolphin Program Monitoring and Research Program in Suriname

Monique Pool, Suriname Environmental Advisory Services, Suriname

- Conservation and sustainable use of natural resources: A focus on marine mammals in guiana

Oumardatt Ramcharran, Environmental Protection Agency, Guiana

- Cetacean critical habitat assessment in the Central-Northeast Coast of Venezuela

Lenin Enrique Oviedo, Correa MSc. University of Hong Kong, Japan

- Conservation of freshwater dolphins in South America: A regional cooperation initiative among countries, stakeholders and policy makers

Marcela Portocarrero-Aya, University of Hull, UK and Fundación Omacha, Colombia

- Aquatic mammals as ecological indicators to integrate monitoring programs and assessments with management practices

Catalina Gómez-Salazar, Dalhousie University, Canada, and Fundación Omacha, Colombia

08:00-18:30 - WORKSHOP 7 - Pool 1 Room

Immediate and lingering impacts of oil disasters on MM: review of experiences and policy implications

Coordinator: *Teri Rowles, NOAA- OPR, Director of the US Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program USA*

David Mattila, NOAA, USA,

Sarah Wilkin

Jaclyn Taylor

- Australian disaster in Timor Sea and GBRMP, Exxon Valdez, Nigeria

Koen Van Waerebeek, Caroline Weir, WWF West Africa

Gary S./Ed L., and Mike Z., CEDRE, UNEP...

12:30-14:00 - LUNCH BREAK

14:00-14:30 - KEYNOTE 3

- Protecting the High Seas vs. protecting marine mammals (but keep the legal stuff in mind)

Christophe Lefebvre, French MPA Agency, UICN, France

14:30-18:30 - WORKSHOP 3 - Garden 2 Room

Bycatch and MMPAs

Coordinator: *Arne Bjorge, Institute of Marine Research, Norway*

- Marine mammal bycatch in Norway: Assessment and management actions

Arne Bjorge, Institute of Marine Research, Norway

- Bycatch initiatives in a newly created MPA in Brittany (Iroise Sea)

Sami Hassani, Oceanopolis, France

- An overview of attempts to reduce bycatch of the Vaquita

Oscar Ramírez-Flores, CONANP, Mexico

- A new capacity building and bycatch mitigation initiative from the IWC

David Mattila, NOAA-NMSP, USA

- An overview of US efforts to reduce marine mammal bycatch globally

Nina Young, NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs, USA



14:30-18:30 - WORKSHOP 4B - Creole Room

Broad-scale Marine Spatial Planning of Mammal Corridors and Protected Areas in Caribbean and Southeast & Northeast Pacific, including identifying ecological and biologically significant areas

Convener: UNEP- LifeWeb - IUCN

Co-chairs: Ole Vestergaard, UNEP Marine & Coastal Ecosystems Branch; Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury, UNEP-Caribbean Environment Program and Patricio Bernal, GOBI Secretariat, IUCN, Switzerland

- Introduction - Broadscale marine spatial planning for transboundary management of MM corridors and critical habitats

Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury, UNEP-Caribbean Environment Program, Jamaica

- Introducing the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative and CBD process to establish MPA networks in the High Seas

Patricio Bernal, GOBI Secretariat, IUCN, Switzerland

- Challenges in implementing marine mammal spatial planning and management in the Eastern Pacific

Fernando Felix, CPPS, Ecuador

- Mapping large-scale spatial patterns of cetacean density preliminary work to information systematic conservation planning and MPA network design in the greater Caribbean

Rob Williams, Univ. St Andrews, UK

- Towards the identification of EBSAs for marine mammals in the Tropical Western Atlantic

Kristin Kaschner, Univ. Freiburg, Germany

- Mapping ecological and socio-economic factors for marine mammal management in Caribbean

Helene Souan, SPAW/RAC, Guadeloupe

- Development of management plan for the Marine Mammal Sanctuary of the Dominican Republic: from practice to planning

Peter Sanchez, Ministry of Environment, D.R and Patricia Lancho, FUNDEMAR, Dominican Republic

- Twinning of 'sister sanctuaries' - connecting the Agoa, Silver Bank and Stellwagen Sanctuaries

Nathalie Ward, NOAA, USA

- Topics for discussion:

- Essential spatial information for broad-scale MSP
- Spatial planning considerations for MM management
- Transboundary MM management arrangements
- Synergies with other processes and efforts

19:00-20:30 - SIDE EVENT 2 - Creole Room

- Carayou Hotel

The International Whaling Commission. Five Year Strategic Plan for Whale watching by Australian Government



08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 6 - Pool 2 Room

GOBI-UNEP-Life Web Technical Session: Identifying EBSA's in Wider Caribbean and East Pacific

Convener and chair: Patricio Bernal, GOBI, IUCN, Switzerland

Technical session focusing on methodologies, data and challenges for the identification of important marine mammal habitats and large-scale EBSAs in Caribbean and East Pacific

- Overview of CBD Regional workshops (past and future)

Pat Halpin, Duke University, USA

08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 8 - Garden 1 Room

Sirenians

Coordinator: Conservation of Sirenians: John Reynolds, Mote Marine Laboratory, USA

- Conservation of manatees in the wider-Caribbean: vision, initiatives, momentum, and transferability

Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury, United Nations Environment Program, Caribbean Environment Program, Jamaica

- The LifeWeb Program as a potential tool for sirenian conservation in Mesoamerica

Helene Souan, SPAW-Regional Activity Centre, Guadeloupe

- The establishment and challenges of the Chetumal Bay manatee protected area

Benjamin Morales Vela, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Mexico

- The reintroduction of manatees to the waters of Guadeloupe

Herve Magnin, Parc National de la Guadeloupe, Guadeloupe

- Evolving MPA monitoring into marine spatial planning: Aligning science and policy to conserve dugongs and their habitat

Ellen Hines, PhD, Marine & Coastal Conservation and Spatial Planning Center, San Francisco, USA

08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 9 - Garden 2 Room

What kinds of scientific information on marine mammals can be inserted in MSP processes to ensure that conservation goals are attained?

Coordinator: Tundi Agardy, Sound Seas, WOO, USA

Cafe-style workshop, with a series of brief presentations, followed by a discussion summarizing key points.

- Experiences from Bangladesh

Brian Smith, Asian Freshwater and Coastal Cetacean Program, Wildlife Conservation Society, WCS, USA

- Mediterranean EBSAs

Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara, Tethys Research Institute, Italy

- Species distributions and critical areas

Kristin Kaschner, Albert-Ludwig's-University, Germany

- Marine mammal corridors

Christine Geijer, University College London, UK

- MSP in the Alboran Sea

Ana Cañadas, ALNILAM Research and Conservation, Spain

- Scientific information to improve management of Pelagos Marine Sanctuary

Denis Ody and Aurélie Tasciotti, WWF, France

- EBSAs in the Arctic

Patricio Bernal, IUCN, GOBI, Switzerland

08:00-12:30 - WORKSHOP 10 - Pool 1 Room

Management of whale watching in MMPAs

Coordinators: Jose Palazzo IWC, Brazil and Miguel Iniguez, IWC and Fundacion Cethus, Argentina

Christine Schweizer and Artie Jacobson, Department for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Australia

Marie Christine Grillo-Compulsione, Executive Secretary of ACCOBAMS, Monaco

Pascal Mayol, Souffleurs d'Ecume, France and Pelagos Sanctuary, France

Dr. José Martins da Silva, Jr., National Aquatic Mammals Center, Biodiversity Institute, Brazil

Dr. Carole Carlson, USA

Mr. Peter Sanchez, Dominican Republic

Stephane Jérémie, SEPANMAR

Lesley Suttly, ECCEA, Martinique

12:30-15:00 - LUNCH BREAK

15:00-17:00 - CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, NEXT STEPS

17:00-17:30 - CLOSING KEYNOTE

- Thinking Big - But Not Forgetting Small: The ICMMPA 2 "Take Home" Vision

Erich Hoyt, Critical Habitat/MPA Program, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, UK

17:30-17:35 - FORMAL CLOSING

17:35-18:00 - SPECIAL EVENT

Stellwagen bank-Agoa partnership celebration

20:00 - Closing Dinner at the Fort Saint Louis - Fort de France



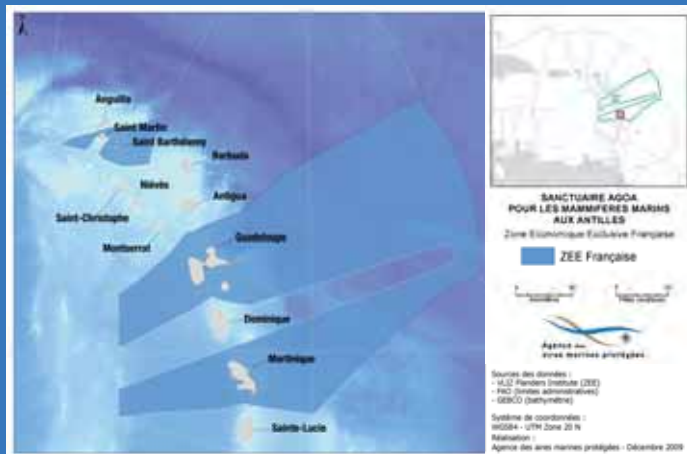
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Agoa is the first sanctuary for marine mammals in the French West Indies, i.e. the territorial waters and EEZ (exclusive economic zone) of Guadeloupe, Martinique, St-Martin and St-Barthélemy. It was created on 5 October 2010.



With an area of 138,000 km², Agoa will make it possible to reinforce the protection of emblematic but threatened species, such as sperm, humpback and other whales and dolphins, to sustainably manage their habitats and to ensure that they are considered in the development of human activities. The success of Agoa also depends on regional co-operation. The sanctuary could be extended to Caribbean states that would like to join the initiative. This would facilitate the management of marine mammal migration corridors and areas of distribution for populations common to several countries. The Second International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas will be a great opportunity to take further steps toward these important goals

**name of the goddess of the sea in Amerindian mythology*



Closing Dinner:

The closing Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Fort Saint Louis.

The Fort Saint Louis is located in Fort de France. These fortifications, linked to the French-Anglo rivalry of the colonial era, were built in 1640 under the instigation of the Governor of Baas. The Fort was classified as a historical monument in 1973 and today is home to the French West Indies Naval forces.

Transportation by boat will be provided from the Carayou Hotel



Field Trips:

North Plantation

Location: *Route de la Trace, North of the Island Caribbean Coast,*

Departure from the hotel by bus to Fort-de-France. Photo stops at the SACRE COEUR DE BALATA (replica of Montmartre basilica). A journey through Route de la Trace. Discovery stop at the Emeraude property of the natural park of the region (discovery of the endemic species of our rainforest). Journey through Morne-Rouge village. Lunch stop at the Montagne Pelée cottage. Visit and tasting stop at the DEPAZ distillery then visit of Saint Pierre 'Arts and History city', known for being destroyed during the Montagne Pelée eruption. Discovery of its ruins. Tour to the Caribbean Coast and its fishermen villages. Return to the hotel by bus. (minimum 10 pers)



Fonds Blancs (White grounds)

Catamaran: *Delphis, François islets tour*

Location: *Sailing tour to discover the southern coast of the island*

Departing from the François marina located on the Atlantic coast. The boat sails to Coral Reef and the Loup Garou islet. While sailing, you can enjoy planter's punch, fruit juices and accras.

Get into the Robert Bay and anchor at Chancel Islet, the Iguana Paradise that you will discover in the hidden ruins amidst the luxuriant tropical vegetation. 2d stop at Madam Islet and its white grounds to swim and have lunch (flippers, masks and snorkel available).

Sail back to Le François with a stop at the inevitable Baignoire de Joséphine. (minimum 10 pers)



Cap Enragé

Catamaran

Location: *Sailing tour to discover the western coast of the island*

Departing from the 3 Ilets, La pointe du Bout. The boat sails to the Cap Enragé, you will enjoy the Fort de France and littoral bay. The boat will approach the feeding areas of the dolphins and whales (Animation by Stephane Jeremie, SEPANMAR). Stop to have lunch and swim (flippers, masks and snorkel available).

Arrival in Saint Pierre, conference about the undersea world and its management (animation by Michel Metery). Visit of Saint Pierre. Sail back to the Hotel.

(Minimum 10 pers)



DIVING:

Half a day diving from The Pointe du Bout.

First dive: (Minimum 10 pers)

Exploration: diving destined to people with a certificate (Minimum 10 pers)

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