

**Draft Motion****Financial assistance for Environmental Protection In the Caribbean- Sint Maarten (EPIC)**

The Parliament of St. Maarten, in its meeting of today, April 17<sup>18</sup>, 2013

**CONSIDERING:**

1. That the Preamble of the Constitution of Sint Maarten states: “WE, THE PEOPLE OF SINT MAARTEN”, (are) “...*DETERMINED to care for the perpetual maintenance of nature and the environment*”;
2. That Article 22 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten states that: “*It shall be the constant concern of the government to keep the country habitable and to protect and improve the natural environment and the welfare of animals*”;
3. That Environmental Protection In the Caribbean- Sint Maarten (EPIC) is a locally established registered and managed non-governmental, non-profit, environmental organization;
4. That Environmental Protection In the Caribbean- Sint Maarten (EPIC) provides standardized Environmental and Natural Heritage Education classes, presentations and excursions to primary, secondary and tertiary schools, community groups, church groups and other organizations on Sint Maarten free of costs to the participants;
5. That Environmental Protection In the Caribbean- Sint Maarten (EPIC) has provided free Environmental and Natural Heritage Education classes, presentations and excursions to thousands of school children since 2007;
6. That the St. Maarten Development Fund (SMDF), the primary source of funding for non-governmental organizations, does not provide funding to projects aimed at environmental education, environmental management, research or protection;
7. That EPIC has over the last few years been gradually less successful in securing international grants to cover organizational and project costs due to the global economic crisis and the trend whereby many funding agencies no longer support operational costs;
8. That EPIC has been working to protect St. Maarten’s Natural Heritage, raise environmental awareness and provide environmental education for ten (10) years;
9. That EPIC has successfully initiated a wide-range of environmental programs and projects;
10. That EPIC partnered with the Tourist Bureau and successfully established the Blue Flag eco-label on St. Maarten;
11. That Blue Flag beaches and marinas are synonymous with quality and consequently responsive to ever increasing resident and visitor demands and expectations for a healthy environment and can therefore be used as a marketing tool for tourism on St. Maarten;
12. That without financial assistance EPIC may be forced to close its doors putting an end to its Environmental Education and Blue Flag programs;
13. That EPIC submitted a detailed budget proposal, action-plan and work-plan to the Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport & Telecommunications in July of 2012 which are included as an attachment to this motion;

14. That the Foundation would like to be able to hire several young St. Maarteners who have completed their studies overseas and have indicated an interest in returning to St. Maarten to contribute to the sustainable development of the island.

**RESOLVES:**

A. To charge the Council of Ministers with the task of taking the necessary measures towards providing financial support in the 2013 budget for Environmental Protection In the Caribbean- Sint Maarten, as per the attached budget proposal.

**And goes over to the order of the day.**

**Copies of this motion to be sent to:**

**The Governor of Sint Maarten  
The Government of Sint Maarten  
The Council of Advice of Sint Maarten**

  
**MP. Frans Richardson**



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE CARIBBEAN ST. MAARTEN  
OPERATIONAL BUDGET January - December 2013**

All dollar amounts are multiplied by .56 Naf.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Naf</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Grants	f 1,780.00	\$ 1,000.00
Charitable Donations	f 17,800.00	\$ 10,000.00
Blue Flag site fees	f 3,916.00	\$ 2,200.00
Blue Flag/Green Key travel reimbursement	f 2,403.00	\$ 1,350.00
Contracts	f 5,340.00	\$ 3,000.00
Pumpout Boat Lease	f 3,560.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL Income 2013</b>	<b>f 34,799.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,550.00</b>

**1. OFFICE OPERATIONAL COSTS**

**SALARIES**

**SALARIES - STAFF**

Marine Program Director (Love the Lagoon time)	f 34,176.00	\$ 19,200.00
Love the Lagoon Assistant Project Manager	f 42,720.00	\$ 24,000.00
Environmental Education Specialist	f 42,720.00	\$ 24,000.00
Administrative Assistant (part-time)	f 17,088.00	\$ 9,600.00
<b>Total Salaries Cost</b>	<b>f 136,704.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,800.00</b>

**CONSULTANTS**

Love the Lagoon Project Manager	f 53,400.00	\$ 30,000.00
Accountant (Fairplay Intl)	f 890.00	\$ 500.00
Fundraising Coordinator	f 1,780.00	\$ 1,000.00
Biologist	f 2,776.80	\$ 1,560.00
<b>Total Consultants Cost</b>	<b>f 58,846.80</b>	<b>\$ 33,060.00</b>

**TRANSPORTATION**

Mileage Reimbursement	f 7,894.66	\$ 4,435.20
Pumpout Boat Insurance	f 10,913.18	\$ 6,131.00
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>f 18,807.84</b>	<b>\$ 10,566.20</b>

**OFFICE/HOUSING**

Office Lease	f 36,312.00	\$ 20,400.00
Housing Lease	f 25,632.00	\$ 14,400.00
Utilities	f 4,272.00	\$ 2,400.00
Telephone	f 1,068.00	\$ 600.00
Internet	f 1,068.00	\$ 600.00
Postage	f 534.00	\$ 300.00
Maintenance and cleaning	f 2,136.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office supplies and equipment	f 4,984.00	\$ 2,800.00
Insurance for Office	NA	NA
<b>Total Office Cost</b>	<b>f 76,006.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,700.00</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Fundraising Expenses	f 890.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>f 890.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**Total Office Operational Costs** **f 291,254.64** **\$ 163,626.20**

**2. RESEARCH AND MONITORING**

Bi-weekly beach water quality testing	f 20,932.80	\$ 11,760.00
Simpson Bay Lagoon watershed quality testing	f 46,280.00	\$ 26,000.00
Shellfish toxicity testing in Simpson Bay Lagoon	f 11,392.00	\$ 6,400.00
<b>Total Research and Monitoring Costs</b>	<b>f 78,604.80</b>	<b>\$ 44,160.00</b>

**3. COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

Outreach materials	f 356.00	\$ 200.00
Printing annual reports/brochures	f 356.00	\$ 200.00
Traditional and social media communications/Website	f 5,340.00	\$ 3,000.00

<b>Total Communication and Education Costs</b>	<i>f</i> 6,052.00	\$ 3,400.00
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**4. CONSERVATION**

Litter clean ups	<i>f</i> 534.00	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Conservation Costs</b>	<i>f</i> 534.00	\$ 300.00

**5. TRAVEL**

FEE Mentor visit	<i>f</i> 890.00	\$ 500.00
FEE/Blue Flag conference travel	<i>f</i> 2,670.00	\$ 1,500.00
FEE/Green Key conference travel	<i>f</i> 2,670.00	\$ 1,500.00
Trainings / conferences	<i>f</i> 2,670.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Travel Costs</b>	<i>f</i> 8,900.00	\$ 5,000.00

**6. FEES**

Banking Fees	<i>f</i> 178.00	\$ 100.00
FEE Annual Membership Fee	<i>f</i> 7,120.00	\$ 4,000.00
Green Key levy	<i>f</i> 436.10	\$ 245.00
Blue Flag levy	<i>f</i> 436.10	\$ 245.00
Chamber of Commerce registry	<i>f</i> 249.20	\$ 140.00
<b>Total Fees</b>	<i>f</i> 8,419.40	\$ 4,730.00

**CATEGORY TOTALS**

Salaries	<i>f</i> 136,704.00	\$ 76,800.00
Consultant	<i>f</i> 58,846.80	\$ 33,060.00
Transportation	<i>f</i> 18,807.84	\$ 10,566.20
Office Cost	<i>f</i> 76,006.00	\$ 42,700.00
Miscellaneous	<i>f</i> 890.00	\$ 500.00
Research and Monitoring	<i>f</i> 78,604.80	\$ 44,160.00
Communication and Education	<i>f</i> 6,052.00	\$ 3,400.00
Conservation	<i>f</i> 534.00	\$ 300.00
Travel	<i>f</i> 8,900.00	\$ 5,000.00
Fees	<i>f</i> 8,419.40	\$ 4,730.00
<b>Total Operational and Expenditure Costs for 2013</b>	<i>f</i> 393,764.84	\$ 221,216.20

<b>Total Projected Income 2013</b>	<i>f</i> 34,799.00	\$ 19,550.00
<b>Requested Government Subsidy</b>	<i>f</i> 358,965.84	\$ 201,666.20
<b>Total Expenditure 2013</b>	<i>f</i> 393,764.84	\$ 221,216.20
<b>Total Projected Balance 2013 with subsidy</b>	<i>f</i> 393,764.84	\$ 221,216.20
<b>Total Projected Balance 2013 without Subsidy</b>	<i>f</i> 34,799.00	\$ 19,550.00



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Voting list Environment Protection

Motion no. 12 date: April 2013

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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	drs. R.E. Samuel		
2.	G.C. Pantophlet		
3.	Patrick G. Illidge		
4.	H.L. Richardson		
5.	Petrus L. de Weever		
6.	F.G. Richardson		
7.	Lloyd J. Richardson		
8.	Romain J. Laville		
9.	Roy R. Marlin		
10.	Johan E. Leonard		
11.	Silvia V. Meyers-Olivacce		
12.	Jules C. James		
13.	Louie E. Laveist		
14.	Gracita R. Arrindell		
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