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### Le Saviez-Vous?

#### Récif corallien

Un récif corallien résulte de la construction d'un substrat minéral durable (formé de carbonate de calcium) secrété par des êtres vivants, principalement des coraux. Il existe de très nombreuses espèces de coraux qui forment des écosystèmes marins complexes et parmi les plus riches en biodiversité, généralement à faible profondeur. Les massifs coralliens, notamment en région tropicale, procurent des niches écologiques à de nombreux animaux qui y trouvent nourriture, refuge, protection et abri. De très nombreuses espèces de poissons en sont donc dépendantes.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Wishing you all the best for a happy and safe holiday season and a productive New Year.

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FoProBiM, with funding from EnviroSynergy, has completed Haiti's first detailed nationwide mangrove survey.

FoProBiM has finalized its data collection on Haiti's first nation-wide detailed survey of the areal extent of our mangroves. For a free detailed map of a specific region please email FoProBiM at [bluemail@foprobim.org](mailto:bluemail@foprobim.org). A .jpg Google Earth image with a minimum altitude of 50,000ft. will be provided. FoProBiM must be acknowledged as the source, and copyright information must be provided in any documents using these images. The maps will have a FoProBiM logo watermark.



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Les récifs coralliens diffèrent des côtes d'accumulation en ce qu'ils sont d'origine biologique. Ces récifs constituent aussi une partie importante des puits de carbone océaniques existants sur Terre. Ces puits sont aujourd'hui menacés par la dégradation des récifs. 50 % environ de ces structures coralliennes étaient en effet en mauvaise santé à la fin du XXe siècle.



#### **La FoProBiM**

Constituée en 1992, FoProBiM est un organisme apolitique, non gouvernemental et sans but lucratif qui est établi à Port-au-Prince, Haïti, et qui a été officiellement reconnu par le gouvernement haïtien en 1995 en tant que fondation œuvrant pour l'environnement d'Haïti dans les domaines du développement durable, de l'éducation, de la recherche, de la surveillance et de la sensibilisation.

FoProBiM est l'un des plus vieux organismes environnementaux haïtiens. Sa mission :

i) sensibiliser la population et les divers intervenants au besoin de changer les lois et les attitudes concernant l'environnement;  
ii) accroître les connaissances et les compétences aux niveaux gouvernemental, communautaire et individuel afin d'apporter des améliorations durables à l'environnement et à la vie des gens, et; iii) mettre en œuvre des programmes éducatifs ainsi que des recherches scientifiques, incluant de la surveillance environnementale, afin de promouvoir une meilleure gestion de l'environnement et la protection de la biodiversité par une meilleure compréhension de la nécessité d'utiliser les ressources environnementales de façon durable.

Depuis maintenant 20 ans qu'elle existe, la FoProBiM se consacre à la protection et à la gestion des écosystèmes côtiers et marins du pays ainsi que des bassins versants avoisinants. Dans ses efforts continus pour surveiller et protéger l'environnement et la biodiversité, FoProBiM œuvre de concert avec les populations qui habitent la région côtière, incluant les regroupements de



FoProBiM Director, Jean Wiener, has met with The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, former Governor General of Canada and current UNESCO Special Envoy to Haiti. Considering FoProBiM's previous track record with successful activities in Haiti, Mrs. Jean has requested a large scale proposal from FoProBiM targeted at the protection, management, and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources for Haiti.

FoProBiM is now participating as a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee for Economic Growth and Investment (PACEGI). PACEGI, initiated by the Office of President Martelly, aims at promoting foreign investments in Haïti as a way to develop prosperity for the Haitian people. It acts as a counsellor to the President and the Office of Bureau of Economical Development by providing advice on different strategies, publishing points of view and by taking position on key business opportunities offered by Haiti's industry sectors.



#### **Accords with Hotel Sector**

In November FoProBiM signed an agreement with the *Conseil Regional de la Côte des Arcadins (CRCA)* in order to advise this organization on environmental issues in general, and coastal and marine issues in particular related to environmentally friendly business practices and the creation of the Arcadins Marine Protected Area. This council is composed of the following hotels: Wahoo Bay Beach, Kaliko Beach, Ouanga Bay, Moulin sur Mer, Club Indigo, and Xaragua and was established to engage in the sustainable development of the Arcadins Coast and adjacent watersheds. Wahoo Bay Beach and Moulin sur Mer hotels along the Arcadins Coast, and the Mont Joli Hotel in Cap Haïtien have agreed to support FoProBiM's activities in Haiti through in-kind financial contributions. In exchange FoProBiM will continue to provide advice to these institutions concerning their continued development of environmentally friendly initiatives.



#### **IUCN Transboundary Conservation Specialist's Group**

FoProBiM is now a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Transboundary Conservation Specialist's Group. This adds to FoProBiM's participation as a member of IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).



#### **Ayiti Bel Ayiti Vet**

FoProBiM participated in the second edition of *Ayiti Bel, Ayiti Vet* held at the Club Indigo Beach Hotel in Montrois (Arcadins Coast). AYITI BÈL AYITI VÈT is a citizen's initiative with the objective to create and sustain projects on environmental protection through nature sports.



#### **Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute**

FoProBiM has joined the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI). The Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute was founded in 1947 to promote the exchange of current information on the use and management of marine resources in the Gulf and Caribbean region. From its beginning, GCFI has endeavored to involve scientific, governmental, and commercial sectors to provide a broad perspective on relevant issues, and to encourage dialogue among groups that often operate in relative isolation from one another.



#### **Global Partnership for Oceans**

FoProBiM has joined the Global Partnership for Oceans (GPO). The Global Partnership for Oceans is a new and powerful approach to restoring ocean health. It mobilizes finance and knowledge to activate proven solutions at an unprecedented scale for the benefit of communities, countries and global well-being. The GPO is a growing alliance of over 140 governments, international organizations, civil society groups, and private sector interests committed to addressing the threats to the health, productivity and resilience of the ocean. The Partnership aims to tackle documented problems of overfishing,

femmes, de jeunes, de fermiers et de pêcheurs, ainsi que tous ceux et celles qui utilisent les ressources environnementales dans un vaste éventail de secteurs tels que le tourisme, la production de combustible, le transport, la commercialisation, la transformation, etc.

pollution, and habitat loss. Together these problems are contributing to the depletion of a natural resource bank that provides nutrition, livelihoods and vital ecosystem services.



**FoProBiM renews its call for the critical need to develop a network of Marine Protected Areas for the country, as it has proposed over the past years, and continues in its efforts to make this a reality.**

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