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**Rapid assessment of the implementation of the Grenada National Forest Policy and Strategic Plan (1999)**

#  Introduction

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is implementing a technical assistance component of the OECS-GCCA iLAND Resilience project, specifically developing the following environmental frameworks for Grenada:

•  Revised National Forest Policy and Strategic Plan

•  Revised Protected Area, Forest and Wildlife Act and supporting Regulations

The core consultation process includes two national workshops. The first was held in December 2017 and the second is tentatively scheduled for June of 2018. At the first national workshop stakeholders called for more widespread consultations to inform the development of the deliverables.  Further, stakeholders indicated that the development of the new policy required an analysis of the degree of implementation of the past policy. It is understood that a formal evaluation of the degree of implementation of the 1999 National Forest Policy and Strategic Plan has not been done but that a number of national and regional project and programme activities have advanced objectives under the 1999 National Forest Policy.

While resources and timing will not permit a detailed formal evaluation under this policy, this rapid assessment seeks to produce a very rough synopsis to help guide the development of the new policy. The rapid assessment will be administered to in-country project leads, selected persons who attended the first consultation and other key personnel identified by the project leads.

# Section 1

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| **Name of person filling out survey**  |  |
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# Section 2: Rapid assessment

**Please fill out the tables below to the best of your ability, ignoring sections that are not applicable to your work or for which you do not have information. You are free to include website links and send relevant documents if you wish.**

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| a) maintain representative samples of all forest ecosystems  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) protect all species which are important because of their endemicity, rarity or value |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) establish and maintain a base of knowledge on Grenada’s biodiversity |  |  |  |  |  |
| d) build awareness and appreciation of biodiversity and its importance |  |  |  |  |  |

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| e) promote sustainable use of genetic resources for social, spiritual and economic benefits |  |  |  |  |  |
| f) build the capacity of Grenadian institutions to participate in conservation and management of the country’s biodiversity |  |  |  |  |  |
| g) create incentives and other mechanisms to encourage conservation of privately-owned forests |  |  |  |  |  |

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| h) encourage participation of government and community stakeholders in programmes for biodiversity conservation |  |  |  |  |  |
| i) minimise conversion of natural forest into plantations, particularly in upland areas |  |  |  |  |  |
| j) minimise and control all burning and wild fires in forest areas |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Mangroves** |
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| a) develop a positive perception of mangroves |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) promote sustainable uses of mangroves  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) develop and establish a structured collaborative management system with clearly defined roles and responsibilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| d) develop legislation to control the use of mangroves for contractual agreements between owners, users and government |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Non-Timber Forest Products** |
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| a) promote the incorporation of non-timber forest product management in all forest areas |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) establish collaborative management arrangements between users and owners, where appropriate |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) conduct research into the traditional, modern and potential uses of non-timber forest products |  |  |  |  |  |
| d) increase the supply of raw materials for arts and craft |  |  |  |  |  |

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| a) provide opportunities for forest-based recreation |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) enhance and diversify the nation’s tourism product |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) bring social and economic benefits to communities located near forest areas |  |  |  |  |  |

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| d) minimise negative impacts of recreational and touristic uses on the forest |  |  |  |  |  |
| e) involve communities in the development and management of eco-tourism sites |  |  |  |  |  |
| f) review institutional arrangements for the management of protected forest areas to ensure that it is integrated, effective and efficient. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Timber Production**  |
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| 1. rationalise the production of timber
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| 1. meet the local demand for high-value hard wood for the furniture industry
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| 1. develop and use a Code of Practice for all timber harvesting and extraction on State land
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| **Tree Planting** |
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| a) encourage tree planting to reduce soil erosion, improve soil fertility, beautify and enhance the environment, provide timber and other products and maintain biodiversity |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) develop programmes to encourage stakeholders (e.g. schools and other community groups / organisations) in tree planting in urban and rural areas |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) create incentives for tree planting on private lands |  |  |  |  |  |

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| a) adopt an integrated approach to watershed management, with appropriate institutional arrangements |  |  |  |  |  |
| b)conserve all ground and surface water resources and protect from pollution and depletion |  |  |  |  |  |
| c)maximise soil cover and prevent deforestation, as far as possible, in all watershed areas |  |  |  |  |  |

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| d)minimise soil erosion and sedimentation, particularly for the benefit of aquatic species and ecosystems (both freshwater and marine) |  |  |  |  |  |
| e) control infra-structural development and improve farming practices in catchment areas |  |  |  |  |  |
| f) develop incentives for proper watershed management practices |  |  |  |  |  |
| g) identify and recommend alternatives for activities detrimental to watersheds |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Wildlife Management** |
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| a) conserve wildlife for the benefit of public education, hunting, recreation and biodiversity |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) limit the negative impacts of wildlife on agriculture |  |  |  |  |  |
| c )conduct research on population dynamics of important wildlife species |  |  |  |  |  |
| d) develop effective systems to control hunting and the sale of wild meat |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Carriacou and Petit Martinique Matters** |
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| a) ensure that the specificity of Carriacou and Petit Martinique is taken into account in the implementation of all aspects of this policy |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) develop effective systems for the control of grazing and the movement of animals |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **General Questions on Policy Objectives** |  |
| **Policy objectives**  | **Overall assessment on progress of policy objectives in column 1 (Rate from 1-10) (1- low progress and 10 high progress)**  | **What factors have impeded progress?** | **What activities, policy directions, resources are needed to help progress on this policy objective?** |
| a) conserve species, ecosystems, and genetic diversity |  |  |  |
| b) optimise the contribution of forest resources to social and economic development |  |  |  |
| c) maintain a positive relationship between the Grenadian people and their forest environment |  |  |  |
| d) 3maintain, enhance and restore the ability of forests to provide goods and services on a sustainable basis.  |  |  |  |

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| **General Questions**  |
| Any trends with regards to overall forest cover to address in revised policy? |  |
| Any trends with regards to overall forest health? |  |
| Any forest type requiring special attention? |  |
| Any trends with regards to Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) to note for the policy e.g. is the use increasing or decreasing? |  |
| Any aspects of private sector current or desired future involvement or engagement in forestry to note or highlight in the policy? |  |
| Any aspects of civil society current or desired future involvement or engagement in forestry to note or highlight in the policy? |  |
| Any other points to hightlight? |  |