



ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGES



In 2023, amidst a world in desperate need of immediate action for biodiversity and the environment, our organization remained steadfast and resolute. Drawing from our extensive 25 years of experience in conservation we developed and implemented a different strategy aimed at fostering a more profound influence within communities and ensuring a sustainable approach to conservation. This led to the establishment of Haiti National Trust, with proven results, as our exceptional team demonstrated unwavering dedication, driving tangible progress in vital conservation projects.

We deeply thank our generous donors, whose unwavering support fuels our mission and empowers us to make a lasting and significant impact on Haiti's incredibly rich biodiversity.

As we reflect on the remarkable achievements of 2023, we eagerly anticipate another year of vital conservation work. The urgency of our mission grows daily, and together, united in purpose, we will continue to tirelessly safeguard Haiti's precious natural treasures.

Philippe Bayard
PHILIPPE BAYARD
PRESIDENT



Amid the challenges Haiti faced this year, our organization not only thrived but made noteworthy progress. The exceptional commitment of our dedicated team propelled us to significant achievements in conservation. We made substantial strides in conservation projects and garnered enduring support from local communities, which is vital in preserving Haiti's biodiversity hotspots.

Our dedication to excellence persists, driven by the urgency to prevent the extinction of our native species. We owe these accomplishments to our remarkable team, devoted donors and valued partners. Together, we forge ahead in our mission, acknowledging the collective effort that makes it possible.

Anne-Isabelle Bonifassi
ANNE-ISABELLE BONIFASSI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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HISTORY

Haiti National Trust (HNT) has been operational for almost a decade, serving as both a registered 501(c)3 organization in the United States and a foundation in Haiti. As the sister organization of Societe Audubon Haiti (SAH), HNT emerged with a shared vision to protect and preserve Haiti's exceptional natural heritage. Recognizing the impending environmental crisis and the urgent need to address the looming threats to biodiversity, we embarked on a mission to safeguard the country's unique flora and fauna.

Over the years, we have witnessed Haiti inch closer to the brink of biodiversity loss, primarily due to deforestation and habitat degradation. As the last remaining forests, often referred to as "hot spots" of biodiversity, face imminent destruction, we knew we had to act decisively. HNT emerged as a beacon of hope, determined to safeguard Haiti's rich ecological heritage and mitigate the impending environmental and social consequences.



PURPOSE

At the core of our purpose lies a profound commitment to safeguarding Haiti's environment and biodiversity for the prosperity of future generations. We recognize that Haiti's unique flora and fauna face grave threats, with the survival of many species hanging in the balance. Our purpose is to serve as a catalyst for change by identifying biodiversity hotspots in need of protection, establishing national parks, and collaborating closely with local communities and government entities to ensure sustainable management of these critical areas.

As environmental stewards, we have embarked on a dual mission: to end deforestation and promote ecosystem restoration using native plant species. In parallel, we actively engage and empower local communities, enhancing their livelihoods, education, and overall well-being. Through our holistic approach, we aim to address environmental challenges while simultaneously uplifting the lives of those who depend on these vital ecosystems.



MISSION & VISION

Haiti National Trust is on a mission to save and protect Haiti's environment and biodiversity for future generations. Our vision is one of a Haiti where the natural world thrives in harmony with its people, ensuring the nation's ecological and social well-being. We are driven by a sense of urgency, as Haiti faces a stark reality - it is on the precipice of losing its rich diversity of plants, animals, and species at a rate unrivaled by most other countries in the world.

Our mission encompasses identifying biodiversity hotspots, creating protected areas, and fostering collaboration with local communities and government bodies for responsible land and marine management. We are steadfast in our commitment to ending deforestation, promoting reforestation, and actively involving local communities in all our activities. Our mission and vision converge in our relentless pursuit of a sustainable, thriving Haiti where the environment flourishes, and people prosper.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF



Philippe Bayard
President



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Vice-president



Francis Mitchell
Treasurer



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Director



Juliana Rossi de Camargo
Director



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Director



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Director



Anne-Isabelle Bonifassi
Executive Director



Joel Timyan
Conservation Director



Eladio Fernandez
Photography Director



Bernita Sanon
Financial Manager



Alex Domercant
Project Coordinator



Wilson Jean
Field Manager



Jn Louis Duma
Logistics & Security

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

 **80,000+**

Achieving our yearly goal of planting 80,000 plants in Grand Bois National Park as part of our reforestation efforts.

12%

of the park's surface has been reforested.



Support & dedication from the local community of Grand Bois National Park, and neighboring buffer zone communities.

356 ha

Successful completion of the land cadaster in Bois Pangnol, expanding our efforts to protect a hotspot of 356 ha, surpassing the initial 90-ha target.

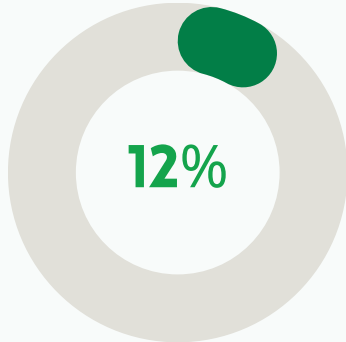


PROJECTS GRAND BOIS



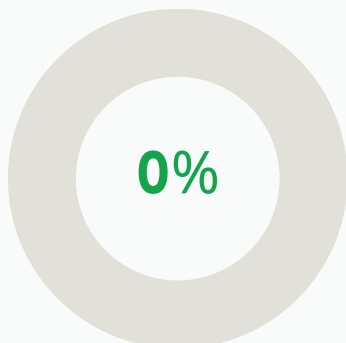
Establishing
community co-
management of Grand
Bois - 2020 to 2023

\$ 295,966



Reinforcing ecosystem
and community
resilience to climate
change in Grand Bois -
2023 to 2026

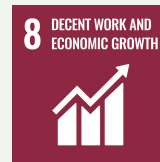
\$ 1,003,198



Empowering Grand
Bois for human rights
and community co-
management - 2023 to
2025

\$ 305,000

Sustainable Development Goals Supported



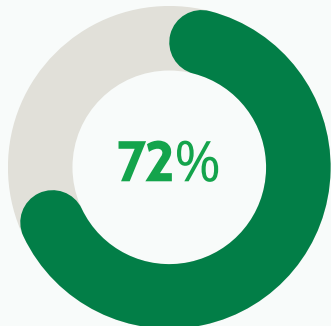


PROJECTS BOIS PANGNOL



Land surveys and
protected area declaration
for Bois Pangnol - 2020 to
2023

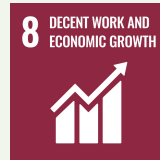
\$ 15,372



Saving and restoring the
forests of the Tiburon
Peninsula - 2022 to 2024

\$ 265,000

Sustainable Development Goals Supported



PROJECTS OTHERS

100%



Administrative
support - 2023

\$ 6,000

100%



Creation of bilingual
coloring books on
biodiversity
- 2023

\$ 7,000

92%



Creation of bilingual
bedtime story
books on
deforestation
- 2023

\$ 2,050



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2023

We hired multiple teams, planted 8,584 plants, and expanded nurseries, observing positive change in the grazing behavior of the park's communities.

FEBRUARY 2023

Despite challenges, we achieved 25% of our planting goal, expanded nurseries, and planted 11,754 cuttings, accompanied by invasive species removal.

MARCH 2023

March featured the addition of two new native tree species to our nurseries, nursery expansion, water shortage mitigation, and successful monitoring of increased animal grazing, resulting in captures and educational efforts within the National Park.

APRIL 2023

We prevented unauthorized tree cutting and grazing, improved and expanded nurseries, and mitigated water shortage for nursery irrigation while maintaining a positive and cooperative atmosphere with individuals involved.

MAY 2023

We collected and treated native seeds, efficiently carried out reforestation activities with 10,923 plantings, removed invasive species, apprehended grazing animals, identified endangered frog species, and initiated conservation efforts in Bois Pangnol through an agreement with CIAT (Comité Interministériel d'Aménagement du Territoire).

JUNE 2023

We progressed in the Bois Pangnol land cadaster project, repaired a damaged nursery, managed seedlings, addressed water supply challenges, prepared for future plantings, and continued efforts in removing invasive species and addressing grazing issues.

JULY 2023

We responded to a wildfire, conducted training for nursery workers, expanded a nursery, carried out maintenance, removed invasive species, and completed the land cadaster for 359 hectares in Bois Pangnol, with plans to secure leasing rights and involve farmers in conservation and restoration.

AUGUST 2023

A total of 7,369 native species were planted in Grand Bois National Park during this month, as part of extensive reforestation efforts, which also included invasive species removal and an environmental baseline survey to assess ecosystem quality and threats.

SEPTEMBER 2023

We continued our reforestation efforts by planting 7,416 seedlings and direct cuttings within the park, contributing to the restoration of the ecosystem. Additionally, we actively promoted gender equity, with 39% of our workforce being women, as part of our commitment to empower the local community and achieve a balanced gender ratio in our teams.

OCTOBER 2023

We planted a total of 20,529 plants, including seedlings from our nurseries and direct cuttings, as part of our reforestation efforts. Additionally, we focused on cholera prevention, maintained our nurseries, established compost stations, and promoted gender equity within our workforce.

NOVEMBER 2023

Our activities included acquiring cholera kits for distribution, expanding our workforce, and continuing nursery operations and reforestation efforts, planting a total of 10,705 plants. We also dealt with a significant security incident.

DECEMBER 2023

Despite security challenges in the closest city of Tiburon and the buffer zone of Grand Bois, we focused on nursery maintenance, planted 8,656 trees, employed 32 workers, including 4 women. We also addressed grazing issues and expanded data collection efforts.



ACTIVITIES COMING UP (2024)



Establish a 4th native plant nursery in Grand Bois.



Recruit and train forest rangers for Grand Bois.



Improve key trails (6) in Grand Bois to enhance safety and compliance.



Support community in native honey production in Grand Bois.

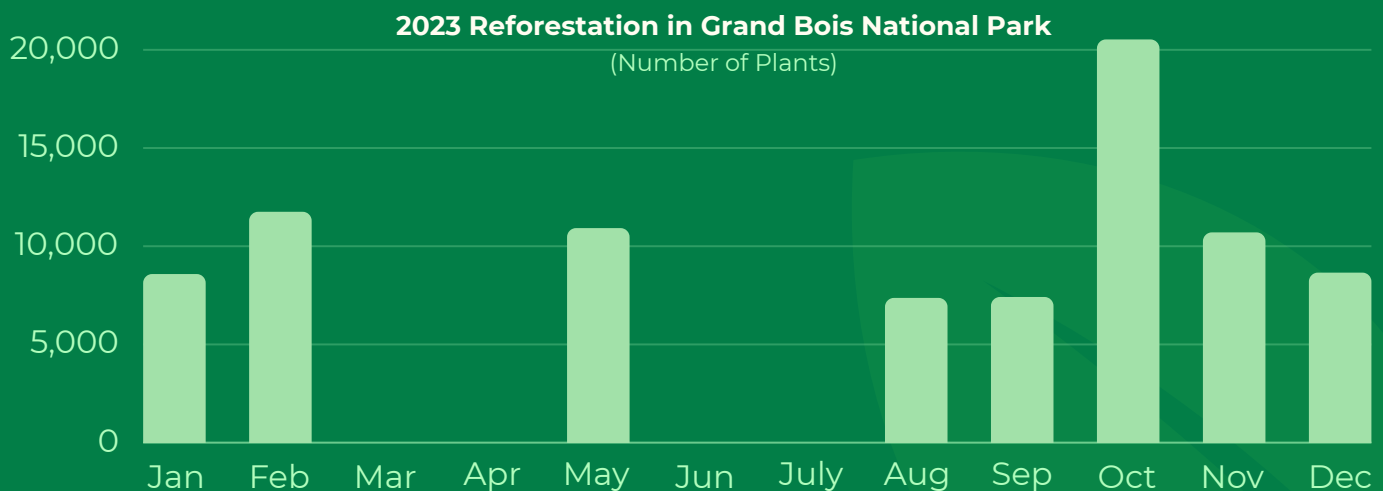


Initiate restoration work in Bois Pangnol (native nurseries, invasive species management, reforestation)



Assist buffer zone communities in developing sustainable livelihoods, reducing reliance on the park's resources.

GRAND BOIS RESTORATION REPORT



86,000

Exceeding our yearly reforestation goal in Grand Bois National Park by planting 85,936 native plants, representing 39% more than in 2022

+23 ha

Successful planting of over 23 hectares, equivalent to +12% of the park's total area. Invasive species management done at the same time.

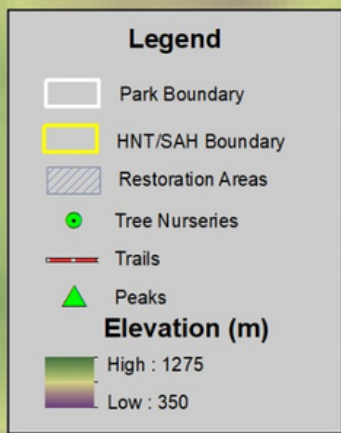
14 species

Fourteen different native and endemic species were used in our reforestation efforts.

20 species

Nurturing 20 distinct native and endemic species in our in-situ nurseries in Grand Bois.

Grand Bois Restoration Areas & Nurseries (Jan - Nov 2023)



NAN KOULEV AREA (10.1 HA)

BWA GRENN AREA (2.0 HA)

BWA GRENN NURSERY

NAN PANM NURSERY & AREA (5.2 HA)

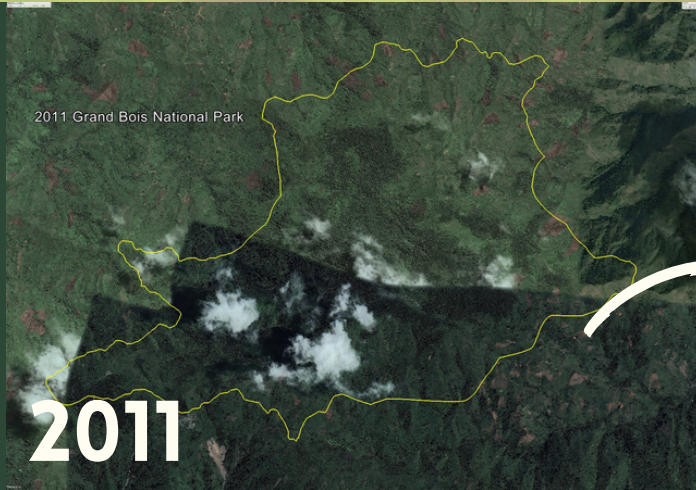
SO BLANCH NURSERY & AREA (6.4 HA)

0.85
Kilometers



Grand Bois National Park

Satellite Pictures







THREATS & CHALLENGES



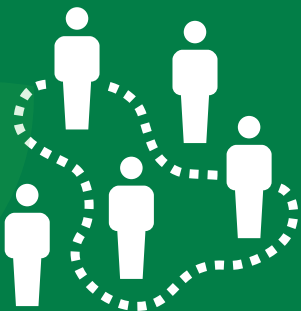
Weather &
natural disasters



Wildfires



Animal grazing
& agriculture



People & land
conflicts



Gang activity



Hiring qualified
staff

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

Re:wild

Serving as our steadfast ally, Re:wild acts as our primary donor and partner. Their unwavering commitment extends across financial, administrative, and technical support, while also bolstering our capacity through valuable training and guidance.

Sunrise Airways

Demonstrating immense generosity, Sunrise Airways is a vital contributor, offering both financial backing and essential technical support related to travel and transportation logistics. Their assistance plays a pivotal role in our operations.

CIAT

In an exceptional collaborative effort, CIAT (Comité Interministériel d'Aménagement du Territoire) has been instrumental in assisting us with the complex task of establishing land surveys and securing land tenure in Haiti. Their support is pivotal in facilitating our conservation endeavors by addressing critical land-related challenges.

ASB

ASB (Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund) stands as a generous donor, providing essential support to sustain our ongoing restoration efforts in the Grand Bois area. Their contributions are instrumental in furthering our mission of environmental conservation and ecosystem restoration.

The Adventures of Pili

Partnering with us on an exciting literary journey, The Adventures of Pili helps create bilingual children's books that delve into Haiti's rich biodiversity. Together, we aim to convey the importance of environmental preservation to the younger generation.

Fondation Digicel

Through a meaningful partnership, Fondation Digicel joins us in an educational initiative targeting remote schools in Haiti. Together, we empower children with knowledge about Haiti's diverse biodiversity and instill a sense of responsibility for safeguarding our environment.



CIAT

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Digicel Fondation

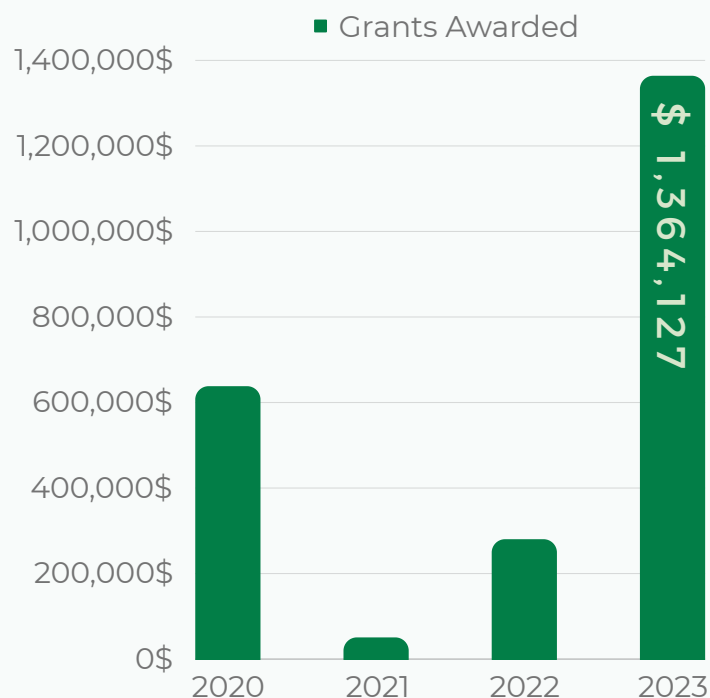
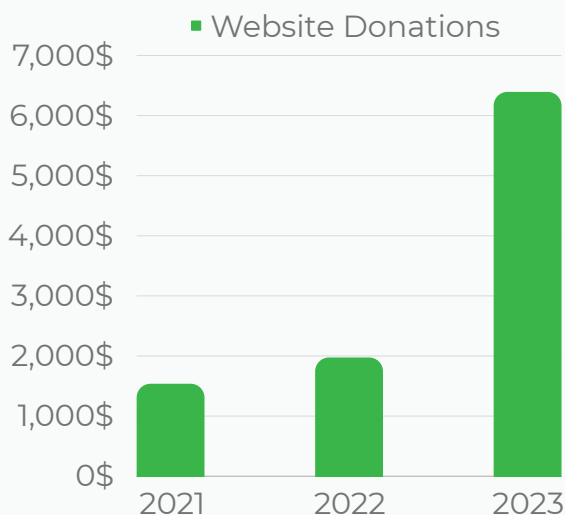
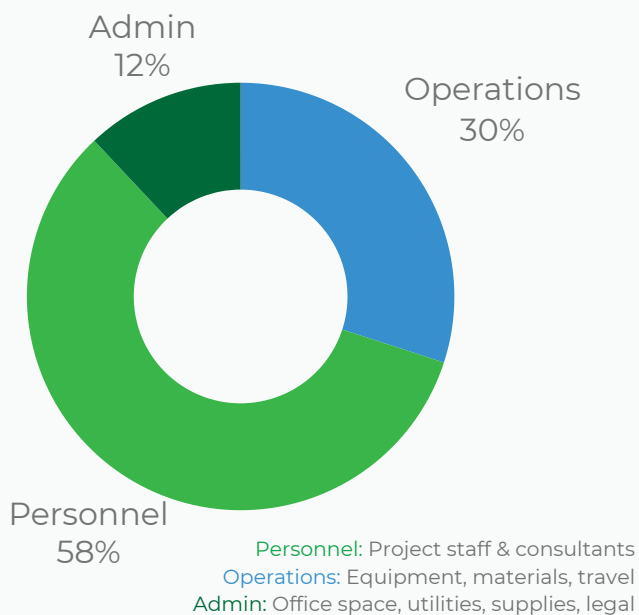
FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue

Re:wild (GWC-5397)	\$ 30,989
Re:wild (YSL-449)	\$ 150,000
Re:wild (GG-444)	\$ 55,000
ASB (Klima II)	\$ 125,277
Donations (all)	\$ 21,439
	\$ 382,705

Expenditure

re:wild (GWC-5397)	\$ 68,544
re:wild (YSL-449)	\$ 119,474
re:wild (GG-444)	\$ -
ASB (Klima II)	\$ 76,751
Donations (all)	\$ 10,025
	\$ 274,794



COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA



+145%



+480%



+31%



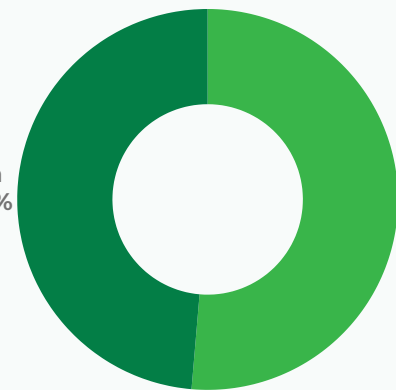
6,478

Accounts reached

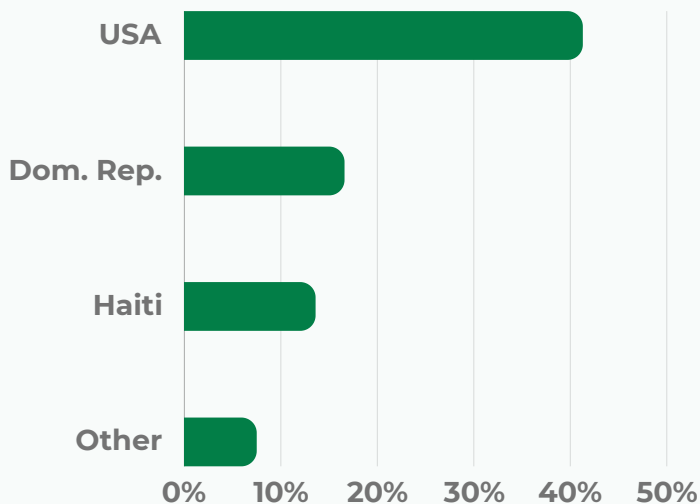
Oct-Nov-Dec

Men
48.6%

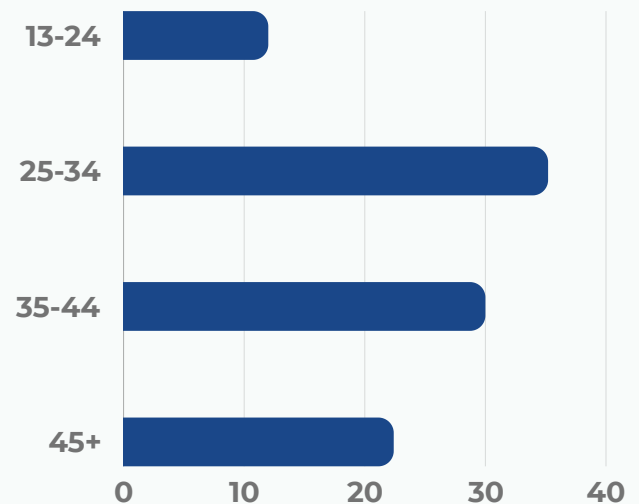
Women
51.4%



Followers Top Location



Followers Age Range



STRATEGIC PLAN

2022-2026



Achieve Organizational Sustainability

- Secure funding for key positions, including a Program Director and Executive Director.
- Develop the capacity for financial growth and self-sufficiency.

Our ongoing efforts to secure funding for crucial positions, such as a Program Director and Executive Director, continue. However, finding donors willing to support these positions on an annual basis remains a challenge. We are actively seeking generous donors who recognize the significance of these roles in sustaining our organization financially.

Initiate Three New Park Projects

- Initiate land surveys, restoration, and conservation projects in Bois Pangnol, Grande Colline, and Tête Boeuf mountain ranges.
- Secure tenure rights for high-integrity forests within proposed park boundaries.

Our foray into fieldwork for Bois Pangnol is scheduled to commence in early 2024, thanks to the funding provided by Yves Saint Laurent through Re:wild. With continued financial support, we aim to effectively restore and protect the Bois Pangnol area. As for Grande Colline and Tête Boeuf, we are actively seeking funding donors to extend our conservation efforts to these critical biodiversity hotspots.

Expand Scope to Marine Parks

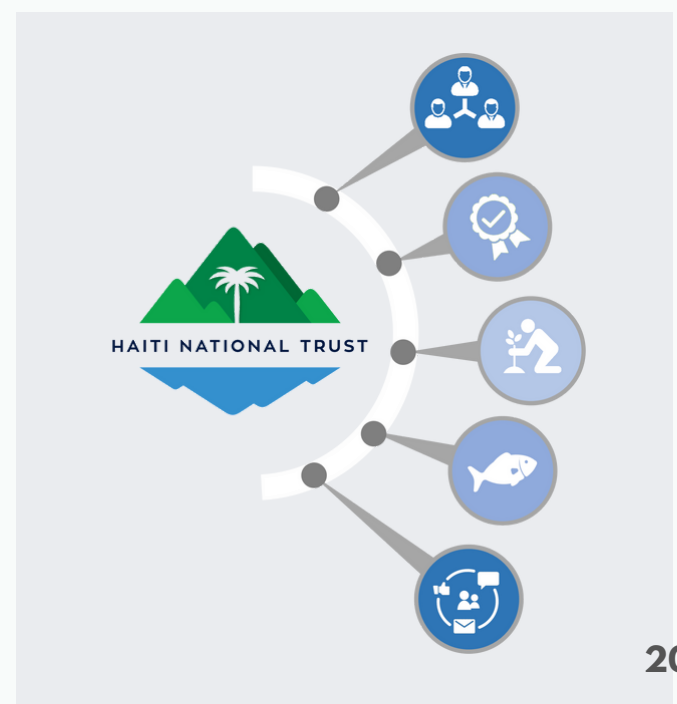
- Initiate a coastal conservation project, starting with the Baradères-Cayemites Marine Protected Area.
- Collaborate with other organizations for marine ecosystem protection.

We submitted a joint proposal this year, collaborating with Haiti Ocean Project (HOP) and Reef Check Haiti (RCH). While our proposal was not awarded, we remain committed to seeking funding opportunities that will allow us to expand our conservation endeavors to marine areas in Haiti.

Ensure Grand Bois' Park Success

- Finalize land tenure status and compensation for park occupants.
- Develop a comprehensive park management plan.
- Establish a park station for various functions.
- Implement ecosystem security and health monitoring technology.
- Build a dedicated park ranger team.
- Formulate and sustain an ecosystem management team.
- Engage local communities through education and awareness programs.

Under the Klima II project (ASB) and Re:wild's funding, we are diligently progressing with the activities related to Grand Bois National Park. These encompass finalizing land tenure status, compensating park occupants, developing a comprehensive park management plan, establishing a versatile park station, implementing advanced ecosystem security and health monitoring technology, building a dedicated park ranger team, forming and sustaining an ecosystem management team, and engaging local communities through educational and awareness programs. We anticipate the completion of these initiatives by the end of 2026.



CONCLUSION

Despite facing numerous challenges throughout the year, Haiti National Trust has achieved remarkable success in our mission to preserve and restore our natural treasures. Our reforestation efforts in Grand Bois National Park have surpassed expectations, with over 80,000 native and endemic plants taking root, a testament to the dedication of our team and supporters.

The unwavering support of local communities has been pivotal in our accomplishments. They actively participate in protecting the park, deterring grazing animals, and have become passionate advocates for our cause and activities.

Our outreach and educational programs have yielded promising results, with local communities now actively spreading awareness about forest restoration and conservation.

As we look forward to 2024, our focus shifts to Bois Pangnol, a biodiversity hotspot. We are committed to securing the necessary funding through continued fundraising and grants to expand our conservation efforts. Protecting our forests and biodiversity is paramount for future generations.

Haiti National Trust remains resolute in its mission and vision, and we express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported us on this journey. Together, we will continue safeguarding Haiti's natural treasures.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and profound recognition to **Re:wild**, **Sunrise Airways**, **CIAT** and **ASB** for their unwavering support and commitment to our mission at Haiti National Trust.

Your generous contributions and invaluable partnership have played a pivotal role in our ongoing efforts to save and protect Haiti's precious forests for the benefit of future generations. Your support provides the essential foundation upon which Haiti National Trust stands, enabling us to work tirelessly towards creating a better and more sustainable future for our biodiversity and local communities.

Together, we are making Haiti a place where nature thrives, where forests flourish, and where communities are empowered to coexist harmoniously with their environment. Your dedication to our cause empowers us to carry out our vital work with renewed vigor and determination.





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