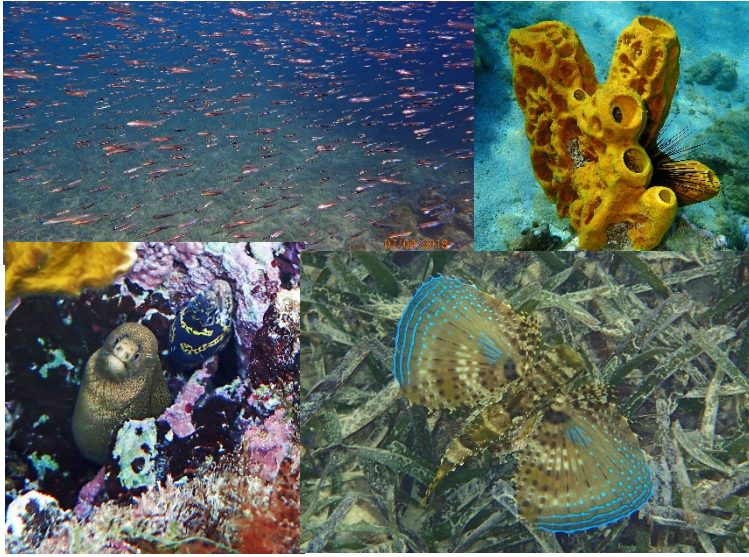




Interceptor News

Three more on board!



It has been a busy few months since the official opening of the White River Fish Sanctuary in January and patrols starting 1st November 2017, with three new funders helping us go forward. First, it's all systems go building an office, storage facility and outreach focal point thanks to a successful bid for funds from the **Tourist Enhancement Fund (TEF)**. Sanctuary Manager Dalelan Anderson has been operating out of Hermosa Cove's office, while the White River Fishermen Association and WRFS's weekly meetings have been based at Ms Merle's Fish Joint. Second, fuel for the **Interceptor** patrol boat is now sponsored by **West Indies Petroleum** who have also donated a secure 220L tank with pump, meter and filter built in. The boat (and her crew of wardens) play a vital role in patrols, planting & cleaning corals in the nurseries, maintaining buoys, etc. Third, **Mystic Mountain Rainforest Foundation** has come on board as a stakeholder. A BIG (BIG) thank you to everyone.

MEET THE TEAMS

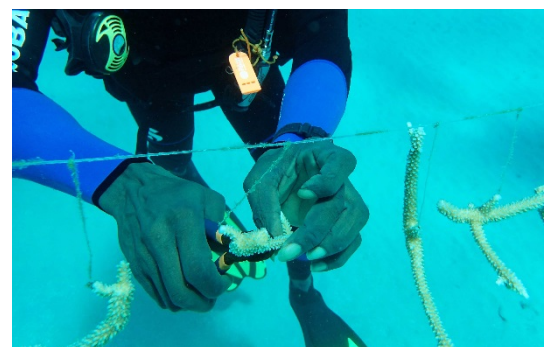


You've met 8 of our 12 wardens in the last 2 issues, all White River Fishermen Association members. This issue, above left Lipton Bailey, multi-faceted but a fisherman at heart, and Bluntly Brown, spear fishing since age 7, a real catch for the WRFS say other fishers – "if he's convinced..."!



Above left: A cook by trade, Donald Anderson has been in at the get go and is saving his salary to re-open his restaurant, Rising Star at Refuge Isle, Exchange. Right: Sheldon Gardner is a poacher turned gamekeeper, not proud of his illegal night-fishing and was quick to embrace the WRFS.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST *Two coral nurseries affected by a bleaching event end of 2017 recovered so well our coral gardeners were able to take 300+ pieces off them in May to "reseed" the nursery, top it up back to the 1,000 benchmark. Their resilience bodes well for their future, both as stock and for growing on in the Sanctuary. The coral is Staghorn (Acropora cervicornis).*



"We saw a lot of fish – the most we've seen. We're impressed with the difference to outside the Sanctuary."

Group of scuba tourists diving with Sandals Ochi in July 2018. *Note: all photos on this page taken in the WRFS.*

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