



Interceptor News

One of the chosen few!



The WRFS was one of 10 out of 300+ projects in 72 countries supported by Climate Investment Funds (CIF) to be visited in October by a delegation keen to talk to fishers and tourism reps about the project's impact. CIF funds the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank) component of the Special Climate Change Adaptation Fund of the Adaptation Programme & Financing Mechanism (AP&FM) of the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR) which funded the buoys and **Phase 1 of the WRFS 5-phase coral restoration project** (page 2). CIF Communications Officer Scott Vincent Andrews addressed fishers and stakeholders. Also present from AP&FM were Rohan Bell, Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist, and Communications consultant Indi Mclymont-Lafayette, and Programme Officers Charmaine Webber and Mark Constable for EFJ (Environmental Foundation of Jamaica).



It costs to care - but pays dividends

That was the message from world-renowned marine artist and conservationist, Dr Guy Harvey, guest of honour at a fundraiser on 2 October. He gave a fascinating talk ranging from catch-and-release ethics to the imperative need for government legislation, and donated signed artworks. Yes, conservation costs money but generates millions in terms of jobs, tourism and GDP. No fish, no reefs, no income. A BIG THANK YOU to **Couples Resorts** who hosted the event at Sans Souci for the 80+ people who attended, among them Ocho Rios Mayor Michael Belnavis. Sincere thanks, also, to Sebastian Ogden for the Annabella Boxes and Polka Dots for the bags. *l-r: Belinda Collier-Morrow, Kyle Mais and John Bailey (WRMA), Dr Guy Harvey, Noel Francis (WRFA), Deb Korver (WRMA), Jonathan Gosse (Executive Director, Oracabessa Bay Foundation) and Raglan Brown (WRFA).*

WRFA-White River Fishermen Association. WRMA-White River Marine Association

NEWS IN BRIEF

ONE YEAR ON since patrols started 1st Nov. 2017. Partners the **White River Fishermen Association** held a fish celebration fundraiser with fry-up, rum and music for the local community. The same weekend WRFS stakeholder **Jamaica Inn Foundation** held its 3rd back-gammon tournament and silent auction. All proceeds to WRFS.

Coral update. More corals were out-planted from the 5 nurseries in October, bringing the total to 735 in 2018, all of which are doing well and taking hold.

Website upgrade. Now in progress thanks to a new volunteer. It's a chance to profile our partners and sponsors, share scientific and conservation info, and showcase the Sanctuary's achievements. Watch this space...

New funding platform. You can donate and participate by visiting the Sanctuary. Check it out by clicking on the link below:

<https://whiteriverfishsanctuary.reefsupport.org/>

International Coastal Clean-Up Day. There was a fantastic turn-out for this in September, including 3 school groups and lots of ladies. All good contacts for future outreach in the wider community. Among rubbish collected 20+ bags of plastic bottles taken to Jamaica Inn that has a baler & sends them to the US for recycling.



One year on since warden patrols started

Photos taken during a 1-hour snorkel on inshore reefs off Sombra / Sandals Ochi in the Sanctuary on 3rd November 2018.



Top left: shoal of 30 White mullet (*Mugil curema*); **top right:** shoal <100 Ocean surgeonfish (*Acanthurus tractus*)
Bottom l-r: this Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*) was guarding the entrance to a hole containing 4 others (carapace length estimated 3-4" so catchable length: stay where you are guys!); 3 of many healthy size initial phase Spotlight parrotfish (*Sparisoma viride*) seen; and a young Chain Moray eel (*Echidna catenata*).

Reminder of goal: 500% ↑ in fish stocks in 5 years

18 months since nurseries set up

From little acorns.... coral nurseries were set up June 2017. Outplanting started February 2018. To date, a total of 735 corals are thriving in the "garden" on reefs in front of Sandals Ochi (left and below).



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