

PRESS RELEASE
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**CARIBBEAN REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME (CREP)
PROJECT LAUNCH**

The Fond d'Or Development Foundation and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will on Sunday, May 29th 2005 launch the Fond d'Or Amenity Area Project. The Fond d'Or Nature and Historical Park is a critical national site comprising significant natural and cultural resources.

The purpose of the Caribbean Regional Environmental Project (CREP) is to protect and enhance the resources, improve the capacity of institutions responsible for the management of the Fond d'Or Nature and Historical Park whilst enabling income generation capacities; thereby providing socio-economic benefits to the surrounding communities.

The CREP Programme spans thirteen (13) countries. It is authorized by CARIFORUM, implemented by a Management Programme Unit at the Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA), and financed by the European Union.

The initiative was endorsed by the Joint Executive Committee of CREP and by national governments of CARICOM that endorsed the Amenity Area Demonstration Projects.

As a build up to the launch a series of focus meetings are being held from 16th - 25th May 2005 to sensitize stakeholders of the CREP objectives.

National stakeholder consultations have been scheduled for Friday, May 27th at Green Fields located in the Mabouya Valley, followed by a stakeholders' board workshop and induction on Saturday, May 28th and the grand launch on Sunday May 29th at 2:30 p.m at the Fond d'Or Nature and Historical Park.