



Protecting the Caribbean environment through research and community-based action.

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ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION IN
THE CARIBBEAN





For more than 20 years, the non-profit Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC) has worked across the Caribbean region by supporting underserved communities to achieve broad-ranging sustainability goals. You'll find EPIC at the intersection of people and nature, working collaboratively to achieve tangible outcomes. Our tools are science, education, advocacy and stewardship with a proven track record:

- EPIC's work was featured in more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, improving scientific understanding and conservation
- EPIC has improved the lives of many tens of thousands of people, educating and inspiring stewardship, sustainable actions, and conservation leadership
- EPIC data protected wildlife and wild places through the designation of Important Bird Areas, incorporation into marine Protected Area plans, and multiple pieces of legislation
- EPIC's numerous community-based action programs engaged local people in the removal of exotic invasive species, tree planting, sustainable farming, and litter removal that improved their environment and economy.



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OUR EPIC STORY

In 1999, while visiting family in the Antilles, Natalia Collier, with her future husband Adam Brown, recognized the dramatic difference between research and conservation work taking place in the Caribbean and in the United States, where they were biologists. Natalia saw places she had visited as a child were now developed, the waters were polluted, and litter was more widespread.

Although residents were alarmed about these changes to the places they knew and loved, many lacked the resources to address growing environmental concerns. With a clear need for real, sustainable conservation efforts in the region — efforts led by and for the people — the non-profit Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC) was born.



EPIC has always been rooted in a commitment to combining the tools of scientific research, education, advocacy, and community empowerment to affect change. Using this grassroots approach, EPIC assures its continuing impact by inspiring local communities, empowering the people within them, and recruiting local leaders to run and manage EPIC's programs. As Adam said in Haiti in a 2013 interview for the documentary SAVE THE DEVIL project: "Conservation is working with people."

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

- 📍 Migratory Bird Day
- 📍 Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival
- 📍 Seabird Research for Publication of the Seabird Breeding Atlas of the Lesser Antilles
- 📍 Avian Influenza Monitoring
- 📍 Important Bird Areas

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

- Black-Capped Petrel Conservation Program 📍
- EPIC Sint Maarten Conservation 📍
- Grenadines Seabird Conservation 📍





EPIC IN THE NEWS



24 YEARS
WORKING ON
NATURE
CONSERVATION



First-ever Endangered Black-capped Petrel Found on Pic La Selle, Haiti



Small Caribbean Organization Makes Big Impact



Island Conservation Takes Off with Drone Training



Volunteers Remove 769 Pounds of Trash on World Oceans Day



5,200+
SOCIAL
MEDIA
FOLLOWERS



125 PRESS
CONTACTS IN
THE
CARIBBEAN
AND USA



"Being a part of EPIC means being part of something greater; a community of people who also share a common cause and are ready to make a difference."

**Natalia Collier,
Co-Founder of EPIC**



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