

IUCN Insular Caribbean sub-regional meeting

As part of the first steps to consolidate the IUCN Caribbean Initiative and to agree on how the IUCN Programme of Work will be implemented, as well as to agree on how to set up the sub-regional members' Committee, a meeting will take place in Trinidad and Tobago from 5th to 8th May with the participation of a representative group of members of the Insular Caribbean, representatives of the IUCN Commissions and Spencer Thomas, Regional Councillor for North America and the Caribbean. Julia Marton-Lefèvre, IUCN Director General, Yves Renard, IUCN Caribbean Initiative Task Leader, Grethel Aguilar and Pascal Girot, Regional Director and Programme Coordinator of the IUCN Regional Office for Mesoamerica and the Caribbean Initiative, respectively, as well as Tannia Falconer, membership Unit Coordinator at this Regional Office will also participate in this meeting.

It is expected that the Sub-regional Committee becomes a regional platform for members to speak in a collective Caribbean voice to determining the Caribbean Programme 2009 – 2012 direction and priorities, and to promote along with IUCN Secretariat, the fundraising to set in motion the proposals of the Caribbean Programme.