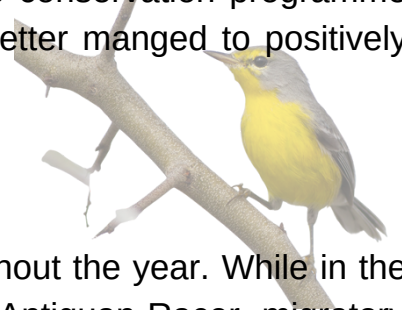




WHO WE ARE

The Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) is Antigua and Barbuda's oldest environmental NGO, with over 30 years of consistent environmental action. We have been at the forefront of locally led conservation that has saved the critically endangered endemic Antiguan Racer (a snake that can only be found on a few of Antigua and Barbuda's offshore islands) from the brink of extinction, and have restored islands through the removal of invasive alien species such as rats, mongooses, and goats. In more recent years the EAG restored the crumbling moonscape of Redonda into a flourishing ecosystem, now bursting with life and supporting habitats for critically endangered endemic lizards. The EAG also manages a robust marine conservation programme that monitors nesting sea turtles so that mainland beaches can be better managed to positively impact these critically endangered species.



DATA FOR DECISION-MAKING

To do our work, the EAG's team conducts consistent fieldwork throughout the year. While in the field, the team collects data on many species of wildlife including the Antiguan Racer, migratory birds, land birds, seabirds, sea turtles, and lizards. The data is collected using KoBo and converted into Excel sheets which are stored on an online server. Once the data is cleaned, reports are generated and submitted to the Department of Environment, the national agency responsible for wildlife.

Wildlife monitoring data collected by the EAG is used by the Department of Environment (Government of Antigua and Barbuda) in reporting on our national biodiversity at an international level. Information on the abundance of species is also used as a tool for decision-making and drives the development of international-funded projects in Antigua, Barbuda and Redonda.

OUR CHALLENGES

EAG is not in a financial position to own a server and must therefore store the data in online spaces. Because it is a shared server, and because of the restrictions provided by the owner of the server, if a team member leaves the organisation it is not easy to remove them from the server. In fact, if they are removed, the files they uploaded would automatically be removed as well. This puts both the data and the organisation at significant risk. Also, because many of the species are special to Antigua and Barbuda, their location must be kept a secret.

As a not-for-profit, EAG is consistently seeking funding to continue our conservation efforts. We need to find sustainable financing options that do not distract from our main focus: conservation!

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

SYSTEMS USED

- KoBo
- SMART
- OneDrive
- Google Drive



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