

# Mont Scenery National Park

A SPAW listed protected area



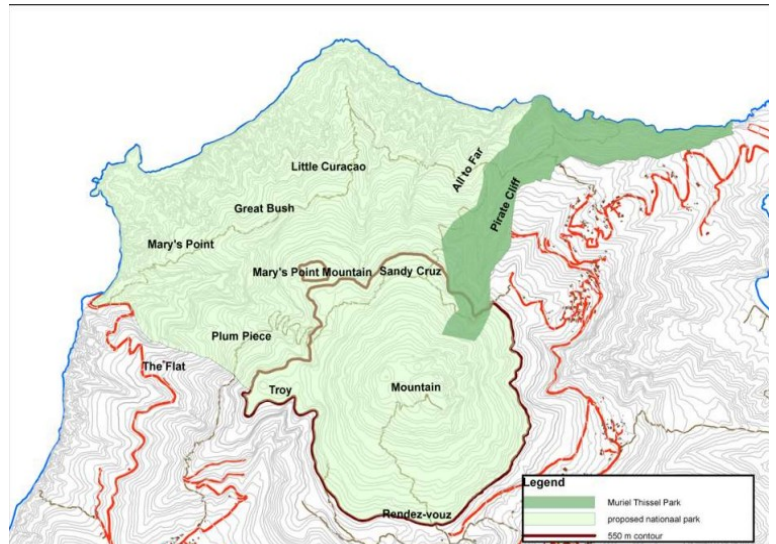
**Country:** The Kingdom of the Netherlands

**Management structure / authority:** The Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF)

**Date of establishment:** 18 September 2018

**Date of listing under SPAW:** 03 June 2019

**Size (terrestrial surface):** 4 sq. km



## Context:

The Mont Scenery National Park comprises the northern part of Saba plus the centrally located Mont Scenery above 550 m height, an area of approximately 25% of the total island area (see map) ranging from the shoreline to the highest top of the island. The area is predominantly wilderness and contains all six of the vegetation zones found on Saba.

## Main fauna populations and/or those of particular importance present (resident or migratory) in the area:

**Birds:** There are 26 species of bird that breed in the area, including the endangered Bridled Quail-dove (*Geotrygon mystacea*), with a further 36 species using the island as a migratory stop over. Of the breeding populations, 9 species or sub-species of forest dwelling bird are endemic to the Lesser Antilles and/or the Virgin Islands.

**Reptiles and Amphibians:** There are 10 species of reptile and the only amphibian found on Saba is Johnstone's Whistling Frog (*Eleutherodactylus johnstonei*).

**Other animals:** A total of 86 species of invertebrate have been accounted for on Saba, including the endangered Mountain Crab (*Gecarcinus ruricola*), 14 species of snail and 70 insect species including 27 butterflies.



### Main ecosystems in the area:

**Terrestrial:** Mount Scenery Nature Park encompasses a variety of habitats. Deep ravines, that form refuges for vegetation including primary rainforest, are etched into the steep slopes.

The Mount Scenery Nature Park contains all of the vegetation zones found on Saba, from sea level to the summit of Mt Scenery; dry coastal shrub, dry evergreen forest, secondary rainforest (with primary rainforest in the ravines), tree-fern brake, palm brake and elfin woodland.

### Potential Threats:

Nine key threats to the biodiversity Mont Scenery National Park were identified, with a tenth, climate change identified as an over-arching threat. There are four classified as severe threats: invasive, terrestrial predatory fauna species; invasive, terrestrial flora; extreme wind; and introduced genetic material. Five are classified as moderate threats: residential development; avalanches and landslides; small-holder grazing, ranching or farming; landfill development; and terrestrial problematic species/diseases of unknown origin.

## MANAGEMENT PLAN

### Governance

- Draft Management contracts
- Meetings to discuss progress, challenges, approve workplans and budget
- Workshop organization

### Research and Monitoring

- Monitoring protocols
- Science agenda to answer management questions
- inventories of native flora and fauna
- monitoring of geological and geomorphological features of the park

### Education, Outreach and Communication

- Education box
- Develop school presentations and activities.
- Signage and leaflets to inform users
- Comprehensive e-learning program
- ongoing outreach and communication activities

### Law enforcement

- Work closely with enforcement agencies
- Regular patrols to deter poachers
- Enforcement of CITES regulations
- establishment of a Help Line for reporting (potential) offences

### Management, Administration and Income generation

- Produce action plan and budget
- zoning plan
- Develop work protocols
- Staff exchanges with other parks
- Develop funding strategy
- Develop membership program

### Field work and Maintenance

- Comprehensive procedures and standards for trail maintenance
- Patrolling schedules for all trails in place
- Help line to report necessary repairs
- Identifying, surveying, and documenting all archaeological sites

### Contact:

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