



# FREE WEBINAR SESSION

## **Removal of Invasive Species from Islas Cabritos, Dominican Republic, Lessons Learnt and Best Practices**

**Thursday, 11 September, 2014, 15:00 p.m. – 16:20 p.m.  
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Let us protect the Caribbean's rich biodiversity. This is an invitation for all stakeholders from policy makers, environmental managers, the private sector, NGO groups and others involved or concerned about biodiversity conservation in the Caribbean to join forces to protect our rich biodiversity. Let us collectively build a virtual network that will advocate for effective policies; provide up to date information; share experiences and best practices in protecting our regions biodiversity. This natural resource is vital to ecosystem services; important for livelihoods and economic development and social wellbeing in the Caribbean.

We extend a special invitation to those working in areas designated as Key Biodiversity Areas by the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund (CEPF) in the following Caribbean states: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Dominican

Republic, Jamaica and Saint Lucia. The CEPF has provided funding to facilitate a virtual network of stakeholders working in the KBAs in these countries as part of a project “Regional Networking and Strategy Development for Invasive Alien Species in CEPF Priority Key Biodiversity Areas”. The project is being executed by CABI. CABI has been a leader in mitigating the threats of Invasive Alien Species in the world including considerable efforts in the Caribbean.

Virtual Peer Learning Networks are a proven strategy for improving conservation skills and building cooperation between trained professionals. By bringing peers together with conservation experts, learning networks foster new ideas and practical, site specific solutions. Multi-disciplinary project teams can work together on strategies with critical input from other teams and experts, resulting in a common vision and a plan for effective conservation action (Pacific Invasive Learning Network, 2014).

### **Caribbean Webinar Training Session**

This webinar is the second in a series of webinars organized under the CEPF/CABI project “Regional Networking and Strategy Development for Invasive Alien Species in CEPF Priority Key Biodiversity Areas”. It aims to highlight the “Lessons Learnt and Best Practices” in conducting eradications on small islands. The cases studied in this webinar include Islas Cabritos and to a lesser extent Alto Velo, located in the Dominican Republic. The stakeholders involved in this project are as follows: Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Island Conservation, Ornithological Society of Hispaniola and Grupo Jaragua. We hope to have two of these stakeholders to share their experience in this webinar.

### **The webinar will be participatory with**

- Two 20 minutes presentations, One 15 minutes presentation
- A 25-minutes questions and answer session

## Registration

To register for a place, please send your name, Address, Country, Email, Telephone number to [n.ramnanan@cabi.org](mailto:n.ramnanan@cabi.org) or [rskbailey@hotmail.com](mailto:rskbailey@hotmail.com) using “Webinar Cabritos” in the subject line.

## After the training

- Participants will have a good understanding of the situation of Invasive Alien Species and their effects on the biodiversity of Islas Cabritos, Dominican Republic.
- Participants will be more knowledgeable about the important things to consider when conducting baseline studies.
- Participants will be more knowledgeable about the feasibility of conducting eradications of Invasive vertebrates on islands (Planning and Budgeting), How to work in Partnerships to achieve the conservation objectives.
- Participants will learn about methods of eradications used and cost benefit analysis when choosing the best method as opposed to the other.
- Lessons Learnt and Best Practices will also be highlighted via this webinar.

## Requirements

For the webinar session we will be using online meeting Zoom Video Communications Inc. software. Please see below for the basic computer system requirements required for using the software.

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