Declare, Deposit, OR Pay

Save OUR Species

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Whether the Caribbean is your home or you are just visiting, there is no question that this is a beautiful place, with a wealth of plant and animal life both on the land and in the sea.
But our countries are under threat from Invasive Alien Species
They sneak past our borders hitchhiking on food, animals, animal products as well as plants and plant products.

Things that you might be carrying in your luggage, or on your clothes and shoes.
Once they arrive, they wreak havoc on our plant and animal life, and even our health!

That is bad news for us, since we depend directly on our natural resources and healthy ecosystems for our livelihoods – in agriculture, fisheries, trade and tourism.
Once Alien Invasive Species get a foothold in one country, it is only a matter of time before they spread to our neighbours.
The best way to deal with these dangerous pests and diseases is to stop them at the border and you can join in this battle to keep them out!
Start by leaving at home all of the food that your relatives and friends asked you to bring.

They might enjoy the mangoes, peppers and honey but it is not worth the risk.
If you are carrying plant and animal products, then declare them on the arrival/customs form.

If you are not sure, declare them anyway.

The quarantine officer will advise you on what you can carry into the country.
Declare things like plants, flowers, plant cuttings, seeds, pods, bulbs, fruit, nuts, flowers, bark, leaves and vegetables.
Declare all animal products including meat, dairy products, fish, eggs and bee products – including honey.
You should also declare craft products and souvenirs made from natural material like wood, leaves, bamboo, cane, rattan, coconut, natural fibres, feathers, shells, animal hides and bones.
Once you are in the terminal, deposit any items you are not sure about in the marked biosecure bins – like your uneaten sandwiches, salads and fruit that you packed or were given aboard the vessel.

Remember, all food you are served on board must either be consumed or deposited in the bins.
If you fail to do this we ALL pay a heavy price in consequences to our natural resources, healthy ecosystems, human health and our livelihoods.
Join us in keeping our countries safe from these alien invasive species.

Your vigilance matters!

We can all help to save our species!