

PROJECT CLOSURE SUMMARY SHEET

PROJECT NAME: Dominica National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

Project No. :00011314

Start Date : April 1998

End Date :November 2004

Project Budget: US\$ 302,220

Project Brief: This project provide support to the Government of Dominica in the formulation of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in order to ensure more effective use of the country's natural resource. Priority actions necessary to implement the strategy were identified. The project was participatory and lead to the preparation of the report to the COP.

End of Project Situation: The NBSAP was prepared and circulated. Primary user groups of the national resource were assembled to determine modality or prior action necessary to give meaning to the NBSAP. The project was considered highly successful in the face of Dominica's rich biodiversity heritage.

Output/ Outcome/Impact: The NBSA was produced, circulated and discussed. A outpouring of interest in biodiversity conservation is observed. The country's Tourism Department is mounting a campaign to strengthen Dominica's marketing pitch as the Nature Isle.

Monitoring & Evaluation Summary. All quarterly reports for this project were submitted on time even when the project experienced delays. The UNDP Environment Programme manager provided technical support and financial guidance along the way. At the conclusion of the project all resources were used appropriately and the auditor's report confirmed this.

Status of Equipment Purchased: This project did not carry a budget line or a plan for the purchase of equipment hence no equipment was purchased under this project.

Comments: The development of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan resonated well with the government and people of Dominica. The project objectives were achieved and there was buy in and ownership demonstrated by the people of Dominica.

At the conclusion of the project there was a flurry of activities aimed at implementing the recommendations and action plan emanating from the project.

With the total expenditure of the project funds and the achievements of all objectives, the project is now technically and financially closed.