In 1998, the Government of Bonaire signed a co-management agreement with the Stichting Nationale Parken Bonaire [STINAPA] to manage the protected areas of Bonaire. STINAPA is a non-governmental, not-for-profit foundation founded in 1988. The Board of Directors, composed of independent individuals and representatives from hotel and tourism associations, water sports and recreation associations, and the Government, has a supervisory role over the Management Team and their activities. The Board members are volunteers and receive no financial compensation for their time and effort. The Management Team consists of park rangers, educators, researchers, administrators, managers, and directors.

Revenue Mechanisms
All users of the marine park are required to pay an entrance fee, known as Nature Fee. It provides 90% of STINAPA’s funding for the Marine Park. 100% of its operational costs is covered by the revenue.

In March 2019, diver nature fee is priced at US$45 while US$26 for non-divers per calendar year.

Income from funding organizations on project basis also complements the park’s income to cover conservation and education activities.

In 2015, the marine park earned an income of US$1.5 million from foreign and local visitors.

The success of its Nature Fee is attributed to STINAPA’s strong communication campaign and partnership with the tourism sector.

Success Descriptors
In 2015, STINAPA employed 16 administrative staff and 12 park rangers. It has since installed and maintained more than 100 moorings over the years.

STINAPA continues to work with more than 40 stakeholders including the tourism associations, dive operators, NGOs, and cruise tour operators. The collaboration addresses the park users’ conflicts, development of legislation [anti-poaching], and training on enforcement protocol.

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