

**The Saint Lucia National Trust Covid-19 Relief Fund**

**Target: US\$100,000**



Please help to keep the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) alive!

For almost forty-five years we have been protecting and advocating for the conservation and sustainable management of Saint Lucia's natural and built heritage. Now we are under threat from the global impacts of Covid-19. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, cruise ships and airlines had to close off travel around the world including to Saint Lucia for several months, to prevent the further spread of the virus. In country, the Government has also had to take unprecedented steps to ensure that Covid-19 does not continue to spread. This resulted in the SLNT having to close all its main revenue generating sites to the public, reducing our income to almost zero for several months, and ceasing routine maintenance of other historic sites utilized to promote public wellness and enjoyment.

Many of you have been to our flagship site, Pigeon Island National Landmark, which served as the home of the Saint Lucia Jazz Festival for many years, carnival shows, weddings, birthday parties, picnics, retreats, yoga sessions, photo shoots, trails for hikers, a space for fishermen, snuba tours, beach goers and those who simply want to relax, as well as a living museum to many, especially school children and heritage enthusiasts who come to unearth the rich history of the site. Revenue from the Landmark is our main source of income, which we invest in preserving our other historic sites, landscapes and off shore islets with their flora and fauna,

some of which can be found only in Saint Lucia. With the removal of the Government subvention in 2017 and the national and global responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, we face an uncertain future for both our conservation work and our dedicated staff.



During the period of closure, our team, which is more like a family, continued to work steadfastly behind the scenes to keep our work programme moving as best as we could as well as planning for the reopening of our operations when the all clear was given. We also used this time to develop some new and exciting activities to make our products and services more attractive.

We wish to assure you that all funds raised in this campaign will go towards ensuring that we continue our conservation work such as the maintenance of our built sites like Walcott House, Married Women's Quarters and the Morne Fortune Historic Site, as well as our natural sites which ensure the protection of wildlife such as turtles, the world's known rarest snake - the Saint Lucia racer and the Saint Lucia whiptail lizard among others, the continued advocacy against the dolphin park and most importantly the opportunity to ensure stories of the island's heritage are shared with its people, especially the youth.



We are happy to have reopened our facilities and resume managing Saint Lucia's rich heritage for the benefit of present and future generations, but we still need help to ensure the full scope of our work can be accomplished. We thank you in advance for your assistance and sincerely hope you and your families keep safe.

***To get a better appreciation of our work and how your contribution will help to keep us alive, please visit: <https://conta.cc/2z8YC9X>***