



INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL TRUSTS ORGANISATION
SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME
Application Form

February 2017

1. Registered name of Organisation or National Trust charity to which any grant would be made payable: **Saint Lucia National Trust**

2. Organisation Registration Number (if available):

Established in 1975 under the **Saint Lucia National Trust Act**, Chapter 6.02 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia, (Statutory Instrument 27/1984)

3. Full Address:

Saint Lucia National Trust, Pigeon Island National Landmark, P.O. Box 595, Castries, Saint Lucia, West Indies

4. Website:

<https://slunatrust.org/>

5. Contact Person's name:

Mrs Shirlene Simmons-James

6. Position of Contact Person in Organisation:

Conservation Manager

7. Daytime telephone number, including country code, (please provide mobile phone number and Skype name if available- we would prefer to contact you if needed on Skype): **shirlenehs**

+758-452-5005

8. Contact's email address:

conservationmgr@slunatrust.org

10. How long has the Organisation or Trust been in existence?

42 years

11. Please summarise your Organisation or Trust's principal purposes briefly, and how you aim to achieve these? Please describe the activities undertaken and number of people who benefit from your work:

The Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) is a membership organization created to conserve the natural and cultural heritage of Saint Lucia. Over the years, a number of properties of significant natural, cultural or historical significance have been either vested in, or donated by individuals to the Trust for conservation purposes. The Trust's focus to date has been on the maintenance of these sites as part of the national patrimony, and in advocating the sustainable

use and management of Saint Lucia's natural resources. The Trust has approximately 2,000 registered members.

The Trust manages protected areas including National Landmarks, Historical Sites, Environmental Protection Areas and Nature Reserves, whether owned or vested in it, and provides recreational and educational opportunities within these areas.

12. What is your budget for this financial year? (By this we mean – what is your expected income and how much do you plan to spend on your activities?): See the attached document.

The Trust's annual budget is in the order of US\$ 680,000 (GBP £520,000), to be raised from our operations. The cut in the Trust's subvention is not reflected in this figure.

13. Please describe the purpose of the project for which you seek a Grant from the INTO Small Grants Programme? Please include a project budget and indicate how many people will benefit from the proposed project.

Please include any project details you consider would be helpful to us in evaluating your proposal as BRIEF attachments (all submissions are to be through email):
(Please see attached document for more details.)

The purpose of the project is to investigate **sustainable funding mechanisms** for managing an offshore island of high biodiversity value as a showcase and flagship for St Lucia's natural heritage. The site, Maria Major, is vested in the Saint Lucia National Trust, and this project aims to support a **research mission** to Antigua's Offshore Island Conservation Programme to discuss their approach to generating revenues through visitation to offshore islets without compromising their conservation value. The mission will examine how visits are planned, marketed and conducted, marketing arrangements, clientele/market share, business models and skills development to sustainably manage visits. It is proposed to team of three people (skilled in biodiversity conservation, business development and product development) over a four day period.

14. Amount of Grant Requested. Please prepare and show the estimated costs in your local currency and in GBP £ (British Pounds), based on a current exchange rate:

ITEM	UNIT	UNIT COST (£)	QTY	REQUESTED (£)	MATCHED (£)	TOTAL	NOTES
SLNT Conservation Mngr	person-day	90.00	6		540	540	1 d questionnaire design; 1 analysis; 4 d in Antigua
SLNT Director	person-day	120.00	4		480	480	4 d in Antigua
SLNT Programme Asst	person-day	40.00	4		160	160	4 d in Antigua
Durrell in-country manager	person-day	305.00	3		915	915	1 d questionnaire design; 2 d analysis/reporting
Flight (SLU-ANU)	return flight	351.00	3	1,053		1,053	
Travel insurance	person	60.00	3		180	180	Travel insurance for trip
3 rooms for 3 adults	package	115.00	9	1,035		1,035	Heritage Hotel, St John's
Subsistence	person-day	15.00	12	90	90	180	
Meals (Lunch, Dinner)	person-day	30.00	12	360		360	breakfast included in hotel
Boat trips	return trip	120.00	2	240		240	
Ground transport	day	40.00	6	120	120	240	
OICP (Antigua) overheads	item	150.00	1	100	50	150	
Admin. and communication	item				150	150	
SLNT support staff time	person-day	80.00	4		320	320	
OICP Staff time and facilities	Estimate				1,000	1,000	
TOTAL				2,998	4,005	7,003	

The project is requesting **£ 2,998.00** (\$ 10,522.98 XCD, Exchange rate as of 21 July 2017: £ 1.00 = XCD \$ 3.51) for a total project budget of £7,003, which has £4,005 of co-funding.

15. Have you applied to other organisations for funds to support this project? Would funds from the Small Grants Programme be surplus to your requirements if approved, or would they help secure additional funds needed for your project (as set out in the project budget). Please provide details.

The project is a collaboration between the St Lucia National Trust and the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (Durrell) and National Trust for Jersey (NTJ), both based in Jersey, Channel Islands. SLNT and Durrell have a long-standing working relationship and we collaborate closely on the management of the offshore islands. Durrell has a fulltime Programme Manager in St Lucia who will support the project through the provision of technical guidance and capacity development. NTJ first became aware of the challenging situation facing SLNT through the International National Trust Organisation communications. NTJ is a longstanding partner of Durrell's for conservation work in Jersey and contacted Durrell knowing that it worked in St Lucia. NTJ identified this potential funding source and together with Durrell would aim to support additional fundraising efforts. However, this grant would be essential for the project to go ahead and would greatly support additional fundraising activities.

We are, however, raising funds for a wide range of other projects within our remit. This project is an emergency response to the challenges that arose in 2017. The research mission is expected to cost £ 2,998.00 GBP in cash and in-kind contributions £ 4,005.00 GBP, and the Trust will meet all excess direct costs from its funds to bridge the gap.

16. When is funding required?

October 2017

17. Please describe briefly how will a grant make a significant difference to your work and contribute to the sustainability of your organisation?

Maria Major is an offshore islet of **global significance** for threatened biodiversity, including what is believed to be the world's rarest snake. This is in large part due to the **absence of non-native predators** which are present on the mainland of Saint Lucia, but not on Maria Major. Managing this site incurs an **ongoing recurrent cost**, which is only partially offset by revenue from guided eco-tourism to the islet. For several years now we have collaborated with Antigua's Offshore Island Conservation Programme on exchange visits to build regional capacity for offshore island management. We are aware that **some of Antigua's offshore islands are monetized much more productively than ours** in Saint Lucia and would like to learn lessons from this. Having this year **lost our Government subvention**, and in the face of new development proposals likely to severely negatively impact Maria Major, has made this all the more pressing. These proposals have already been the subject of an expression of concern by the Jersey National Trust to the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia. Lessons learned will be focussed on whether, and how, we can **monetize this site as a visitor attraction without compromising its exceptional biodiversity value**.

18. If this request is for an expansion of your work, how do you expect to fund these additional activities in the future?

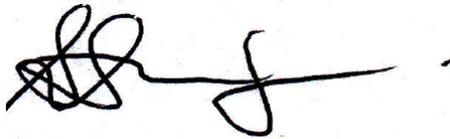
We have worked with local and international partners on the conservation management of Maria Major for over 30 years. Emerging threats to this site (most worryingly, the proposed construction of a causeway, linking the site to the mainland) and a severe contraction of our funding (the loss of our subvention) have recently made securing this site an even higher priority. The aim of this project is to **explore mechanisms to recurrently fund** this work. Our aim is that the lessons learned from this project will allow us to more effectively build these funding tools.

19. If the Small Grant is approved, we would transfer funds to your organisation's Bank account. Please confirm that your organisation has a dedicated Bank account in your country of registration (we do not need full bank details at this stage, but would appreciate the name of the Bank; we will request Bank details from the grantee, once awarded):

The Saint Lucia National Trust has an account at the **Bank of Saint Lucia**, Account Number **101180151**.

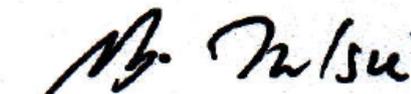
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Date of Application: July 27, 2017.

Signed by (Full Name and Signature): Shirlene Simmons-James



Position in Organisation: Conservation Manager

Countersigned by Trustee or Director of Organisation (Full Name, designation and Signature):



Mr Bishnu Tulsie, Director