

ARUBA

ARIKOK NATIONAL PARK - SUPERVISION OF WORKS

Location	Arikok National Park
Client	Territorial Authorising Officer for EDF (TAO), Oranjestad
Financing	9 th EDF
Period	2006 – 2011
Value of Services	0.650 million US\$

Project Description

Arikok National Park, with an area of 35 km² covers 18% of the total area of the island. It contains a unique landscape and is the habitat of several highly endangered species only found in Aruba. The EDF is financing the most urgent road improvement measures within the Park. Main beneficiary is the ANP. The intervention for the Park has been sub-divided into two elements, (a) the road component and (b) the mainly architectural component for the provision of park facilities, consisting of a Visitors' Centre and administrative buildings.

In 07/2003, GITEC Consult completed a detailed engineering design and an environmental impact assessment for the upgrading of selected road sections. In total, approximately 16 km of Park roads are considered for improvements, of which approx. 5.7 km road (southern loop) are due for full rehabilitation.

The design of the proposed Park Centre building was assigned to an independent local Architect. The facility will increase the attractiveness of the Park due to better information dissemination possibilities to visitors and more adequate working facilities for management and rangers. Besides its appealing facade, matching the surrounding environment, it features innovative technology through natural room cooling systems and renewable energy supply by wind/sun generated power. The design and preparation of contract documents was concluded by the end of 2003.

In 2005, the European commission has agreed to finance the amount of Euro 5.66 Million for the physical implementation of the Programme by means of the 9th European Development Fund (EDF). Tendering is ongoing. Start up of construction activities is scheduled for May 2006.



Scope of Services

The consulting services entail technical assistance to the TAO for EDF / Parke Nacional Arikok for both road rehabilitation and construction of the Park Centre:

- Tendering, tender evaluation and award of contracts
- Supervision of works and contract administration, and
- Post construction services