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Sam Duncombe on dolphins still held in captivity at Blackbeard's Cay despite court order

"A human being has to commit a crime to be locked up. As a country that was born out of slavery, people should be opposing that most vigorously. We need to learn to share the planet together and be respectful of one another. In breach of several things in the planning and subdivision act – no public meeting at any time, no due process of law. Message to government that they cannot willy nilly decide what laws to follow and what not. I can't say enough good things about the legal team, fully prepared, a joy to watch them in action."



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – SO CLOSE

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The Bahamas is steps closer to having a government that is more transparent and our people are closer to having the right to information

that impacts their lives, health and pocketbooks. One of the last countries in the world to have freedom of information legislation, The Bahamas is now on the precipice of enacting such a bill and with input from nu-

merous civil society organizations, getting it right.

It has been a long time coming. In 2012, the previous government passed a Freedom of Information Act, but it was never enacted. When the current gov-

ernment came to power in May of that year, it viewed the bill and deemed it weak, withdrawing it and declaring it would make changes and re-introduce. But the people remained in darkness, unable to get answers to basic questions like what was contained in heads of agreement when Crown Lands were being given to developers or where funds from certain fees and taxes had gone. Enter Save The Bays. Launched in April 2013, we immediately put up an online petition calling for, among other things, a true Freedom of Information Act. In retrospect, we might have kept the petition simpler and we would

have had more signatures faster, but even as complex as it was we garnered nearly 7,000 signatures online and more at in-person events. In 2016, after substantial public consultation and an advisory committee with very capable people like Lisa Benjamin serving on it, the government of The Bahamas introduced the latest iteration of the proposed legislation. It contained a number of the recommended changes from the 2015 version but still lacked three important components, including the right to information pertaining to government-funded operations like BPL (formerly BEC) or BTC (partially gov-

ernment owned) but that are not statutory bodies. So we would still not have a right to know what contracts are being awarded, under what circumstances or what kind of bidding process took place.

We waited this long. We want to get this right. And even as we write this, knowing how close we are to the passage at long last of a Freedom of Information Act, we, along with tens of thousands of others, hope the government will make at least that one amendment and expand the coverage. It's only the right thing to do. The people deserve to know. We waited a very long time to get it right.

Fred Mitchell in His Own Words at the UN

- A global agreement with accountability measures will help to stabilize the exploitation of the Ocean. The Bahamas calls on Member States to honour international ocean commitments and ensure a decision is taken by the end of the 69th Session of the UNGA (United Nations General Assembly), or by September 2015, to launch negotiations on a

new implementing agreement for the conservation and sustainable use of the high seas.

- Another key "Oceans priority" that The Bahamas believes necessitates immediate attention at the United Nations level is ensuring sustainable fisheries.

- Reports reveal over fishing of the top preda-

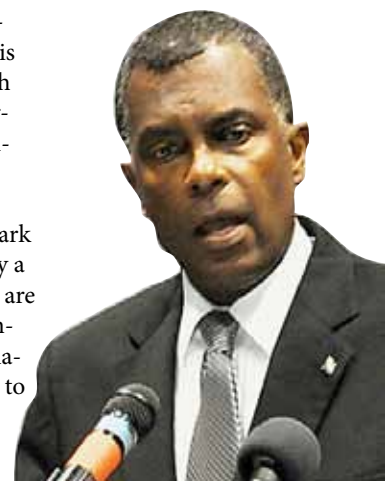
tors of our oceans. For example, scientists have documented 100 million sharks are killed every year, primarily to support a global shark fin industry. The Bahamas declared its economic exclusive zone a shark sanctuary in 2011 to conserve these top ocean predators.

- Our Fisheries Act is in the process of being up-

dated, a closed season on fishing grouper was instituted in 2004 and which added to the existing closed season on Lobster fishing. Commercial harvesting of turtles is now prohibited. The Bahamas in 2013 assumed the chairmanship of the 'Save Our Shark Coalition' in New York, and with the support of like-minded Member States, is aggressively seeking to bring these issues to the international community.

- We support the arguments calling for improved cooperation and precautionary management. It is noted that States through the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) have enacted important regulation of trade in shark products. However, only a handful of shark species are benefiting from these important measures. Regulation should be extended to additional shark species

in need of the same protection.



Letter from Kathleen Wood TCI



I am very sorry to hear about the catastrophic loss of your coral reef off Bimini. We also struggle here in TCI to protect our reefs against powerful foreign interests.

In 2006 a large area of reef was bulldozed to make way for the Carnival Cruise Centre and in 2008, we lost a large amount due to sedimentation from inappropriate dredging practices associated with the Leeward Blue Haven Marina.

We do have measures in place to protect our reefs. In fact, it is currently illegal under both our Fisheries Protection Ordinance and National Parks Ordinance to damage reef at all. We were recently successful under both Ordinances in prosecuting a mega yacht captain who destroyed approximately 4,000 square meters of reef in one of our National Parks.

In addition, any dredging requires environmental impact assessment. Mitigation measures are supposed to be in place to rescue, transplant and create artificial habitat; however, powerful interests often find ways around these measures. We have very good laws on the books, but they are only good as long as there is political will to enforce them.

Good luck with your struggle. If there is anything I can do to help, please feel free to contact me.

Kathleen

KATHLEEN M. WOOD

Director, Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs, Turks and Caicos Islands



You'll never walk alone

ONE of the most remarkable feats of the last year has been the coming together of 21 civil society organisations. We got a taste of what it was like to have friends stand with you and beside you, supporting and speaking out for what you believe in, when we organized the first Freedom of Information rally during May 2014 in Rawson Square. Civic groups, union leaders, government workers, businesspersons, religious leaders were all rep-

resented along with the leaders of the FNM and the DNA. But even those numbers paled by comparison to what happened in November 2016 when thousands joined We March Bahamas and demanded honesty, transparency and accountability from government. The initial magnet was the leak that a letter had been signed authorizing the Bahamian ambassador to China to negotiate with persons in that country for a proposed \$2.1 bil-

lion deal for agri-fisheries in The Bahamas. Outrage came from every quarter. The We March Bahamas event, led by a young lawyer named Renard Henfied of a group called Our Carmichael, became a pivotal point in Bahamian history, the moment when our own PR expert Diane Phillips, also a radio co-host, said, the moment that Bahamians found their voice.

Since that time, the groups have continued to communicate daily. We exchange ideas, prepare thoughtful commentary on pending legislation and we will never sit back quietly again, swallowing everything any government tells us. We have proven that a participatory democracy is possible and with more than

100,000 people represented, the government that ignores the voice of civil society – any government – does so at its own peril.

Among the groups calling for better governance and more public consultation are the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation, Organisation for Responsible Governance (ORG), Citizens for a Better Bahamas, We the People, reEarth, Abaco Chamber of Commerce, Grand Bahama Human Rights Association, Head-Knowles, Civil Society Bahamas, Waterkeeper, Bahamas Federation of Retailers, Our Carmichael, and, of course, Save The Bays.

Plethora of Plastic

Congratulations to Waterkeeper Bahamas and to our own Waterkeeper, Rashema Ingraham. After being awarded three Waterkeeper licenses – a feat in itself – our sister organization with whom we share office space and ideals began fulfilling its obligations to be the eyes and protective arms of the waters in Grand Bahama, Clifton Western Bays (off New Providence) and Bimini. In its 22-foot Boston Whaler, Ingraham and volunteers took off with buckets, recorders, cameras, notepads, tablets and determination. Their first official exploration in Grand Bahama was revealing. “But in a sad way,” said Ingraham. “We were in an area used by the cruise ships so we expected that if we found debris in the water it



would be something a ship would have tossed overboard or left behind, but instead it was all local detritus and debris.” Later, Ingraham and participants in the Youth Environment Ambassadors program found even more disturbing evidence of plastic on the beaches, including particles so small they were labelled micro-plastics. Evidence, she says, of how environmentally dangerous a non-biodegradable product is when it enters a fragile marine environment, interfering with a carefully balanced eco-system.

What goes around... Recycling in its infancy

SAVE The Bays applauds Shaun Ingraham and the One Eleuthera Foundation for its innovative recycling. Even with a small population in South Eleuthera, there are enough materials to make it work so those who argue that The Bahamas is not large enough for recycling could take a page from young Ingraham’s playbook. Glass gets crushed locally and made into countertops as well as being used for flooring and street or driveway paving. Plastics are sent to Nassau for conversion. Cans go to Cans for Kids, a non-profit started by Virginia McKinney who owns the waste management company Waste Not. What One Eleuthera Foundation is doing is proving what we have been saying since the founding of Save The Bays – it’s not the environment or the economy, mister. Taking care of the environment is an economic activity that generates jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities and revenue.”



Save The Bays Chairman Certified as Climate Change Leader, Warns of Imminent Realities

ONCE a distant threat mentally assigned to some future date, the reality of climate change is barreling at us faster than we ever expected. Both here and abroad, the cost to communities trying to stave off erosion from rising seas, or the impact of longer droughts and greater downpours, powerful storms and deadly flooding is turning out to be higher than initially projected. In America, an organisation called The Children’s Trust is taking legal action in several courts, claiming the state has the responsibility to preserve the environment for generations yet unborn. In Miami Beach where it routinely floods even without rain (and where STB Chairman Joe Darville trained and was certified in climate change leadership with Al Gore), the city is spending \$400 million installing 80 underground pumping stations, building up the height of



streets and taking other mitigation measures. In The Bahamas, groups have attempted to call attention to the increasingly pressing problem and Save The Bays has gone on record pleading for immediate action, including incentives to move people from unprotected low-lying areas to higher ground. Save The Bays is among those in The Bahamas at the forefront of facing climate change and taking action to safeguard lives.

Save The Bays Chairman Joe Darville says nearly six months after Hurricane Matthew, many are still shell-shocked. He worries that Bahamians

are not taking the reality of harsher hurricanes as a result of climate change to heart and wants to find ways to persuade residents of low-lying areas to move to higher, safer ground. Darville, a retired educator and counsellor, comforted and counselled hurricane victims in Long Island and the southern islands after Hurricane Joaquin in 2015 and in Grand Bahama after Hurricane Matthew a year later. In both cases, he said trauma met head-on with fear and trepidation about leaving where they had always lived, even though people who had “been through hell and lost everything” knew in their hearts they should move to higher ground. It is, he said, only going to get worse with climate change leading to fewer, but more powerful storms that can form right in the Atlantic because of the rising, warmer seas and no longer need to come off the coast of Africa.

Let the sun shine

KUDOS to those who at long last have cleared the way for residents using solar energy to power their homes or businesses to tie into the BPL (formerly BEC) grid. The announcement was made at an important energy conference hosted by the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation in November. Save The Bays was in attendance and our work was recognized and commended by the Chamber’s CEO Edison Sumner.



All those in favour say YEA...

IN The Bahamas, YEA stands for Youth Environment Ambassadors. Funded and operated by Save The Bays, the program includes formal academics and hands-on experiences. YEAs meet every other Saturday for four months and those who qualify in knowledge and leadership at the end of each series graduate with a certificate in environmental stewardship.

This is the fourth year that Save The Bays has supported and operated the

program that attracts twice as many applicants as space allows. Participants have studied industrial waste handling and management, electrification, threats to coral reefs, reef regeneration through reef balls, impact of micro-plastic particles on beaches and on reefs. They've tromped through bush and trekked through wetlands. They've been swimming with dolphins and with sharks, have learned more about safe boating, but mostly say

the instructors including Joe Darville and Rashema Ingraham, they learn respect for the environment and how to spread the message about the need for diligent stewardship. Committed and dedicated stewards like Alex Knapp who went through the first year's program now serve as instructors and assistants. Some 238 young Bahamians have benefitted from YEA with younger counterparts enjoying Camp Eco-Explorer.



Reef Relief

BARRY Smith, left, shows participants in Youth Environment Ambassadors how reef balls work to attract marine life. Smith is with Paradise Cove in Grand Bahama which spearheaded the island's adopt-a-reef program. Hundreds of thousands of reef balls are deployed off the coasts of

some 70 countries and are believed to be the best and most effective artificial reef design. Funding for the program also provides the means to dissect sections of endangered reefs and replant them in protected areas.



YEA participants visiting the Grand Bahama Power plant. Academic classroom studies precede each session's hand-on experiences.



Planting Trees & Keeping It Clean

ON Earth Day, 2016 a number of Save The Bays directors and members fanned out across school yards in Nassau and

Grand Bahama planting lignum vitae trees. In 2017, Save The Bays focused efforts on an anti-litter campaign.



HELP FINALIZE THE MARINE PROTECTED AREA FOR NORTH BIMINI

The importance of the North Bimini Marine Reserve (NBMR) has never been in doubt. Its mangrove habitat serves as the foundation for Bimini's tourism industry, which revolves around the island's healthy fishing grounds.

The area replenishes conch, lobster and fish stocks around Bimini and the Northern Bahamas and is home to 370 different animals, including 11 endangered species - a treasure of biodiversity.

The NBMR is strongly supported on Bimini and around The Bahamas, but while it was announced it has yet to be legally enacted, leaving this critical area vulnerable to increasing development pressures. Please help send a message that you value the North Bimini Marine Reserve and the natural resources it represents.

2000

North Bimini was listed as the "HIGHEST PRIORITY" site in the entire country for a Marine Protected Area (MPA).

2008

North Bimini Marine Reserve was officially declared by the Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, Larry Cartwright.

2014

Marine reserve still not legally enacted by The Bahamas Government and is threatened by development; please lend your support to help finalize the North Bimini Marine Reserve

2016

Still no change, no protection

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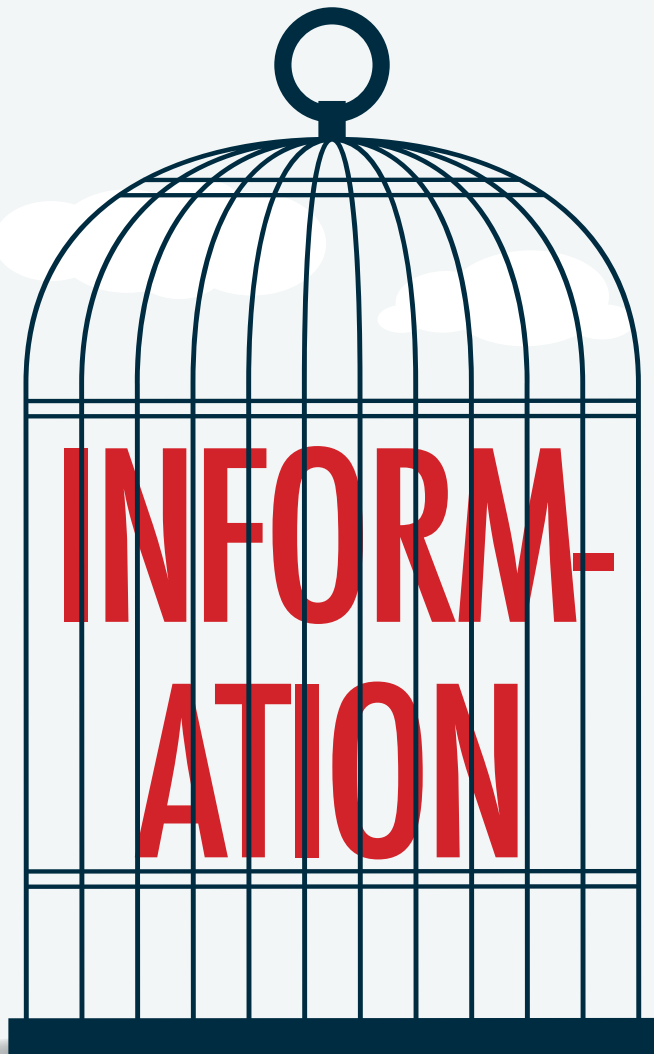
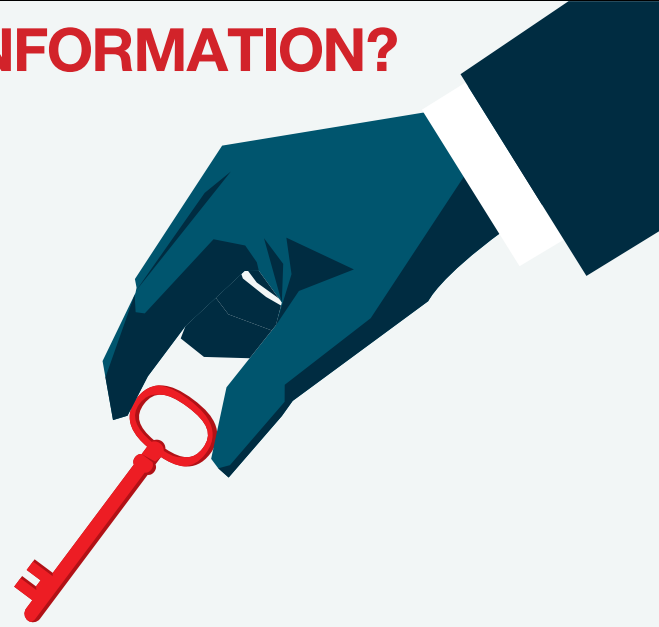
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WILL WE EVER HAVE A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION?

WILL THE FOIA BILL EVER BE PASSED?



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FIND US ON FACEBOOK

TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

2012

SLOW BEGINNINGS

Proposed in the 2012 Manifesto

JUNE
2014

STB FOIA DEMONSTRATION



Save The Bays organized their first Freedom of Information Demonstration on June 11th, 2014 in Rawson Square. Leaders and top representatives of more than 20 groups and organizations were in among the crowd at the demonstration, collectively representing more than 35,000 people.

NOV
2016

WE MARCH BAHAMAS BLACK FRIDAY MARCH



November 25th, over 10,000 Bahamians around our archipelago marched to ask for #FOIA and so much more.

DEC
2014

BILL TABLED IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Bill tabled by Jerome Fitzgerald citing lack of public involvement.

JAN
2017

WE MARCH BAHAMAS MAJORITY RULE DAY MARCH



10th of January, we joined WE MARCH's second march to ask again for the tabling of the #FOIA

FEB
2017

BILL PASSED IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

MAR
2017

DEBATED IN THE SENATE

???

WHEN WILL IT
BE ENACTED?

IF FIVE YEARS, PLEDGES,
PROMISES AND 7,000+
SIGNATURES ON A PETITION
CALLING FOR FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION AREN'T ENOUGH,
WHAT IS?



SAVE THE BAYS STANDS FOR THE RULE OF LAW NOT SUBVERSION OR DESTABILIZATION

If Save The Bays were guilty of any of the scurrilous and ridiculous charges of trying to destabilize the government, why is the legal system ruling in our favour in so many critical cases protecting Bahamian rights and the environment?

By Save The Bays

STB continues to press on with its various Judicial Review cases against the Government. A number of Directors of STB continue with their actions against Peter Nygard and Keod Smith (which arose from the STB Judicial Review actions) to protect their safety and lives and defend claims brought against them and others by Peter Nygard. Below is a current summary of these.

On February 6, 2017, the Prime Minister lost his attempt to remove Judge Bain from all of the STB Judicial Reviews.

With no evidence at all, the PM claimed that Judge Bain was biased in favour of Save the Bays in the 4 cases which STB and the one case by 103 Neighbours against the Prime Minister and the government for their failure to protect Crown Land and unregulated development at Nygard Cay.

This has been a nearly 5 year fight to uphold the

Rule of Law and protect the environment at Clifton Bay from abuse by Peter Nygard in conspiracy with the government.

This was the 3rd motion to remove Judge Bain by Nygard and his government allies.

The 1st unsuccessful recusal motions were launched in 2013 and 2014 by Keod Smith and were withdrawn.

The 2nd, launched by Peter Nygard in 2015 was eventually dismissed by the courts in 2016.

The 3rd by the PM, in 2017, was dismissed by Judge Bain as being "without merit".



Perry Christie, Prime Minister of The Bahamas

Judge Bain, In dismissing these serial recusal

motions, and Judge Indra Charles in 2016, in vindicating STB's right to freedom of expression and fining cabinet minister Jerome Fitzgerald MP \$150,000 for his constitutional crime of interfering with STB's private emails, have upheld the constitutional independence of the Judiciary against the Executive branch of government in the Bahamas.



Fred Smith, QC

In 2015 the Supreme Court, in the judicial review matters also found that Mr. Michael Major, the Director of Physical Planning was in contempt in granting a dredging permit to Peter Nygard in breach of an



Save The Bays Legal Team, (Ocassion, Date?)

Pictured L to R: Paco Deal, Save The Bays Directo; Dawson Malone,; Fred Smith QC; Joseph Darville, Save The Bays Chairman

injunction.

In addition, the Supreme Court has cited Mr. Keod Smith, counsel to Peter Nygard, and Mr. Derek Ryan, for contempt of court in scandalizing the Court. Their contempt trials have occurred and the Court is to deliver its ruling in due course. .

The Supreme Court has also granted permission for 3 motions in 2015 against Peter Nygard for his repeated contempts of the injunction during 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The 1st committal trial against Peter Nygard was concluded on February 6, 2017 and judgment was delivered in March 2017 whereby Mr. Nygard was held to have been in contempt, fined \$50,000 and ordered to remove all the sand he had dredged and place it at Jaws Beach, In default, he is to pay another \$50,000 fine and a \$1000 daily fine until it is moved. Mr. Nygard paid the 1st \$50,000 but has appealed this Judgment. The other 2 committal

trials against Peter Nygard are continuing in the next months.

The Supreme Court has also ordered Keod Smith to pay costs for his failed recusal motions and the Registrar of the Supreme Court allowed these at \$375,000.

Thus far, Keod Smith has failed and refused to pay the costs and refused to be examined under oath as to his means by the Registrar.

This has resulted in the Supreme Court permitting another motion to commit Mr. Keod Smith for his contempt of court which trial will be heard in due course. .



Keod Smith, Nygard Attorney

The Supreme Court has issued Writs of execution

and the Provost Marshal, who is the Commissioner of Police, will be selling Keod Smith's assets to pay the costs.



Ellison Greenslade, Provost Marshall

A Petition for Bankruptcy has also been issued by the Supreme Court against Keod Smith.

The Supreme Court has also made several cost orders in the judicial review cases against the Government and Peter Nygard which the Registrar of the Supreme Court is assessing the amount of.

In addition, Minister Fitzgerald, who was convicted of the Constitutional Crime of

interfering with STB's correspondence and fined \$150,000 and the Attorney General have appealed the judgment in the email hacking case. This is set to be heard on May 16-18, 2017.

STB is also pursuing a judicial review case against BEC and seeking to prevent further oil pollution and environmental degradation at Clifton Bay. This case has been mired in procedural challenges which are continuing into 2018.

The government and BEC have refused to make discovery of important environmental reports which disclose the extent of environmental pollution at Clifton bay.

STB has filed a 6th

records of any NGO unless it has reasonable cause to suspect that such NGO is assisting in terrorist funding.

Of course STB denies that it is any way involved in any terrorist activities and STB alleges that it is an absurd, irresponsible and dangerous abuse of power for the Attorney General and the Registrar General to make such accusations against STB, or generally towards NGO's. To do so is to ignore the constitutional presumption of innocence and rather presume all NGO's guilty.

In addition, Mr. Peter Nygard, soon after the Prime Minister lost his motions to remove Judge Bain in the Judicial

Nygard's 103 Neighbours against the PM and the government have all been adjourned until Judge Bain hears the new bias motions filed against her by Peter Nygard.

STB, in collaboration with its community partner, is continuing to pursue the Re-Earth dolphin judicial review case and enforcement of the judgment of Judge Stephen Isaacs which has so far been ignored by the executive branch of government, at Blackbeards Cay.



**Blackbeards Cay
Sam Duncombe**

In addition, STB is assisting its Community Partner NGO, Responsible Development For Abaco in a judicial review to protect the environment and the rights of the homeowners at Little Harbour which is



Little Harbour

set to begin in Freeport in the coming months.

As a result of critical fears for their lives and well-being, certain directors of STB in 2015,

with the assistance of the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association and the Robert F Kennedy Center for Justice in Washington, successfully petitioned the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights of the Organization of American States in Washington DC which issued a formal Request to the Government of the Bahamas to institute Precautionary Measures to protect their lives.



**Joe Darville and
Kerry Kennedy**

Instead of complying with the international Request, the government, led by Minister Mitchell, has viciously criticized the Directors and appealed and the matter is to be heard hopefully sometime in 2017 in Washington by the IACHR.

The Bahamas government in the meantime, continues to cause international embarrassment to the

Bahamas, by stubbornly refusing to abide by its obligations to the OAS.



Louis Bacon

Four of the directors of Save The Bays and Rev. C. B. Moss of the Coalition to Save Clifton, are also pursuing claims in the Supreme Court against Peter Nygard and Keod Smith for harassment and threats.



Peter Nygard

This case was due to begin in February 2017 but it has been re-assigned from Judge Charles to Judge Donna Newton as a result of intimidation which has been directed at Judge Charles.

They are part of a group of 17 defendants who together are defending a Supreme Court action by Peter Nygard and Keod Smith against them by which it is alleged that the 17 defendants have all conspired to harm Peter Nygard and Keod Smith.



C.B. Moss

The resolution in Parliament, moved by Minister Fred Mitchel and supported by the deputy prime minister Phillip Davis and Minister Jerome Fitzgerald MP to refer Judge Charles and counsel Frederick Smith QC and Feron Bethel, in the email hacking case in which Parliamentary Privilege was canvassed, to the Committee on Privileges to investigate STB for allegedly "destabilizing the government" and recommend if they should be held in contempt, has also created a constitutional crisis between the Judiciary and the Legislative branch of government.



**Minister of
Education Jerome
Fitzgerald and
Deputy Prime
Minister Philip
Brave Davis**

A similar crisis has resulted between the Executive and Judicial branch because of their refusal to enforce the Supreme Court judgement in the Blackbeards case.

Judicial Review which challenges the Registrar of Companies and the Attorney General in yet another attempt to unlawfully obtain the financial and other records of STB.

The Registrar has said that the demand for information has been issued to over 100 NGOs, but STB considers that this is simply a cover to get at STB's records.

The registrar is not lawfully entitled to generally demand the

Review proceedings, has now applied in all the Judicial Reviews, once again, to have Judge Bain removed. He is alleging that Judge Bain is biased. All of the bias motions by Peter Nygard are to be heard In May, 2017.

Mr Keod Smith has also now filed a further motion claiming that Judge Bain is biased. This will be heard in due course.

Accordingly, The judicial review trials mounted by STB and

Founded in 2013, Save The Bays began as a grassroots effort to protect ecologically significant areas of The Bahamas from unregulated development. It has grown into a broad-based coalition calling for comprehensive environmental protections, oil spill legislation and greater transparency in government. With more than 17,200 followers on Facebook, STB is the fastest growing, most popular non-profit, non-government organization in Bahamas history on social media. The group's petition calling on the government to enact an Environmental Protection Act, a Freedom of Information Act, stop unregulated development and end to oil pollution, is climbing in numbers, with around 6,400 signatures so far. **To get involved, sign the petition or learn more, visit www.savethebays.bs.**



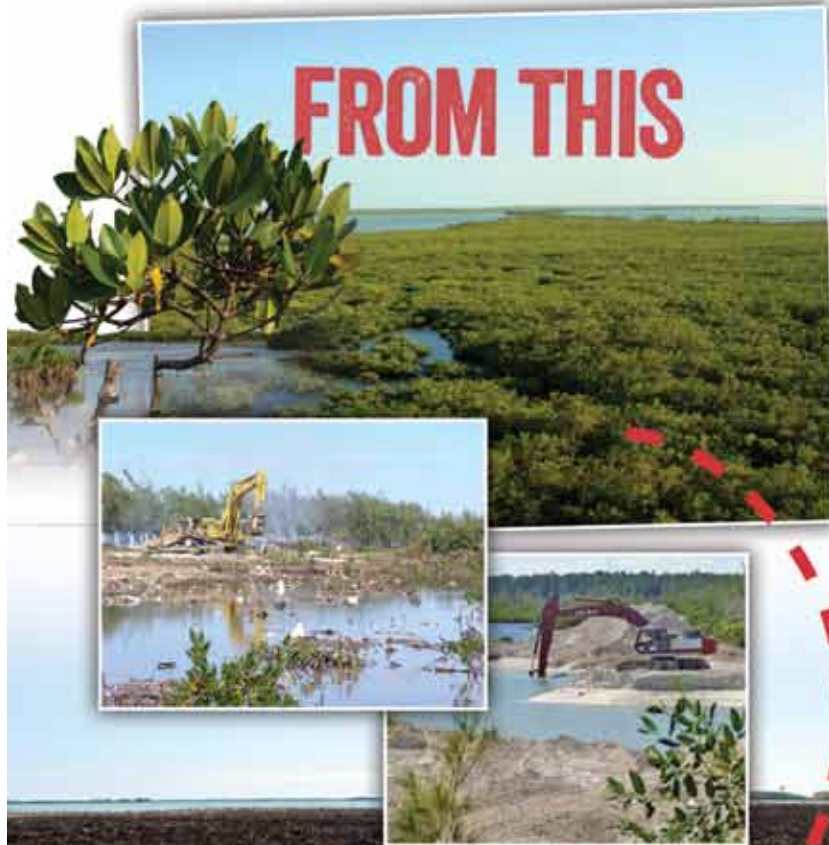
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STOP THE DESTRUCTION WE NEED MANGROVES

Unregulated development to the detriment of the interests of The Bahamian people. The environmental and economic toll could be irreversible.

FROM THIS



TO THIS

MANGROVES



PROTECTS SEAFOOD WE ENJOY

The groupers, snappers, crabs and crawfish we love seek refuge among the roots, using it as a nursing ground.

NO MANGROVES, NO SEAFOOD, NO FISHING BUSINESS

PREVENTS COASTAL EROSION

Their maze of roots produce a living seawall making mangroves effective barriers against stones and help prevent coastal erosion.

NO MANGROVES, NO FLOOD PROTECTION



PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE ECOSYSTEM

The mangrove leaves feed wetland's smallest inhabitants, attracting shellfish, shrimp, crabs and tiny fish, and accounting for the bulk of their diet.

NO MANGROVES, NO ECOSYSTEM



DON'T BE SILENCED!

The government is trying to take your voice away. Save the Planning and Subdivisions Act and prevent the destruction of our Mangroves.

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OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND
BAHAMIAN PEOPLE SINCE
DAY ONE!



Please Stop the Carnival

Cruise Line
destroying
precious marine
area and species

A twist on the title of one of the most popular island life books of all time, Herman Wouk's Don't Stop the Carnival, the plea to please stop the beehemoth cruise line from steering a course that will destroy natural mangroves, gin clear waters, fragile coral reefs and dolphins that swim free, is falling on deaf



AT RISK

Environmentalists fear a proposed \$200 million Carnival Cruise Water port could wipe out mangroves and marshlands, destroy untouched coral reefs, interrupt the purity of the watershed and alter the still breathtaking waters and beaches of East End, Grand Bahama. They urge the port be constructed in Freeport where the infrastructure to support it, including thousands of cruise passengers a week, already exists.

TAKING A DIP

A young Bahamian swims with dolphins in the wild during Camp Eco-Explorer, Grand Bahama, this past summer. Environmentalists fear the pristine underwater world of the largely untouched area will forever be changed if a proposed \$200 million Carnival Cruise Line port is approved. Save The Bays has urged the cruise line and government to identify a different site or use the port facility that exists in Freeport to save one of the most fragile and magnificent marine areas of The Bahamas.





DIRECTORS

Dedicated on preserving the environment of The Bahamas for future generations.



Joseph Darville



Louis Bacon



Hon. Nicholas F. Brady



Kirkland 'K.B.' Bodie



Stuart Cove



Romi Ferreira



Troy Albury



Sam Duncombe



Jessica Minnis



William Hunter



Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.



Peter Douglas



Fred Smith, QC



R. Craig Symonette



Gail Woon



Matt McCoy



Paco Nunez



INVESTIGATES GUANA CAY



Watch the video online

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Save The Bays partners with existing Bahamian conservation, environmental and educational organizations on jointly agreed-upon initiatives.




COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Abaco Cares • Andros Conservancy and Trust
Bahamas National Trust • Bahamas Reef Environment
Educational Foundation • Bimini Blue Coalition
Clifton Heritage National Park • EARTHCARE
Young Marine Explorers • Friends of the Environment
The Island School • Lyford Cay POA
Responsible Development for Abaco • Save Guana Cay Reef
Swim for Ocean Survival • The Nature Conservancy
Grand Bahama Human Rights Association • reEarth
Citizens for A Better Bahamas
West End Eco Fishing Camp Association

Team work makes the dream work, save our environment.

STRENGTH *in* **NUMBERS**

The statistics are impressive and we are happy to share them with you.

-   Over **20,000** supporters on Social Media
-  Over **7,000** Petition Signatures

Save The Bays
for Us!



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