



The **GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP)** implemented by the **UNDP**,  
Has just awarded the **Castara Tourism Development Association (CTDA)** a grant for a  
**“Community based solid & liquid waste reduction project”**



This Project, initiated and to be implemented by the **CTDA**, and endorsed by Kwesi Des Vignes from the **THA**, aims to:

**“Increase the environmental awareness of the community and improve the grey water quality and reduce its negative impact on the fish stocks, beaches, the reef and the river in Castara”**

This will be done by purchasing & selling Bio degradable marine offshore washing detergent, initially to the guest house owners and then to the wider population of the village from the **“CTDA Sustainability shop”**. Changing to these products will immediately improve the quality of the grey water entering the sea which is currently negatively impacting the river and reefs and thereby the ecosystem and the fish stocks which provides the livelihood and the food for the Castara community

Also in consultation with the local food vendors Bio degradable food boxes will be introduced to reduce the amount of Styrofoam waste generated. Currently on-site recycling does not happen in T&T so this project also hopes to reduce the amount of waste entering our landfills and environment.

This 20 month project will also include an Eco friendly themed summer camp for local children where they will have chance to design a logo for cotton tote bags which will be sold and given to the many visitors to reduce the number of plastic bags used.

Plus there will be environmental workshops and mini-lectures for the whole community to raise awareness on these environmental issues.

**Community action, Global impact!!**



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