

Fort Duvernette Officially Re-Opens

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Fort Duvernette, ST. VINCENT: After extensive rehabilitation work that started in December 2010, Fort Duvernette was officially re-opened today, ensuring the biodiversity and Fort was preserved for Vincentians and tourists to enjoy.

This historic site adds to the already rich and vast tourism portfolio of St. Vincent that was granted to the National Trust in 1971.



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Louise Mitchell-Joseph, Chairperson of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Trust explained: “Fort Duvernette, commonly referred to as Rock Fort, lies some 50 yards off the island resort of Young Island and falls within a no fishing zone. She vowed that “the National Trust will be vigilant in ensuring that the no fishing order holds.”

The area includes a rich presence of flora and fauna, birds, and at one time a large number of iguanas, and is noteworthy in terms of eco-tourism.

The rehabilitation work was conducted by Sea Operations (SVG) Ltd. under contract with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) National Trust and is estimated to have cost US\$105,000.00.

Funding was obtained through the Government of Finland, via Finnish Ambassador - H.E. Mikko Pyhala to CARICOM and the OECS at the Embassy for Finland based in Caracas, Venezuela.

Through the works Fort Duvernette has two batteries, a small landing jetty, brand new steps leading to the Fort, protective netting, garbage bins and gazebo areas.

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