

## Agreement to Protect St. Vincent Parrott

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**Kingstown, ST. VINCENT:** The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) and the Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots (ACTP) have signed an agreement for the protection of SVG's National Bird - Amazona Guildingi.



**St. Vincent Parrott (National Bird)**  
**Amazona Guildingi**

This agreement was signed today at the Ministry of Agriculture Conference Room by ACTP Director Martin Suth and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation - Honourable Montgomery Daniel. The ACTP has donated an initial sum of 250,000 Euro for the project.

The SVG parrot continues to be threatened in its natural habitat from various influences, including Hurricanes (Tomas) and the recent flash floods, which has devastated the forest and its habitat.

The Ministry of Agriculture is also looking at securing a breeding loan agreement with ACTP for the purpose of developing a capture stock outside of SVG. This capture stock will be done purely on a scientific basis, specifically with the aim of maintaining the genetic integrity of the wild population away from its wild habitat.

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