

## 6 Flagship Species

Staff, in particular the Managers and Directors of the Protected areas of the Dutch Caribbean were asked in 2012 to list the flagship species of their islands. These species are those that have a value intrinsically linked to the island. As well as endangered and endemic species, these also include those that are iconic, associated with the island and its culture, charismatic, or have particular non-use economic or recreational value.

## 6.1 Flagship species – Aruba

### 6.1.1 Terrestrial flagship species Aruba

Common group name	Scientific name	English Name	Red List Critical	Red List Endangered	Red List Vulnerable	CITES I	CITES II	Regional endemic	Local endemic	Island endemic	SPA W I	SPA W II	SPA W III	Notes
Birds	<i>Aratinga pertinax arubensis</i>	Aruba Brown-throated Conure (parrot)								•				
Birds	<i>Athene cunicularia arubensis</i>	Burrowing Owl								•				
Birds	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	Crested Caracara				•						•		
Birds	<i>Chrysolampis mosquitus</i>	Ruby-topaz Hummingbird				•								
Birds	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>	Crested bobwhite												
Birds	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel				•								
Plants	<i>Aloe vera</i>	Aloe vera												
Plants	<i>Caesalpinia coriaria</i>	Divi divi												
Plants	<i>Caesalpinia echinata</i>	Brazilwood tree												
Plants	<i>Conocarpus erecta</i>	Buttonwood											•	
Plants	<i>Tabebuia billbergii</i>	Yellow poui (Kibra hacha)												
Reptiles - lizard	<i>Cnemidophorus arubensis</i>	Aruban Whiptail Lizard								•				
Reptiles - snake	<i>Crotalus unicolor</i>	Aruban Rattle Snake	•							•				

6.1.2 Marine flagship species Aruba

Common group name	Scientific name	English Name	Red List Critical	Red List Endangered	Red List Vulnerable	CITES I	CITES II	Regional endemic	Local endemic	Island endemic	SPAW I	SPAW II	SPAW III	Notes
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Turtle	•			•						•		

## 6.2 Flagship species - Bonaire

### 6.2.1 Terrestrial flagship species Bonaire

Common group name	Scientific name	English Name	Red List Critical	Red List Endangered	Red List Vulnerable	CITES I	CITES II	Regional endemic	Local endemic	Island endemic	SPAW I	SPAW II	SPAW III	IBA species	Notes
Birds	<i>Amazona barbadensis</i>	Yellow-shouldered Amazon			•	•						•		•	Also on Ven. Islands
Birds	<i>Aratinga pertinax xanthogenius</i>	Brown-throated Parakeet								•					
Birds	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Caribbean Flamingo					•							•	
Mammals - bat	<i>Leptonycteris curasoae</i>	Lesser Long-Nosed Bat			•										
Plants	<i>Caesalpinia coriaria</i>	Divi divi													
Plants	<i>Caesalpinia echinata</i>	Brazilwood tree													
Plants	<i>Guaiaecum officinale</i>	Lignum-vitae		•			•						•		
Plants	<i>Tabebuia billbergii</i>	Yellow poui (Kibra hacha)													
Plants - cacti	<i>Pilosocereus lanuginosus</i>	Candelabra Cactus					•								
Plants - cacti	<i>Ritterocereus griseus</i>	Tall Candelabra Cactus					•								
Plants - cacti	<i>Subpilocereus repandus</i>	Candelabra Cactus					•								

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Reptiles - iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	Green Iguana					•								
Reptiles - lizard	<i>Cnemidophorus murinus ruthveni</i>	Bonaire Whiptail Lizard													

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Fish	<i>Antennarius multiocellatus</i>	Longlure frogfish													
Fish	<i>Antennatus bermudensis</i>	Island frogfish													
Fish	<i>Antennatus nummifer</i>	Spotfin frogfish													
Fish	<i>Fowlerichthys ocellatus</i>	Ocellated frogfish													
Fish	<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	Lined Seahorse			•		•								
Fish	<i>Hippocampus reidi</i>	Slender Seahorse					•								
Gastropod	<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Queen Conch					•								
Mammals - cetaceans	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>	Spinner Dolphin					•					•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Olive Ridley			•	•						•			

## 6.3 Flagship species - Curacao

### 6.3.1 Terrestrial flagship species Curaçao

Common group name	Scientific name	English Name	Red List Critical	Red List Endangered	Red List Vulnerable	CITES I	CITES II	Regional	Local	Island	SPAW I	SPAW II	SPAW III	IBA species	Notes
Birds	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	Brown-throated Conure					•		•						
Birds	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	White-tailed Hawk					•								
Birds	<i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>	Scaly-naped Pigeon													
Birds	<i>Tyto alba bargei</i>	Curaçao barn owl													
Mammals - deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus curassavicus</i>	White Tailed Deer								•					
Plants	<i>Anthurium andraeanum</i>	Hooker's Anthurium													
Plants	<i>Caesalpinia coriaria</i>	Divi divi													
Plants	<i>Centaurium quitense</i>	Britton's centaury													
Plants	<i>Clusia rosea</i>	Pitch Apple tree													
Plants	<i>Fern sp.</i>	Ferns													
Plants	<i>Guaiacum officinale</i>	Lignum-vitae		•			•						•		
Plants	<i>Palm sp.</i>	Curaçao hat palm													
Plants	<i>Tabebuia billbergii</i>	Yellow poui (Kibra hacha)													

6.3.2 Marine flagship species Curacao

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Corals - stony	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Staghorn Coral													
Corals - stony	<i>Acropora palmata</i>	Elkhorn Coral	•				•						•		



## 6.4 Flagship species - Saba

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Birds	<i>Cincloerthia ruficauda</i>	Brown Trembler												•	
Birds	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel					•								
Birds	<i>Geotrygon mystacea</i>	Bridled-quail dove												•	
Birds	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	Red-billed tropicbird												•	
Birds	<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	Audubon's Shearwater										•		•	
Mammals - bat	<i>Bat sp.</i>	Saban fruit bat													
Plants	<i>Cyathea antilliana</i>	Tree fern													
Plants	<i>Cyathea arborea</i>	Tree fern													
Plants	<i>Freziera undulata</i>	Mountain mahogany													
Plants	<i>Liverwort species</i>	Liverworts													
Plants	<i>Moss species</i>	Moss													
Plants	<i>Orchid sp.</i>	Orchids													
Plants	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed susan													
Reptiles - lizard	<i>Anolis sabanus</i>	Saban anole								•					
Reptiles - lizard	<i>Iguana iguana sp.</i>	Saban black iguana													
Reptiles - snake	<i>Alsophis rufiventrus</i>	Red-Bellied Racer		•											

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Crustaceans	<i>Panulirus argus</i>	Spiny lobster													
Fish	<i>Antennarius multiocellatus</i>	Longlure frogfish													
Fish	<i>Antennatus bermudensis</i>	Island frogfish													
Fish	<i>Antennatus nummifer</i>	Spotfin frogfish													
Fish	<i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i>	Yellowfinned Grouper			•										
Fish	<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	Red hind													
Fish	<i>Epinephelus niveatus</i>	Snowy Grouper/Spotted Grouper			•										
Fish	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	Nassau Grouper		•											
Fish	<i>Fowlerichthys ocellatus</i>	Ocellated frogfish													
Fish	<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	Lined Seahorse			•		•								
Fish	<i>Hippocampus reidi</i>	Slender Seahorse					•								
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Aetobatus narinari</i>	Eagle rays													
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	Bigeye Thresher Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	Thresher Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Oceanic Whitetip Shark			•										

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Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	Dusky Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	Sandbar Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>	Night Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	Grey Nurse Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i>	Gulper Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	Shortfin Mako			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Isurus paucus</i>	Longfin Mako			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Porbeagle shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Odontaspis ferox</i>	Small-tooth Sand Tiger Shark,			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Sawfish, Smalltooth sawfish	•			•									
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>	Whale Shark			•										
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Scalloped hammerhead		•											
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Great Hammerhead Shark		•											
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Sphyrna tudes</i>	Golden Hammerhead													
Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	Smooth Hammerhead													
Mammals - cetaceans	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Humpback Whale			•	•						•			

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Mammals - cetaceans	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Sperm Whale			•							•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Olive Ridley			•	•						•			

## 6.5 Flagship species – St. Eustatius

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Birds	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed Hawk					•								
Birds	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel					•								
Birds	<i>Geotrygon mystacea</i>	Bridled-quail dove												•	
Birds	<i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>	Scaly-naped Pigeon													
Birds	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	Red-billed tropicbird												•	
Plants	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Tree													
Plants	<i>Brassavola cucullata</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>	Kapok Tree													
Plants	<i>Epidendrum anceps</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Epidendrum ciliare</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Epidendrum difforme</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Ipomoea sphenophylla</i>	Statia Morning Glory								•					
Plants	<i>Jacquinella globosa</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Liparis nervosa</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Mesadenus lucayanus</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Microchilus hirtellus</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Microchilus plantagineus</i>	Orchid													

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Plants	<i>Polystachya concreta</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Prescottia stachyodes</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Psychilis correllii</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Spiranthes elata / Cyclopogon elatus</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Spiranthes lanceolate / Sacoila lanceolata</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Tetramicra canaliculata</i>	Orchid													
Plants	<i>Tolumnia urophylla</i>	Orchid													
Reptiles - iguana	<i>Iguana delicatissima</i>	Lesser Antillean Iguana			•		•								
Reptiles - snake	<i>Alsophis rufiventrus</i>	Red-Bellied Racer		•											

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Crustaceans	<i>Panulirus argus</i>	Spiny lobster													
Fish	<i>Equetus punctatus</i>	Spotted Drum													
Gastropod	<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Queen Conch					•								
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Olive Ridley			•	•						•			

## 6.6 Flagship species – St Maarten

### 6.6.1 Terrestrial flagship species St Maarten

Common group name	Scientific name	English Name	Red List Critical	Red List Endangered	Red List Vulnerable	CITES I	CITES II	Regional endemic	Local endemic	Island endemic	SPAW I	SPAW II	SPAW III	IBA species	Notes
Birds	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel					•								
Birds	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Brown Pelican										•		•	
Plants	<i>Bromeliad sp.</i>	Bromeliad													
Plants	<i>Delonix regia</i>	Flambuoyant													
Plants	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	Orange-yellow Sage													
Plants	<i>Myrciaria floribunda</i>	Guavaberry													
Plants	<i>Orchid sp.</i>	Orchids													
Reptiles - iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	Green Iguana					•								
Reptiles - lizard	<i>Anolis pogus</i>	Anguilla Bank bush anole													



## 6.6.2 Marine flagship species St. Maarten

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Fish - sharks and rays	<i>Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos</i>	Reef Sharks													
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Turtle		•		•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Turtle	•			•						•			
Reptiles - turtles	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Olive Ridley			•	•						•			