



# ANGUILLA NATIONAL TRUST

## *Preservation For Generations*

### **Anguilla National Trust Launches Essay and Poster Competition**

Earlier this year, a workshop was held for Organisation of Eastern Caribbean Member States and other small island developing states in Kingston, Jamaica. The purpose of the workshop was to develop an efficient means of implementing multilateral environmental agreement (MEA) commitments. Following from this workshop, the Department of Environment, Government of Anguilla, secured funds to develop and draft legislation that will support the adoption of a number of international agreements at the national level. A key component of this project is increasing the public's awareness of the purpose and importance of these MEAs.

MEAs are agreements made between several countries to support the sustainable use of the world's natural resources. In order for an MEA to apply to Anguilla, the UK Government must first sign and ratify the MEA and then extend it to the island. Proper domestic legislation must be in place for Anguilla to meet the commitments called for by the MEA. Some of the MEAs that are currently being considered for extension include: Convention on Biodiversity; Convention on Migratory Species; Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention); Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) Protocol to the Cartagena Convention; World Heritage Convention; and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The Anguilla National Trust has agreed to work with the Department of Environment to prepare and implement a public awareness campaign, to produce educational materials, and to organise activities related to environmental legislation. These programmes and activities will target government department representatives, relevant statutory bodies and organisations, students, and other key stakeholders.

As part of the educational campaign, the Trust is organising an essay competition that is open to all secondary school students and a poster competition for all primary school students. The essay topic focuses on the opportunities that adopting MEAs will bring to Anguilla. The theme for the poster competition, meanwhile, is "Think Global, Act Local: protecting Anguilla's plants and animals for Anguillians and the world."

The essays and posters will be reviewed by panel of judges. The prize for best essay will be a Dell personal computer while the prize for best poster will be a scholarship of EC\$1000.00 to cover uniform and textbook expenses. The deadline for submission is 1 December 2005 and winners will be announced on 9 December.

Anyone interested in learning more about the guidelines for the essay and poster competitions or about the different MEAs are encouraged to contact the Anguilla National Trust at 497 5297.

#### **About the Anguilla National Trust**

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The Anguilla National Trust was established in 1993 to act as custodian of Anguilla's heritage, preserving and promoting the island's natural environment and its archaeological, historical and cultural resources for present and future generations. It is in the business of ensuring the sustainability of Anguilla's heritage. The ANT is a dynamic people-centred organisation working in collaboration with public and private sector entities to manage Anguilla's natural social and cultural heritage.

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