



Sustainability Report 2020



When Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort opened its doors in 1987, it set out to be a sustainable resort. Our program is a holistic program; it includes anything from community involvement projects to innovative technology. In fact, today we are one of the most sustainable resorts in the Caribbean. We have retrofitted our building and accomplished LEED Gold status, been named the most sustainable resort in the world by Green Globe, and are the first and only Carbon Neutral Resort in the Caribbean.

When we first reached our goal of becoming Carbon Neutral in 2018, our next long term goal was immediately set to become Carbon Negative. Since 2018 we have continued to decrease emissions and are on the right path to reach this goal.

Commitments	Objectives	Status	Progress made in 2020
 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	495 hours of volunteer work	✓	Exceeded our goal of 495 hours, and completed 1000 volunteer hours
	Spay and neuter 5000 cats & dogs	✓	Exceeded our goal of 5000 spay and neuters and completed 5014
	100 kg donations through Pack for a Purpose	✓	Collected 128.4KG of donations through our Pack for a Purpose the Imeldahof orphanage.
 SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS	3% Electricity reduction	✓	Achieved 11.5% reduction. This is largely due to the unprecedented circumstances and effect COVID-19 had on the resort and the industry as a whole. We never shut down, and kept the hotel open. This resulted in use of electricity to maintain the building and keep it healthy.
	5% Water reduction	✓	Achieved 37.4% reduction. This is largely due to the unprecedented circumstances and effect COVID-19 had on the resort and the industry as a whole. We never shut down, and kept the hotel open. This resulted in use of water to maintain the building and garden in the absence of grey water.
	65% Waste Diversion	✓	Maintained a waste diversion from landfill rate of 65%.

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15% Renewable Electricity



Achieved. In 18% of our electrical needs was generated by our on-site Solar system

Carbon Neutrality (with emissions reduction of 10%)



Carbon Neutral status maintained with a reduction of emissions of 12%

Extend irrigation system



Irrigation system extended, 100% grey water used in garden

Establish Herb garden



Growing on site Oregano, Mint & Thyme If additional volume is required is sourced locally

Green Globe with 100% score



Achieved. First hotel to ever score 100% for Green Globe certification.

LEED Gold



Achieved. Highest ranking Caribbean resort for extensive retrofitting.

Paperless operations



Behind schedule. About 85% of the resort's operation is paperless.

UN Climate Action Award



Achieved. First Hotel in World to Win the Global United Nations Climate Neutral Now Award.

Knowledge sharing



Owner, and CEO, Ewald Biemans has been interviewed to share his knowledge and thoughts various times this year by reputable businesses; such as National Geographic and Times Magazine.

Environmental Tours



Various sustainability tours given on site to students and companies. In face of the new normal, we adapted and gave virtual tours.

12 Beach Clean Ups



This year we included neighbourhood clean ups as well during the months when Aruba was on lockdown with no flights into the island. By doing this we were able to complete 20 clean ups in total for 2020.



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