

## Project Update: December 2013

### Nature Guide Training

Of the six Nature Guides we trained during the first year of KIDO Rufford project, one, Mr. Solomon Stafford was available to take the second level of KIDO Nature Guide training.

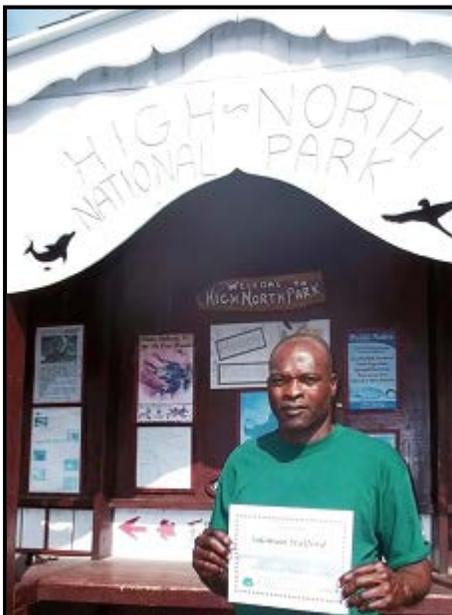
The training consisted of two Guided Tours led by Solomon where trainer Dario Sandrini role acted as an eco-tourist (see photos attached). During this performing act Solomon had the opportunity to display his knowledge, acquired in the previous training, responding to Dario's questions, discussing clarifications when necessary.

This interactive approach led to a deeper learn/perform experience about the wild flora & fauna of Carriacou and the importance of preserving its bio-diversity and ecosystems.

The two Guided Tours took place while hiking to High North peak and Petit Carenage Mangroves Swamp & Bird Sanctuary, both part of proposed National Park of High North (600 acres).

Solomon successfully completed the training program with a written test (92% score) and was Carriacou Nature Guide Level 2 certified.

Mr. Stafford continues to be KIDO main turtle monitoring guide, leading volunteers on patrols in the designated nesting beaches. This year Solomon is also one of the two official Nature Guides (Nigel Stewart, trained by KIDO in the



2011-2012 Rufford project, is the other) featured by the newly established local Ecotourism Company "Isle of Reefs" (<http://www.isleofreefstours.com/team.html>).

Both Solomon & Nigel are now official Nature Guides who take visiting ecotourists to hike the nature trails of High North Park and the Mangroves and Bird Sanctuary of Petit Carenage.



Petit Carenage Nature Guide Training Level 2 - Guide Solomon Stafford & Trainer Dario Sandrini look over Bird Sanctuary wetland

Petit Carenage Nature Guide Training Level 2 - Guide Solomon Stafford & Trainer Dario Sandrini by mature Red Mangrove roots



Petit Carenage Nature Guide Training Level 2 - Guide Solomon Stafford & Trainer Dario Sandrini by aged Black Mangrove tree



Petit Carenage Nature Guide Training Level 2 - Guide Solomon Stafford & Trainer Dario Sandrini in Red Mangrove forest

