

# DO THE MANGROVE REFORESTATION TOUR

It's self guided

We have planted thousands of young mangroves along the south west coast of Bonaire. These plants were grown in our nurseries right in the middle of the mangrove forest at Lac. Now you can do a little tour and find out how the young mangroves are doing and you will also learn more about the specific locations.



## Stop 1 – White Slave

Just south of White Slave you'll find an outplanting site with a mix of natural and planted mangroves. The goal for this site is to help bolster the natural fringing forest to expand habitat and coastal protection for both the beach and neighboring salt pans. While visiting this site see if you can spot our marked mangroves, they will have a small red tag along the base. How many tagged mangroves can you find?



## Stop 2 – Sweet Dreams

The next stop is near Sweet Dreams dive site. You'll be able to find this spot by looking for 2 ponds filled with lots of new mangroves plants surrounded by very little else. Park along the street and explore this site on foot. To the north you'll find the first pond where local students helped us plant 450 new mangroves. Just to the south, you'll find the second and third ponds with over 1000 mangroves. This site was chosen because of the natural ponds and lack of vegetation. This new area will provide habitat and foraging areas for birds, especially flamingos and herons. There is almost always at least 1 here, can you spot him?



## Stop 3 – Red Slave

The third and final stop is just north of Red Slave. This pond is easily visible from the street and is right before the Ecolodge located on the oceanside. This site consists of both red and black mangroves planted within the oceanside pond as well as red mangroves planted within the Pekelmeer side. Be careful though, entry to the Pekelmeer side is prohibited, so please enjoy this site from the street. In the oceanside pond, black mangroves can be found closest to the street and are much smaller in size than the red mangroves. Three have been marked with a red tag, can you find them?



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