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TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

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THE BARBADOS MARINE TRUST (BMT) AT HOLDERS SEASON 2008:

This year, the BMT had a display at Holders Season 2008 for three (3) weeks from February 23rd to March 15th.

The Trust displayed a 1½ ton Reef Ball and a Reef Ball Mould, which aroused a lot of interest from the Season's Patrons.

Our video presentation showed the installation of 30 Reef Balls off Hastings, the resulting coral growth and the enhancement of the area (attracting marine life) over the period of one year. The presentation gave persons a better understanding of how Reef Balls are made and installed, and also how well they have progressed since their installation – as many fish are seen residing in the area where the Reef Balls were placed (previously barren).

Persons also had the opportunity to sign up and become members. Newly signed members from Holders Season 2008 will have the opportunity to win a gift certificate from a fine Barbadian restaurant.

This display was possible thanks to the generous donation of space by Ms. Wendy Kidd of Holders Season, Sign Station, Coles Printery Ltd. and Julie Hoyos at 809 Design.

MONTHLY LIMES:

The Barbados Marine Trust held its Inaugural Monthly Lime on Friday, February 01, 2008; on the grounds of the Barbados Marine Trust, Bay Street, Carlisle Bay at Finally Michael's Beach Café.

On this occasion, two of our directors gave a presentation on the Barbados Marine Trust: our past, present and future projects and activities. Of particular mention was our Oistins Reef Ball Project.

The Lime was very well attended, especially for the 1st event - with the café almost filled.

Many persons signed up to join the Marine Trust and offered to help preserve and protect our marine environment. Two persons also made welcomed cash donations for our projects.

Entertainment was donated by 'G Syndicate' (an *a capella* group) and was well received by the audience. After the performance, there was a prize draw for Lord Willoughby's Tavern Vouchers.

The event closed with serving the refreshments which were donated by our sponsors, mingling of guests and lively conversations about our marine environment.

MEETINGS:

The BMT met with the Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU) and the Oistins Fisheries Association (OFA) to discuss the project: **Reef Ball Gardens: A Solution to Coral Depletion and Community Livelihoods in Oistins, Barbados.**

We have also met with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Drainage Unit to establish a cooperation agreement to implement monitoring of water quality at the outfalls of Carlisle Bay.

DONATIONS:

The BMT would like to thank and acknowledge the donations from **Amphora Bank and Trust Corporation** and **W. F. Baird and Associates.**

We extend our gratitude to the **HOLDERS Season 2008 Group of Donors** – and also to those groups or individuals who visited our display at Holders Season 2008 and made a monetary/in-kind pledge or contribution.

Special thanks also go out to Shell Western Supply and Trading and the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, which is administered by the UNDP; for their ongoing support of our initiatives.

We want also to thank the Sponsors for the Lime in February: **Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd., B & B Distribution Ltd., G Syndicate, Pizza Man Doc, BICO Ltd., Lord Willoughby's Tavern, WIBISCO Ltd., Office Solutions and Systems and Underwater Barbados/Finally Michael's Beach Café.**