



A WASCO employee repairing so-called spaghetti tubing which constitutes the standard water supply infrastructure to houses. This forms part of standard WASCO routine maintenance.

Saint Lucia Country Report 2015

Highlights

The local IWaSP office is operational

Commencement of a water security project with Windward & Leeward Brewery Ltd, part of the Heineken company, and the establishment of the partnership

The expected impact of the current partnership is to secure sustainable water supply for communities and industries on the island

Context, Approach and Objectives

In Saint Lucia, the [International Water Stewardship Programme \(IWaSP\)](#) aims to improve water security in the south of the island, which experiences repeated periods of water scarcity due to a lack of water storage infrastructures.

The Saint Lucia Water Stewardship Partnership has set out to identify short-term measures which seek to improve water security, to collectively secure sustainable water supply for communities and industries in the long-run and to actively seek the engagement of water users, including communities, organisations and industry.

IWaSP is currently working on a number of potential partnerships on the island, with a focus on improving continuous water supply.

IWaSP Partnerships in Saint Lucia

Partnership name	Sector/ thematic area	Duration
Saint Lucia Water Stewardship Partnership	Water Storage Capacity, Water Infrastructure	2015 to 2018



A WASCO employee inspecting a water storage tank at La Haut village.

For starters, the provision of extra water storage facilities (like tanks) is prioritised and is done in cooperation with the national [Water & Sewerage Company Inc. \(WASCO\)](#) and [Windward & Leeward Brewery Ltd](#), part of the Heineken company, from the beverage industry. This joint approach provides increased resilience to the adverse effects of climate change. This partnership also raises awareness of the need for collective action regarding water stewardship in Saint Lucia.

Achievements to date

IWaSP commenced work in Saint Lucia in 2014. During early 2015 a cooperation agreement was concluded with Windward & Leeward Brewery to jointly provide extra water storage facilities to benefit local communities in and around Vieux Fort in the south of Saint Lucia.

During July 2015 a letter of intent was signed by IWaSP, Windward & Leeward Brewery and WASCO, followed by the conclusion of two financing agreements by the end of 2015. A business case has been developed which anticipates the development of extra water storage capacities and supply systems in up to three remote villages.

WASCO has also launched an international tender process for the provision of the first large tank under the partnership agreement and implementation is anticipated to conclude by mid-2016.

Challenges and Outlook

Despite adequate total rainfall for household, agricultural, commercial and other uses, there is not enough water storage capacity and associated water infrastructure to safeguard adequate supplies of drinking water throughout the year.

Investments in treated water storage facilities and other forms of infrastructure for vulnerable rural communities are critically needed to enhance climate resilience and to improve water security. Hence, discussions are on-going with further potential partners from the private sector, most prominently the [Saint Lucia Hotel & Tourism Association \(SLHTA\)](#) which has declared 2016 the 'Year of the Environment' to highlight the importance of its members acting to conserve the island's fragile ecosystems for the long-term benefit of Saint Lucia.

Country Set-up

In Saint Lucia, IWaSP is anchored in the regional [Caribbean Aquaterrestrial Solutions \(CATS\) programme](#), implemented by the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\) GmbH](#).

IWaSP partners in this region include the [Caribbean Public Health Agency \(CARPHA\)](#), the [Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology](#), WASCO and the Windward & Leeward Brewery Ltd. (Heineken).

IWaSP is an international water security programme which combines global best practice in water stewardship with local know-how. Currently active in seven countries, the six-year programme (2013-2018) facilitates partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and civil society

to address shared water risks, while improving stakeholders' use and management of water and building their capacity to develop their own solutions. GIZ manages IWaSP on behalf of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#) and the [UK Department for International Development \(DfID\)](#).



A villager collecting spring water in one of the mountainous villages close to Vieux Fort.

Published by:

International Water Stewardship Programme
c/o Deutsche Gesellschaft für
internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1-5
65760 Eschborn/Germany

For more information, please contact:

Dr. Horst Vogel
Contact for IWaSP in Saint Lucia

Horst.Vogel@giz.de
www.iwasp.org
www.giz.de
[@_IWaSP](https://www.instagram.com/iwasp)

Photos:

© GIZ/Dr. Horst Vogel

Designed by:

Diamond media GmbH, Neunkirchen-Seelscheid, Germany

Status: March 2016