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The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve Welcomes 35 New Trees During Aruba DOET 2026

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – May 15, 2026 – [Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort](#) was honored to host a special Aruba DOET 2026 tree planting initiative at The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve, where 35 new native trees were planted through a collaboration organized by Ban Lanta y Planta and sponsored by Atlas Risk Solutions.

On May 15, 40 volunteers participated, including community members from Colegio EPI and IPA San Nicolas, and representatives from the Aruba Tourism Authority representatives. Bucuti & Tara was delighted to provide refreshments to the upbeat participants.

Held annually, [DOET](#) is the biggest volunteer movement throughout the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and highlights the continued importance of environmental stewardship, native biodiversity preservation and sustainable tourism.



Native Trees Help Strengthen Aruba’s Biodiversity and Climate Resilience

The tree planting is the latest in Phase 1 of the major, multiyear reforestation initiative at [The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve](#). As a gift for future generations, the rare undeveloped 32-acre/13-hectare natural area in Noord is designed to protect native flora and fauna while offering peaceful walking trails and spaces for the community and visitors to connect with nature including [Aruba’s Shoco Owls](#).

Beyond conservation, the preserve also serves as a carbon sink. Once fully reforested with up to 15,000 trees, the preserve is projected to draw down approximately 375

metric tons of CO2 emissions annually, helping reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to the global climate crisis.

Native trees play a vital role in Aruba's arid climate because they require less water, support biodiversity, expand green spaces and help preserve the island's natural landscape. This same philosophy guides Bucuti & Tara's resort landscaping, which exclusively features indigenous trees and plants. The resort further conserves water by collecting and sanitizing gray water for irrigation, allowing its native landscaping to be efficiently maintained with just three minutes of watering each day.

Sustainability Partnership Reflects Shared Commitment to Aruba's Future

"Protecting Aruba's natural beauty requires ongoing collaboration and meaningful action," shares Crescenzia Biemans, Managing Director of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. "We are grateful to Ban Lanta y Planta, Atlas Risk Solutions and all the volunteers from the ATA, Colegio EPI and IPA San Nicolas for participating in the Aruba DOET initiative at The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve for helping strengthen our island's ecosystem for future generations."

The initiative was coordinated by Ban Lanta y Planta, Aruba's leading foundation dedicated to reforestation, native planting and environmental awareness. Bucuti & Tara provided the volunteers with fruit and the resort's signature keepsake, reusable water bottles. Popular with resort guests, the [beloved water bottle tradition](#) is an initiative that prevents the use of more than 290,000 single-use water bottles from ever being discarded on the island each year.

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort has long championed sustainability leadership in Aruba and the Caribbean, and helped define global standards. The adults-only resort is internationally recognized for its environmental initiatives, including being the Caribbean's first and only Certified CarbonNeutral® hotel and being the most eco-certified. Its year-round conservation efforts are designed to help protect Aruba's natural environment for future generations.

To learn more, visit [Bucuti.com](https://www.bucuti.com).

IMAGES & VIDEOS

Images of the Aruba DOET initiative at The Bucuti Tara - GMC Nature Preserve are located in [this Google Drive folder](#).

Resort images are in [this private media gallery](#).

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Recognized as the Caribbean's first and only certified CarbonNeutral® hotel since 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is celebrated globally as the No. 5 Hotel in the World and No. 1 Hotel in the Caribbean, according to Tripadvisor. Aruba's premier adults-only, laidback luxury resort, Bucuti & Tara is the vision of award-winning hotelier and environmentalist Ewald Biemans, honored with multiple Hotelier of the

Year accolades for his hospitality excellence and pioneering sustainability leadership.

Nestled along the pristine white sands of Eagle Beach, protected nesting ground for sea turtles and named one of the “Dream Beaches of the World,” Bucuti & Tara offers 104 elegant rooms, suites and penthouses. Guests enjoy guaranteed sunbeds, a freshwater infinity pool, indulgent spa treatments, and “no surprise rates” including accommodations, all taxes and fees, full daily breakfast, WiFi and in-room tablet, EV chargers, parking and local calls.

At the heart of the resort’s culinary experience is Elements, an award-winning oceanfront restaurant serving healthy, locally inspired cuisine. Guests can also enjoy Tara Lounge, private romantic beach dining, and as of Oct. 2025, the highly anticipated Terra by Jeremy Ford. Helmed by the visionary chef leading Miami’s Michelin Star and Michelin Green Star Stubborn Seed, Ford brings his signature artistry and sustainability ethos to Aruba, crafting a menu that honors Aruban ingredients, fishermen, and farmers while blending bold, innovative flavors with refined presentation.

Proudly LGBTQ+ friendly, Bucuti & Tara proudly holds IGLTA and TAG Approved® status. The resort’s deep commitment to sustainable luxury has earned prestigious certifications including CarbonNeutral®, LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum and Travelife Gold. Named the World’s Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort by Green Globe in 2016, Bucuti & Tara’s comprehensive sustainability program was praised by the United Nations as “highly replicable and scalable” for hotels worldwide, all aligning seamlessly with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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