

MID-YEAR 1979 PROGRAM NOTES

Resource Planning & Management

- FISHERIES** The *SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY OF VI RECREATIONAL BOATING AND FISHING* (80 pp., 67 tables) was completed for the National Marine Fisheries Service. A parallel supporting effort to quantify recreational catch efforts (species, frequency, method) is currently being carried out.
- CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS** A preliminary survey report, including program development options for the Caribbean, was submitted to the US National Commission for UNESCO/MAB 7B Directorate. Recommendations included a strategy 1) to define an oil spill contingency project for small Caribbean islands and 2) to develop plans for a regional workshop on "Environmental Management and Economic Growth" in the smaller Caribbean islands. Both options are now being carried forward with IRF assistance.
- OPEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP PLANNING** Under a contract with the Nature Conservancy and following appropriate site surveys, IRF developed an "open space land use plan" for a 167 acre parcel of land at Bugby Hole, St. Croix, a critically important environmental resource on a small island with a history of intensive land use.
- NATURAL AREA PLANNING** The Foundation's president presented two papers at a May workshop in Tobago on Natural Area Planning, the first paper dealing with *CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAND RESOURCES* and the second on the subject of *CARIBBEAN MARINE RESOURCES*. The regional workshop was sponsored by the Caribbean Conservation Association, School of Natural Resources, U. of Michigan and the Forestry Division of Trinidad and Tobago.
- SURVEY OF CONSERVATION PRIORITIES** Under a consultancy from the Eastern Caribbean Natural Area Management Program, IRF is participating in a survey/mapping effort to determine priorities for an integrated natural areas management system. The Foundation has assumed responsibility for Anguilla and is assisting in the British Virgin Islands.

Education and Technical Assistance

- CAREER EDUCATION** The 12-part television series *TROOLS* -- "Tools and Rules for Careers in the Virgin Islands" -- has been completed, covering such diverse career areas as communications, transportation, health, services, commerce, and others. The video-tapes and accompanying teacher's guide will be made available to the VI Department of Education.
- SMALL ISLAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** With funding support from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, IRF has provided small scale technical assistance, counsel, and related project planning services to:
- * *ANTIGUA* - development planning for a "cultural park", historic sites, and museums
 - * *BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS* - development of management strategies and legislation for marine parks and protected areas
 - * *ANGUILLA* - planning for marine resource development, including marine parks and fisheries
 - * *DOMINICA* - national park planning, including development of a major historic site within the park
 - * *ST. KITTS* - feasibility and development planning for Brimstone Hill
 - * *GRENADA* - preparation of guidelines for a national museum system and cultural development program.
- NUTRITION EDUCATION** A continuing program of community outreach efforts in the area of nutrition education will culminate with a projected Community Conference on Food and Nutrition, to be held in the fall and to include West Indian regional and U.S. mainland participants.
- COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (VI)** Current efforts under this federally funded project focus on direct assistance to community organizations to help these groups develop action programs in areas of environmental concern, implementation of the *Environmental Hotline* alert system for the VI, and planning for community workshops and forums on coastal zone management and comprehensive planning.