**Appendix 1.**Background on the interviewees. The citation IDs correspond to the numbers mentioned in the article. A, b and c indicate multiple interviewees participating in one interview. To guarantee anonymity, we have left out the positions within the organizations.

Citation ID	Country/island	Organization	Date
1	Guadeloupe	Department of Environment, Infrastructure and Housing (DEAL)	7 Oct. 2015
2a	Guadeloupe	Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW-RAC)	9 Oct. 2015
2b	Guadeloupe	Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW-RAC)	9 Oct. 2015
3	Guadeloupe	Regional Council of Guadeloupe	13 Oct. 2015
4	Guadeloupe	National Park of Guadeloupe	12 Oct. 2015
5	St. Eustatius	Caribbean Netherlands Science Institute	19 Oct. 2015
6	St. Eustatius	St. Eustatius National Park (STENAPA)	21 Oct. 2015
7	St. Eustatius	Island government	23 Oct. 2015
8	St. Eustatius	Island government	23 Oct. 2015
9a	Anguilla	Anguilla National Trust	2 Nov. 2015
9b	Anguilla	Anguilla National Trust	2 Nov. 2015
9c	Anguilla	Anguilla National Trust	2 Nov. 2015
10	Anguilla	United Kingdom Overseas Territories Conservation Forum	3 Nov. 2015
11a	Anguilla	Department of Environment	5 Nov. 2015
11b	Anguilla	Department of Environment	5 Nov. 2015
12a	Anguilla	Department of Agriculture	6 Nov. 2015
12b	Anguilla	Department of Agriculture	6 Nov. 2015
13	Bonaire	Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA)	9 Nov. 2015
14	Bonaire	Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland	12 Nov. 2015

15	Netherlands	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations	26 Dec. 2015
16	France	Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy	2 Feb. 2016