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What are Bonaire & Sint Eustatius?

These are the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba, [10] [nb 1] as they are also known in legislation, or the BES islands (an acronym of their names; most people believe, however, it's an acronym for 'Bijzondere Eilandelijke Status' meaning special island status) for short.

Who is the representative of Bonaire Sint Eustatius & Saba?

The Representative for the public bodies of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba represents the Government of the Netherlands on the islands and also performs tasks similar to a King's Commissioner. [citation needed] The current representative is Gilbert Isabella.

Who owns the BES islands?

hmc@rws.nl The Netherlands BES Islands (Bonaire,St Eustatius and Saba) became special municipalities of the Kingdom of the Netherlandsin 2010 when the Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as an autonomous country. The maritime administration transferred to the Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment (IenM) in the Netherlands.

Is Bonaire a Caribbean island?

Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius (usually called Statia) are the Caribbean Netherlands, although the term 'Caribbean Netherlands' is often used loosely to refer to all of the islands in the Dutch Caribbean. They're also known as the BES Islands, for obvious reasons.

Who is responsible for emergency response in the BES islands?

The responsibility for emergency response in the BES Islands is allocated to either the Lieutenant Governor or Harbourmasterof Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba, with IenM assuming overall responsibility for all incidents. Each island operates its own emergency response team (ERT) chaired by the Harbourmaster.





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On October 2010 the Law maritime management BES entered into force for the management of the waters around Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, following the National ordinance on maritime management. The Insular ordinances have not been changes.



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Bonaire (including the islet of Klein Bonaire) is one of the Leeward Antilles and is located close to the coast of Venezuela. Sint Eustatius and Saba are in the main Lesser Antilles group and are located south of Sint Maarten and northwest of Saint Kitts and Nevis.



This webinar will discuss the role of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius & Saba in the changing geo-economic landscape as well as challenges and opportunities to expand cooperation with key partners in priority areas like connectivity (digital, by air and sea), climate change adaptation and mitigation, food security and economic diversification.



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namely Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, face the risk of the occurrence of natural hazards. Such natural hazards require proper disaster management and disaster governance aimed at increasing the resilience of the islands and reducing disaster risk. ???



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Since the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, the Netherlands is also responsible for the tax system at Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, called the BES Islands. On January 1, 2011 the Netherlands introduced a tax regime for the BES Islands which is different from the regime in the Netherlands, by introducing a flat-tax regime and a 0%



As of April 1st, 2024, IAB BES (BES Establishment and Activities Decree) has gone into effect. The decree is concerned with the protection of the environment in the public entities of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. It is aimed at the environmental impact of activities carried out by businesses.