

Bonjou, épi Byenvini Welcome!

Caribbean Endemic Birds Festival, 2013

Introduction to the Seabirds Boat Trip

Theme: "The Life Cycles of Birds"

***Fè kò'w konfontab
Souplé. Mèsi!***

*Look out for the QUIZ at the end
of the Presentation*



THE SEABIRDS AROUND DOMINICA



*Presented by
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Some Basic Seabirds Facts

- * Also known as marine birds
- * Some are excellent swimmers and divers
- * Spend much of their time over the open sea, some many miles away from land
- * Live longer, breed later and have fewer young than other birds
- * Most species nest in colonies (from dozens to millions)
- * Feed both at and below ocean's surface, and some even feed on each other, e.g. Skuas steal eggs and young of penguins and terns
- * Guide fishermen to shoals of fish, e.g. In Dominica the Brown Booby named "*Balaw Bird*" by fishermen from Layou
- * Many species famous for undertaking long annual migrations (e.g. Black-footed Kittiwake from Arctic collected on Dominica)





Black-footed Kittiwake:
Collected (dead) by Forestry
Officer Mark Greenaway at
Entristle Beach on east coast of
Dominica, *February 2009*



Aye, Aye
Captain.
Off we go!!

“Temporary Captains” of Sting Ray II



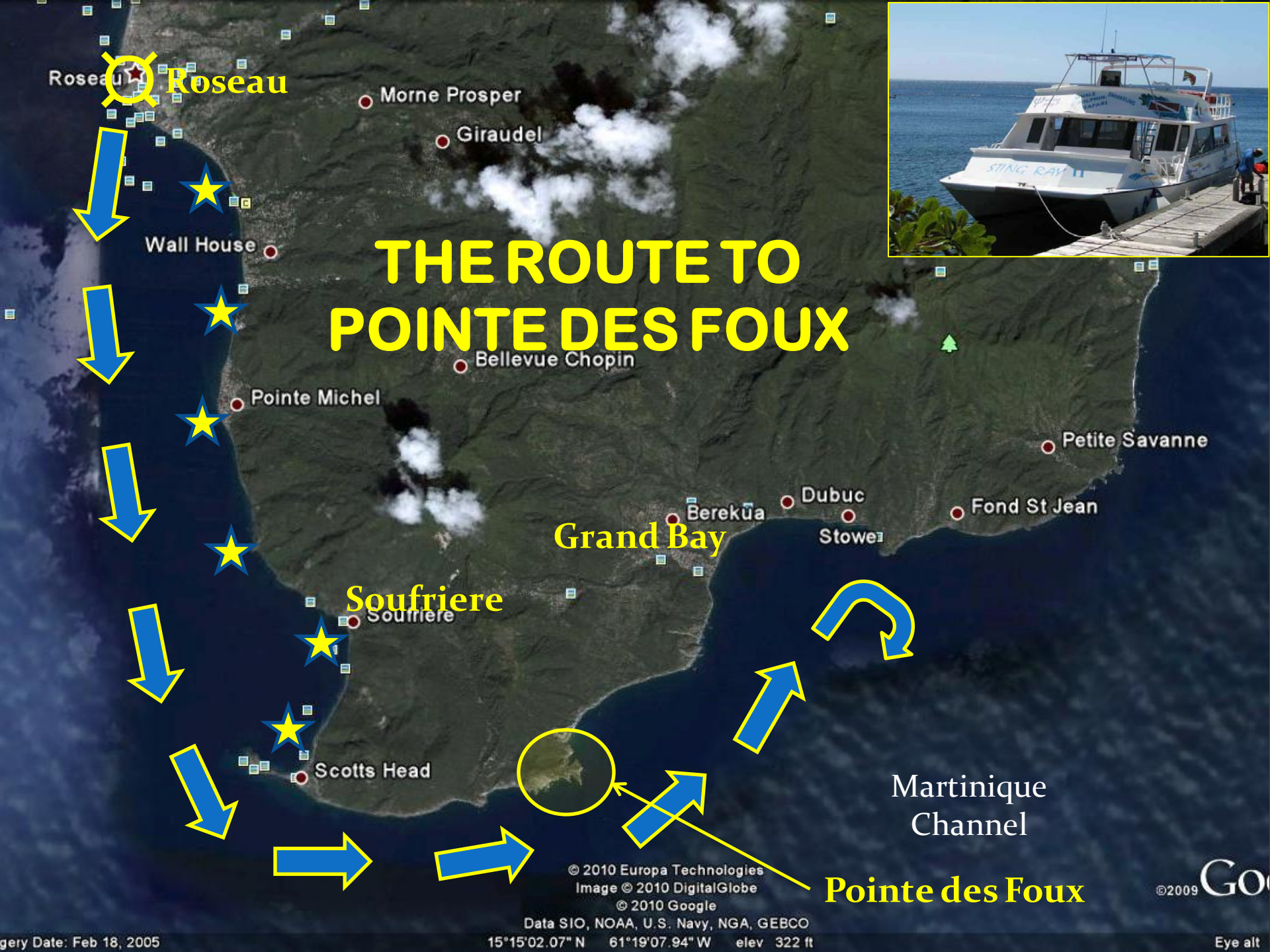
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Morne Watt



Baracoon Building

WHERE ARE WE GATHERED PRESENTLY?



Roseau

THE ROUTE TO POINTE DES FOUX

Grand Bay

Soufriere

Pointe des Foux

Martinique
Channel

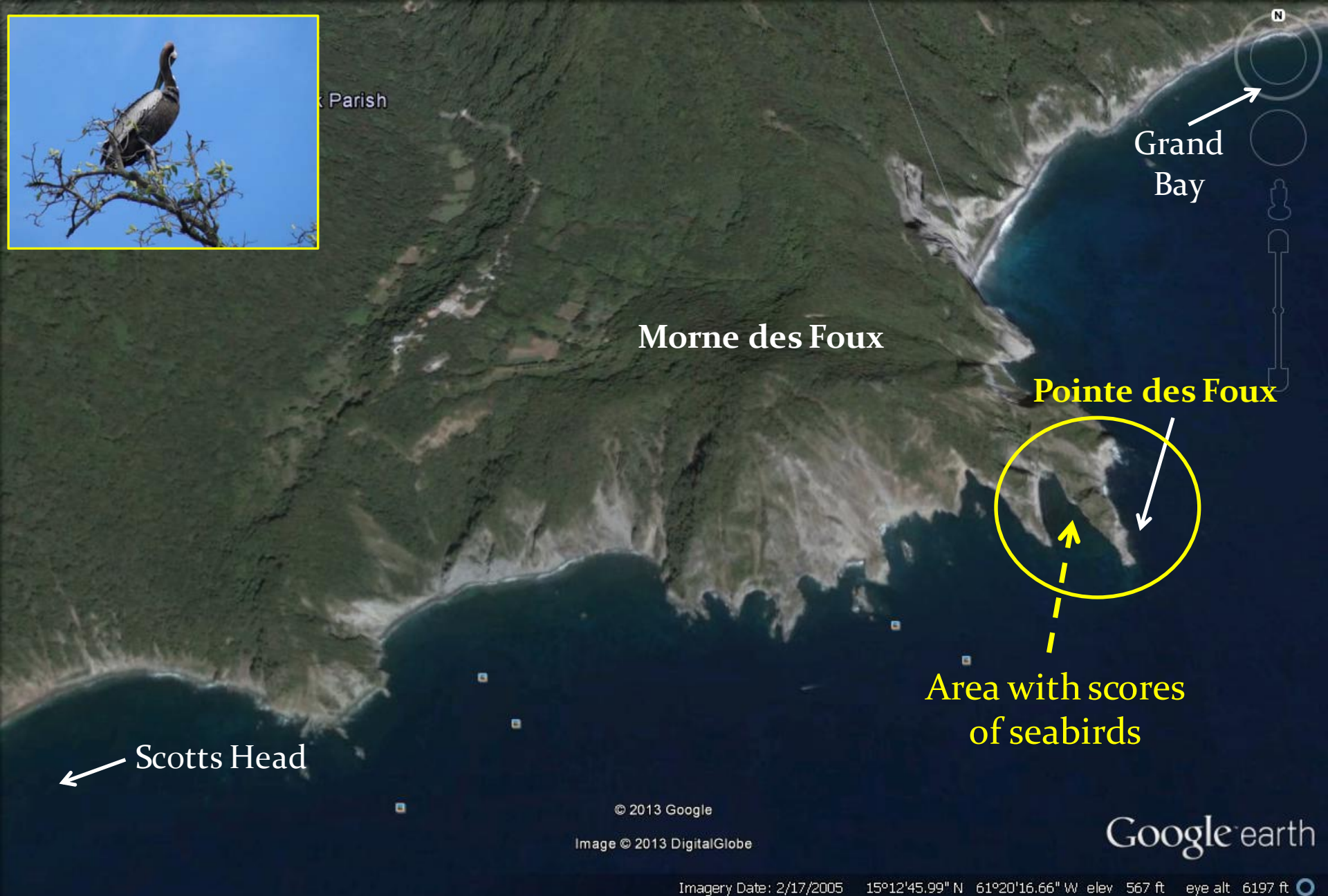
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Parish

Grand Bay

Morne des Foux

Pointe des Foux

Area with scores of seabirds

Scotts Head

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Imagery Date: 2/17/2005 15°12'45.99" N 61°20'16.66" W elev 567 ft eye alt 6197 ft

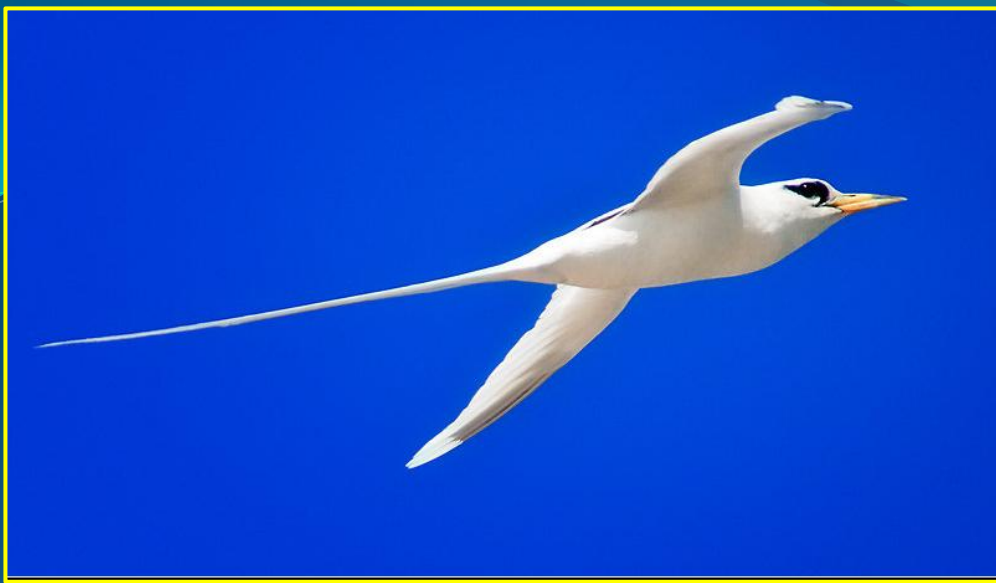
Part of Dominica's southern coast, including Pointe des Foux



WHERE SHALL WE LOOK FOR SEABIRDS AND OTHER BIRDS?

- *In the AIR
- *On CLIFFS and On ROCKS
- *On the Water... Over the WATER
- *Among TREES and CACTI
- *On “PWI-PWI” or RAFTS
- *On tied FISHING BOATS
- *On BUOYS





SEABIRDS

THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE,
AND SOME WE MAY NOT SEE
WHILE

“SAILING TO POINTE DES FOUX”

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATE BIRD ✂

Local Names: "Sizo"
Scissors, "Fwégad", "Frygate"



(Male)



(Female)



Frigates near Fond Cole Beach
How many feathers in the male's tail?
From a "pair of scissors" to a "fan"!

Female Frigate bird; had migrated from Brazil, and injured near Valley Engineering; Cerc. 1985 Note the bird's wingspan



WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD

"Palantj", "Tareau" ✕



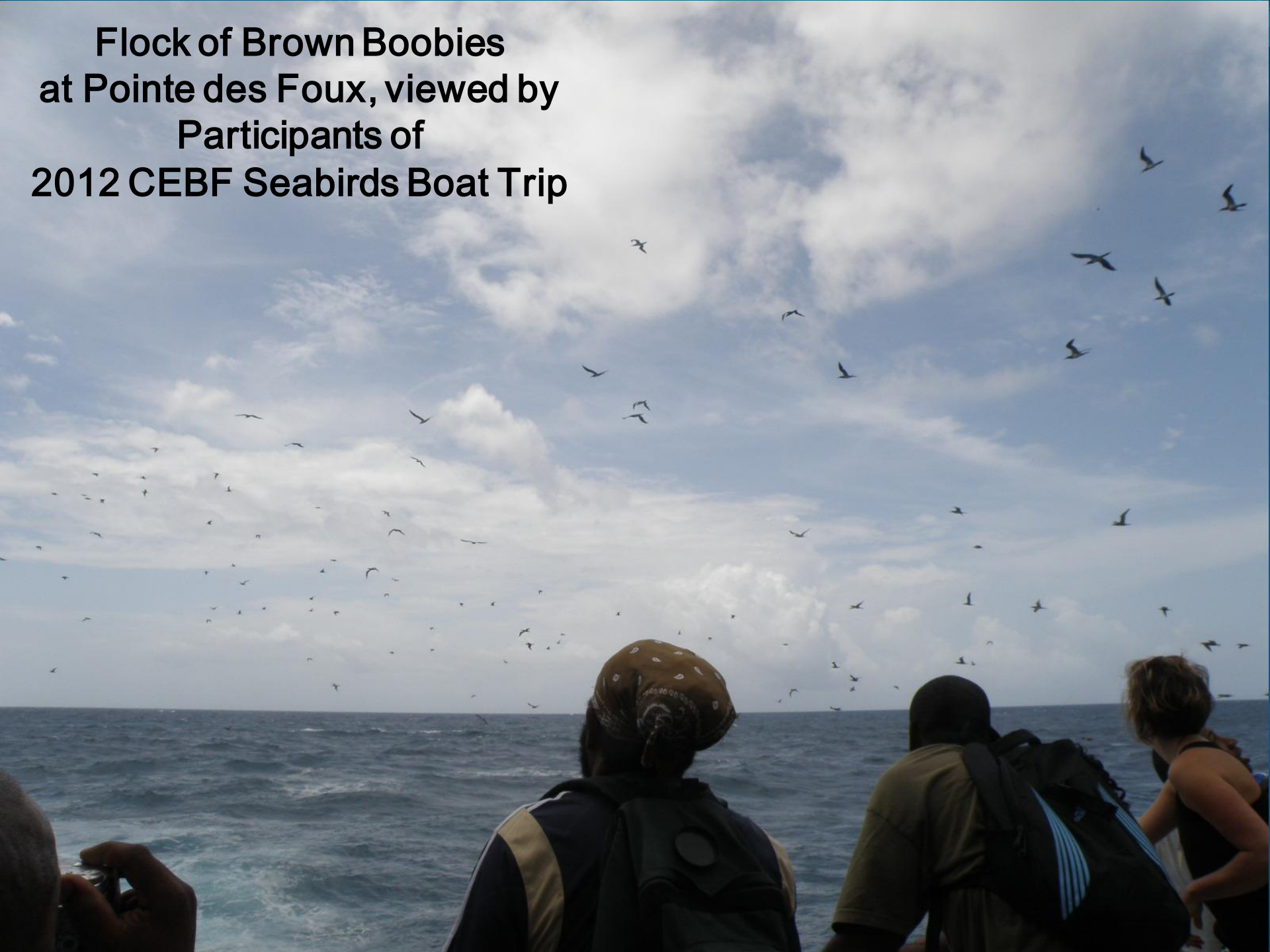


BROWN BOOBY or "*Balaw Bird*" ✕



Boobies roosting at
Pointe des Foux, 2010

**Flock of Brown Boobies
at Pointe des Foux, viewed by
Participants of
2012 CEBF Seabirds Boat Trip**





BROWN NODDY ☒

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL

(at Mahaut Beach,
2011)



Photo from Google Images

Lift Off at Scotts Head



**CARIBBEAN
BROWN PELICAN** ♂

On Hillsborough Jetty

Pelicans perched and preening, on
White Cedar tree, Tarou Cliffs, April 2011





Migratory Royal Tern from USA



ROYAL TERN ✕

LEAST TERN ♂





LAUGHING GULL ♂





Part of flock of **Laughing Gulls** near Roseau River mouth, 24th May 2010



BRIDLED TERN



SOOTY TERN



BLACK-CAPPED PETREL
or *Diablotin*



Bird collected by
Vincent Theophile
at Padu, Trafalgar
14 May 2007



*Diablotin in flight.
Note underside of wings*

Skin of Diablotin found
in Roseau, 2 May 1932





Species of
LANDBIRDS
that we
MAY SPOT
on the trip



**OTHER BIRDS
seen while on
previous
CEBF Sea Birds
Boat Trips**

**SCALY-NAPED
PIGEON** ✕ or *Rammier*



**YELLOW-CROWNED
NIGHT HERON** ✕
or "*Kwabyé jenga*"

Organ Pipe
Cactus

Agave or
Lang-béf

Roost of Yellow-crowned
Night Herons on
Pointe des Foux Cliffs



ZENaida DOVE ♂

or *Toutwèl*



BROAD-WINGED HAWK
or "*Malfin!*", *Chicken Hawk* ✖





OSPREY ✖ or
"Fish Hawk", "Malfini lamè"



CARIBBEAN MARTIN
or *Jiwondèl*

Dominica's dramatic landscape along the island's southern coastline



Cliff face between
Scotts Head and
Pointe Des Foux

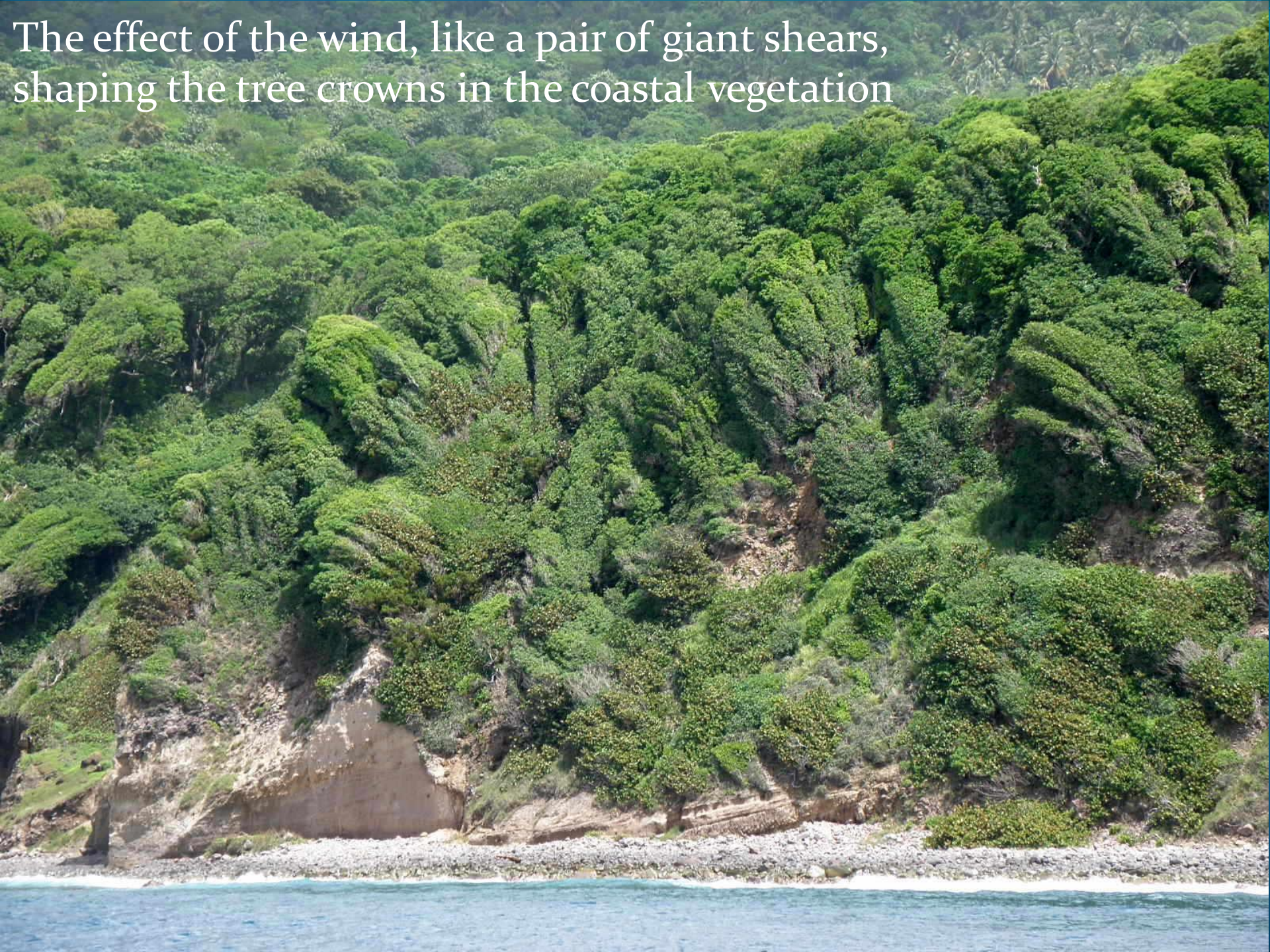
Cachacrou / Kachakou
...*“That which is being
eaten by the sea”*



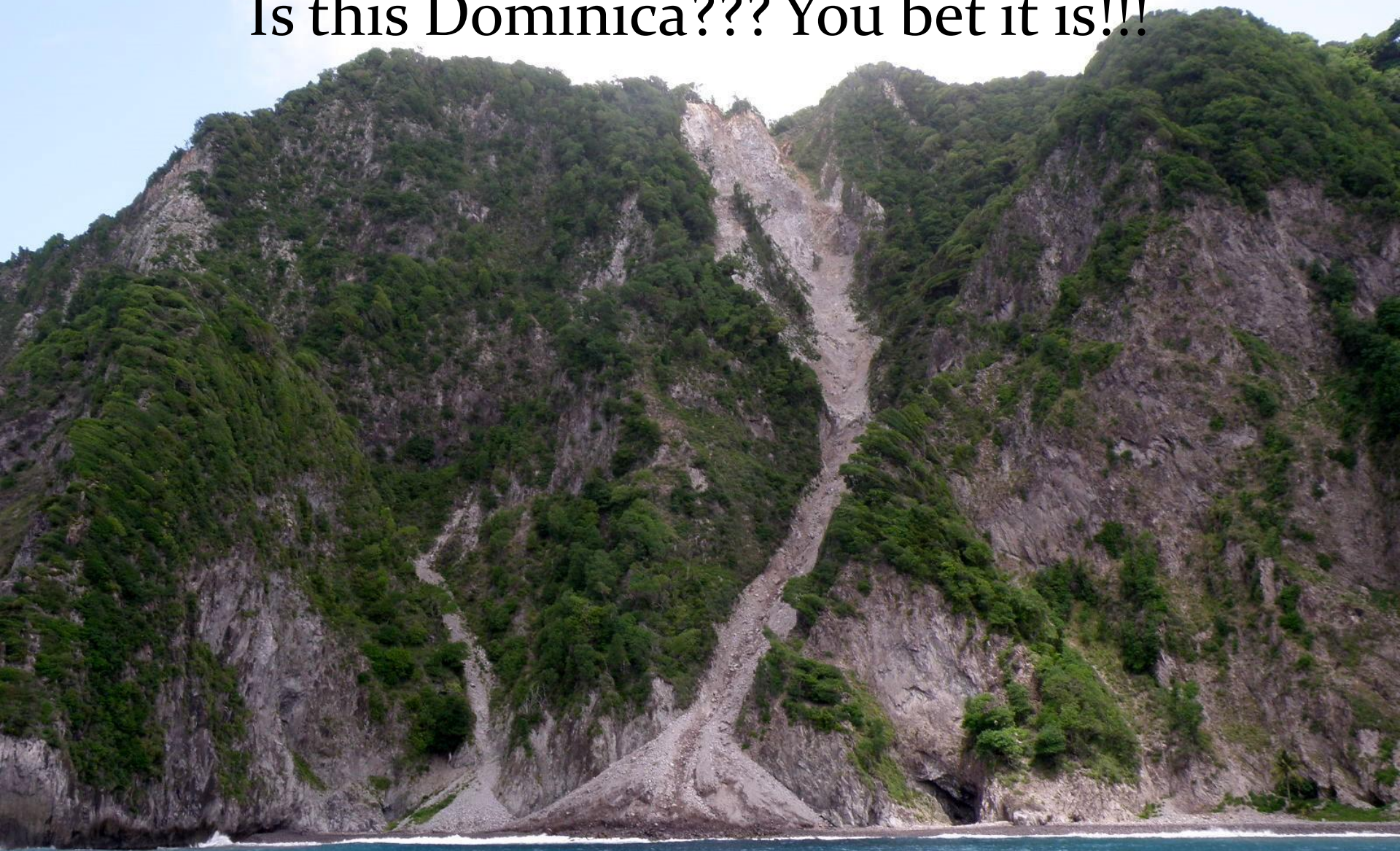


What a landscape!!

The effect of the wind, like a pair of giant shears, shaping the tree crowns in the coastal vegetation



Is this Dominica??? You bet it is!!!



Are those our “**avalanches of tarrish**”,
triggered by recent seismic activity,
or normal slides?

POSSIBLE BONUS SIGHTINGS



Mating Hawksbills,
Soufriere-Scotts Head MR

CEBF 2012

Sperm Whale, Jan 13

Seabirds Trip CEBF 2011 at Soufriere Bay



Heading Back to Base





Birds on an Island that is supposed to belong to Dominica

Quiz Time

What is the total number species of birds
(seabirds and terrestrial species)
that were shown in the previous slides
(except in the slides of
Bird Island and with the National Flag)?

...20 SPECIES

14 Seabirds + 6 other species



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A group of approximately ten swans are swimming in a body of water. The water is a deep blue with some ripples. The swans are mostly white with dark wingtips. They are arranged in a loose line across the middle of the frame. The entire scene is enclosed within a circular frame with a dark blue border. The background of the slide is a solid dark blue with some light blue curved lines at the top.

**THANK YOU...
AND
HAVE A SAFE TRIP**