

# WHY A MARINE HERITAGE PARK AROUND ILE A VACHE?

1. NO WHERE ELSE ON THIS EARTH CAN YOU EXPLORE A MARINE ENVIRONMENT THAT POSSIBLY CONTAINS HISTORICAL EVIDENCE OF COLUMBUS, SPANISH GALLEONS, A 50 CANNON BRITISH SHIP OF THE LINE, SIR HENRY MORGAN'S SHIPS, CANADA'S LEGENDARY BLUENOSE AND MANY MORE MARITIME TIME CAPSULES LOST IN THESE SEAS.
2. THIS SMALL CONTAINED AREA HAS 500 YEARS OF MARITIME HISTORY THAT HAS NOT BEEN DISTURBED AND READY TO BE PROPERLY EXAMINED AND PROTECTED FOR MANY FUTURE GENERATIONS.
3. THE IMPACT OF A WORLD CLASS MARINE PARK ON HAITI'S ECONOMY WOULD BE VERY POSITIVE AND LIFT ONE ASPECT OF THIS DEVELOPING NATION ONTO THE WORLD STAGE.
4. MOST SHIPWRECKS IN THIS AREA ARE ACCESSIBLE BY SIMPLE DIVING PRACTICES AND IF THEY ARE NOT PROTECTED, THEY WILL BE DAMAGED AND THEIR HISTORIC

VALUE QUICKLY LOST.

5. A MARINE PARK WITH THIS HISTORIC CONTENT PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED, WILL BE SOUGHT AFTER BY MANY MARINE ARCHEOLOGISTS AND HISTORIANS AROUND THE WORLD. IT WILL GIVE HAITI ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE PROUD OF ITS CULTURAL HISTORY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.
6. A WELL DEFINED, PROTECTED AREA WILL DECREASE THE PRESSURES OF SECURITY IF EVERYONE IS LIFTED ONTO THE SAME PLANE. THE ATTITUDE OF CONCERNS OVER JURISDICTION WILL BE ELEVATED TO A HIGHER STANDARD.
7. A PROPERLY SET UP AND ORGANIZED MARINE PARK CAN BE SELF SUFFICIENT AND RUN BY LOCAL HAITIANS TO MAKE A PROFIT.
8. A PROPERLY DEVELOPED MARINE PARK WOULD INCLUDE EVENTS LIKE DOCUMENTARIES BEING FILMED IN THE AREA, EXCAVATION AND EXAMINATION BY MARINE ARCHEOLOGISTS OF SELECTED SITES, SCUBA DIVING TOURISM, AND TOURISM IN GENERAL. ALL LEADING TO ECONOMIC GAINS.
9. THERE IS SUCH A LARGE QUANTITY OF SHIPWRECKS IN THIS AREA THAT MANY YEARS OF WORK ARE INVOLVED IN EVEN DOCUMENTING WHAT IS THERE. IF A GOOD

APPROACH IS NOT TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING VALUABLE TIME WILL BE WASTED AND VALUABLE ASSETS COULD BE LOST IN THIS AREA TO SPORTS DIVERS AND TREASURE HUNTING PEOPLES.

10. THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS AREA IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO HAITI AS TO THE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE LOST SHIPS AND LIVES IN THIS AREA. HISTORY NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED. HISTORY IN ANY COUNTRY TRANSLATES INTO MONETARY GAINS.