



Forestry Information & Fact Sheet

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Director's Note:

World River Day: On every fourth Sunday in the month of September there is an event held annually called "World River Day". This World River Day is a celebration of the world's waterways in which over 60 countries participate every year, at this present moment rivers face an enormous challenge posed by humans due to climate change and rapid urbanization. Running since 2005, the celebration highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and hopefully encourage the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Rivers form an integral part of the environment. However, rapid urbanization, industrialization and an increase in human population have caused tremendous damage to rivers and this is crucial because there are many communities whose survival and livelihood depends on rivers.

History of World River Day: In 2005, Mark Angelo, an internationally celebrated river conservationist, approached the United Nations during its "Water for Life" campaign, a decade long initiative to raise awareness about threatened water resources across the planet. Angelo advocated for an annual World River's Day to help anchor the campaign.

The first World River Day was celebrated in over a dozen countries. Now, the annual event is marked by celebrations in more than 60 countries, and the participation of millions of people.

Who is Mark Angelo?

Mark Angelo is a world renowned river conservation activist. He hails from Burnaby, British Columbia in Canada. Angelo is the founder and chair of BC Rivers Day and World River Day. He is also Chair Emeritus of the Rivers Institute at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

Angelo has travelled close to 1000 rivers around the world, perhaps more than anyone else in the world. His programme, "Riverworld", was a hit in North America and the Show's Website had more than 40 million visits.

Mark has won numerous awards for his contribution towards the conservation of rivers. He received the Order of British Columbia and Order of Canada, which is the highest honor in Canada. He also won the United Nations Stewardship Award and the National River Conservation Award.

Importance of Rivers

A river is a large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake or another river. There are many importance of rivers such as:

- Rivers are used for irrigation in agriculture.
- Use to acquire drinking water.
- Transportation of goods is possible through the use of rivers.
- Electricity can be produced known as hydroelectricity by the use of rivers.
- Provides a habitat for aquatic animals which acts as food for humans.

Rivers of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Colonarie River: Longest river in St. Vincent and the Grenadines located on the main island of St. Vincent, it flows from the north-east slopes of Grand Bonhomme peak in a northeastward direction, turning east before flowing into the Atlantic Ocean on the island's central east coast.



Buccament River: Is a stream and is located in Saint Andrew, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The estimate terrain elevation above sea level is 1 metres.

Richmond River: The Richmond river is a river of St. Vincent and the Grenadines which has an elevation of 11 metres. Richmond river is situated in Wallialabou close to the Wallialabou River.



Picture of the River before Volcanic Eruption



Yambou River: The Yambou River is a river of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. It is located in the valley of Yambou and is one of the main rivers of the island. Yambou river has an elevation of 4 metres which is situated East of Mesopotamia, close to the Argyle International Airport.

Rabacca Dry River: This is a seasonal river and will only flow like a normal river when there is heavy rainfall. It is located on the outskirts of Georgetown, it was formed as a result of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano.



Other rivers located in St. Vincent and the Grenadines are: Byera River , Wallialabou River, Grand Sable River, Union River, Fancy River, Greathead River, Caratal River and Rutland River

"Rivers are the arteries of our planet; they are lifelines in the truest sense"