

Dear friends and supporters of the Haiti seabird project:

We know you are looking forward to hearing about our project Seeking Safer Skies for Haiti's Rarest Seabird. With your support, we are studying the impact of communication towers on the breeding population of the Black-capped Petrel in Haiti.

There has been progress, in spite of setbacks due in large part to damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Our training was delayed but our colleague Anderson Jean of Société Audubon Haïti (SAH) offered us a refresher in February of this year. He is probably the Haitian who knows most about Petrels in our country. Anderson is working with Adam Brown from Environmental Protection in the Caribbean (EPIC) in search of Petrel nests in Parc National La Visite (PNLV). They invited me to join them and we searched for nests and placed three song meters along Petrel flying corridors. I also collected data from eight antenna sites and interviewed 27 people, including antenna guards and local farmers. Here are some pictures of the team and the sites we visited.



Anderson Jean showing to the team how to use the Song meter



A member of the team placing the Song meter



Interview with the guardian of one of the antennas



Petrel nests search team in the research sites

Now that we have tested our equipment, we will do this research in other places south of Port-au-Prince where we have received information of Petrel activity. I will send you an update soon. Thank you for your support of this rare seabird in Haiti!