

### Energy for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean

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#### Power Generation in the Caribbean

Country	Thermal	Hydro	TOTAL
Antigua and Barbuda	51	0	51
Barbados	210	0	210
Cuba	3,901	57	3959
Dominica	14	8	22
Dominican Republic	4,184	542	4726
Grenada	32	0	32
Haiti	181	63	244
Jamaica*	1,325	24	1349
Saint Lucia	57	0	57
Saint Kitts & Nevis	47		47
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	18	6	24
Trinidad and Tobago	1,416	0	1416

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), 2004

\*Wind: Jamaica accounts for 20 MW.





#### Electricity Sector Organizational Arrangements

- Vertical Monopolies Dominate:
  - Generally operate with long-term agreement, with fixed percentage ROI
  - Limited options for IPPs
  - Small systems create big challenges for competition
  - Private: LUCELEC, GRENLEC, DOMLEC
  - Public: St. Kitts Electricity Dept., NEVLEC, APUA, MONLEC, VINLEC, BL&P



# Recent Energy Sector Trends/Developments in the Eastern Caribbean

- Push to open electricity markets to competition
- Accept oil discounting arrangements (i.e. PetroCaribe)
- Establish policies, plans, strategies, laws, etc. that favor sustainable energy
- Promote the development and use of biofuels and bioelectricity
- Promote the development and use of other renewable energy alternatives



### On-Going Sustainable Energy Programs/Initiatives in the Region

#### Regional Initiatives:

- Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme (CREDP)
   [CARICOM, GTZ, UNEP/GEF]
- Global Sustainable Energy Islands Initiative (GSEII) [OAS, The Climate Institute, ESG, UNIDO]
- Proposed establishment of Caribbean Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Bioenergy Action Program (CREBAP) [OAS, IICA, IADB, CARICOM, Countries]
- Proposed development of CARICOM Regional Energy Policy
- US-Brazil Biofuels Partnership [Dominican Republic, Haiti, St. Kitts and Nevis, El Salvador]



### On-Going Sustainable Energy Programs/Initiatives in the Region

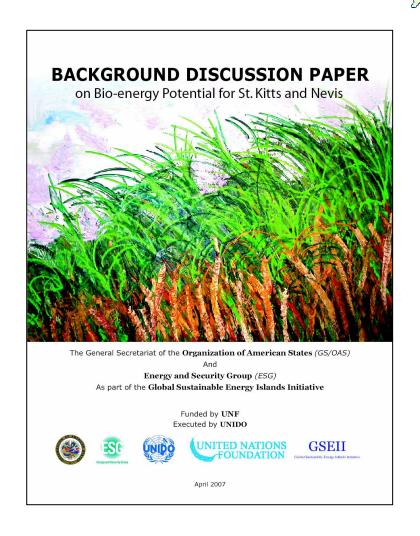
- Preparing launch of the Caribbean-EUEI Sustainable Energy Assistance Programme
  - Funding from the European Commission (EUEI)
  - Implementation by the OAS with CARILEC, and CARICOM
  - Project Countries: The Bahamas, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts & Nevis, Grenada
  - Key Goals:
    - Develop institutional and human capacity
    - Prepare plans, policies, regulations, laws, ... for sustainable energy
    - Identify and assess project opportunities
    - Establish regional and national sustainable energy support offices



 St. Kitts & Nevis Bio-Energy Feasibility and Development Program

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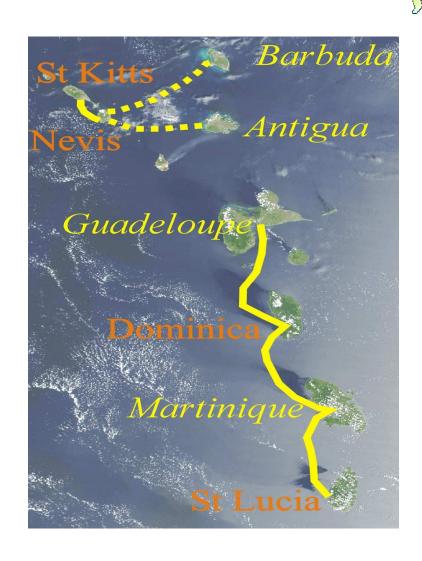
- SKN sugar industry closed in 2005
- OAS/GSEII team assessing biomass to energy alternatives (sugar and municipal waste)
- Options may include ethanol, electricity, other byproducts
- On-going analysis including TA from Dr. Al Binger, and soil/crop analysis by the Fundacao Getulio Vargas (FGV)
- SKN included in USA-Brazil Biofuels Bilateral Agreement





### On-Going Sustainable Energy Programs/Initiatives in the Region

- Eastern Caribbean Geothermal Development Project (Geo-Caraïbes) – GEF+ Funded
  - St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, Dominica
  - Partners: OAS, AfD/FFEM, UNEP
  - PDF-B Project Components:
    - Resource Exploration (Surface Studies)
    - Policy Preparation (Regional and National)
    - Design Drilling Risk/Feasibility Financing Tool
  - Catalyze multiple commercial geothermal projects and interisland electricity transmission





# Geo-Caraïbes PDF-B Findings and Next Steps: St. Lucia

#### Background/History

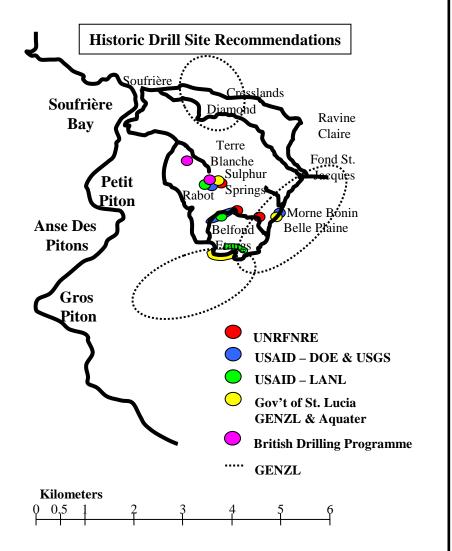
- Serious geothermal resource exploration began in the mid-70s by the British Geological Survey
- After dozens of investigations and nine drilled holes, no real geothermal development has resulted to date





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#### **Time Line**

1951	British start formal investigation (Willmore)
1964	Tomblin performs detailed geology survey
1974	Institute of Geological Sciences (IGS) U.K. resistivity survey
1975-76	Seven wells drilled by IGS (Wells 1-7)
1976	Aspinall et al. perform seismic monitoring
1982	Aquater (Italy): Magnetotellurics, gravity, well data evaluation.
1983-84	Los Alamos (USA): Geology, geochemistry, geophysics
1987-88	USAID/UN: Drill two deep wells (SL1 & SL2)
1992	Geothermal Energy New Zealand: Gravity, resistivity, audio magnetotelluric resistivity
1998-2006	M.I.T.: Reinterpretation of British resistivity data, self potential geophysics, decision analysis







- Reinterpretation of the British Line 9 resistivity data
- 3D rendering of 2D resistivity inversions
- Self Potential surveying
- Geological/Geophysical data integration using a decision analysis method
- **Eleven datasets were used**: Seismics, self potentials, fault structure, deep resistivity, shallow resistivity, geology, topography, wells/springs/geochemistry, shallow AMT, deep AMT, and residual gravity

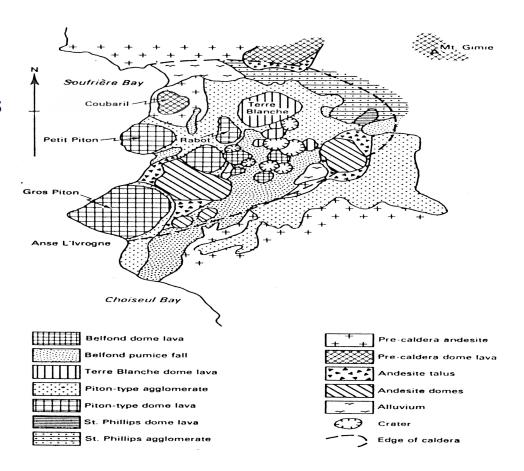


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#### **Summary/Conclusions**

- Good geothermal development potential, but...
- Very complex geology and hydrogeology
- The chemistry of the geothermal waters beneath the Sulphur Springs is quite severe
- The geothermal reservoir cap rocks are weak
- Exploration may be best optimized by exploring for less hot – but less corrosive – waters away from the Sulphur Springs
- Challenge created by designation of World Heritage Site
- Private company holds MOU (from 2004) for exploration/development, but minimal activity

Geology

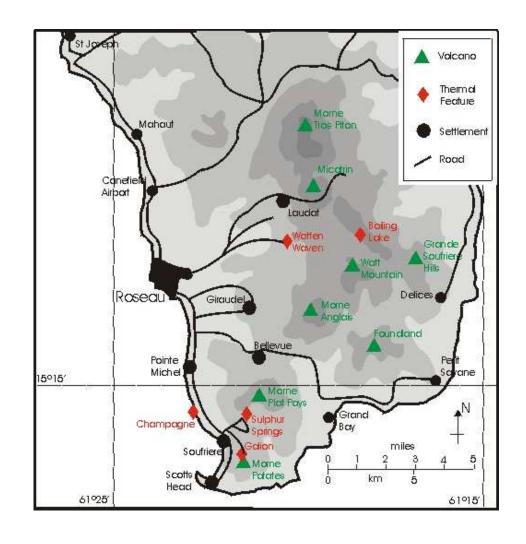




# Geo-Caraïbes PDF-B Findings and Next Steps: Dominica

#### **Geo-Caraïbes Activities**

- BRGM/CFG work concentrated on geochemistry and structural geology
- Geochemistry used to characterize the resource at depth, especially in terms of temperature of resource and hydrothermal regime
- Structural geology (also GeoSy and G. Huttrer) important in identifying subsurface porosity/permeability characteristics and ultimately in helping to find the best subsurface flow rates

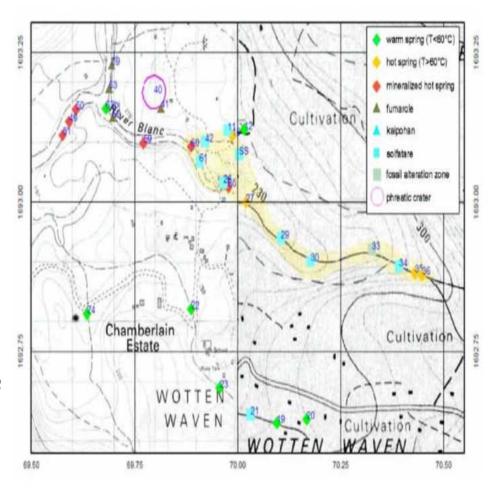




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#### **Current Status**

- AfD/FFEM currently supporting expanded geophysics and geochemistry – setting up for exploratory drilling
- EUEI funding feasibility study focused on potential for interconnection with French Islands
- Multiple private sector companies have approached the Government of Dominica with proposals for development

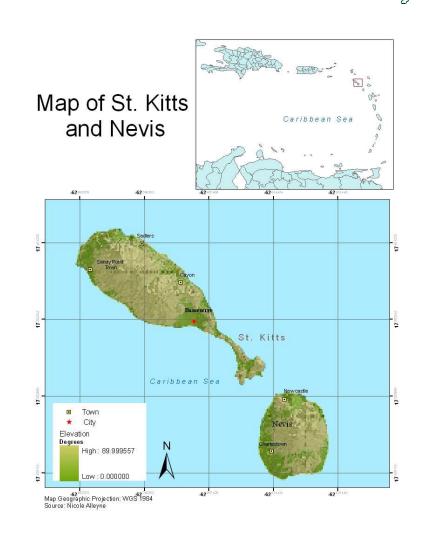




### Geo-Caraïbes PDF-B Findings and Next Steps: St. Kitts & Nevis

#### Background/History

- The islands are two of eleven Caribbean islands of volcanic origin
- The dome within Mt. Nevis is
   ~ 60,000 years old
- Earthquakes are common, with a notable swarm in 1950-1951
- Dominant regional fault orientations are NE-SW and NW-SE
- No geothermal wells drilled until current exercise

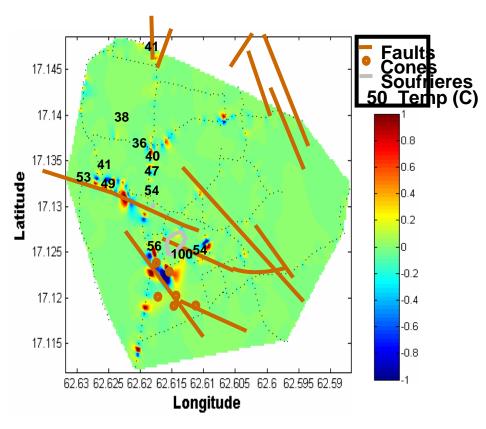




### Geo-Caraïbes PDF-B Findings and Next Steps: St. Kitts & Nevis

#### Geo-Caraïbes PDF-B Activities

- Geological reconnaissance mapping of western Nevis
- Geochemical sampling and evaluations of thermal waters, on and offshore, with emphasis on the western side of Nevis
- Gravity and geographic positioning surveys in the SW part of the island
- A Self-Potential ("SP") survey in the SW part of the island
- Geo-Sciences by: GeoSy, G. Huttrer, GeothermEx, MIT, SP International, University of the West Indies – SRU



Normalized SP Current Sources (MIT/SP). Faults and Cones from Huttrer (1998) and Temperatures from GeothermEx (2004).



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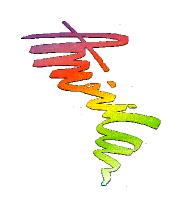
- Recent MOU/Contract between Nevis Island Administration
   (NIA) and West Indies Power for Exploration and Development
- Additional Geo-Physics, Geo-Chemistry and Geology Completed
- Exploratory well drilling currently underway
- OAS legal team advising Federation and NIA on contracts, PPA, geothermal policy
- Plan to develop geothermal power for use in Nevis, St. Kitts, and export to neighboring islands



### New Opportunities to Further Geothermal Development in the Caribbean

- Expansion of "mature" opportunities: Those countries with considerable exploration and research completed: Dominica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat
- Launch of early-stage investigation: St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Grenada, Saba, St. Eustatius
- Partner with regional institutions involved with Energy/Geothermal Development: OAS, CCCCC, UWI, CARILEC...





#### Thank you!

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