



# in the Dutch Caribbean

Netherlands Antilles and Aruba

# Kingdom of the Netherlands

## Ratification in 1980

With ratification of the wetlands treaty six sites were designated in the Caribbean:

Spaans Lagoen (Aruba)

Het Pekelmeer (Bonaire)

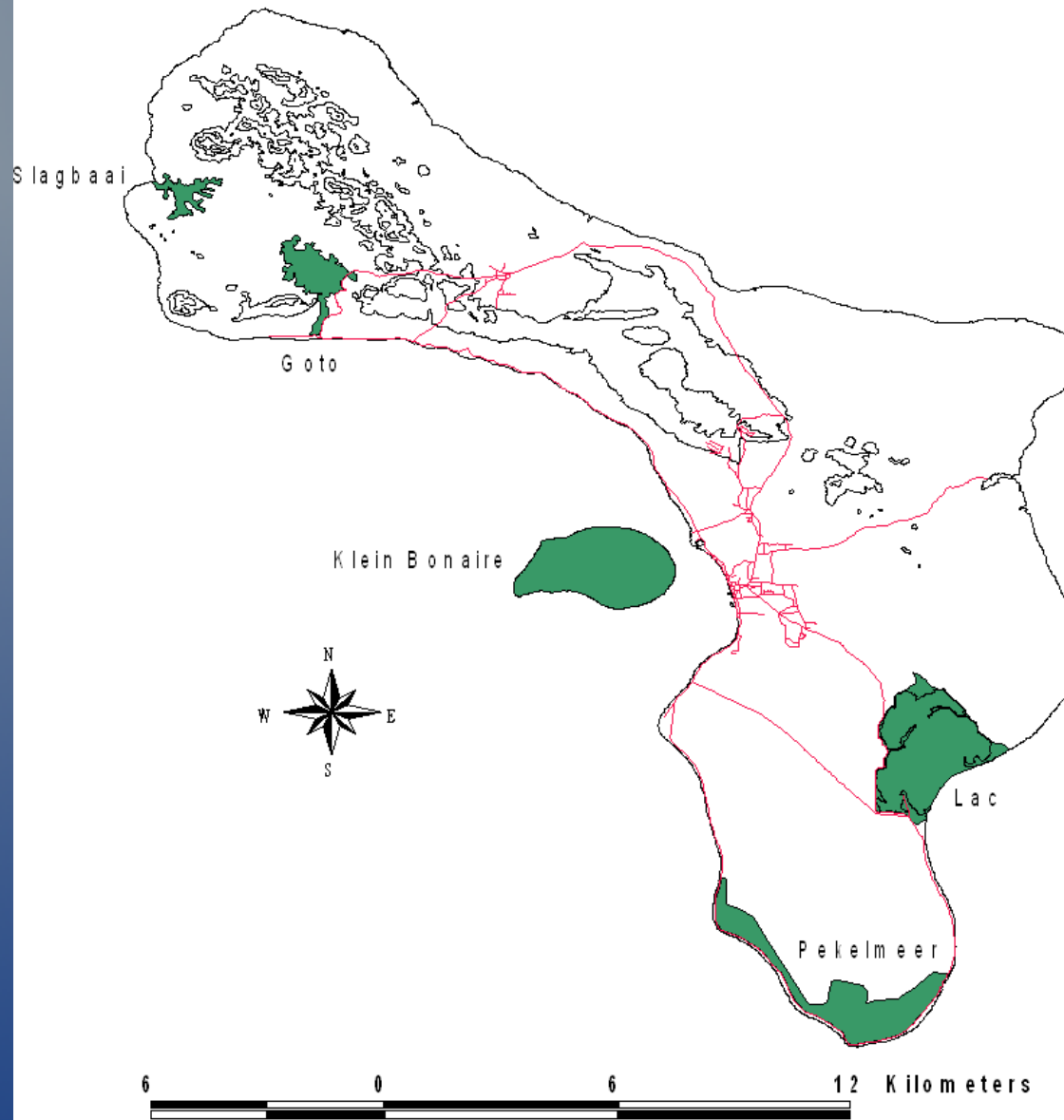
Het Lac (Bonaire)

Gotomeer (Bonaire)

Slagbaai (Bonaire)

Klein Bonaire (Bonaire)

# Ramsar sites, Bonaire



— Main roads  
Contour interval 50m.

■ Ramsar sites





# Spatial Planning and Ramsar

## 1. Vision (General Commitment)

## 2. Integral Approach/Data Collection and visions



Spatial Planning Dep.



Economic Dep.



Environmental Dep. (i.e. IBA's, Ramsar etc)



Agricultural Dep.

## 3. Independent Assessment (consultant)



Strategic Environmental Impact Assess.



Spatial Plan

# Spatial Planning and Ramsar

4. GIS

2. Legally Binding

3. Periodical Evaluation

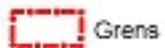
- ARUBA -

- Spaans Lagoen -



**Kaart**  
Begrenzing gebied Spaans Lagoen

**Legenda**



Grens

0 125 250 500 Meters

Schaal 1:10,000





# Aruba – Spaans lagoon

Not officially measured

- ❏ No local legislation
- ❏ No management organization
- ❏ No political interest
- ❏ 2006 policy plan - larger area
- ❏ Spatial development plan 2009
- ❏ Daily management

# Aruba Bubali pond

## Bird refugee pond

- No identified Ramsar site
- Filtered wastewater
- In touristic area
- Daily management
- Is it wise”to give it the Ramsar-status