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Popular and good looking Bonaire residents, Hans and Gea van der Veen, sent us this photo of themselves having a great time on fantastic Goo Sjang Island in Thailand.

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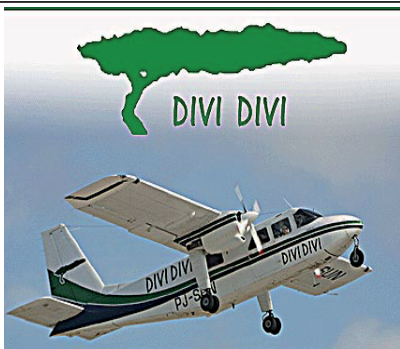


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Tsunami Team Exploring Bonaire

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Scientists Max Engel and Timo Willershaeuser taking sediment samples at Salinja Tarn.

During the month of January and in the beginning of February a group of German and Australian geologists and geographers visited Bonaire to pursue their research into the Holocene evolution of tropical coasts, especially the role of hurricanes and tsunamis.

The research was coordinated by Anja Scheffers from the Southern Cross University, School of Environmental Science Management in Australia. Frank Schaebitz represented the University of Cologne, Germany. Max Engel and Timo Willershaeuser are attached to the Philipps University of Marburg, Germany.

The ultimate specialist, talking about tsunamis, Professor Dieter Kelletat, was also on the island. Kelletat is a kind of godfather of the revolutionary new knowledge about tsunamis. The revolutionary idea of Kelletat and his student Scheffers is that tsunamis (so far three such events have been identified in Bonaire's history) placed the huge and massive boulders on the east coast of the island. A hurricane would never have had enough

power to do so.

During the last several weeks the team of scientists has been exploring the island, collecting rocks and corals. Measurements were taken of bokas and salinas with GPS and sonar. Bonaire still has a lot of unmapped and undescribed terrain. Sediments were taken, down to 11 meters deep, at Washikemba, Lagun, Boka Bartol and Salinja Tarn. The scientists will need about a year to inspect all the samples. They will be back in November 2008. By examining the rocks, corals and sediments the scientists will discover a lot about the evolution of the island and the Caribbean and the effect of hurricanes and tsunamis on the environment.

A well attended lecture was held at the CIEE. Some 50 persons listened to the presentation of Professor Doctor Dieter Kelletat, Anja Scheffers and Max Engel. The results of the research will be used to understand the development of the earth. All the results and measurements will also be given to the government of Bonaire. □ *J@n Brower*

KRALENDIJK TIDES (Heights in feet, FT)

Remember: Winds and weather can further influence the local tide's height and time

DATE	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	COEF
2-09	3:57	1.3FT.	6:36	1.2FT.	14:13	1.6FT.	22:02	1.1FT.	93
2-10	4:27	1.4FT.	9:51	1.3FT.	15:19	1.4FT.	21:41	1.1FT.	91
2-11	5:20	1.6FT.	13:30	1.2FT.	16:38	1.3FT.	21:10	1.1FT.	85
2-12	6:06	1.7FT.	14:59	1.0FT.					77
2-13	6:55	1.9FT.	16:03	0.9FT.					67
2-14	7:47	2.0FT.	16:49	0.8FT.					59
2-15	8:32	2.1FT.	17:40	0.7FT.					56
2-16	9:23	2.1FT.	18:20	0.7FT.					59
2-17	10:07	2.1FT.	19:00	0.7FT.					67
2-18	10:52	2.1FT.	19:42	0.8FT.					76
2-19	11:40	2.0FT.	20:13	0.9FT.					84
2-20	1:53	1.1FT.	3:35	1.1FT.	12:19	1.9FT.	20:41	0.9FT.	90
2-21	2:11	1.2FT.	5:03	1.2FT.	13:06	1.7FT.	21:07	1.0FT.	92
2-22	2:45	1.3FT.	6:43	1.2FT.	13:49	1.6FT.	21:21	1.1FT.	91

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