

NEWS

Deep Sea Wonders of the Caribbean book launched

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THE five-part educational series and book, *Deep Sea Wonders of the Caribbean*, documents interesting and arguably little-known facts about the depths of the Caribbean Sea. The National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology says the project is meant to “foster a more profound understanding and appreciation” of the region’s previously unexplored deep sea environment.

Chief among them, the discovery of four new deep-sea cold seeps 130 kilometres off Trinidad’s east coast and various species of marine life near to Grenada’s Kick ‘em Jenny submarine volcano. Launched at Digicel IMAX, Port of Spain on Tuesday, the documentary and book are an initiative of NIHERST, in collaboration with The University of the West Indies (UWI) St Augustine and the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST).

Regarding the Trinidad discovery, NI-

HERST said, “The US Geological Survey estimates that the total amount of carbon locked away inside of methane hydrates of the cold seeps could be twice as much as the amount that exists in all the world’s known fossil fuels.” While “the world’s largest Bathymodiolus molluscs found to date” was among those species of marine life discovered near Grenada’s submarine volcano.

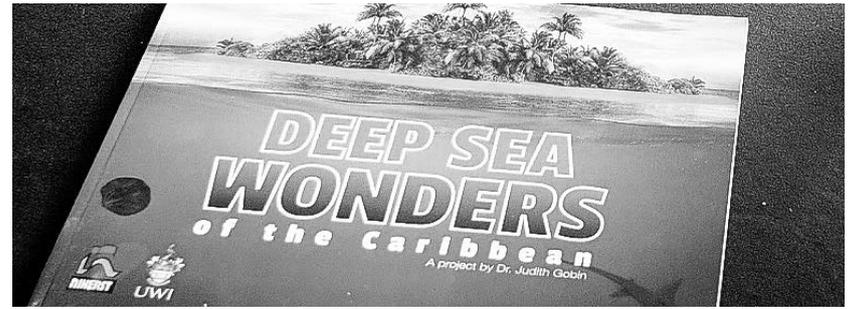
These and other discoveries were made chronicled in the series and book by Dr Judith F Gobin, Lecturer in the Department of Life Sciences, UWI St Augustine. This arose out of her time spent on board the Exploration Vessel (E/V) Nautilus in 2013 and 2014 with renowned deep-sea scientist and discoverer of the RMS Titanic’s final resting place, Professor Robert Ballard, while the vessel was on an expedition of the Caribbean Sea.

Prior to this expedition, there was limited information on the Caribbean’s deep sea environment. Education Minister Anthony Garcia praised the decision to have a section of the documentary

dedicated to careers in oceanography – the branch of science that deals with the physical and biological properties and phenomena of the sea.

“This aspect of the series is of critical importance as it advances the (ministry’s) mission to provide new options and opportunities for our students.

The world of Marine Sciences remains one that is progressing steadily here in TT and giving students the opportunity to see where this field of study can take them is commendable.” The minister also spoke about the likely benefits of students and adults alike getting to watch the documentary.



A copy of the book, *Deep Sea Wonders of the Caribbean*, launched alongside a documentary of the same name on February 27 at the Digicel IMAX Theatre, Port of Spain. The book and documentary are an initiative of NIHERST, The University of the West Indies and Caribbean Council for Science and Technology. PHOTOS COURTESY THE EDUCATION MINISTRY



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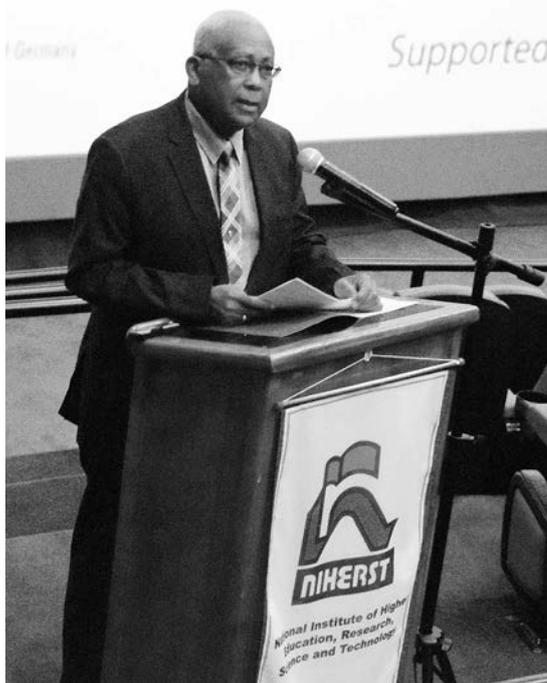
Guardian Holdings Limited hereby advises that on February 23, 2018 it received a copy of a Press Release from attorneys-at-law acting on behalf of NCB Global Holdings Limited (“the Offeror”) regarding the NCB Global Holdings Limited’s Offer and Take-Over Bid Circular (“the Offer”) as amended on January 12, 2018 and on February 2, 2018 notifying that as at February 23, 2018 at 4:00pm there were terms and conditions of the Offer which remained outstanding and that the Offeror confirmed:

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- All GHL shareholders who deposited their tenders pursuant to the Offer directly to Republic Securities Limited (“RSL”) may collect their documents from RSL at 2nd Floor, Promenade Centre, 72 Independence Square, Port of Spain, Trinidad at any time during usual business hours following Wednesday February 28, 2018. Alternatively, persons may collect their tenders from a Republic Bank branch office by emailing RSL at rsinfo@republictt.com so that arrangements may be made for such tender forms to be forwarded to the relevant branch office.
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The Offeror also indicated that it had received notice from the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) that it had decided to convene a hearing (the “Hearing”) in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act, 2012 in respect of the facts and circumstances surrounding the Offeror’s equity interest in GHL and the issuance of the Offer Circular. GHL was advised that, notwithstanding the lapse of the Offer, the Offeror and NCB Financial Group Limited are committed to participating in the Hearing with a view to aiding the Commission in completing its review of the Offer.

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Henry Peter Ganteaume
Deputy Chairman
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Education Minister Anthony Garcia delivering the feature address at the launch of the *Deep Sea Wonders of the Caribbean* book and documentary at the Digicel IMAX Theatre.