



Cartographer Michal Kasproski showing the St. Eustatius road map unfolded and two other maps on display.

Cartographer puts Statia on the map

ST. EUSTATIUS--Cartographer Michal Kasproski has published the first-ever road map of St. Eustatius, as well as road maps of Antigua and Barbuda, and of Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos.

"Map Man" Kasproski hails from Poland, but is calling French St. Martin his home since 2002. Almost immediately after his arrival on the island, he started working on making very detailed, up-to-date, and, therefore, also very

reliable maps of St. Maarten, as well as of the neighbouring islands of Anguilla and St. Barths, and of Dominica.

When St. Eustatius' and Saba became "special entities" of the Netherlands, these islands ventured on street-naming and house-numbering projects, in compliance with Dutch postal laws.

The full-colour Statia map, which took four years in the making, is scaled 1:10,000 and spans 89 by 67 centimetres. It contains all the island's street and road names and also easily identifies the various districts.

The map also marks 39 diving and snorkelling sites, 17 hiking trails and the location of old forts, churches and gas stations, among many more details.

The maps can be purchased at various locations in Statia, among which are St. Eustatius Museum, Tourist Office, Mazinga gift shop, Paper Corner, St. Eustatius National Parks, Scubaqua and Super Burger.

"I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Statia Planning Bureau team for helping me complete this project, and everyone who participated in adding the map details," Kasproski said.

A similar road map of Saba is still in the making. "The publication of the map of Saba needed to be postponed. The art work for the map has been completed a while ago. I am waiting over four years for the street names to be provided to me," the cartographer said in explaining the delay.

The new maps and previously published maps of St. Maarten/St. Martin, Anguilla, St. Barths, Dominica and other Caribbean islands, as well as a regional map, are on display and for sale at Kasproski's website www.midok.com.