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The Punta Cana Ecological Foundation (PCEF) is a not-for-profit foundation established in 1994 to protect and preserve the natural resources of the Punta Cana region, while contributing to the sustainable development of the Dominican Republic.

### **Punta Cana Center for Sustainability**

The Center is a research and education facility that works with diverse universities such as Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Virginia Tech, University of Miami and University of South Carolina to develop solutions to the complex social and environmental challenges related to development and tourism.

### **Partnership for Ecologically Sustainable Coastal Areas (PESCA)**

PESCA is a long-term collaborative effort with multiple partners spearheaded by the Foundation to balance the continued growth and development of the region, the long-term health and sustainability of the coastal zone and coral reef, and the needs of local stakeholders.

### **Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park and Reserve**

The Ecological Reserve is a 1,500 acre private reserve that is owned and maintained by the Ecological Foundation. The Reserve has a network of trails that lead to 12 freshwater lagoons. The Park is an interpretive trail that features distinct attractions related to the natural and cultural history of the island, including an iguana habitat, petting zoo, sugarcane exhibition and a fruit tree garden.

### **Sustainable Agriculture**

The Ecological Foundation takes advantage of organic waste from landscaping, kitchens, and golf courses to create natural composts and fertilizers that can be converted into year-round production of vegetables and fruits. We also have a growing beekeeping project that produces organic honey, pollen and royal jelly. Currently the Ecological Foundation sells arugula, lettuce, chives, peppers, basil, cilantro, honey and other produce that is sold to local restaurants, residents of the Punta Cana community and hotels.

### **Zero Waste**

Zero Waste is an international movement that seeks to eliminate the concept of garbage in cities, residential communities and tourism developments. Forming part of this movement, the Ecological Foundation has designed and supervised the implementation Zero Waste at the Punta Cana Resort & Club, leading efforts throughout the resort in classification of waste, recycling, composting, and environmental education.