

On the same day a news conference was held with the national theme selected by Accion Ambiental "Our Natural Resources are our Economic Wealth", a brochure was presented, called "Aruba, One Natural Island" and Accion Ambiental announced that it would send a delegate to participate in the UN Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in Barbados that year.

In 1996 the theme "Life under the Sea" was chosen in Aruba for Earth Day by the Department of Education, as part of an ongoing effort of the Caribbean Sea Project, created by UNESCO in 1994, to promote the protection of the sea and its resources. At the Instituto di Cultura of Aruba an exhibit of student projects from schools in Aruba is organized, dedicated to this theme.

In Aruba the Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries, which operates an agricultural station, organized an annual event, with the facilities opened up to the public on a Sunday, on the occasion of the grand opening of their petting zoo, chose the Earth Day theme for this public event in 1997.

Thus the Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries has been instrumental since 1997 in promoting the concept of Earth Day in Aruba and as of 2002 has been using the Earth Day Network international themes for Earth Day as well.

Of particular importance was the Earth Day 2000 celebration, which had as its theme "Clean Energy Now!" and focused on global warming and renewable energy technologies. Through a massive global publicity and outreach campaign around 5,000 environmental groups were reached in 184 countries, representing almost one billion people, who came on board for the April 22, 2000 event.

On April 22, 2000 Rainbow Warriors International in a seven hour trek on foot hand delivered a Sustainable Development Manifest to 28 resorts

in Aruba, calling for the strengthening of the role of non-governmental organizations in sustainable development, and also sent out a press release focusing on the need to promote the use of renewable energy technologies in Aruba.

In 2002, with the global theme selected by Earth Day Network being "Protect Our Planet", Accion Ambiental and Rainbow Warriors International focused on the International Year of Ecotourism 2002 and the need to protect the biodiversity of the island, freshwater resources and the natural vegetation and habitats against destruction.

Both 2003 and 2004 had as the global theme "Water for Life", chosen by Earth Day Network to anticipate the International Decade for Action: Water for Life, which would start in 2005 and would deal with issues related to water as defined in the 2000 Millennium Declaration and the final documents of the UN World Summit for Sustainable Development of 2002, held in Johannesburg.

During the Earth Day 2003 news conference Accion Ambiental and Rainbow Warriors International stressed the issues of water conservation, the threats of marine pollution and poor waste management to the quality of the seawater in Aruba, from which freshwater is created through a seawater desalination plant.

In 2005 Rainbow Warriors International and Accion Ambiental announced a community awareness campaign to reduce social, economic and environmental threats to children and youth in Aruba in line with the Earth Day 2005 theme, "Protect Our Children, Protect Our Future".

This campaign which is spearheaded by Rainbow Warriors International, underlines the need to stress the importance of environmental stewardship on a continuous basis instead of one day a year, in line with the new slogan of Earth Day Network, being "Earth Day: every day for everybody".

Ariba e mesun dia un rueda di prensa a ser teni cu e tema nacional selecta pa Accion Ambiental "Nos Recursonan Natural ta nos Rikeza Economico", un brochure a ser presenta, titula "Aruba, One Natural Island" y Accion Ambiental a anuncia cu lo a bai manda un delegado pa participa den e Conferencia Global di Naciones Uni pa Desaroyo Sostenibel di Estadonan Insular den Desaroyo na Barbados e mesun aña.

Na 1996 e tema "Bida bao Laman" a ser escogi na Aruba pa Dia di Tera pa Departamento di Enseñanza, como parti di un esfuerzo continuo den cuadro di e Caribbean Sea Project, crea pa UNESCO na 1994, pa promove e proteccion di laman y di su recursonan. Na Instituto di Cultura un exposicion a ser organiza cu proyectonan escolar traha na varios skol na Aruba, dedica na e tema aki.

Na Aruba e Departamento di Agricultura, Cria y Pesca, cual ta opera un estacion agriculatural, tawata organiza un evento anual, cu su facilidadnan habri pa bishita di e publico riba un Diadomingo, na ocasion di e gran apertura di nan kinderboerderij, a escoge e tema di Dia di Tera pa e evento publico aki na 1997.

Asina pues e Departamento di Agricultura, Cria y Pesca tawata instrumental desde 1997 den e promocion di e concepto di Dia di Tera na Aruba y for di 2002 ta usando e temanan internacional escogi pa Dia di Tera dor di Earth Day Network tambe.

Di importancia particular tawata e celebracion di Dia di Tera 2000, cual tawata tin como tema "Energia Renovabel Awor!" y a enfoca riba cambionan climatologico global (entre otro global warming) y tecnologia di energia renovabel. Mediante un campaña masivo global di contacto y publicidad mas o menos 5.000 grupo ambiental a ser acerca den 184 pais, representando casi un biyon hende, cual tur a participa den e evento di 22 april 2000.

Dia 22 april 2000 Rainbow Warriors International den un marcha di casi siete ora a cana pasa 28 hotel na Aruba pa entrega un Manifiesto

pa Desaroyo Sostenibel, bogando pa un fortalecimiento di e papel di organisacionan no-gubernamental den desaroyo sostenibel, y tambe a emiti un comunicado di prensa enfocando riba e necesidad pa promove e uso di tecnologia di energia renovabel na Aruba.

Na 2002, cu e tema global selecta pa Earth Day Network siendo "Proteha Nos Planeta (Hogar)", Accion Ambiental y Rainbow Warriors International a enfoca riba e Aña Internacional di Ecoturismo 2002 y e necesidad pa proteha e biodiversidad di e isla, recursonan di awa dushi y e vegetacion natural y habitat contra destruccion.

Tanto 2003 y 2004 tawata tin como tema global "Awa pa Bida", escogi pa Earth Day Network pa anticipa e Decada Internacional pa Accion: Awa pa Bida", cual lo a inicia na 2005 y lo a trata temanan relaciona cu awa manera defini den e Declaracion di Milenio 2000 y e documentonan final di e Cumbre Mundial pa Desaroyo Sostenibel di Naciones Uni, teni na 2002 na Johannesburg.

Durante e rueda di prensa na ocasion di Dia di Tera 2003 Accion Ambiental y Rainbow Warriors International a enfatiza e temanan di conservacion di awa, e amenazanan di polucion marino y mal maneho di desperdicio pa e calidad di awa di laman na Aruba, di cual nos ta distila no awa dushi den e planta di desalinacion di awa di laman.

Na 2005 Rainbow Warriors International y Accion Ambiental a anuncia un campaña di concientizacion pa comunidad pa reduci e amenazanan social, economico y ambiental pa mucha y hubentud na Aruba, den cuadro di e tema di Dia di Tera 2005, esta, "Proteha Nos Muchanan y Proteha Nos Futuro".

E campaña aki, dirigi pa Rainbow Warriors International, ta delinea e necesidad pa pone enfasis riba e importancia di cuidu y proteccion di nos medio ambiente riba un base continuo, en bez di solamente un dia pa aña, cual pensamiento ta cuadra cu e slogan nobo di Earth Day Network, esta "Dia di Tera: tur dia pa tur hende".

**Earth Day themes in Aruba
(Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries Aruba)**

1997	Cosecha (Harvest)
1998	Cuido y Cariño pa Mama Tera (Care for Mother Earth)
1999	Un Aruba sin susedad ta un preciosidad (A clean Aruba is a beautiful Aruba)
2000	Awa a yobe. (Rainwater and harvest)
2001	E red di bida (The Web of Life)
2002	Protect Our Home (Proteha nos Hogar)
2003	Water for Life (Awa pa Bida)
2004	Water for Life (Awa pa Bida)
2005	Protect Our Children, Protect Our Future (Proteha nos Yiunan, Proteha nos Futuro)

