# Who can clear the pier on Saba?



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A changed harbour instruction can reach a visitor, a shopkeeper and a patient travelling off-island in the same morning. A useful Saba framework would identify who issued each instruction and how someone can check it when a digital assistant repeats yesterday’s news. Small port and referral trials offer practical places to begin.

## The decision before local leaders

This paper proposes two starting points for Saba. Before either begins, the service owner should agree on an existing comparison service, a way to challenge an error and the conditions for ending the trial.

### Stage a Fort Bay cargo status change while an earlier copy remains in a message thread.

**Proposed lead.** Harbour communications officer

**What to measure.** Check how many users still see an expired instruction after the correction goes out.

### Reconcile a test referral after a travel cancellation, including one patient without email.

**Proposed lead.** Referral coordinator and transport liaison

**What to measure.** Count cases with a reachable patient, a confirmed appointment and a staffed contact before closing the record.

# Local evidence in context

| Indicator | Value | Observation | Source |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Population** | 2,158 | 1 Jan 2025 | Statistics Netherlands |

The year and geographic coverage belong to each observation. These figures describe the jurisdiction as a whole. Collect service-level figures before setting a cost target, staff requirement or digital access threshold.

# Economic and social needs

## Give cargo notices an expiry condition

The Public Entity Saba published a Fort Bay notice reopening the main pier to cargo boats and other commercial vessels after a dive survey. The decision depended on a physical inspection and named particular infrastructure. A scheduling assistant could use the notice to contact businesses, but a cached copy should never clear a future movement. A harbour officer should confirm the vessel class, pier and current instruction.

**Policy response.** Test notices for different berths and vessel types. Clear expired notices from the answering system and keep the harbour contact visible.

Public Entity Saba, Fort Bay pier access notice

## Keep travel and referral on the same record

During a visit from the Dutch parliamentary health committee, Saba officials described difficulties with access to specialist care and the patient referral process. A booking assistant could produce a correct specialist appointment while leaving the trip impossible to complete. The referral team should check appointment, transport and contact details together and give patients a way to report a cancelled connection without starting a new medical referral.

**Policy response.** Rehearse a cancelled journey using dummy referrals. Track the time until a staff member confirms revised arrangements.

Public Entity Saba, Parliamentary health committee visit

# Public institutions and environmental needs

## Keep proposed rules out of the rulebook

Saba's government explains that island ordinances are adopted by the Island Council for matters within the island's local responsibilities. A search tool might find a discussion paper faster than the adopted text. If residents use that answer to challenge a fee or deadline, they need the status and date of the document, and a clerk who can resolve a discrepancy between versions.

**Policy response.** Separate proposals, adopted ordinances and public notices in the search index. Give results their date and issuing body.

Public Entity Saba, Island ordinances and local responsibilities

## Keep marine mooring categories visible

The Saba Conservation Foundation maintains guidance on permanent mooring buoys in the National Marine Park for specific groups of users. A visitor assistant that simply recommends the nearest buoy could omit the restriction that makes it appropriate for one boat and unsuitable for another. Before deploying such a tool, the park team should check each answer against its current guidance and test how the tool handles an uncertain location.

**Policy response.** Keep the official mooring guide and park contact beside each suggested location. Direct uncertain requests to the park team.

Saba Conservation Foundation, Yachting and mooring

# How the policy would change a decision

Rehearse with an invented consultation in which the patient mentions a family member’s condition. Follow the draft through the clinician’s sign-off and then ask a second member of staff to demonstrate the clinic’s correction procedure.

- Identify the lawful basis and the applicable exception for health data before recording patients.
- Ask the supplier where it keeps audio and which support staff can hear it.
- Limit access to corrections and keep identifying excerpts out of demonstrations.

The clinical lead should keep the signed test note and evidence that the amended diagnosis appears in the record the next clinician would see. If the wrong diagnosis persists, stop exporting drafts and review notes already filed through that workflow.

Source: CAIA jurisdiction guide for Saba. The worked example illustrates the proposal.

## Give boat crews a way to comment from shore

Ask local boat crews and conservation staff to check depth assumptions and customary names. Allow anonymous comments on coarse maps and provide shore-based feedback. Ask whose locations would become identifiable even without names.

The local pilot connects to Agriculture and fisheries. Review R02 · R05 in the regional risk register.

# Implementation and public review

| Stage | Evidence or decision | Proposed responsibility |
|---|---|---|
| **Before the trial** | Define a completed case and sample the current process. Include people who use the phone, desk or an offline route. | Harbour communications officer |
| **During shadow testing** | Check how many users still see an expired instruction after the correction goes out. Compare the same cases through both routes and record every override. | Harbour communications officer |
| **At the local decision** | Count cases with a reachable patient, a confirmed appointment and a staffed contact before closing the record. Record whether the result justifies a live trial and identify the person who can stop it. | Referral coordinator and transport liaison |
| **After six months** | Publish results by channel, the correction time, unresolved complaints and the decision to continue, revise or stop. | Local service owner |

### What partners can share

Use a common survey checklist with neighbouring marine parks. Saba’s partners should agree what can be published at broad scale and reserve decisions about access for the competent authority.

Record the local approval, correction route and stop authority before exchanging results. Other jurisdictions can reuse the method and run their own tests. Regional recommendation 5.

### Where to draw the boundary

An office adopting this proposal would still need to check its own powers, contracts and data permissions. Organisations named as possible reviewers or leads have not been appointed by this publication. Publish any accepted role and its date with the local trial record.

# A 90-day plan for the first service

Stage a Fort Bay cargo status change while an earlier copy remains in a message thread.

**Proposed pilot lead.** Harbour communications officer

### A Fort Bay cargo instruction survives a correction in an old thread

**Failure to test.** A revised harbour notice goes live while an earlier instruction remains the answer in another channel.

**Evidence to retain.** Keep the change log, original and revised notices and the time each channel was corrected.

**Pause condition.** A caller receives an expired instruction that could cause a missed handoff.

| When | Proposed action and evidence |
|---|---|
| **Days 1–30** | Harbour communications officer agrees the eligible cases, existing service measures, staffed alternative and authorised decision owner. Record reviewers and a cost estimate in local currency for staff time, testing, access and recovery. Identify the funding source and who would approve it. |

| When | Proposed action and evidence |
|---|---|
| **Days 31–60** | Run the original and proposed routes on the same sample. Check how many users still see an expired instruction after the correction goes out. Report counted errors and eligible cases by channel and language where lawful, plus the time from error report to correction. |
| **Days 61–90** | Witness the fallback, correction and restart before asking the accountable officer for a decision. Pause on the condition above. Record affected cases, unresolved issues, costs and the date for the next check. |
| **Six months after live launch** | Publish a lawful comparison with the baseline, including corrections, open complaints and the decision to continue, change or end the use. |

Sponsorship, funding and the proposed lead’s acceptance require a recorded local decision. Share test methods with Caribbean partners using the local data permissions.

Sector guide · Public Entity Saba, Fort Bay pier access notice · Local evidence and sources · Regional high-impact use rules · Local risk scenario

# Sources and method

The committee used published local evidence to select the four priorities and compared them with the Caribbean AI Framework’s requirements for access, data, skills, oversight and adoption. Recommendations and stories are editorial proposals. This edition reports no results from a completed local pilot.


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