



The project's focus was an improvement of the golfing experience for the visitors to Aruba's only 18-hole golf course. The course is home to the largest population of the island's endemic Shoco Owl, meaning habitat protection and enhancement was a key component of the project planning from the start. Being on an island, there are also pressures on natural resources like sands and water, meaning the owner, The Iberostar Group, wanted to adopt a long term vision for the golf course that helped to ensure these demand were reduced and a more sustainable solution could be found for the overall water management. The project started in late 2023 and is set to re-open on 2025.

Project Timeline

- **Q2 2023**
 - Tierra del Sol begin planning renovation works, bringing in Jason Chennault in as Course Superintendent and project lead.
- **Q1 2024**
 - Participation in the Sustainable Golf Renovations process begun and a kick-off meeting and workshop with project team to plan and future projects identified.
 - Early advice provided and conversations with key local stakeholders initiated to define approaches and develop solutions to priority elements of the project such as habitat areas and water sourcing.
- **Q2 2024**
 - GEO visit the site with the project team during early stage of construction. Meetings held with local stakeholders, client team and construction staff to capture actions and plan future roadmap for continued improvements.
- **Q3 2024**
 - Construction work continues and a completion date of early 2025 is a target date.
 - GEO present Sustainable Golf Renovation Roadmap to the client and project team to set out post renovation plans to guide next 15 years of incremental improvements.
- **Q4 2024**
 - Tierra del Sol OnCourse® profile published and full Sustainable Golf Renovation Highlights reel uploaded.
- **Q1 2025**
 - Publish the dedicated renovation project webpage with perspectives and data captured.



Sustainable Golf Roadmap

The Roadmap assesses the current sustainability performance, efficiency and opportunities for the course. The purpose of the document is to provide a springboard for future upgrade plans to ensure the course is as sustainable and efficiently managed as possible. Within this roadmap GEO identified:

- 15 key area where sustainability and efficiency can be improved prior to any works being carried out.
- 7 'Priority Projects' that would have a positive impact on sustainability performance of the golf course.
- A further 24 supporting projects that can be implemented in a phased approach over the next 10-20 years. These will also have positive impacts on the course's sustainability performance and increase its wider contributions to the local environment and community.

The Project Team

The renovation process at Tierra del Sol was a truly collaborative effort throughout with the project team being made up from a number of people from varying organisations and roles. Below is a list of those organisations that collaborated on this:

- Tierra del Sol Rest & Golf / The Iberostar Group
- Robert Trent Jones Jr
- GEO Sustainable Golf Foundation (Non-profit)
- Aruba Birdlife Conservation (NGO)
- Aruba Conservation Foundation (Non-profit)