

Protected areas - ours to protect and enjoy



*Managing & Protecting Jamaica's Land, Wood
and Water*

National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)

Vision

That Jamaica's land and natural resources are used in a sustainable way and that there is broad understanding of environment, planning and development issues, with extensive participation amongst citizens and a high level of compliance with relevant legislation.

Mission

To promote sustainable development by ensuring protection of the environment and orderly development in Jamaica through highly motivated staff performing at the highest standard.

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*Create an Environment
for Green Living*

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BRANCH MISSION

In collaboration with private and public sector groups, create and maintain a system of protected areas which is managed for the benefit of the public



View of National Park at Blue and John Crow Mountains

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Branch are to:

- ✿ Conserve Jamaica's heritage as represented by its natural and cultural resources
- ✿ Protect and restore ecological systems which provide goods and services for the economic benefit of all Jamaicans
- ✿ Provide recreational and educational opportunities for Jamaicans and visitors alike

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

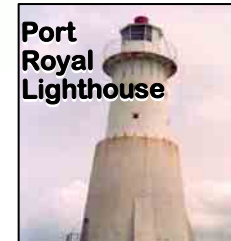
- Ensure obligations are met under international conventions/protocols e.g. Ramsar Convention
- Prepare maps and boundary descriptions for protected area declaration
- Monitor activities in protected areas
- Ensure development of cooperative agreements/memoranda of understanding and delegation instruments
- Development and revision of guidelines for protected area management
- Technical assistance to organizations/individuals interested in protected area management
- Development and revision of protected area management /operations plans



View of Montego Bay Marine Park

WHAT IS A PROTECTED AREA?

It is an area of land or water that is managed for the protection and maintenance of its ecological systems, biodiversity or specific natural, cultural or aesthetic resources.



PROTECTED AREAS	DECLARATION DATE
Montego Bay Marine Park	June 5, 1992
Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park	February 26, 1993
Negril Environmental Protection Area	November 28, 1997
Negril Marine Park	March 4, 1998
Palisadoes/ Port Royal Protected area	September 18, 1998
Coral Spring – Mountain Spring Protected Area	September 18, 1998
Portland Bight Protected Area	April 22, 1999
Ocho Rios Marine Park	August 16, 1999