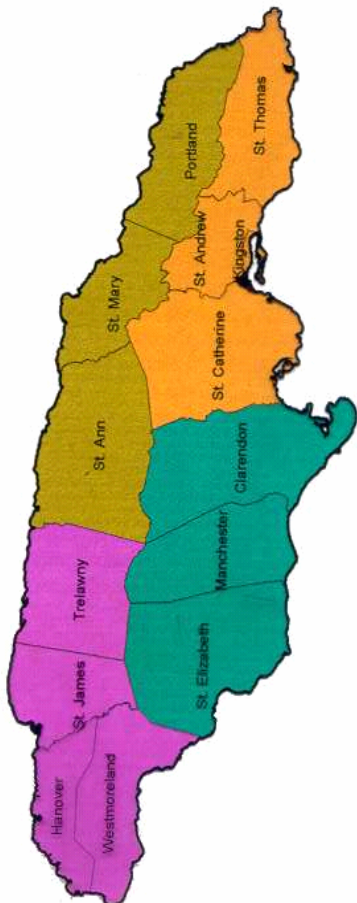


Proposed Regionalisation

Map depicting the different regions

Eastern
Southern
Western
Northeast



Vision

That Jamaica's 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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***THE
ENFORCEMENT
BRANCH***



Managing and protecting Jamaica's land, wood and water

THE BRANCH'S MISSION

The Enforcement Branch seeks to encourage voluntary compliance with Acts administered by NEPA and associated environmental regulations.

The Branch investigates suspected violations, issues enforcement notices and follows up with

OBJECTIVES



Seek compliance with environmental and planning laws, regulations and standards.



Take enforcement action as necessary when laws and regulations are breached in a timely manner.



Participate in public education activities through media interviews. Educating the public on environmental and

MAIN FUNCTIONS

- Investigation of complaints.
- Monitoring of compliance with environmental, planning and development approvals, policies, standards, laws and regulations.
- Public education to increase environmental

- Appropriate enforcement action where necessary arising out of investigations and inspec-

ACTION MIGHT INCLUDE



Firstly, WARNING LETTERS to encourage voluntary compliance. Where voluntary compliance fails or where urgent and immediate actions are required issue:

- STOP NOTICES
- ENFORCEMENT NOTICES
- CESSATION ORDERS

THE ACTS ENFORCED

- The NRCA Act
- Beach Control Act
- Watershed Protection Act
- Wildlife Protection Act
- Town & Country Planning Act
- The Land Development & Utilization Act
- The Endangered Species Act.

In addition, there are Acts monitored with other agencies:

- The Forest Act, etc.
- Fishing Industry Act
- Anti-Litter Act
- Public Health Act
- Country Fires Act
- Quarries Act
- Exclusive Economic Zone Act
- Pesticides Act

REGIONALIZATION

It is proposed that regional offices will be set up, bringing the services of NEPA closer to its stakeholders in communities across the island. With this, the operations of the enforcement Branch in St. Mary, Manchester St. Andrew and St. James will be further strengthened at the local level. Each NEPA regional office will be staffed by an investigator, enforcement officers, enforcement inspectors and technical officers. A Western Regional office is now in place with an office being established in Montego Bay and so far enforcement, watershed and some amount of public education and local collaborative functions are been carried out from this office. There are parish offices in -

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