

**Protected areas -
ours to protect and enjoy**



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

National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)

Vision

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

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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

FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVE

To designate and manage protected areas



Portland Bight Protected Area

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

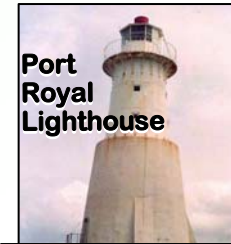
- Assist in the development and revision of the protected areas policy and system plan
- Make recommendations on protected areas legislation
- Ensure relevant obligations are met under international conventions / protocols e.g. Ramsar Convention and Convention on Biological Diversity
- Development and / or revision of guidelines for protected area management
- Development and revision of protected area management / operations plans
- Monitoring activities within protected areas



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.



Port Royal Lighthouse



Blue Mountains



Manatees

Sea Anemone

PROTECTED AREAS	DECLARATION DATE
Montego Bay Marine Park	5 June 1992
Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park	26 February 1993
Negril Environmental Protection Area	28 November 1997
Negril Marine Park	4 March 1998
Palisadoes/ Port Royal Protected area	18 September 1998
Coral Spring – Mountain Spring Protected Area	18 September 1998
Portland Bight Protected Area	22 April 1999
Ocho Rios Marine Park	16 August 1999
Mason River Protected Area	14 November 2002