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# FOREST CONSERVATION FUND (FCF)

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

DEVELOPMENT OF CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES FOR NGOs AND CBOs TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITIES OF THESE GROUPS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, PROPOSAL WRITING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Forest Conservation Fund (FCF) was created in Jamaica in September 2004 after the signing of three (3) agreements/contracts between the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), the Government of the United States of America (USG), The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Jamaica Protected Areas Trust (JPAT) respectively.

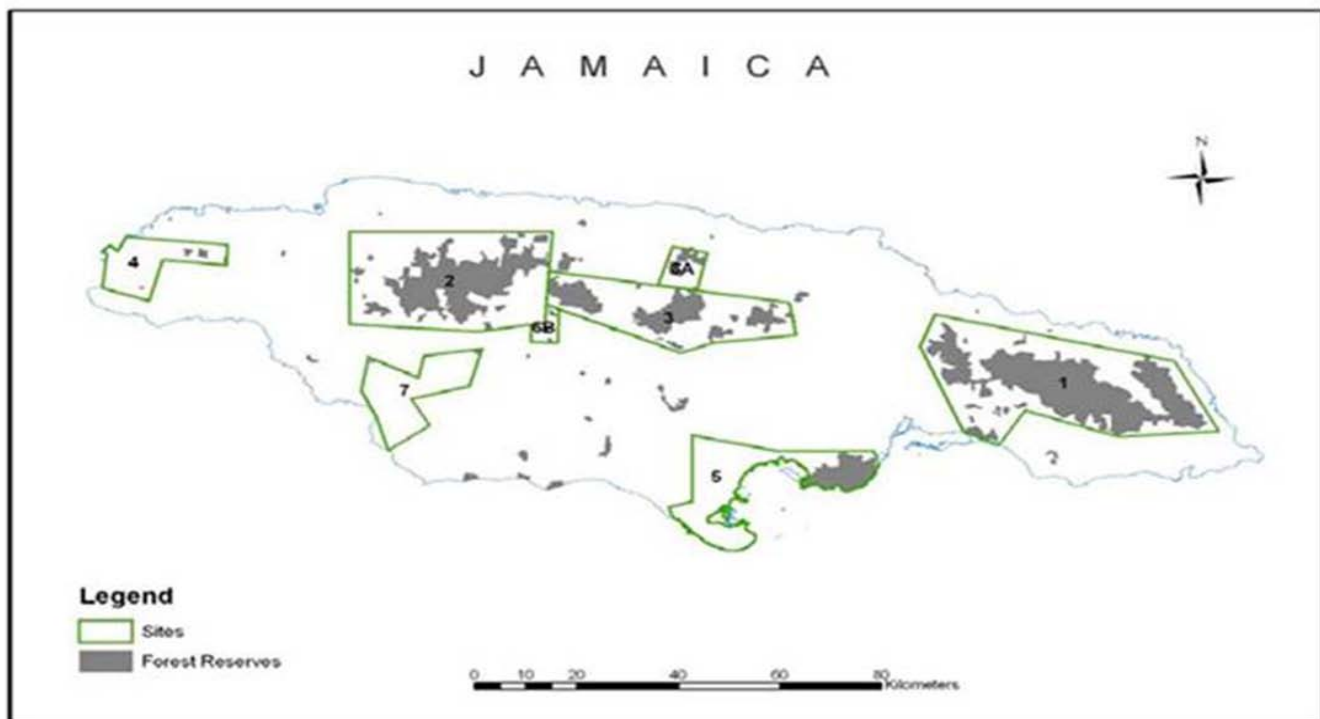
The central vision of the Fund is to achieve measurable reforestation of target areas within the seven selected priority sites as shown in *Map 1* below. The key objectives of the Fund are:

1. Promote reforestation activities in denuded areas in the priority sites;
2. Promote the protection, conservation and maintenance of parks, protected areas and reserves;
3. Develop a program that has a long-term orientation and focuses on sustainability;
4. Develop and support the livelihoods of persons living in or near a tropical forest in a manner that is consistent with protecting such areas;
5. Establish partnerships with stakeholders both at the governmental and local levels in efforts for environmental conservation and protection;
6. Promote the development and implementation of scientifically sound systems of management including land and ecosystems management;
7. Strengthen the capacity of organizations at the national and local levels for managing natural resources and those involved in conservation activities;
8. Develop and implement an effective information and communication system that reaches the wider stakeholder population.

The seven (7) priority sites of the Forest Conservation Fund include:

1. Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park (Blue Mountain Forest Reserve);
2. Cockpit Country Forest Reserve, plus outlying Forest Reserves;
3. Litchfield Matheson's Run and Stepheney-John's Vale Forest Reserves;
4. Inland portion of Negril Protected Area, plus the forested area in and around Dolphin Head Mountains;
5. Portland Bight Protected Area;
6. Other forest reserves and Crown lands managed by the Forestry Department;
7. Spring Vale and Bogue Forest Reserves plus the Upper and Lower Black River Morasses.

Please see **Map 1** below.

**Map 1:** Map showing the Seven Priority Sites designated by the Forest Conservation Fund

The Oversight Committee (OC) of the Forest Conservation Fund (FCF) is inviting interested local or regional Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and non-profit organizations involved in environmental, forestry or conservation activities in Jamaica to submit Expressions of Interest for grant funding for the development of a programme/project to enhance the capacities of NGOs and CBOs in the following areas:

- Project Management and Implementation;
- Proposal Writing; and
- Financial Management and Sustainability.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

It is widely accepted that civil society organisations namely NGOs and CBOs are instrumental in any country's development process. There are a number of NGOs and CBOs operating in Jamaica whose mandates are synonymous with conservation and management of Jamaica's forests. The productivity and effectiveness within these organisations are sometimes hampered due to the limited capacities of these groups to make the desired impact in this area. This limited capacity affects these organisations' ability to carry out their functions effectively and efficiently and therefore, in some instances, they are unable to meet their goals and objectives.

Areas such as project management and implementation, proposal writing, financial management and sustainability have been recognized as key areas where capacities need to be built in these organisations. It is therefore critical that a capacity building programme be developed to strengthen these organisations in these specific areas in order to enable them to fulfil their respective mandates.

### 3.0 EXPECTED OUTPUT(S)

The main output of the project is the enhancement of NGOs and CBOs capacities as it involves forest conservation and protection in the following areas:

- Project Implementation and Management;
- Proposal Writing; and
- Financial Management and Sustainability.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY

Eligible entities include:

- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- Community Based Organizations (CBOs);
- Local or regional entities active in Jamaica; and
- Individuals through a NGO, CBO or other similar group.

### 5.0 REQUIRED INFORMATION AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Interested entities are required to submit an Expression of Interest for a project /programme which will not be limited to, but should include the following:

- Background information on your organisation including an indication of the organisation's capacity and experience which would allow the organisation to undertake the project/programme proposed
- Problem Identification and Justification
- Proposed methodology for addressing problem identified
- Proposed Outputs
- Work plan
- Detailed Budget

Expressions of Interests **must not** be more than ten single-sided, letter-sized pages in length.

Please note that a cover page **must be** included with the Expression of Interest and should outline the following information:

- Organisation's Name
- Organisation's Address/Mailing Address
- Organisation's Telephone/Fax contact
- Organisation's Email address
- Name and Title of Contact Person

Expressions of Interest must be submitted no later than **3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2009** to:

Forest Conservation Fund

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