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# FOREST CONSERVATION FUND (FCF)

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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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:

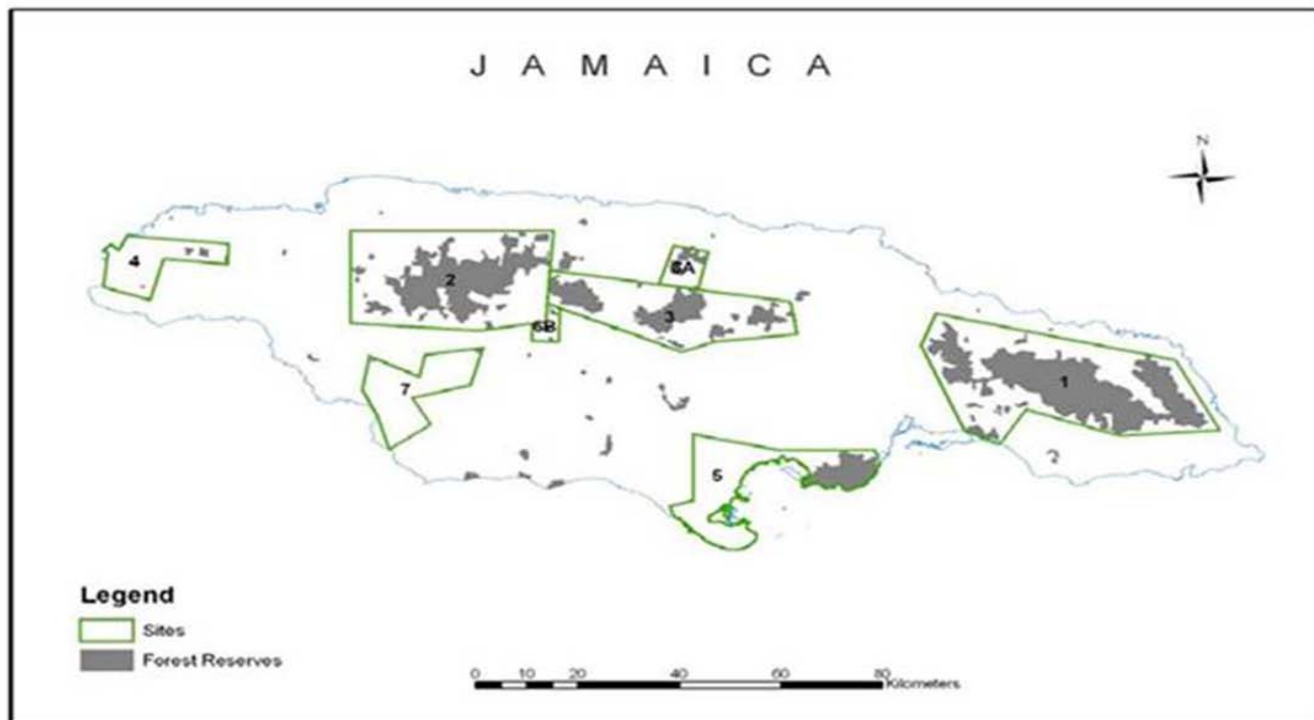
1. Promote reforestation activities in denuded areas in the priority sites;
2. Promote the protection, conservation and maintenance of parks, protected areas and reserves;
3. Develop a program that has a long-term orientation and focuses on sustainability;
4. Develop and support the livelihoods of persons 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 a project to compile the recommendations from a number of action plans and strategies that address forest conservation and management in Jamaica.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

Over the years a number of action plans, strategies and reports have been prepared which address forest conservation and management in Jamaica. While some of the actions and recommendations have been implemented, a number of these have not yet been realised. It has also been suggested by stakeholders that a Macro Plan for Forest Management in Jamaica needs to be developed which would serve to steer the development of micro plans for forest conservation and management.

As such, pertinent documents should be reviewed in an effort to compile the recommendations and proposed strategies which aim to address forest conservation and management in Jamaica, indicating the status of the implementation of the proposed recommendations/actions/strategies and the outputs required for the implementation of those recommendations/strategies/plans that have not yet been implemented. These documents should include but are not limited to:

- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan;
- Forest Conservation and Management Plan;
- Jamaica's Strategic Forest Management Plan 2009-2013;
- Protected Areas Systems Master Plan; and
- Jamaica's National Gap Assessment.

### 3.0 EXPECTED OUTPUT (S)

The main output of the project is the development of a report which will compile the recommendations, actions and strategies from documents related to the conservation and management of Jamaica's forest resources. This report should indicate which recommendations, plans and strategies have already been implemented, the status of implementation, those that have not been implemented and the resources needed for their implementation.

### 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  
Suite 201, 72 B Hope Rd.  
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Fax: (876) 978-9080  
Email: [fcf@infochan.com](mailto:fcf@infochan.com) OR [forestconservationfund@gmail.com](mailto:forestconservationfund@gmail.com)

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