



Protecting, Promoting and  
Preserving the Future: A  
Community-Based Approach  
to Food Security &  
Recreation in Jamaica

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# Introduction & Overview:

- ❖ For many forest dependent communities, their rurality has ‘stunted’ their ability to grow-when compared to their urban counterparts. This inability to grow is also challenged by the negative impact of climate change on these rural communities.
- ❖ In 2019, the world entered a global health crisis. Like climate change, the covid-19 pandemic impact has been most acutely felt by the poorest and most vulnerable countries and communities.
- ❖ Through targeted environmental conservation funding combined with a community-centred approach, economic resilience was shaped and sustained through the Forestry Department which is keeping in its tagline, ‘preserving our forest; sustaining lives.’





## Social and Community Forestry: Local Forest Management Committees (LFMCs)

**Local Forest Management Committee:** A Local Forest Management Committee (LFMC) is the institutional body created in watersheds management units to enable the participation of the communities in the co-management of forested areas (specifically those managed by the Forestry Department).

The formation of Local Forest Management Committees (LFMCs) is provided for by the Forest Act, of 1996 and is an integral component of the "Community Participation" strategy of the Agency.

The background features a sunlit forest with tall, thin trees and a path. The scene is overlaid with several semi-transparent green geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons, which create a modern, layered effect. The sun is positioned in the upper left, casting rays of light across the forest.

**European Budget Support  
Programme (EUBSP) 2018-  
2022**

# European Union Budget Support (EUBSP) Grant Funding Projects: LFMCs

## Food Security:

1. *North Cockpit Country LFMC*: Managing Natural Resources while Enabling Sustainable Livelihood in Cockpit Country.
2. *North Cockpit Country LFMC*: Enhancing the Management of Natural Resources within the Cockpit Country through Sustainable Livelihood.
3. *South East Cockpit Country LFMC*: Enabling Sustainable Livelihood in Cockpit Country through Apiculture, Agroforestry.
4. *Sawyers LFMC*: Preserving Natural Resources While Generating Sustainable Livelihoods in the Sawyers Community.

## Forest Recreation

1. *Dolphin Head LFMC*: Dolphin Head Eco-Tourism Environmental Livelihood Initiative.

# Food Security (Agroforestry, Apiculture & Climate Smart Farming)



LOCAL

COCKPIT COUNTRY  
ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TOGETHER TO SAVE MOTHER NATURE

# Achievements:



Increase training in apiculture and establishment of apiaries in and around the Cockpit Country.



Establishment of greenhouse and water catchment; provided training for youths and women in greenhouse technology.



Creation of income-generating opportunities: honey and cash crops.



Increase Agroforestry practices within Trelawny (CC).

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## Forest Recreation (Eco-Tourism)



# *Achievements:*

Rehabilitation and creation of two (2) nature trails for birdwatching and hiking within the Dolphin Head FR- one of the most valuable terrestrial habitats in the Caribbean.

Training in marketing and product development for a community ecotourism product which provides employment opportunities within Hanover.

Creation of a cabin, therapeutic centre, kitchen and bathroom facility for guests and community members.





## Lessons and Recommendations:

1. Agroforestry can drive new niche markets for rural economic development.
2. Development has to be people centred and led. A strong community buy in ensures that project activities are met but also that gains are sustained.
3. Incorporation of technology is needed to attract youths in development driven activities.
4. Our social safety net can be derived through ecotourism and climate-smart agriculture for vulnerable groups.
5. Partnership with educational institutions for skill certification is vital for behavioural change in how we view cottage industries.

The background is a vibrant green with a complex, layered geometric design. A large, semi-transparent magnifying glass is centered, with its handle extending downwards. Numerous question marks of varying sizes and opacities are scattered across the scene, some appearing to be viewed through the magnifying glass. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, suggesting a focus on inquiry and discovery.

# Questions & Answers?