

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

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Abstract: The presentation describes the interconnectivity of humans, food security and recreation within rural forest-dependent communities in the green economy within Jamaica. This interconnectivity is encompassed by the work of the Forestry Department's, Local Forest Management Committees (LFMCs) during the global pandemic (Covid-19) and offers a snapshot of economic resilience through alternative livelihood opportunities within the forestry sector.

This presentation is framed within the sustainable development framework which posits how rural development can be a catalyst for sustainable development through climate-smart agriculture, nature-based tourism and apiculture projects that were grant funded by the European Union Budget Support Programme (EUBSP). Additionally, this presentation highlights the opportunity for an inclusive approach to income generation activities whereby vulnerable groups such as women, disabled individuals, the elderly and youths can be drivers of economic growth in a predominately male-led society.

Lessons from these grant-funded projects are outlined with recommendations for programmes and projects within other forest-based communities which can aid in Jamaica's economic growth through the emergence of cottage industries at the community level.

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