

# JAMAICA MANGROVES PLUS PROJECT

# Newsletter



## Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of the Jamaica Mangroves Plus Project's Bi-Annual Newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our stakeholders up-to-date with the key activities and achievements of the project. We also aim to share exciting news, new discoveries, mangrove education and fun activities through this newsletter.

We hope you stay tuned and informed throughout the life of the Jamaica Mangrove Plus Project and look forward to your unwavering support!

*-The Jamaica Mangroves Plus Project Team*



## Supporting the J.A.M.I.N. programme

The Project has begun to provide technical support for the Jamaica Awareness of Mangroves in Nature (J.A.M.I.N.) programme being implemented in Jamaica and the Bahamas by the Living Oceans Foundation. The programme seeks to implement its Ecology curriculum in Jamaican high schools.

## 65 Bags Collected at Mangrove Clean-Up

In recognition of International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystems on July 26, 2024, the Forestry Department partnered with NEPA Jamaica to conduct a mangrove clean-up activity at the Gallows, Port Royal. The team collected a total of 65 garbage bags of solid waste in under two hours.

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### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The “Jamaica Mangroves Plus: Protection and Sustainable Management of Jamaica’s Mangrove Ecosystems and Biodiversity” (GCP/JAM/O21/GFF) Project aims to promote a biodiversity-positive approach for the sustainable management of mangrove habitats. The project is strategically aligned with the implementation of the National Mangrove Management Plan (NMMP) and is designed to address the direct drivers of mangrove ecosystem degradation, thereby safeguarding crucial biodiversity.

### PROJECT OUTCOMES



Strengthened policy enabling environment for successful implementation of the National Mangrove Management Plan.

Eco-system based mangrove management, with emphasis in resource users & livelihoods mainstreamed into land use planning process.

New mangrove protected areas established.

Restored health of priority mangrove habitats to improve associated biodiversity & mangrove ecosystem services, including support to marine ecosystems & fisheries.

Improved management, dissemination & awareness of Jamaica mangrove habitat knowledge.

Effective project management & evaluation to inform adaptive management.



**FOCAL AREA:  
BIODIVERSITY**

Mainstream biodiversity across sectors as well as landscapes and seascapes through biodiversity mainstreaming in priority sectors.

Mainstream biodiversity across sectors as well as landscapes and seascapes through natural capital assessment and accounting.

Address direct drivers to protect habitats and species and Improve financial sustainability, effective management, and ecosystem coverage of the global protected area estate.