



JAMAICA'S EXPERIENCE Reporting to UNFF & GFG4 PROGRESS

*Advancing Implementation of the Paris Agreement Through Making
Progress Towards the Global Forest Goals*

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Date: 5 November 2021, 3:00 to 4:15 PM (Glasgow Time)
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

- Overview -Jamaica's Forestry Department
- National Reporting
- Benefits of reporting
- Overall progress & implementation on GFG 4 –
- Challenges & Recommendations

OVERVIEW:

- The Forestry Department is the lead Agency responsible for the island's forest resources.
- Approximately 40 per cent of the land mass or 439,887 hectares of Jamaica is forested and of that amount, the Agency manages approximately 117,000 hectares (Crown lands). The remainder, almost 325,000 hectares, are privately owned.





Supporting the sustainable forest management




Directing and controlling the sustainable utilisation of forest resources.



Promoting Agroforestry and Social forestry programmes for the benefit of persons dependent on forests and other interested persons



Establishing and promoting public education programmes to improve understanding of forests' contribution to national well-being & development.

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- AS A VOLUNTARY MEMBER OF THE UNFF, JAMAICA SUPPORTS AND SHARES THE COMMITMENT TO THE UN STRATEGIC PLAN ON FORESTS AND THE GLOBAL FORESTS GOALS.
 - THE COUNTRY FORMALLY ANNOUNCED ITS VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE UNFF 13 SESSION IN MAY 2018.
 - FOUR (4) ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SIX (6) TARGETS WERE ANNOUNCED.



ACTIONS ARE GEARED AT ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION OF THE FOREST SECTOR TO CLIMATE CHANGE- ACTIONS INCLUDE:

- IMPROVING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING & SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT –
 - **TARGET** –BY 2022 OVER 300 HA REFORESTED AND 1000HA MAINTAINED- ✓
 - **TARGET:** BY 2030 INCREASE BY 10%, THE NUMBER OF HECTARES LEGALLY PROTECTED AS FORESTS AND HAVING SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT PLANS.



(CONTINUED) ACTIONS ARE GEARED AT ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION OF THE FOREST SECTOR TO CLIMATE CHANGE-
ACTIONS INCLUDE:

- SUPPORTING ALTERNATE LIVELIHOODS AND SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF FORESTS BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES
- **TARGET:** BY 2022 SECURE FUNDING OF US \$2MILLION TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE FOREST LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS FOR PEOPLE/COMMUNITIES IN PROXIMITY TO FORESTS ✓

MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRESS-

NATIONAL REPORTING TO THE UNFF:

- The country has submitted voluntary national reports to the UNFF since UNFF 11 (2015).
- National Reports are produced using a consultative process led by the Agency, involving key national stakeholders.-*Government entities, NGOs, Academia, CBOs.* National reports provide a useful pool of information for the forest sector (stakeholders).
- Helps to gauge progress towards national as well as international goals & commitments- climate change agenda
- Helps in seeking commitment/ funding to supporting the country's achievement of climate relevant goals.

PROGRESS-Global Forest

Goal # 4

Progress towards mobilizing financial resources over the years has been ongoing-

- In 2018- The country received financial & technical support from the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) to develop financing strategies to achieve SFM.
- A Situational Analysis on the current status of SFM and the forest financing landscape in Jamaica was completed, identifying gaps and making recommendations.
- By late 2018, several stakeholder workshops hosted by the UNFF/ GFFFN were held with stakeholders to build capacity to access financing for implementation of SFM in Jamaica.

PROGRESS-GFG 4

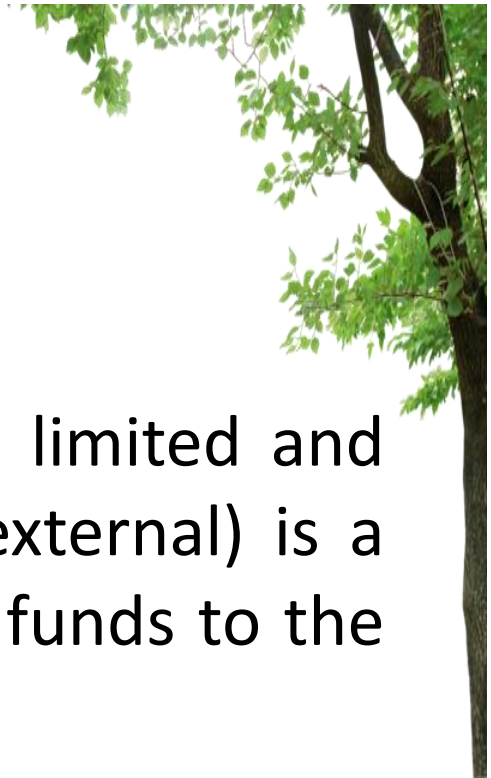
- By 2019 a Financing Strategy for the Forest Sector was developed, and a concept note drafted and submitted to the GEF (GEF 7) for a medium sized integrated project.
- The proposed 4-year project entitled- '*Jamaica Mangroves Plus: Protection and Sustainable Management of Jamaica's Mangrove Ecosystems and Biodiversity*', is valued at USD 10 million(revised) and will support climate resilient work supporting mangrove forest management.

PROGRESS-GFG 4

- Also in 2018, the Government, successfully negotiated with the EU a four (4) year Budget Support Programme for the forest sector to further finance key activities in its climate resilient national action plan.
- The programme titled- *Addressing Environmental and Climate Change challenges through Improved Forest Management in Jamaica (IFMJ)*, has mobilized approx. USD 16 million for the forest sector and SFM and has already supported achievement of some VNC actions/targets.

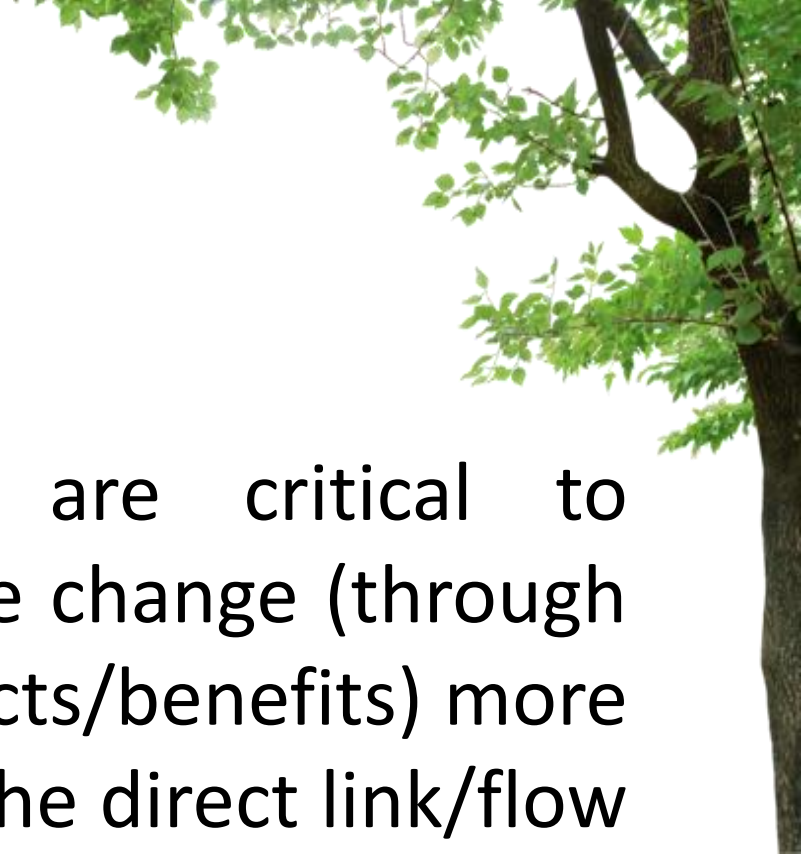
PROGRESS-GFG 4- CHALLENGES:

- ❖ Budget allocation for the forest sector is limited and direct access by the sector to funding (external) is a challenge. Insufficient supply and flow of funds to the sector.
- ❖ Competition for scarce resources remains a main challenge. Currently projects will have a wide/general environmental focus which may include forests but are administered through other Government Agencies with other mandates.



PROGRESS-GFG: 4- RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ❖ Recognising that forests are critical to managing impacts of climate change (through adaptive and mitigating effects/benefits) more has to be done to facilitate the direct link/flow of funding to the forest sector.
- ❖ Targeted initiatives to fund Climate resilient forest sector plans (like the 10-year NAP for country's forest sector) could be considered.



PROGRESS-GFG: 4- RECOMMENDATIONS:

Areas of cooperation/ Support provided:

- To better emphasise the role forests, play in combating the climate change
- To improve forest biodiversity
- To support valuation of the ecosystem services provided by forests
- To address socioeconomic issues, including livelihoods
- To reverse forest degradation and support rehabilitation
- To support better Forest monitoring/data collection
- To improve technology transfer and capacity development

Thank you!

Goal:

"Manage and conserve the forest ecosystems of Jamaica for the benefit of present and future generations."

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