

## How to use our services

Access to the Documentation Centre is by appointment between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, excluding holidays. Our friendly and efficient librarians are willing to help you identify the information you need and direct you to alternative sources if we do not have it in-house. **All Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) lodged with NEPA are accessible by the public in the Documentation Centre.**

You may make an appointment by calling (876) 512-9130, or e-mailing [pubed@nepa.gov.jm](mailto:pubed@nepa.gov.jm)



## National Environment and Planning Agency

### *Vision*

That Jamaica's natural resources are being used in a sustainable way and that there is broad understanding of environment, planning and development issues, with extensive participation amongst citizens and a high level of compliance with relevant legislation.

### *Mission*

To promote sustainable development by ensuring protection of the environment and orderly development in Jamaica through highly motivated staff performing at the highest standard.

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## Documentation Centre



## A Special Library Serving Special Needs

## About the NEPA Documentation Centre



The Documentation Centre of the National Environment and Planning Agency is a Unit of the Public Education and Corporate communication Branch.

It is the National Focal Point (NFP) for INFOTERRA, the Global Environmental Information Exchange Network, designed and operated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

It is also a member of the Science and Technology Information Network (STIN) which is a grouping of Special Libraries in the wider National Information Network System.

The library is a merger of the libraries of the Natural Resources Conservation Authority (NRCA) and the Town Planning Department (TPD).



## THE COLLECTION



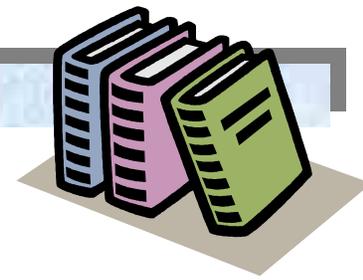
The collection is a special one and contains literature covering environmental and planning topics such as:

- Environmental law
- Global conventions
- Terrestrial and wetlands ecosystems
- Oceans and coastal areas
- Pollution and waste
- Policies, standards and guidelines prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Authority /NEPA
- Urban plans prepared by the Town Planning Department(TPD)
- Development Orders prepared by TPD

## THE CATALOGUE

Our catalogues are in electronic and card form. There are two electronic databases using UNESCO's WINISIS system. One covers environmental literature and the other is devoted to Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA's) prepared, on the request of NRCA/NEPA, for developments that have been lodged with the Agency. The planning documents are represented by a card catalogue.

## SERVICES



Selective dissemination of Information (SDI)

- Preparation of bibliographies and booklists
- Photocopying using the guidelines for libraries as set out in the Copyright Act
- Referral to sources of information
- Research and assistance in locating information (NEPA Staff)

## Our Current Projects

- Provide computers for the public to access the NEPA website and the internet
- Update planning material
- Merge planning and environmental literature
- Provide research services on environmental and planning information for researchers (at a fee)
- Provide additional information as requested for the National Library of Jamaica as part of the National Information System