

# Environmental Conservation Pledge

I WILL RESPECT ALL LIVING THINGS, AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT on which they depend, for each is a link in the chain that supports life on earth.

I WILL NOT POLLUTE THE JAMAICAN ENVIRONMENT or degrade the quality of our air, soil or water by the improper disposal of waste: and I will otherwise set an example of good conservation conduct at home, at school and at work by recycling, reusing and reducing waste.

I WILL PROTECT JAMAICA'S COASTAL RESOURCES including the beaches, cays, coral reefs, wetlands and sea grass beds, which are vital to our fisheries and to our survival from storms and hurricanes. I will help to keep them free of pollution and avoid the use of inappropriate fishing methods such as dynamiting, chemicals and spear fishing.

I WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT & RE-AFFORESTATION programmes. I commit myself to planting and nurturing trees and shrubs so as to enjoy the myriad benefits of their existence in our "Land of Wood and Water".

I WILL NOT BUY OR SELL endangered animals or plants or the products derived from them. I will exercise my rights as a Jamaican consumer to support products, which do not cause environmental damage and boycott products associated directly or indirectly with environmental damage.

I WILL CONSERVE NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES including fossil fuels and minerals. I will use renewable resources including forest products, water and marine resources, no faster than their ability to regenerate themselves.

I WILL STRIVE TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE USE of our natural environment so that no species will be threatened or disappear because of my actions, and I will strive to protect all species particularly those that are rare, threatened or endangered.

I WILL CALL ATTENTION TO CASES OF POLLUTION and other abuses of nature caused by environmentally inappropriate policies, projects, commercial processes or products.

I WILL RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT WHEREVER IN THE WORLD I GO, join environmental groups and actively support the defence of nature by others, including official and organized groups.

*I Hope Through These Actions To Be Able To Rejoice In The Beauty Of Jamaica, Our "Land Of Wood And Water" All The Days Of My Life And To Share With Our Descendants The Wonders Of Nature.*

