



Wetland bird and habitat monitoring of 2 RAMSAR sites in Jamaica

Project title	Wetland bird and habitat monitoring of 2 RAMSAR sites in Jamaica
Project Duration	12 Months
Project Implementers	Ecosystems Management Branch
Problem/need	The wetland systems of the island are currently under monitored and undermanaged. This project provides an opportunity to address some of the gaps of the National Environmental Gap Assessment Report (NEGAR) such as improved monitoring of RAMSAR sites and other important wetlands, threat identification and habitat improvement.
Project objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To determine the bird species, their numbers and distribution in the Portland Bight Cays and Wetlands Ramsar Site and the Palisadoes-Port Royal Ramsar Site, two important RAMSAR habitats in Jamaica, over a one year time period.2. To engage community members through workshops and active participation in field activities to build awareness about the value and importance of wetlands and their birds.3. To create a framework for a long-term monitoring programme to include community participation
Expected benefits/Outcomes	10 persons expected to be trained in monitoring techniques. The Portland Bight Cays and Wetlands and Palisadoes-Port Royal Ramsar Sites each surveyed once every 3 months and comprehensive species lists and species distribution maps created for each site surveyed. The possible threats to the wetland birds and their habitat are identified and recommendations for mitigation measures drafted. Protocols for a long-term monitoring programme created for each site surveyed. Neighbouring communities informed about the importance of wetlands and strategies that may be employed revenue through sustainable use of wetlands and their birds.

Project team	The project will be executed by the Ecosystems Management Branch who will have technical direction of the project and will also see to the coordination of the Scope of the project. The project management components will be done by the Projects Planning & Monitoring Branch.
Proposed budget	US\$8,890