WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT (WLPA)
PURPOSE OF THE ACT

APPLICATION AND SPECIES PROTECTION

DESIGNATED PERSONNEL

POWER OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL

OFFENCES

PENALTIES
Purpose of the Act

- Most important legislation affecting wildlife management.

- Only statute in Jamaica specifically designated to protect species of animals and birds and regulates hunting in Jamaica.
Application and Scope

- Provides a list of protected species (which include all birds) for which protection is given.

Yellow-billed parrot

Ring-tailed pigeon
Establishes two types of protected areas:

- Game Reserves (Private Lands)
- Game Sanctuaries (Crown Lands)
A Game Reserve is a parcel of land, body of water or area comprising both land and water.

Within the Reserve the hunting of animals and birds, removal of eggs or the nest of any bird and the use of any dog, gun, catapult or any other weapon which can be used for hunting is prohibited.

*Penalty $100,000.00*

For each Game Reserve there is a fifty meter distant from the boundary. This is called the buffer zone. Hunters are required to recognize this zone and refrain from all shooting activities within such zones. Entry points to all Game Reserves are furnished with signs.
Regulates the bird shooting season.
Provides for the appointment of Game Wardens.
Allows exemptions to keep protected species.
Species Protection

List protected animals and species include:

- Turtles
- Crocodiles
- Jamaican Iguana
- West Indian Manatee

West Indian Manatee

Patoo
**Species Protection**

- All birds are protected except for 23 species
  - Protected birds include, Black-billed Parrots, Parakeets, all hummingbirds, migratory birds
  - Not protected include geese, House Sparrow, Budgerigars, Cattle Egret
  - Game Birds are White-wing Dove, Bald-pate, Pea Dove, Short tail pea-dove.
Designated personnel

- Designated personnel under the Act [s.15]

- Game Wardens
- Fishery Inspectors
- Constables

Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Black-bill Parrot
Powers of designated personnel cont’d

**Power**

- If suspected that an offence is being committed or about to be committed any time of the day or night, may enter, remain upon and traverse any land [s.15 (2)]

- Search any person suspected of contravening the Act or its regulations [s.16];

- Stop and search any vehicle, boat or other conveyance suspected to have protected animals, birds or fish or nest or egg any guns, catapults or other weapon or trap used to commit an offence [s.16].
Power of designated Officer cont’d

- Detain without warrant if suspected an offence is being committed [s.17]
OFFENCES

- Sec 4 (1) In a Game Sanctuary, It's an offence to,
- Hunt any animal or bird
- Take the nest or egg of a bird
- Take or allow a dog to enter
- Carry gun, catapult or other weapon for hunting.
- Penalty $100,000 or one year.
Section 4 (2)

Has in his possession protected animal or
bird or its nest

or eggs

Penalty  100,000  or one year.
- Sec. 6 (1)
- Hunt protected animal or bird
- Sec 6 (A)
- Possess all or part of protected animal or bird
- Sec 72(a)1
  Take or possess nest or egg of protected bird

Penalty $100,000 or one year
Sec. 7(2)a

Hunt game bird in close season or on unauthorized days.

7(2)b

Possess hawks for sale, offer for sale or store game birds.

Penalty $100,000 or one year.
Sec. 8

Take possession or try to sell turtle eggs

Hunt animal/bird in the Exclusive Economic Zone without a licence

Penalty $100,000 or one year.
Sec 9

Knowingly buy, sell, expose for sale, possess, kill, injure or take immature fish.

Penalty $50,000 or two years
Sec (10)

Use or cause the use of dynamite or explosive substance to kill or injure fish
Use or allow to be used poison, lime or noxious material to take, kill or injure fish.
Sec 10 continued

- Unlawfully or maliciously, break, damage, destroy a dam, floodgate sluice to kill, trap or injure fish
- Use or allow the use of unauthorized trap in river, stream or canal
Section (11)

Cause or knowingly allow entry of trade effluent or industrial waste into any body of water with fish.

Penalty 100,000 or one year

Jamaican Coney

Jamaican Mango
Sec (12)

Knowingly buy, sell or possess fish killed or injured contrary to the Act

Penalty 10,000 or one year
Sec (15)

Obstruct or deny entry to a Fishery Inspector, Game warden or a Constable during the execution of his duty

Penalty 10,000 or one year.
Sec (18)

Give false personal information to authorized person

Penalty 2,000 or one year.
Sec (19)

Assault, obstruct or hinder a fishery inspector, game warden or a constable or aid this action in the execution of his duty

Penalty 10,000 or one year
Offences cont’d

- The End
- Questions/comments
- Thank you.

Sea horse