


The future what does it hold?

Protecting the Blue and John Crow
Mountains National Park (BJCMNP) in
the changing world

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Who is JCDDT/Green Jamaica?

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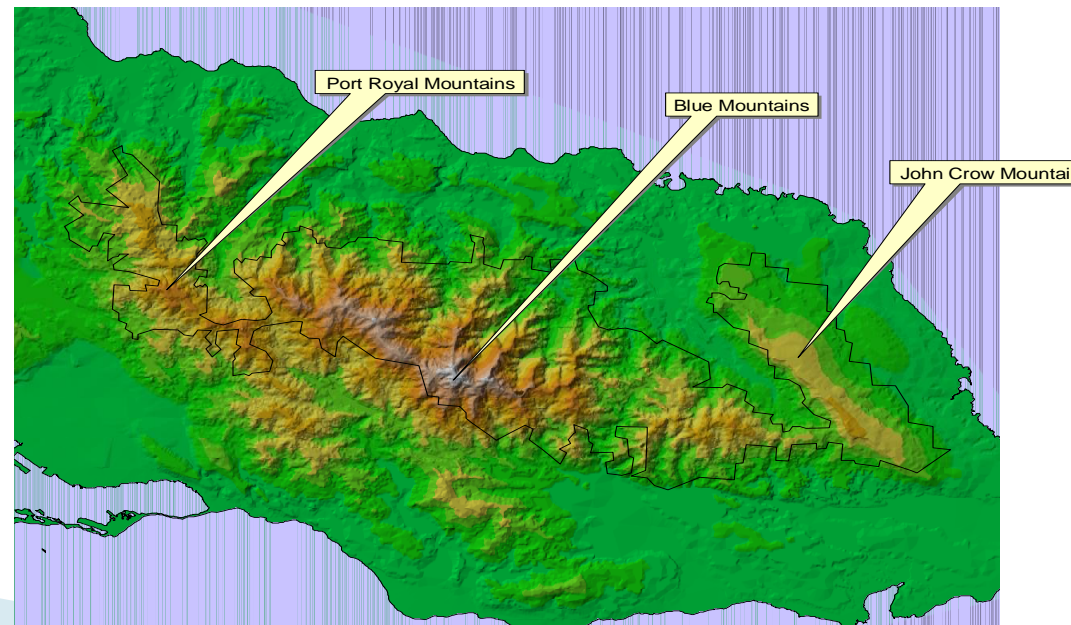
“To promote environmental conservation and sustainable development, with particular emphasis on the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, for the benefit of Jamaica and our people”

Who is JCDDT/Green Jamaica?

- ▶ Company (limited by guarantee) & registered charity
- ▶ Established in 1988
- ▶ Highly professional and action-oriented organisation
- ▶ Collaborate with GOJ
- ▶ First major projects included:–
 - Repairs to Blue Mountain Peak Trail
 - Protected Areas Resources Conservation (PARC) Project that established Protected Areas in Jamaica
 - Helping to establish the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica & Jamaica National Parks Trust Fund


The Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park

- ▶ Over 48,000 ha of forest in the east of the island (planimetric area)
- ▶ Largest contiguous area of closed broadleaf forest in Jamaica – 1/3 of all that remains of our natural forest.
- ▶ Established in February, 1993 through the Natural Resources Conservation (BJCMNP) Order on the boundaries of the Forest Reserve established in 1950 under the Forest Act of 1937.




Current Management Strategies

Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park

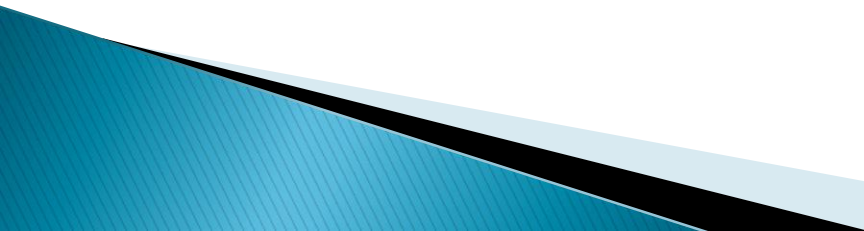
- ▶ Implementation of a 5 Year Management Plan
 - ▶ 6 Programmatic Areas
 - ▶ Projectized activities established from Programmes
 - ▶ Revenue generation through visitor/user fees at Recreational Areas
 - ▶ Participatory approach, inclusive of community groups and Maroon Communities
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Key factors for PA Management

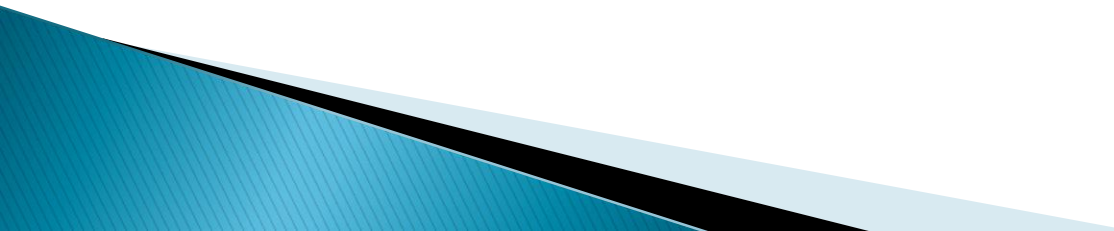
▶ Climate Change

- Will impact Protected Areas locally, regionally & globally
 - Possibility increased extinctions e.g. amphibians
 - Increased natural disasters e.g. hurricanes
 - Upward migration of vegetation and wildlife
 - Forests and other protected ecosystems act as carbon storage
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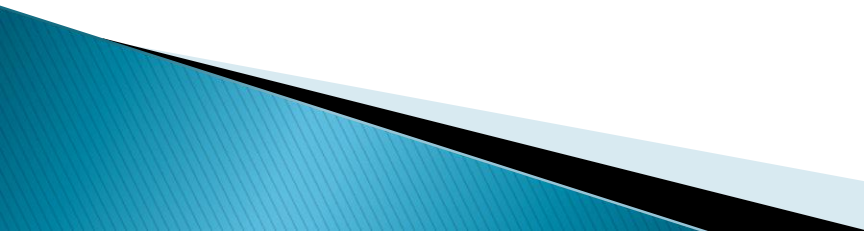
Key factors for PA Management

- ▶ Sustainable Financing and Funding Availability
 - Increased competition for Govt. funds
 - Realization of Govt. responsibility for Protected Areas
 - International Convention e.g. World Heritage Convention and Site Inscription
 - Multilateral funds and Bilateral Donors
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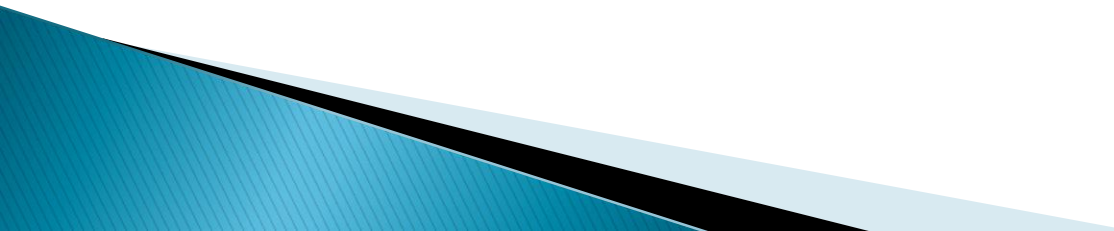
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- ▶ Sustainable Financing and Funding Availability
 - Diversified funding portfolio
 - Consideration of indirect and opportunity costs
 - Acts as conservation tool/strategy
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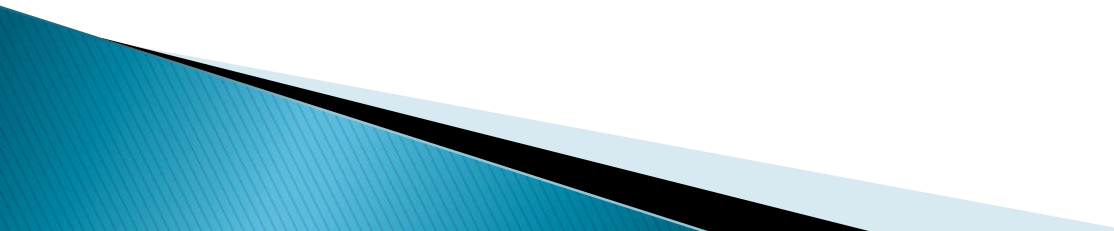
Key factors for PA Management

- ▶ Legislation and Policy
 - Country-based laws as the framework
 - Enforcement of laws and regulations
 - In Jamaica's context several environmental laws, some specific to the BJCMNP
 - International Laws and Conventions
 - Timely development of necessary policy
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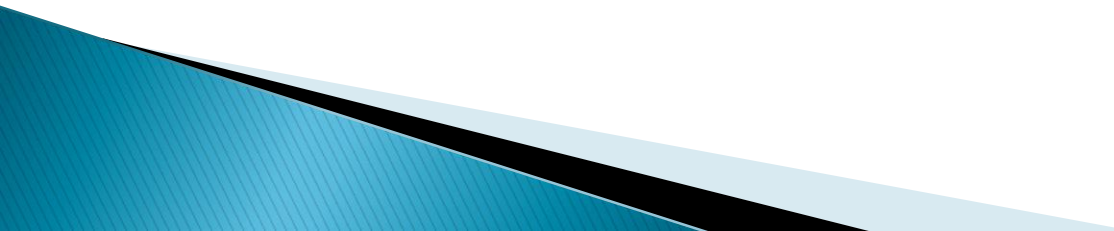
Key factors for PA Management

- ▶ **Public/Stakeholder Awareness and Appreciation**
 - Develop an effective and comprehensive Communication Strategy
 - Knowledge of Protected Areas
 - Appreciation for ecosystems services from PAs
 - Willingness to contribute financially to conserving PAs (paying the J\$100 entry fee)
 - Solid Waste Management
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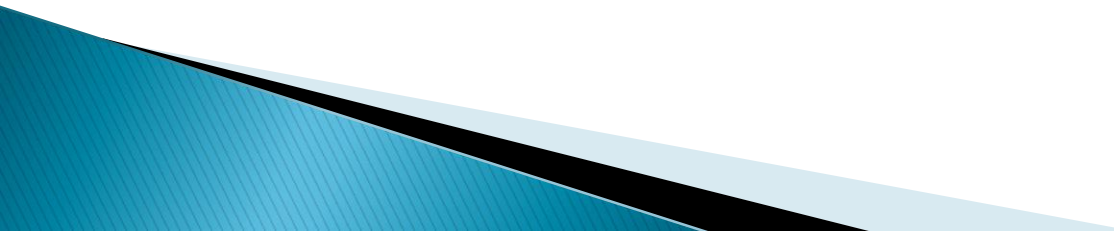
Strategic Steps to Success

- ▶ Adaptive Management Planning
 - Strategic approach of testing the “uncertainties” of management
 - Effective mechanism of learning
 - Iterative process for optimal decision making
 - Use of computer models to build synthesis and an embodied ecological consensus
 - Communication of alternatives to political arena for negotiation of a selection
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Strategic Steps to Success

- ▶ On-going participatory approach (JCDT's experience)
 - Expertise not only with the “professionals” but at the community level
 - Management credibility is increased
 - Increased feel of ownership
 - Improved linkages between management staff and community groups
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Strategic Steps to Success

- ▶ Consistency in Policy Direction
 - Should enhance the Protected Area System
 - Recognize conflicts between individual and national interests and seek to correct these potential conflicts
 - Should also recognize those potential conflicts between national and global interests
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Thank You

